

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.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday, Nov 17, 2018	-	\$458.00
Sunday, Nov 18, 2018	-	\$789.00
Total	-	\$1,247.00

2018 PASTORAL COUNCIL

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2018 FINANCE 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

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

PARKING LOT REMINDER

A friendly reminder to please refrain from parking in the Mohican and church parking lots during the week. All spaces are rented to people who work in the area. Parking in their spots prevents them from getting to work on time. In addition the church is obligated to reimburse them for parking elsewhere. Thank you for your cooperation.

BINGO COMMITTEE	Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous, Anthony Koury, Jr.
ST. THERESA SODALITY	Rose Canone
FINANCIAL AUDITOR	Ferris Koorie
HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Leonard Symia
HERITAGE DAY CHAIRPERSON	Steve Koorie
PARISH ORGANIST	Patty Boulous / Paul Boulous
MYA	Jennie Melhem
MYO/PIONEERS	Victor Karam



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

54 South 4th Street
Easton, PA 18042
610-252-5275



Week 48 - Week 50 Email: abouna@ololeaston.org website: ololeaston.org Nov 24 - Dec 9, 2018

Announcement to the Virgin Mary

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 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.

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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WELCOME BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR

Our parish is honored to welcome his Excellency. the Most Reverend Gregory Mansour on Sunday, December 2nd. 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.

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.

Monday	Nov 26	7:00 PM	MICHAEL EL KHOURY HANNA ABBOUD (Memorial Mass) by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moussa & 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

Tuesday	Dec 4	6:00 PM	BETTY KARAM BHUIYAN by Mr. & Mrs. William Joseph
Wednesday	Dec 5	9:00 AM	MARY TONY by Mr. & Mrs. George Baurkot
Thursday	Dec 6	9:00 AM	ZADIE BADER by Mrs. Charlotte Assise
Friday	Dec 7	7:00 PM	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Holy Day of Obligation) - Vigil Mass DAOUN BOULOS by Alexander & Beverly Karam

WEEKEND of Dec 8 - Dec 9 ****Birth of John the Baptist****

Saturday, Dec 8 - 5:00 PM - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Holy Day of Obligation)
HABIB NEHME (2nd Anniversary) by the Family
Sunday, Dec 9- 10:00 AM - AOUTEL KARAM (1st Anniversary) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.

 BINGO	FLOOR - 7:00 PM START TIME	KITCHEN - 5:30 PM START TIME
Nov 27	Cassie Hanni, Marta Gabriel	Rosann Constantine, Jawhara Karam
Dec 4	Mike Boulos	Noelle Richardson

LECTORS

Saturday, Nov 24	Family
Sunday, Nov 25	Family
Saturday, Dec 1	Family
Sunday, Dec 2	Family
Saturday, Dec 8	Family
Sunday, Dec 9	Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

 **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

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




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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



This year's Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 23rd after the 10:00 AM Liturgy. Roles will be chosen after Mass on Sunday, November 25th. All children are invited to participate.

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.



EMERGENCY CONTACT

In case of emergency, please contact Father Youssef directly on his cell phone (412-583-5702). Do not leave a message on the rectory phone.

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!



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 this weekend November 24th and November 25th.

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

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).

Please sign your name on the signup sheet next to the child that you chose.

We ask that you do not bring gifts after the deadline date of **December 9th.**

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