MCF (Maronite Christian Formation)
Classes are held every **Saturday at 3:30 pm.**
No Classes on December 27th or January 3rd.

ANNUAL FAMILY BREAKFAST - January 18, 2015 after 10:00 AM Liturgy . More Details in next weeks bulletin. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society

Pioneers of Mary

Meetings will be held every Sunday, at 5:30PM.
Kids in grades 7 through 12 are invited to attend.
No meeting on Sunday, December 28th

PARISH ORGANISTS:
Patty Boulous, Paul Boulous

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CHOIR DIRECTOR	Patty Boulous
MYO/PIONEERS	Antoinette Elias
ARABIC CLASSES	Yasmine Karam

CONFESSIONS:	**BAPTISMS:**
SUNDAY: 9:20 am to 9:45 am (before mass) **SATURDAY: 4:00 pm to 4:40 pm (before mass)** **Also Available by Appointment**	***Please Call The Parish Rectory*** **(non-parishioners sponsors must provide a certificate from their Catholic church)**
OCTOBER TO MAY	**MARRIAGES:**
Arabic Classes: Friday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm **Religious Education: Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm**	**Please Notify The Pastor** **At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time**

Mission Statement Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church has been a fixture in the Easton, Pennsylvania community for over 75 years. Our parish is entrusted with the care and guardianship of all Maronite Catholics in the Lehigh Valley area, as well anyone who wishes to join our community. We are charged with the preservation of the faith, traditions and heritage of the Maronite Catholic Rite through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. As Maronite Catholics, our mission is to share the spirituality and Liturgy, the treasures of our Eastern heritage, our culture, family ethics and traditions, with all our brothers and sisters in the Lehigh Valley. While promoting the Christian faith, we are called to reach out with compassion to the less fortunate and the needy in our society, especially through our charitable work in the community. All are welcome to join us in worship and in our way of life, as humble servants seeking to glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and live by his eternal life giving commandments.

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Week 52, 2014 Week, 1, 2015
Dec 27, 2014 - Jan 9, 2015

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Email: ololchurch@yahoo.com Website: mountlebanon.org

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 2:1-12.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,
'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?
For we observed his star at its rising,
and have come to pay him homage.'
When King Herod heard this, he was frightened,
and all Jerusalem with him;
and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people,
he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.
They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been
written by the prophet:
"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least
among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is
to shepherd my people Israel." '
Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and l
earned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.
Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently
for the child; and when you have found him,
bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'
When they had heard the king, they set out; and there,
ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,
until it stopped over the place where the child was.
When they saw that the star had stopped,
they were overwhelmed with joy.
On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother;
and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their
treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense,
and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to
return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

CLERGY

Father Simon El Hajj, Pastor
Deacon Anthony Koury
OFFICE VOLUNTEER: Claire Willard
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
LITURGY: Saturdays 5:00 PM
Sundays 10:00 AM

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WEEKEND of DEC 27 - 28 ****** Sunday after Christmas ******

Sat., Dec 27 – 5:00 PM - SFC Jesse Dale - by Deacon & Mrs. Anthony Koury & Family

Sun., Dec 28 - 10:00 AM - Louise Joseph (Anniversary) by Daughters, Roseann and Charlene and Family - Coffee hour to follow

Monday	Dec 29	**6:00 pm**	**Houditte Karam** by Mr. Canon Anthony
Tuesday	Dec 30	**6:00 pm**	**Rose Symia** by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Richardson
Wednesday	Dec 31	**5:00 pm**	**Anticipated Mass - The Circumcision of Jesus** (Holy Day of Obligation)
Thursday	Jan 1	**11:00 am**	**The Circumcision of Jesus** (Holy Day of Obligation)
Friday	Jan 2	----------	***No Mass***

WEEKEND of JAN 3 - 4 ****** The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple*******

Sat., Jan 3- 5:00 PM - Iskander & Therese Nehme - by Son, Nehme & Family

Sun., Jan 4 - 10:00 AM - Peter & Leila Karam (15 year Anniversary) and Mary & Joseph Baraket by the Family

Monday	Jan 5	**7:00 pm**	***FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY (Vigil Mass)*** ***HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION***
Tuesday	Jan 6	**6:00 pm**	**Wakeem Isaac** by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Jabbour
Wednesday	Jan 7	**6:00 pm**	**Oscar Canone by** Mr. & Mrs. Scott Reda
Thursday	Jan 8	**6:00 pm**	**John Tony** by Marlene Bedway

2015 Calendars & Weekly Offering Envelopes are available in the Church hall. Please notify the rectory if your envelopes are missing.

