

**Maronite Christian Formation
(MCF)**

MCF classes will resume from Easter break on Saturday, April 29, 2017
Contact Father Simon with any questions.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Sunday, April 30th at 7:00 PM in the church hall.

PIONEERS OF MARY

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

2017 PASTORAL COUNCIL

Patrice Boulous: President

Samuel Elias

Keene Jabbour, Esq.

Michael Karam: Vice President

Steve Koorie

Judge Michael Koury

Peter Melan

Leonard Symia

Dr. Charlene Symia, Formation Leader

Rosie Touma : Secretary

Mary Sue Tumminello

MYO RETREAT

This year's annual retreat will be held at St. Maron's Church in Minneapolis, MN, from July 3 - 8, 2017 The retreat is open to current Pioneer members 13 - 17 years old. Parents - please confirm with Father Simon if your children will be attending this year. Travel arrangements need to be made as soon as possible.

PARISH MISSION

To live our Antiochene Catholic faith and nurture our Maronite heritage in order to grow and flourish as a family of Christ in the local community.

2017 STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Nehme Nehme, President

Martha Badway

Owtill J. Koury

Marta Gabriel

Maynard Melhem

Joseph Moussa

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
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)*

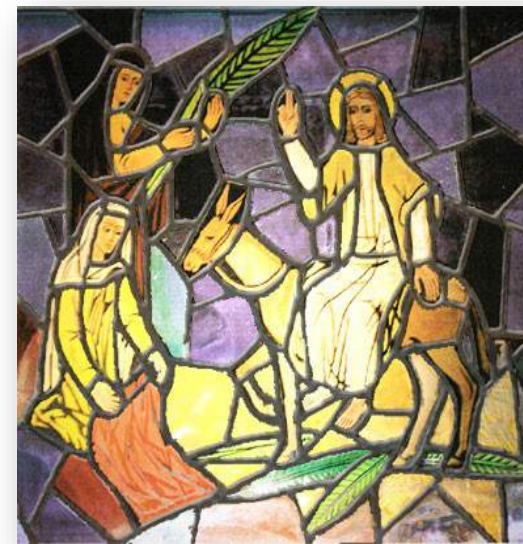
MARRIAGES:

**Please Notify The Pastor
At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time**



Week 14 - 16 Email: abouna@ololeaston.org Website: ololeaston.org Apr 8 - Apr 23, 2017

Hosanna Sunday



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 12,12-22

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord the King of Israel!' Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!' His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, 'You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!' Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

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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Thursday of the Holy Mysteries is April 13, 2017. Following the liturgy at 7 PM we will visit seven area churches. Two buses will leave OLOL parking lot 15 minutes after the conclusion of services. The first bus is full, however we still have available seats on the second bus. A sign-up sheet is available at both entrances of the church.




- 1st Stop:** Our Lady of Mercy Church , Easton - ends at 10:00 PM
- 2nd Stop:** St. Anthony's Rectory Chapel , Easton - ends at 11:00 PM
- 3rd Stop:** Sacred Heart Church, Miller Heights. - ends at 10:00 PM
- 4th Stop:** St. Anne's Church, Rectory Chapel, Beth - ends at 12:00 AM
- 5th Stop:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel, Beth Twp. - ends at 12 AM
- 6th Stop:** St. Jane's Chapel, Palmer Township - ends at 12:00 AM
- 7th Stop:** Our Lady of Lebanon

WEEKEND of Apr 8 - Apr 9 *Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)*****

Saturday, Apr 8 - 5:00 PM - EVA & GEORGE OLIVER by Mr. & Mrs. Greg Piagesi & Son

Sunday, Apr 9 - 10 AM & 12 PM - FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH
BLESSING OF THE PALMS AND PROCESSION
 Coffee hour is sponsored by the St. Theresa Sodality



