

MCF Classes - Maronite Christian Formation

All students and teachers are invited to attend an end-of-the-year party on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 3:30 PM. Please come and enjoy the celebration!!

PIONEERS OF MARY

Next meeting will be held Sunday, May 17th at 5:30 PM. Kids in grades 7 through 12 are invited to join.

FESTIVAL

Taste of Lebanon - Our Lady of Lebanon Church in Waterbury, Ct is holding their Annual festival on Friday, June 12 from 6:00 pm to midnight and Saturday, June 13th from 12:00 pm to midnight. Parishioners are invited to share their food, music and heritage. For details contact ourladywaterbury@gmail.com.

PARISH ORGANISTS:

Patty Boulous, Paul Boulous

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

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BINGO COMMITTEE

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MCF COORDINATOR

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY

David Elias

MYA

Leila Karam / Isaac Jabbour

CHOIR DIRECTOR

Patty Boulous

MYO/PIONEERS

Antoinette Elias/Keene Jabbour

ARABIC CLASSES

Yasmine Karam

CONFESSIONS:

SUNDAY: 9:20 am to 9:45 am (before mass)
SATURDAY: 4:00 pm to 4:40 pm (before mass)
Also Available by Appointment

BAPTISMS:

Please Call The Parish Rectory
(non-parishioners sponsors must provide a certificate from their Catholic church)

OCTOBER TO MAY

Arabic Classes: Friday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Religious Education: Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

MARRIAGES:

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.



Week 19 -21, 2015

OUR LADY OF LEBANON
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 9 - May 24, 2015

SIXTH SUNDAY OF
RESURRECTION



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ
according to Saint Luke 24:36-48.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

CLERGY

Father Simon El Hajj, Pastor
Deacon Anthony Koury

OFFICE VOLUNTEER:

Claire Willard

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
No office hours or Liturgy on Fridays.

LITURGY: Saturdays: 5:00 PM
Sundays: 10:00 AM

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2015 SCHOLARSHIPS

ST. THERESA SODALITY - (2) \$1,000 available to college & high school students
HOLY NAME SOCIETY - (2) \$1,000 available to High School Students only
VICTOR M. & ADELINE T. KARAM SCHOLARSHIP - (1) \$1,000 Available to high school students only - please go online at ololeaston.org for requirements.

High School seniors and full time College students (St. Theresa only) are eligible to apply for these scholarships. The requirements to be considered are as follows:

- Scholarship application.
- An official document or transcript showing most recent GPA and/or class rank.
- A copy of an acceptance letter from a college or documentation (bills, grades, etc.) from the college that you are currently attending
- A personal statement.

Scholarship recipients will be chosen by grades, financial need and parish participation. Applications can be found online at ololeaston.org. Deadline for submission is June 1, 2015. Please contact officers with any questions.



WEEKEND of May 9 - May 10 ***6th Sunday of Resurrection***

Saturday, May 9 - 5:00 PM Florence Frangos, Cecilia Sar, Georgette Ciambrone, Antonia Visser, Vicky Tone and Elizabeth Zine by Valerie Saad.

Jamel DeRaymond (40 Day Liturgy) by the Family. Coffee Hour to follow.

Sunday, May 10 - 10:00 AM For all living and deceased Mothers of our parish by the Holy Name Society. Coffee Hour to follow.

Monday	May 11	6:00 pm	Barbara Stevens by Sanna Baurkot
Tuesday	May 12	6:00 pm	John Tony by Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Karam
Wednesday	May 13	6:00 pm	Eva Oliver by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Buesing
Thursday	May 14	7:00 pm	THE ACENSION OF OUR LORD - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION SFC Jesse Dale by Joanna Joseph & Naomi Shiner - Coffee hour to follow.

WEEKEND of May 16- May 17 ***7th Sunday of Resurrection***

Saturday, May 16 - 5:00 PM John Boulos (2nd Anniversary) by wife Joyce and sons John & Michael. Coffee hour to follow.

Sunday, May 17 - 10:00 AM Barbara Kassis by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.