BINGO	FLOOR	KITCHEN
Dec 30	**Labeebe Buesing, Dee Dee Ellwood**	**Beverly Karam**

LECTORS

Saturday, Dec 27	Dale Family
Sunday, Dec 28	Charlene Symia
Saturday, Jan 3	Nehme Family
Sunday, Jan 4	Karam Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday after Christmas

Rev 21:9-10, 21-27 / Mt 2:1-12

The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

Heb 7:11-19 / Lk 2: 41-52

2014 Christmas Poinsettias Offering

In Memory / Honor of	*Presented by*
Deceased members of Najjar, Saad, Lewis, Thomas & Boulous Families	**Mrs. Mary Najjar**
Wakeem Isaac	**Mrs. Maryann Isaac**
Josephine Saad	**Mr. Sam Saad & Daughter, Valerie**
George & Anna Stamets	**Daughter, Georgina Zechman & Family**
Dr. Ed Geosits & Father, Ed Geosits, Sr	**Geosits Family**
Rathallah & Elias Elias	**Mr. & Mrs. Edward Elias & Family**
Peter & Agnes Pellicotti	**Daughter, Beverly Karam**
Peter & Catherine Melan	**Claire Willard & Family**
Antoinette & Joseph Sergei, Aunt Emily & Uncle Louie, Aunt Adeline & Uncle Victor Karam, Uncle Dick Stahl, & Saada & Yaoob Joseph	**Joseph Sergei & Family**
Frank & Catherine Koury & Son, Michael Koury Sr.	**Frances Koury**
Deceased members of the Thomas & Scalzo Families	**Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas**
Anthony & Rose Symia	**Tara Simonetta & Family**
George Jabbour, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Buesing & Son, Michael Mr. & Mrs. Wahbe Bader & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jabbour & Daughter Queenie	**Mr. & Mrs. Robert Buesing & Family**
Victor and Adeline Karam Clarence Stahl Anthony Vaccaro	**Mr. & Mrs. Frank Koerwitz**
Anthony & Rose Symia	**Irene Symia**
Barber & Rose Joseph & Son, Louis & Daughter, Mary	**Naomi Shiner & Joanna Joseph**

NEW YEAR'S EVE HAFLI

On Wednesday, Dec 31st in the Church Hall!
Tickets are $30.00 for Adults and $15 for children 14 and under. Kids under the age of 3 are free.

Doors will open at **8:00 PM**.
Full dinner buffet and champagne toast included. Cash bar will have soft drinks and wine for sale. BYOB for any other beverages.
DJ "Fly Guy" will entertain with both Arabic and American music.

Proceeds to benefit the Church and children's organizations.

Limited seating is available. Don't wait… buy your tickets now!

Rosie 610-360-5020
Peter 610-905-7067
Eddy 718-916-1003

New Office Hours - Beginning Monday, January 5, 2015 our new office hours will be 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There will be no office hours or Mass on Fridays. Fr. Simon may be contacted at anytime in case of emergency.

Zlebye!

Will be available for sale after Sunday, January 4th, 10:00 AM Mass.

Proceeds to benefit **Deacon Anthony Koury Scholarship Fund at Notre Dame High School**

St. Maron's Day Hafli

Saturday, February 7, 2014

At the Blue Event Center on William Penn Highway in Bethlehem, PA

Doors open at 6:00 PM
Cocktail hour begins 6:30 PM
Buffet dinner at 7:30 PM Cash Bar

Deadline for ads in Memorial book is Jan 4, 2015

Singer, Andre Ibrahim
will entertain!

Tickets are $75.00 for Adults and $35.00 for children 13 and under. Please contact the rectory for tickets.

Proceeds to benefit the Church and Children's organizations.