2017 EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE


HOSANNA SUNDAY, APRIL 9	10:00 AM & 12 Noon	Blessing of the Palms with procession to follow.
MONDAY APRIL 10	7:00 PM	Liturgy intention for Lillian Isaac followed by Benediction of the Cross
TUESDAY APRIL 11	7:00 PM	Liturgy intention for Michael Jabbour followed by Benediction of the Cross
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12	7:00 PM	Rite of the Lamp Liturgy: For the Sick in the parish. Liturgy with the Rite of Blessing of the oil and anointing of all those who are present in the church. اربعاء ايوب : قداس ورتبة القنديل - تبريك الزيت والمسحة للحاضرين
HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13	7:00 PM	Washing of the Feet & Liturgy خميس الأسرار - قداس ورتبة الغسل Liturgy followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12AM. يلي القداس والرتبة سجود متواصل أمام القربان حتى الساعة الثانية عشرة ليلا
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14	3:00 PM & 7:00 PM	Good Friday Service - Burial Service / Procession الجمعة العظيمة - رتبة الصلب والدفن والزياح - يلي الزياح تقبيل الصليب المقدس
SATURDAY OF THE LIGHT, APRIL 15	9:00 AM to 12 PM 8:00 & 11:00 PM	Confessions- Fr Robert George & Fr. Robert Kosek / Fr. Awtel - Arabic Easter Liturgy
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION	10 AM & 12 PM	Easter Liturgy

GREAT FRIDAY OF THE CRUCIFIXION, APRIL 14, 2016 - HOLY LAND COLLECTION

WEEKEND of Apr 15 - Apr 16 *The Glorious Resurrection****

Saturday, Apr 15 - 8:00 PM & 11:00 PM FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Sunday, Apr 16 - 10:00 AM & 12 Noon - FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH
 Coffee hour is sponsored by the Holy Name Society



Monday	Apr 17	6:00 PM	FELICITATIONS TO THE VIRGIN MARY - PETER KARAM by Sharon John
Tuesday	Apr 18	6:00 PM	EDWARD JOSEPH by Mr. & Mrs. Alex Karam, Sr.
Wednesday	Apr 19	6:00 PM	MARTHA RUSSELL by Joseph & Suzanne Jabbour
Thursday	Apr 20	6:00 PM	RENEE CARRIGAN by Mrs. Donna Merring & Family

WEEKEND of Apr 22 - Apr 23 *New Sunday - Divine Mercy Sunday*****

Saturday, Apr 22 - 5:00 PM - Available

Sunday, Apr 23 - 10:00 AM & 12 Noon - Available


LECTORS

Saturday, Apr 8	Family
Sunday, April 9	Josie Koury
Saturday, April 15	Rosie Symia
Sunday, April 16	Jenny Melhem

SCRIPTURE READINGS


Hosanna Sunday
Phil 1:1-13 / Jn 12:12-22

The Glorious Resurrection - Easter Sunday
Phil 2:1-11, Mt 28:1-10 / 1 Cor 15:12-26, Mk 16:1-8



GOOD FRIDAY FLOWERS

Please bring your own flowers for the Good Friday burial services at 3:00 and 7:00 PM.



TWELVE APOSTLES

Young men who are in high school or in college are encouraged to participate in the washing of the feet ceremony, Holy Thursday at 7:00 PM. Contact Fr. Simon or Deacon Anthony if you wish to take part in the ritual.

MONK'S SOUP SALE

The annual Monk's Soup sale will take place on Friday, April 14, 2017 beginning at 11:00 AM in the church hall. Please bring your own container for take-out orders. Volunteers are needed beginning at 7:00 AM.



Easter Flowers



Anyone who would like to offer a donation for Easter Flowers is asked to place your contribution in the envelopes marked "Easter Flowers" and place envelope in collection basket.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - RICE BOWL

Please return Rice Bowl donation to Father Simon if you have not already done so. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank You...



.....to Rich Mar Florist & The Flower Cart for their generous donation of Palms to our parish!

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



3rd Banns of marriage is announced for Sheb Shumar and Emily VanKuren. 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.



BINGO	FLOOR - 7:00 PM START TIME	KITCHEN - 5:30 PM START TIME
Apr 11	No Bingo	No Bingo
Apr 18	Elaine Koury	Minerva Jacob

OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH
THIRD ANNUAL SPRING *Hafli*

Saturday, April 29, 2017
 Our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall
 55 S. Fourth St.
 Easton, Pennsylvania



Featuring
Shadi Naddaf

Lebanese Mezza and Full Dinner Buffet
 BYOB

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Adults: \$50.00
 17 and under: \$25.00

For tickets please contact:

Norma Bassil: 908-329-5317
 Elaine Koury: 610-905-0476
 Minerva Jacob: 610-653-7640

Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Easton, PA/www.olleaston.org



VBS 2017

Registration is NOW open!
 Join us from June 26-30, 2017 for

HERO CENTRAL

Discover Your Strength in God!

To register your child* or to become a volunteer, visit:
www.cokesburyvbs.com/olleaston

If you have any questions, please call
 Antoinette Bader at 610-703-9724.

*Children must be at least 3 years old and potty trained to participate.