Monday	May 18	6:00 pm	Houditte Karam by Aoutel Karam & Family
Tuesday	May 19	6:00 pm	Rose Symia by Mr. & Mrs. Pete Shaheen
Wednesday	May 20	6:00 pm	Jamel DeRaymond by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petty
Thursday	May 21	6:00 pm	Julia Stevens by Mr. & Mrs. John Melhem

WEEKEND of May 23- May 24 ***Pentecost Sunday***

Saturday, May 23 - 5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Isaac Family by Rebecca Isaac & Family Reception for Deacon Stephan Isaac to follow.

Sunday, May 24 - 10:00 AM Youssef Milan by Shawki Milan & Vivianne Rizk



Banns of Marriage - 3rd Banns of marriage is announced for William Bader and Antoinette Elias. If anyone has a reason why this couple should not be united in Holy Matrimony speak now, only to the Pastor, or forever hold your peace.

Banns of Ordination - Mr. Stephan Isaac, baptized in our parish, has been called to the Order of Diaconate by His Excellency, John O. Barres, D.D. Bishop of Allentown. Stephan will be ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Catherine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, May 16, 2015.

LECTORS	
Saturday, May 9	Family
Sunday, May 10	Holy Name Society
Saturday, May 16	Boulos Family
Sunday, May 17	Kassis Family
Saturday, May 23	Isaac Family
Sunday, May 24	Milan Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

6th Sunday of Resurrection
Rom 10:1-13 / Lk 24:36-48

7th Sunday of Resurrection
Eph 1:15-23 / Jn 13:31-35

Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-21 / Jn 14:15-20



Invitations

Deacon Ordination - The Isaac family is proud to announce that Stephan will serve as a Deacon of the Divine Liturgy on the Great Solemnity of Pentecost, Saturday, May 23, 2015 during 5:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon church. We joyfully invite you to attend a dinner reception immediately following the liturgy in the Church hall. You may RSVP for the reception no later than Wednesday May 13th By Telephone: 610-258-8116 or Email: oz1yank5@gmail.com. Please keep Stephan in your prayers as he continues his journey towards the priesthood during this last year at the seminary!

Wedding - *You're Invited!*

Occasion: Marriage of Antoinette Elias and William Bader
Date: Sunday, May 31, 2015
Ceremony Time and Location: 2:30 PM, Our Lady of Lebanon Church
Cocktail Hour: 5:00 PM
Reception Location: Palace Center – Allentown, PA
Parishioners ages 21 and older are invited to attend.
Please RSVP by MAY 9th!!
To RSVP, call 610-703-9724 or email eliasbaderwedding@gmail.com
Indicate dinner choice of Prime Rib, Mediterranean Chicken, or Vegetable Tower

Retirement - Notre Dame High School is honoring their current principal, Joseph R. Kramer, Jr., who will be retiring at the end of this school year. A banquet will be held on Thursday, June 18th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Marian Inn beginning at 6:15 PM. This invitation is extended to all members of our parish family. Tickets are \$50 each. Please see Deacon Anthony by May 25, 2015 if you would like to attend.

National Apostolate of Maronites
Proudly announces
Scholarship Program for 2015-2016

USA SCHOLARSHIPS
MYO – John A. Solomon
Two for High School Seniors \$2000
Massabki Brothers
One for High School Seniors \$2000
Naomi & Paul Kassouf
Two for High School Seniors \$2000
Paul Wakim
One for High School Seniors \$1000
St. John Maron, Orange, CA
One for High School Seniors \$2000
Gilbert Chagoury Undergraduate
One for College Student \$2000
Robert Atallah
One for College Student \$2000
Thomas & Jennie Ayoub
One for College Students \$2000
Gilbert Chagoury Graduate
One for Graduate Student \$2000

LEBANON SCHOLARSHIPS
SEMESTER ABROAD

NDU
Notre Dame University
Louaize - Lebanon
10 for 2016 Spring/Fall semester awards

USEK
University of the Holy Spirit
Kashik – Lebanon
12 for 2016 Summer Semester awards

Scholarships Includes:
Full Tuition, All Registration Fees,
Dormitory, and \$500 once completed

For more information and applications contact your pastor, or delegates, on line: WWW.NAMNEWS.ORG, email: nam@namnews.org, or call NAM at 914-964-3070

Applications Deadline: May 25, 2015



BINGO	FLOOR	KITCHEN
May 12	Volunteers	Beverly Karam
May 19	Rosie Canone, Marta Gabriel, Sharon John	Jenny Vaccaro
May 26	Labebe Buesing, Dee Dee Ellwood	Susie Karam