

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of

ELIAS ANTHONY SYMIA

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Weekly Collection

Saturday, December 30, 2017 -	\$249.00
Sunday, December 31, 2017 -	\$776.00
Monday, January 1, 2018 -	\$705.00
*Yearly Dues -	\$500.00
Total weekly collection -	\$2,230.00

*Yearly Dues - one person's yearly contribution. Each yearly contribution is listed separately.

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL BREAKFAST

The Holy Name's annual breakfast fundraiser will be held on
Sunday, January 21, 2018 after the 10:00 AM Liturgy.

Tickets: \$5 a person

Free: for kids under 3 years old.

Tickets will be available after weekend masses or by contacting a HNS member. Please try and purchase your tickets prior to the event so that an ample supply of food is available.

Thank you in advance for your support!



Week 2 - Week 4, 2018

Email: abouna@ololeaston.org

website: ololeaston.org

Jan 6 - Jan 21, 2018

1st Sunday after Epiphany



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 1:29-34

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said,

"After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me."

I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

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 on Fridays.

LITURGY:

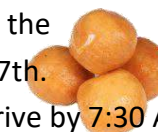
Saturdays: 5:00 PM
Sundays: 10:00 AM

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AWAMAT SALE (Lebanese Donuts)

Awamat will be available for sale after the 10:00 AM Liturgy on Sunday, January 7th. Volunteers who would like to help are asked to arrive by 7:30 AM. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Education.



2017 PASTORAL COUNCIL

Patrice Boulous

Michael Karam

Rosie Canone

Antonios Jabbour

Abe Kassis, Esq.

Steve Koorie

Judge Michael Koury

Elias Chadd

Dr. Charlene Symia

Leonard Symia

Jodi PAGESI

2017 STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Nehme Nehme, President

Martha Badway

Marta Gabriel

Maynard Melhem

Joseph Moussa

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

This month's meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 PM in the church hall.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, January 21st in the church hall at 7:00 PM

PIONEERS OF MARY

The Pioneers meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 21st at 6:00 PM in the church hall.

KNIGHTS OF MARY



The Knights of Mary (grades 1-6) will be meeting on Friday, January 19th. From 5 - 7 PM in the church hall. Kids will learn about a religious topic, make crafts, play games, and have a small snack.

This program is for 1st through 6th grade children. Help us grow your children's spirituality by encouraging your child to attend.

BINGO COMMITTEE	Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous, Anthony Koury, Jr.
ST. THERESA SODALITY	Rosie Canone
FINANCIAL AUDITOR	Ferris Koorie
HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Leonard Symia
HERITAGE DAY CHAIRPERSON	Steve Koorie
PARISH ORGANIST	Patty Boulous
MYO/PIONEERS	Arthur Jacob

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

October through May - 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

WEEKEND of Jan 6 - Jan 7 * 1ST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY*****

Sat Jan 6 - 5:00 PM - FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY (Holy Day of Obligation)
CATHERINE SHAHEEN by Michael Shaheen & Family

Sun, Jan 7 - 10:00 AM - AMIN ABI SAMRA (Anniversary) by the Family.
MARY SHUMAR (40 Day Mass) & SHEB SHUAR (Birthday Remembrance) by the Family
 Coffee hour to follow.

Father Simon will be attending the 2018 Diocesan annual priests' retreat from Monday, January 8th to Friday, January 12th. There will be no daily mass. Please contact Deacon Anthony at 610-653-6294 in case of emergency.

WEEKEND of Jan 13 - Jan 14 * 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY*****

Saturday, Jan 13 - 5:00 PM - NORMA MOUBARAK by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Budway & Family

Sunday, Jan 14 - 10:00 AM - MICHEL WADIH KHOURY (40 Day Mass) & HABIB ELIE KHOURY (Memorial Mass)
 by Mr. & Mrs. George Khoury & Family. Coffee hour to follow.

Tuesday	Jan 16	6:00 PM	ANTOINIOS MOUSSA by Tony Sortino
Wednesday	Jan 17	9:00 AM	MARY SIMON by George & Cathy Baurkot & Family
Thursday	Jan 18	9:00 AM	AZIZ KOURY by Deacon Anthony, Cheffie & Anthony Koury, Jr.
Friday	Jan 19	9:00 AM	NED SHAHEEN by Keene Jabbour & Son

WEEKEND of Jan 20 - Jan 21 * SUNDAY OF THE PRIESTS*****

Saturday, Jan 20 - 5:00 PM - Available

Sunday, Jan 21 - 10:00 AM - DIMITRA GIACOUMOPOULOS ACHI (Anniversary) by the Family.

