

## 2016 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Congratulations to all newly appointed board members of Our Lady of Lebanon Pastoral Council. We appreciate your willingness to volunteer your time and effort to assist in achieving our religious and secular goals. First Pastoral council meeting will take place on Sunday, January 17th in the church hall at 7:15 PM

<b>Patrice Boulous</b>	<b>Michael Karam</b>
<b>George Daniel</b>	<b>Abraham Kassis</b>
<b>David Elias</b>	<b>Naomi Koerwitz</b>
<b>Samuel Elias</b>	<b>Peter Melan</b>
<b>Keene Jabbour</b>	<b>Charlene Symia</b>
<b>Rosie Touma</b>	



# OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Week 52 2015 - Week 2, 2016

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Dec 27, 2015 - Jan 10, 2016

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## SUNDAY AFTER THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD

### MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION (MCF)

Saturdays at 3:30 PM.

There will be no classes on  
December 19th, 26th or January 2nd.  
Classes will resume on Saturday, January 9, 2016

### PIONEERS OF MARY

Meetings will take place on Sunday nights 6:00 PM in the church hall. All parishioners grades 7 through 12 are encouraged to join.

There will be no meetings on December 20th, 26th or January 3rd. Meetings will resume January 10, 2016

### Arabic Classes

Classes will be on Christmas break beginning December 12th. They will resume on January 9th, 2016

### EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Please call the rectory at 610-252-5275 if you would like to be added to the Church email list. Due to privacy issues, we will not automatically send emails notifying parishioners of a death unless a family member specifically requests that an email be published. Thank you for your cooperation.

BINGO COMMITTEE	Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous, Anthony Koury, Jr.
MCF COORDINATOR	Deanna Baurkot
ST. THERESA SODALITY	Rosemary Canone
FINANCIAL CONTROLLER	Ferris Koorie
HOLY NAME SOCIETY	David Elias
HERITAGE DAY CHAIRPERSON	Steve Koorie
MYA	Leila Karam / Isaac Jabbour
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Patty Boulous
PARISH ORGANISTS	Patty Boulous / Paul Boulous
MYO/PIONEERS	Antoinette Bader/ Morena Koorie
ARABIC CLASS COORDINATOR	Yasmine Karam

### CONFESSIONS:

**SUNDAY: 9:30 am to 9:50 am (before mass)**  
**SATURDAY: 4:30 pm to 4:50 pm (before mass)**  
Also Available by Appointment

### OCTOBER TO MAY

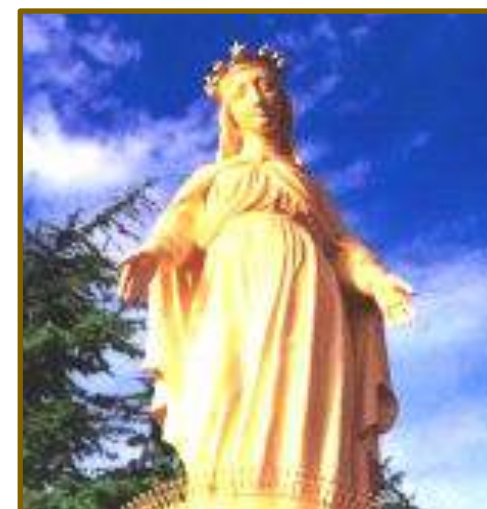
**Arabic Classes: Saturday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm for children**  
**Sundays 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm for youth & adults.**  
**Religious Education: Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm**

### 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**



### The 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 learned 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  
**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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**WEEKEND of Dec 26- Dec 27** \*\*\**Sunday after the Birth of Our Lord*\*\*\*  
**Saturday, Dec 26 - 5:00 PM** ANDREW & MARY BAKA by Mr. & Mrs. John Melhem  
**Sunday, Dec 27 - 10:00 AM** SAM ABRAHAM (Australia) by Josie Koury. Coffee hour by the family to follow.


