# **52 South 4th Street Renovation**

We are currently seeking bids for the renovation of 52 South 4th Street. If you would like to bid or know of someone who may be interested, please contact Father Simon or Shawki Milan.

#### **2016 PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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### **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**

Religious Education: Saturday 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

### **Maronite Christian Formation (MCF)**

MCF classes are held every Saturday at 3:45PM in the church hall.

#### **FIRST COMMUNION CLASS 2017**

All second grade students who have not made their First Communion are asked to attend every week in order to prepare for their First Communion in Spring 2017. Parents please make it a priority to help your children by ensuring students are present for all classes.

#### **PIONEERS OF MARY**

Meetings will be held every Sunday in the hall at 6:00 PM.

#### **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The next council meeting will be held on Sunday, November 20th at 7:00 PM in the church hall.



#### ST. THERESA SODALITY MEETING

The monthly meeting will be held in the church hall on Thursday December 8, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the church hall. Call 610-905-6209 if you need transportation.

BINGO COMMITTEE	Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous, Anthony Koury, Jr.
MCF COORDINATOR	Deanna Baurkot
ST. THERESA SODALITY	Rosie Touma
FINANCIAL AUDITOR	Ferris Koorie
HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Leonard Symia
HERITAGE DAY CHAIRPERSON	Steve Koorie
МҮА	Selana Koorie
PARISH ORGANIST	Patty Boulous
MYO/PIONEERS	Alexa Koorie
ARABIC CLASS COORDINATOR	Rita Bassil

#### **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 46-48 Email: abouna@ololeaston.org

Website: ololeaston.org Nov 19 - Dec 4, 2016

# Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord Announcement to the Virgin Mary



#### CLERGY

Father Simon El Hajj, Pastor Deacon Anthony Koury

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**:

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

#### LITURGY:

Saturdays: 5:00 PM

Sundays: 10:00 AM and 12 Noon

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# The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.'

But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have f found favor with God.

And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'
The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you;
therefore the child to be born will be holy;

he will be called Son of God.

And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.

For nothing will be impossible with God.'

Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.'

Then the angel departed from her.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**



Anyone wishing to donate money toward the purchase of Poinsettias to decorate the altar, should use the envelope provided for you in you weekly offering package. Please make certain to note if the donation is in memory or in honor of someone. Otherwise only the name of the donor will appear in the bulletin. Contact clergy with any questions.

#### \*\*\* Announcement to the Virgin Mary\*\*\* **WEEKEND of Nov 19 - Nov 20**

**CHAMES WARNER** by Joyce, John & Michael Boulos Saturday, Nov 19 - 5:00 PM

MICHAEL KOURY, SR by the Family. Coffee hour to follow. Sunday, Nov 20 - 10:00 AM -

Available Sunday, Nov 20 - 12 NOON -

Monday	Nov 21	6:00 PM	JAMEL DERAYMOND by Stephen Constantine & Son
Tuesday	Nov 22	6:00 PM	EVA OLIVER by George and Cathy Baurkot
Wednesday	Nov 23	No Mass	No Mass
Thursday	Nov 24	No Mass	THANKSGIVING - No Mass

#### **WEEKEND of Nov 26 - Nov 27**

### \*\*\* Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth\*\*\*

Saturday, Nov 26 - 5:00 PM -**Anniversary Mass for the following** 

**ROSE SYMIA** by Children and Grandchildren

**DR. EDDIE GEOSITS** by his Mother, Maureen Geosits

**CHEFFIE MELHEM** by the Family

EDWARD (Birthday Remembrance) & LOUISE (Anniversary) JOSEPH Sunday, Nov 27 - 10:00 AM -

by daughters Roseann & Charlene & Families.

Sunday, Nov 27 - 12 NOON -**Available** 

Monday	Nov 28	6:00 PM	NED SHAHEEN by Mrs. Mary Jabbour
Tuesday	Nov 29	6:00 PM	SAM SAAD by Mrs. Bessie Mosellie & Family
Wednesday	Nov 30	6:00 PM	PETER KARAM by Mr. & Mrs. Greg Piagesi & Son
Thursday	Dec 1	6:00 PM	ESTEPHAN & AMIRA MOUSSA BY Mr. & Mrs. Nick Giacoumopoulos & Family

#### WEEKEND of Dec 3 - Dec 4

### \*\*\* Birth of John the Baptist\*\*\*

PETER & CATHERINE MELAN by the Family Saturday, Dec 3 - 5:00 PM -

Sunday, Dec 4 - 10:00 AM -Available Sunday, Dec 4 - 12 NOON -Available

### **LECTORS**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Saturday, Nov 19 Family Sunday, Nov 20 Family Saturday, Nov 26 Family Sunday, Nov 27 Family Saturday, Dec 3 Family Sunday, Dec 4 **TBD** 



**Announcement to the Virgin Mary** Gal 3:15-22 / Lk 1:26-38

Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth





### **GROUP BOWLING**

Fri., Nov. 25th, 12:00-2:00 pm at Warren Lanes in Phillipsburg, NJ.

Please call Rhonda Elias at 610-905-0050 if you are interested in attending. Bowlers must call by Tuesday, November 22nd. Cost of two games and shoes is \$5.00

> A Pizza party sponsored by The Holy Name Society

will be held at the Church hall directly after bowling.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

# Baptism Invitation



Samuel and Marisa Elias cordially invite the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church to the baptism of their daughter

## Nadia Mary Elias.

The baptism will take place immediately following the 10:00 AM Liturgy on Sunday, November 27. A celebration luncheon will take place in the church hall after the baptism.

### Children's Christmas Party

The St. Theresa Sodality will hold its annual

**Children's Christmas Party on** 

**Sunday December 18th right after** the Children's Christmas pageant. (approximately 11:45 am)

The party includes Santa Claus, light luncheon, games, crafts and DeeJay.

All parishioners are invited!

## St. Barbara's Day (Eid il-Burbara)

Eid il-Burbara has become Lebanon's counterpart to America's Halloween celebration, although it existed as a tradition much earlier. It is celebrated in honor of the Christian Saint and Martyr Saint Barbara who disguised herself as many different characters to elude the Romans who were persecuting her.

On this feastday, children dress up in disquise and go house-to-house singing songs and receiving festive foods. Although this may sound similar to the Halloween custom of 'trick-ortreat', this is custom has a very different history.

The traditional food made on this feast day is **Ameh**, a sweet made of boiled wheat, grains and nuts and also **Ataye**f (stuffed crepes filled with Ashta or nuts). Both items will be for sale on Sunday, December 4th after 10 AM & 12 Noon Liturgies

### **Condolences**

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families of

### **NAOMI STAHL** and **NICHOLAS CIAMBRONE**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let

perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



### **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

Saturday, December 31, 2016 8:00 PM - 2 AM

**Featuring: Said Abl Akl & Ensemble** 

\$50 Adults - \$20 Children (4-14) Free Under 3



**Mezza and Buffet** BYOB/Cash Bar

For information contact: Peter 610-905-7067 Selena 610-905-3205



CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT