

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.

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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.



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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING.

The Holy Name Society will meet Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 am in the church hall.



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

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

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 48 -50

Email: abouna@ololeaston.org

Website: ololeaston.org

Dec 3 - Dec 18, 2016

Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord Birth of John the Baptist



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 1:57-66

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

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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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Anyone wishing to donate money toward the purchase of Poinsettias to decorate the altar, should use the envelope provided for you in your 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.

Christmas Novena

This year's Christmas Novena will begin on Thursday, December 15th through Friday, December 23rd at 7:00 PM . (except Saturday & Sunday)

Please take this opportunity to prepare for the birth of Our Lord!

WEEKEND of Dec 3 - Dec 4 *** *Birth of John the Baptist* ***

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

Sunday, Dec 4 - 10:00 AM - NABIHA ZGHEIB (40 Day Mass) by Mr. & Mrs. Gus Elias & Family. Coffee hour to follow.

Sunday, Dec 4 - 12 NOON - Available

Monday	Dec 5	6:00 PM	LILLIAN ISAAC SYMIA by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Buesing & Family
Tuesday	Dec 6	6:00 PM	JOHN SHAHEEN BY Mr. & Mrs. Donald Solomon
Wednesday	Dec 7	6:00 PM	MARTHA RUSSELL by Naomi Shiner & Joanna Joseph
Thursday	Dec 8	7:00 PM	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Holy Day of Obligation) CANONE ANTHONY by Mrs. Maryann Isaac

WEEKEND of Dec 10 - Dec 11 *** *Revelation to Joseph* ***

Saturday, Dec 10 - 5:00 PM - EDWARD GEOSITS (Birthday Remembrance) by his wife Maureen

Sunday, Dec 11 - 10:00 AM - HARRY ESSEY (Australia) by Laurene Milan & Family

Sunday, Dec 11 - 12 NOON - ELIAS & SOUAD HADDAD by the Family

Monday	Dec 12	6:00 PM	DR. FRANCIS GEORGE by Sharon John & Family
Tuesday	Dec 13	6:00 PM	AZIZ KOURY by Mr. & Mrs. Brad Superka & Family
Wednesday	Dec 14	6:00 PM	ROSE SYMIA by Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas
Thursday	Dec 15	7:00 PM	CHRISTMAS NOVENA
Friday	Dec 16	7:00 PM	CHRISTMAS NOVENA

WEEKEND of Dec 17 - Dec 18 *** *Genealogy Sunday* ***

Saturday, Dec 17 - 5:00 PM - MICHAEL JABBOUR (40 Day Mass) by the Family. Coffee Hour to follow.

Sunday, Dec 18 - 10:00 AM - RENEE JABBOUR (40 Day Mass) by the Family

Sunday, Dec 18 - 12 NOON - Available

LECTORS


Saturday, Dec 3	Family
Sunday, Dec 4	Family
Saturday, Dec 10	Family
Sunday, Dec 11	Family
Saturday, Dec 17	Family
Sunday, Dec 18	Family


SCRIPTURE READINGS

Birth of John the Baptist
Gal 4:21 - 5:1 / Lk 1:57-66

Revelation to Joseph
Eph 3:1-13 / Mt 1:18-25

Genealogy Sunday
Rom 1:1-12 / Mt 1:1-17

	BINGO	FLOOR - 7:00 PM START TIME	KITCHEN - 5:30 PM START TIME
	Dec 6	Pete Melan	Noelle Richardson, Naomi Shiner
	Dec 13	Mike Boulos	Norma Bassil



THANK YOU PARISHIONERS!

All names on the Giving Tree are taken!

Please remember that gifts should be wrapped and returned to the church hall by 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 10th.

Your generosity and support will be greatly appreciated by the child who receives the gift.

God bless you!

THE 2016 - 2017 MCF CLASSES



LIGHTS IN THE PARKWAY

A reminder to all Pioneers. We will assemble in our parking lot at 6:00 PM on Saturday, December 10th to go to Lights in the Parkway in Allentown. Dinner will follow. Parents are needed for transportation. Please contact Father Simon with any questions.



BINGO VOLUTEERS...


...are asked to please find a replacement if they are not able to work Bingo as scheduled. It is important that we have enough volunteers both on the floor and in the kitchen. Thank you for your cooperation

Condolences


Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families of

HARRY ESSEY
NABIA ZGHEIB
CHAHARBAN ESTHANTHEN DIB

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



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 feast day, children dress up in disguise and go house-to-house singing songs and receiving festive foods. Although this may sound similar to the Halloween custom of 'trick-or-treat', 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 **Atayef** (stuffed crepes filled with Ashta or nuts). Both items will be for sale on Sunday, December 4th after 10 AM & 12 Noon Liturgies

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 lunch, games, crafts and Dee Jay.

All parishioners are invited!



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
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