Monday	Dec 28		<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday	Dec 29	6:00 PM	<b>LILLIAN ISAAC SYMIA</b> by Frank, Naomi & Jake Koerwitz
Wednesday	Dec 30	6:00 PM	<b>CHEFFIE MELHEM</b> by Queenie Jabbour
Thursday	Dec 31	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>THE CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS - Vigil Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>
Friday	Jan 1	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>THE CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>

**WEEKEND of Jan 2 - Jan 3** \*\*\**The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple*\*\*\*  
**Saturday, Jan 2 - 5:00 PM** Francis George, MD (40 Day Liturgy) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.  
**Sunday, Jan 3 - 10:00 AM** Available



Monday	Jan 4	6:00 PM	<b>EDWARD JOSEPH</b> by Joseph & Elaine Jacobs
Tuesday	Jan 5	6:00 PM	<b>JOHN SHAHEEN</b> by Budwi & Louise Jacob
Wednesday	Jan 6	6:00 PM	<b>MARTHA RUSSELL</b> by Alexander & Beverly Karam
Thursday	Jan 7	6:00 PM	<b>CHAMES WARNER</b> by John & Josephine Thomas

**WEEKEND of Jan 9 - Jan 10** \*\*\**First Sunday After Epiphany*\*\*\*  
**Saturday, Jan 9 - 5:00 PM** DIMITRA GIAMCOUMOPOULOS ACHI by Dimitra's Friends  
**Sunday, Jan 10 - 10:00 AM** Available

*Father Simon will be attending the 2016 Diocesan annual priests' retreat from Monday, January 11th to Friday, January 15th. There will be no daily mass. Please contact Deacon Anthony at 610-653-6294 in case of emergency.*

	<b>BINGO</b>	<b>FLOOR</b>	<b>KITCHEN</b>
	Dec 29	Rosie Canone, Marta Gabriel, Sharon John	Naomi Shiner, Noelle Richardson
	Jan 5		

<b>LECTORS</b>	
<b>Saturday, Dec 26</b>	Melhem Family
<b>Sunday, Dec 27</b>	Koury Family
<b>Saturday, Jan 2</b>	George Family
<b>Sunday, Jan 3</b>	TBD
<b>Saturday, Jan 9</b>	TBD
<b>Sunday, Jan 10</b>	TBD

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
 **Sunday after the Birth of Our Lord**  
**2 Cor 11:1-9 / Mt 2:1-12**  
**The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple**  
**Heb 7:11-19 / Lk 2:41-52**  
**First Sunday after Epiphany**  
**2 Cor 10:1-11 / Jn 1:29-34** 

**NAM REGIONAL CONVENTION**  
**NOVEMBER 2016 IN EASTON, PA**  
 On Sunday, January 10th there will be an open meeting to discuss preparations for hosting the 2016 Regional NAM Convention at our church. Everyone who is interested in participating is invited to attend. Officers of parish organizations are required to be present. The meeting will begin at 7:15 PM in the church hall. Hope to see many of you there!

**NEW WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES**  
 Weekly envelopes will now be mailed directly to your home every other month for year 2016. You should expect the first delivery no later than the 3rd week of December. Please call the rectory if you do not receive your envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

**ST. THERESA SODALITY MEETING**  
 The monthly meeting will be held in the church hall on Sunday, January 3, 2016 at 3:30 PM. Please call 610-905-6209 if you are in need of transportation.



**52 SOUTH 4TH STREET**  
 Renovation of 52 South 4th Street will begin in the new year. Please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Simon at 610-252-5275 with any questions or helpful comments concerning the reconstruction.

**SMOKE FREE BINGO**  
 Beginning on Tuesday, January 5th, a no smoking policy will take effect. We are in serious need of volunteers in order to continue our weekly Bingo. Since the hall will now be smoke free we ask that you consider volunteering your time, if not on a regular basis perhaps a few times a year. Any help will be greatly appreciated!

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**  
 Thursday, December 31, 2015  
 8:00 PM - 2 AM  
**Featuring Eddy Osama & Ensemble**  
 \$50 Adults - \$20 Children (4-14) Free Under 3  
**Mezza and Buffet**  
**BYOB/Cash Bar**  
 For information contact:  
 Peter 610-905-7067  
 Rosie 610-360-5020  
 Selena 610-905-3205  
**CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT**

**Altar Servers Pizza Party**  
 Altar servers and their parents are invited to a pizza party on Saturday, January 2, 2016 at 3:30 pm in the church hall. Please RSVP to Fr. Simon or Deacon Anthony by Tuesday, December 29th.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**  
 The Holy Name Society will hold a dinner meeting on Sunday, December 27th at 5:30 pm at Daddy's Place. In addition to current members, the dinner is open to all men of the parish who would like to join. Please call David Elias at 610-703-3505 or Maynard Melhem at 610-462-6493