2nd Collection - Unites States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities - January 28, 2018



BINGO	FLOOR - 7:00 PM START TIME	KITCHEN - 5:30 PM START TIME
Jan 9	John Isaac	Noelle Richardson, Carolyn Dergham

LECTORS

Saturday, Jan 6	Family
Sunday, Jan 7	Family
Saturday, Jan 13	Family
Sunday, Jan 14	Family
Saturday, Jan 20	TBD
Sunday Jan 21	Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1st Sunday after Epiphany
2 Cor 10:1-11 / Jn 1:29-34

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
2 Cor 4:5-15 / Jn 1:35-42

Sunday of the Priests
1 Tim 4:6-16 / Lk 12:42-48




Our Lady of Lebanon Church Guidelines

The sanctity of the church requires that we have an attitude of reverence. The Apostle Paul says, *"Let all things be done decently and in order"* when Christians gather for prayer (1 Cor. 14:40.) To this end, the following rules have been laid down for guidance.

- Only appropriate clothing should be worn to church as required by the holiness of the place. Women should exercise Christian modesty and decency and not come in dresses that are too short or revealing. Our Eastern rite does not permit men or woman to wear hats in church. No one is permitted to wear shorts to our Liturgies.
- Always come to church for the beginning of the service. Use the side aisles to take your seat if you arrive after the priest has walked down the aisle to the altar. Also do not enter the church during the reading of the gospel or the consecration, remain in the foyer until it is finished and then go quietly to your pew
- If you see friends and acquaintances in church, greet them with a silent bow. Please do not stop to shake hands or ask questions. While in church you should stand when the Missal directs you to stand, not sit. Only if you are ill or very weak is it permitted to sit down.
- Eating or drinking is not acceptable. Chewing gum is absolutely prohibited.
- We love children at Our Lady of Lebanon and welcome them with open arms, however children should refrain from running in church aisles and the hall. This is a safety issue for all. A child running through the church and hall may not be a concern to most people, but for an elderly person who is shaky on their feet and terrified of a broken hip, a running child poses a very serious threat. Parents are ultimately responsible for the behavior of their children. We will expect parents to keep their children under control during public gatherings and to make sure that their children are always under adult supervision.
- The crying room is reserved for disruptive children, babies and their parents
- When preparing for funerals we ask that the family speak with the pastor prior to finalizing arrangements with the funeral home. Father Simon may be reached at 412-973-1763.
- Due to the high demand for weekend Masses, we will no longer be able to schedule one intention per mass. Effective immediately 40 Day and 1st year anniversary Masses will take precedence. This means they will be added to a previously scheduled Mass intention. You will still need to call and schedule a date for your Mass, we will not presume to pick a date for you. This gives you the ability to memorialize your recently deceased on or close to the anniversary date.
- Please call Father Simon at 412-973-1763 if you or a family member has been admitted to a hospital and wish to receive the Sacraments.
- Any donations or collections should be placed in the collection basket or given directly to the pastor.
- There will be a fee for the use of the church for any event that is not a Liturgy.

HALL & KITCHEN GUIDELINES

- Bingo will be cancelled for adverse weather conditions or church holy days only.
- Hall rentals are on a fee schedule and need to be approved by the pastor. The fee varies according to the number of days, utilities and kitchen equipment being used.
- Expectations are that equipment, space and supplies will be left in the same or better condition than they were found. Parishioners are asked to replace any supplies used from the church pantry and return items that were borrowed from the church in a reasonable amount of time. Persons renting the hall may be asked to accept responsibility for accidental or intentional damage to church property or equipment.
- When planning an event please include enough help to clean up afterwards. We do not employ a janitor and we cannot guarantee that community service volunteers will be there to assist you.
- All leftovers must be taken home and all dishes and utensils returned to storage.
- Children under the age of 18 are not permitted in the kitchen at anytime due to safety issues.
- Events open to non-parishioners require that anyone who works in the kitchen must wash their hands and have their hair and beards covered. Gloves must be worn in the preparation of food. Please ask visitors to the kitchen to step outside and you will be happy to visit with them in the hall.
- When the kitchen is being used by a parishioner we ask that you refrain from entering the kitchen to wash your hands or throw refuse into trash cans. We will make every effort to have enough trash cans in the hall and soap and paper towels in the restrooms.

Please contact Father Simon with any questions or comments. Thank you for your cooperation.