



St. George Maronite Catholic Church

Annual

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VARIETY OF RAFFLES • DELICIOUS MIDDLE
EASTERN FOOD & DRINKS • BEER, LIQUOR & WINE
CHILDREN'S GAMES & ACTIVITIES
LIVE ARABIC ENTERTAINMENT • MUSIC**



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 4:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, NOON - 11:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 11:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.



Public Welcome Bring your family & friends! Rain or Shine

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

BAPTISMS: Please Call The Parish Rectory (non-parishioners sponsors must provide a certificate from their Catholic church)
MARRIAGES: Please Notify The Pastor At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time



Week 35 - 37, 2015

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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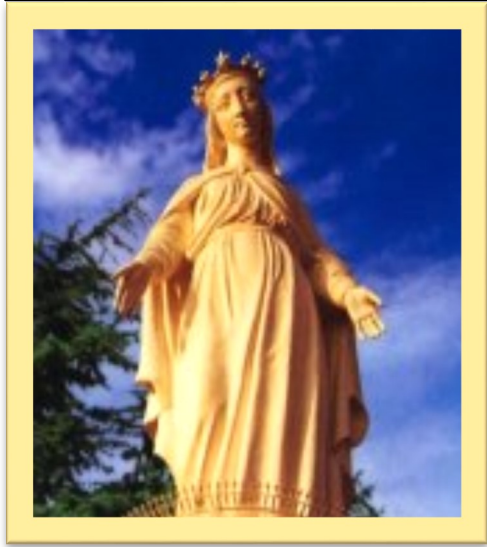
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Aug 29 - Sept 13, 2015

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



CLERGY
Father Simon El Hajj, Pastor
Deacon Anthony Koury
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
In the event of an emergency, parishioners may call Deacon Anthony at 610-653-6294 while Father Simon is away in Lebanon.

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**The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ
according to Saint Luke 7:36-50**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

WEEKEND of August 29 - 30
Saturday, August 29 - 5:00 PM
Sunday, August 30 - 10:00 AM

*****15th Sunday of Pentecost*****
EDWARD GEOSITS (1st Anniversary) by the Family
NASSIM & IRADATALLAH ELIAS & their son, ELIAS ELIAS by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Elias & Family

Monday	Aug 31		NO MASS
Tuesday	Sept 1	6:00 PM	JAMEL DERAYMOND by George & Cathy Baurkot & Family
Wednesday	Sept 2	6:00 PM	LILLIAN ISAAC SYMIA by Mrs. Queenie Jabbour
Thursday	Sept 3	6:00 PM	BARBARA KASSIS by Joanne Joseph & Naomi Shiner


WEEKEND of September 5 - 6
Saturday, Sept 5 - 5:00 PM
Sunday, Sept 6 - 10:00 AM

*****16th Sunday of Pentecost*****
CHAMES WARNER (40 Day Mass) by sister Rosie’s Family
ALL LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS - by Father Joseph Daiif

Monday	Sept 7		NO MASS
Tuesday	Sept 8		NO MASS
Wednesday	Sept 9		NO MASS
Thursday	Sept 10		NO MASS
Friday	Sept 11	7:00 PM	JOUDE MOUSSA & ALL WHO DIED ON 9-11 by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moussa

WEEKEND of September 12 - 13
Saturday, Sept 12 - 5:00 PM
Sunday, Sept 13 - 10:00 AM

*****Exaltation of the Holy Cross*****
RONALD JABBOUR (Australia) by Lahoud Boutros & Family
PETER KARAM (1st Anniversary) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.





BINGO	FLOOR	KITCHEN
Sept 1	Volunteers	Jawhara Karam, Rosann Constantine
Sept 8	Rosie Canone, Marta Gabriel, Sharon John	Violine Karam
Sept 15	Volunteers	Beverly Karam

LECTORS

Saturday, Aug 29	Geosits Family
Sunday, Aug 30	Elias Family
Saturday, Sept 5	Warner Family
Sunday, Sept 6	TBD
Saturday, Sept 12	Boutros Family
Sunday, Sept 13	Karam Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS
15th Sunday of Pentecost
1 Thes 1:1-10 / Lk 7:36-50
16th Sunday of Pentecost
Rom 8:18-27 / Lk 18:9-14
Exaltation of the Holy Cross
1 Cor 1:18-25 / Jn 12:20-32



An Open Letter to the Parish
Dear Parishioners,


As many of you are aware, ten year old Elizabeth BouDaher, daughter of fellow parishioners Charbel and Miray BouDaher, has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Leukemia is the most common cancer in children and teens, accounting for almost one out of three cancers. Elizabeth is being treated at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), and doctors there expect her treatments to last anywhere from six to nine months. Caring for a sick child is unimaginable to many of us, add to that the stress of carrying on with other responsibilities at home (Charbel and Miray have four other children to raise), and many of us would find it difficult to cope.

An open meeting was held on Sunday, August 16th in an attempt to financially assist the family. They face mounting medical bills as well as housing, food and other significant expenses. An initial goal of \$20,000 has been set. The general consensus was to ask each family of the parish for a donation to cover their immediate and short term expenses.

The meeting attendees also recommended additional fundraisers in the next few months to help with reaching the goal. We will have a blood drive on Sunday, October 11th in the church hall. All types are needed, however, both O+ and O- are what Elizabeth needs for her recovery. Details will be published in the upcoming weekly church bulletins.

We ask you to give what God has put in your hearts to give. Time is working against us, and the sooner we can contribute, the better Elizabeth’s chances are of getting through this. Kindly **make checks payable to “Our Lady of Lebanon Church “**and write **“Elizabeth BouDaher Fund”** in the memo section of the check. A donation box will be available after weekend liturgies to leave your contribution (cash or check) for the next few weeks. If providing a cash contribution, kindly place it in the enclosed envelope with your name marked on it. You may also mail-in your contribution to the rectory or make an anonymous donation.

UPDATE - \$7,500 IN CASH/CHECKS AND \$450 IN GIFT CARDS WERE COLLECTED IN ONE WEEK! GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS AND QUICK RESPONSE TO HELP REACH OUR \$20,000 GOAL!



A Follow up meeting to raise funds for Elizabeth will be held on Sunday, August 30th at 6:00 pm in the church hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

THANK YOU ABOUNA JOSEPH!

Please stop in the church hall after Liturgy on August 30th to thank Fr. Joseph for being our substitute pastor while Fr. Simon is away. Fr. Joseph will be leaving directly after Liturgy on September 6th. May God grant him many years of health and happiness in his priestly ministry. We wish him a safe journey back to Milan and Inshallah we will see him again someday.

Don’t forget ...


HARISSEH MEAL
Will be held Sunday August 30th after Liturgy

Bus Trip to see Pope Francis
Our Lady of Mercy parish is sponsoring a bus trip to Philadelphia for Pope Francis’s Papal Mass on Sunday, September 27th. Seats are still available. Cost is \$35.00 per person. To register and for details please call 610 252-7381.



**Condolences**
Our heartfelt sympathy to the Morello family on the death of their mother and grandmother
Marion J. Morello.
May her soul rest in eternal peace!

Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) & Arabic Class Teachers Needed!

MCF classes will begin
Saturday, October 3, 2015 at 3:30 PM.
Arabic classes will post their start date in a future bulletin.
We are in need of volunteers to teach our children in both MCF and Arabic Classes. Please consider giving approximately 90 minutes of your time each week to help our kids grow in the Maronite faith. Men are welcome!

Contact Fr. Simon or Deanna Baurkot with any questions.