



If you would like participate in the "Tree of Giving" project, please pick an ornament from the Christmas tree located in the church hall foyer next weekend November 24th and November 25th.

We ask that you buy a gift for the child as if they were your own family member. The gift should be wrapped and returned to the church hall no later than 12:00 pm on **Sunday, Dec 9.**

The first line on the Ornament is the name of the caseworker. The second line is the person's initials or first name, gender and age. The third and fourth lines are suggested gift items. (Please note these are only suggestions, you can buy whatever you want and you do not have to buy everything that is listed).

We ask that you do not bring gifts after the deadline date of December 3rd.

Your generosity and support will be greatly appreciated by the child who receives your gift on Christmas morning!

### MCF CLASS

The next MCF class will be held on Saturday, December 1st at 3:45 PM in the church hall. All children in grades 1, 3, 4 & 5 are asked to participate in these classes that are intended to give them the opportunity to experience God's love.

### 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

OUR LADY OF LEBBAON CHURCH PRESENTS

# 2018 NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

December 31st, 2018  
 8:00 P.M. - 2:00 A.M.

\$50 Adults  
 \$25 Kids (4-14)  
 Free (3-Under)



Full Buffet  
 BYOB  
 Cash Bar

Said Abi Akl & Ensemble

Our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall  
 55 South Fourth Street, Easton, PA

For Tickets Contact:  
 Peter: (610) 905-7067  
 Jenny: (484) 725-7025

### STS. PHILIP & JAMES HEALING MASS!

The SPSJ Divine Mercy Prayer Group invites you to their Monthly Healing Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 28th at 7pm at St. Philip & St. James Church located at 430 S. Main St. Phillipsburg, NJ 08865. Our celebrant and Guest Speaker will be Father John Primach. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy at 908-200-6763.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday, Nov 10, 2018 - \$568.00  
 Sunday, Nov 11, 2018 - \$443.00  
**Total - \$1,011.00**



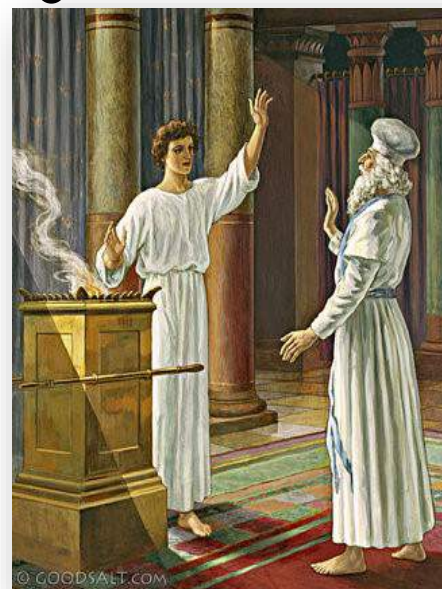
## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

54 South 4th Street  
 Easton, PA 18042  
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Week 47 - Week 49 Email: [abouna@ololeaston.org](mailto:abouna@ololeaston.org) website: [ololeaston.org](http://ololeaston.org) Nov 17- Dec 2, 2018

## Announcement to Zechariah



### The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 1:1-25

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word,

I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside.

Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.'

Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.'

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak.

When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.'

### CLERGY

Fr. Youssef Keikati, Administrator  
 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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**WEEKEND of Nov 17 - Nov 18** \*\*\**Announcement to Zechariah*\*\*\*  
 Saturday, Nov 17 - 5:00 PM - FRANCES MELHEM - by Bernard & Jennie DiLullo  
 Sunday, Nov 18 - 10:00 AM - MARY SHUMAR (1st Anniversary) by the Family.

Tuesday	Nov 20	6:00 PM	JEAN HANNI (Birthday Remembrance) Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Hanni & Family
Wednesday	Nov 21	9:00 AM	QUEENIE JABBOUR by Suzanne Baurkot
Thursday	Nov 22	9:00 AM	MARION COCCIA by Marlene Bedway <i>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</i>
Friday	Nov 23	9:00 AM	ELIAS SYMIA by Aline Saba


**WEEKEND of Nov 24 - Nov 25** \*\*\**Announcement to the Virgin Mary*\*\*\*  
 Saturday, Nov 24 - 5:00 PM - CHEFFIE MELHEM (Anniversary) by the Family  
 Sunday, Nov 25 - 10:00 AM - JOSEPH, NORA AND SON, ANTHONY DANIEL by the Family  
 WILLIAM SAAD TANNOUS (Memorial Mass) by Emil Anthony & Family  
 Coffee hour to follow.

Tuesday	Nov 27	6:00 PM	NAOMI SHINER by William & Georgina Zechman
Wednesday	Nov 28	9:00 AM	MAUREEN GEOSITS by John J. Melhem
Thursday	Nov 29	9:00 AM	WILLIAM JABBOUR & MADALINE KOURY by Mr. & Mrs. Badwi Jacob
Friday	Nov 30	9:00 AM	NAHIA BEDWAY by Marlene Bedway

**WEEKEND of Dec 1 - Dec 2** \*\*\**Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth*\*\*\*  
 Saturday, Dec 1 - 5:00 PM - NICK CIAMBRONE (2nd Anniversary) by the Family  
 Sunday, Dec 2 - 10:00 AM - EDWARD JOSEPH (Birthday Remembrance) & LOUISE JOSEPH (Anniversary)  
 by daughters Roseann Joseph and Charlene Symia & Family

**WELCOME BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR**


Our parish is honored to welcome his Excellency, the Most Reverend Gregory Mansour on Sunday, December 2. Bishop Gregory will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 A.M. All are welcome to greet his Excellency after Mass at the Eid il-Burbara celebration in the church hall. We are privileged to have Bishop Gregory visit during advent to help us prepare our hearts and minds to the real meaning of Christmas.

	BINGO	FLOOR - 7:00 PM START TIME	KITCHEN - 5:30 PM START TIME
	Nov 20	Pete Melan, Evelyn Hanni	Jenny Vaccaro
	Nov 27	Cassie Hanni, Marta Gabriel	Rosann Constantine, Jawhara Karam


**LECTORS**

Saturday, Nov 17	Family
Sunday, Nov 18	Family
Saturday, Nov 24	Family
Sunday, Nov 25	Family
Saturday, Dec 1	Family
Sunday, Dec 2	Family

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

 **Announcement to Zechariah**  
*Rom 4:13-25 / Lk 1:1-25*

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

**Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth**  
*Eph 1:1-14 / Lk 1:39-45* 

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**



SPONSORED BY

**THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

AT  
**OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH HALL**  
 4TH & FERRY STREET, EASTON, PA

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018, 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

**TICKETS - ADULTS: \$8.00**  
**KIDS 3 TO 12 YEARS OLD: \$5.00, 2 YEARS & UNDER: FREE**

**TICKET INCLUDES: PASTA, SALAD, BREAD & BUTTER, DESSERT, COFFEE.**

**FOR TICKETS PLEASE SEE A HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMBER**



All proceeds will benefit the charitable activities of the Holy Name Society



**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 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 **Atayef** (stuffed crepes filled with Ashta or nuts). Please come and join us to celebrate on Sunday, December 2nd after the 10:00 AM Liturgy.



**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 the clergy with any questions.

**MYO/MYA**  
**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

**DROP OFF:** OLOL Church Hall  
**DEADLINE:** November 19, 2018

**DONATIONS ARE GIVEN TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS**

**The best non-perishable foods to donate**

1. canned beans
2. dry beans
3. peanut butter, or other nut butters
4. rolled oats
5. canned fruit in juice, not in light or heavy syrup
6. canned vegetables, with no or low-sodium
7. low-sodium soups
8. canned tuna in water
9. canned chicken
10. brown rice
11. quinoa
12. nuts, unsalted
13. seeds, unsalted
14. shelf stable milk and milk substitutes
15. whole grain pasta
16. low-sodium pasta sauce
17. popcorn kernels (not microwave popcorn)
18. canned stews
19. unsweetened apple sauce
20. whole grain, low-sugar cold cereals
21. olive or canola oil
22. canned tomatoes
23. dried fruits, no sugar added
24. honey
25. chicken, beef and vegetable broths and stock.

**Children's Christmas Party**



**The St. Theresa Sodality**

will hold its annual  
 Children's Christmas Party  
 on Sunday, December 2nd at 3:00 PM  
 in the church hall.

Santa Claus will be in attendance along  
 with crafts, games and Dee Jay.

*Sweet donations are welcome!*

**All parishioners are invited!**