

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.



Church Hall Rental

The rules listed below have been approved by the church council and are in effect until further notice. These rules apply to all hall rentals, regardless of the event.

\$300 for one (1) day rental \$450 for two (2) day rental

No charge for mercy meals or condolences – however donations will be accepted in these cases. \$1,000 for non-parishioners.

Non-profits will be treated as parishioners – Pastor will have discretion related to these requests.

Anyone using the hall will be responsible for leaving it in good condition. At the very least, the same way they found it.

Renters are responsible for disposing of all trash, food, disposable plates, utensils, etc. They are also responsible for bringing their own consumable/disposable items which include, but are not limited to: Paper towels, dish soap, hand soap, aluminum foil, saran wrap, baggies, garbage bags, containers for leftover food, disposable plates, cups, utensils, napkins, etc.

2019 PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Reminder - MCF Class

Class for 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will be held on Saturday, December 7th & 14th.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

In case of **emergency** please contact Fr. Youssef directly on his cell phone **(412-583-5702)**.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday, Nov 9, 2019	-	\$653.00
Sunday, Nov 10, 2019	-	\$1,293.00
Total Collection	-	\$1,946.00

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	Katerina Nehme

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 Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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



Week 47 - Week 49

Email: abouna@oleleaston.org

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Nov 23 - Dec 8, 2019

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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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



This year's Christmas Pageant will be held on
Sunday, December 22nd after the 10:00 AM Liturgy.

Roles will be chosen Monday, November 25th at 6:00 PM in the church hall. The first practice will be held on Sunday, December 1st after the 10:00 AM Liturgy.

WEEKEND of Nov 23 - 24

*****Announcement to the Virgin Mary*****

Saturday, Nov 23 - 5:00 PM - MICHAEL JABBOUR by the Family
 Sunday, Nov 24 - 10:00 AM - VICTOR (15th Anniversary) and ADELIN KARAM
 SANDRA KOERWITZ (40 Day Mass) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.

Tuesday	Nov 26	6:00 PM	NAOMI SHINER by Mr. & Mrs. William Joseph & Family
Wednesday	Nov 27	9:00 AM	MAUREEN GEOSITS by Mark & Colleen Ziegenhorn
Thursday	Nov 28	9:00 AM	JOE ELIAS by Mrs. Charlotte Assise
Friday	Nov 29	9:00 AM	NICHOLAS CIAMBRONE by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Black

WEEKEND of Nov 30 - Dec 1

*****Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth*****

Saturday, Nov 30 - 5:00 PM - ROSE SYMIA (Anniversary) by Children & Grandchildren
 Sunday, Dec 1 - 10:00 AM - JOSEPH, NORA AND ANTHONY DANIEL by the Family

Tuesday	Dec 3	6:00 PM	JOSEPH MELHEM by Dalal Amer
Wednesday	Dec 4	9:00 AM	CANON ANTHONY by Marlene Bedway
Thursday	Dec 5	9:00 AM	PHILIP JOSEPH by Mr. & Mrs. Badwi Jacob
Friday	Dec 6	9:00 AM	AOUTEL KARAM by Tara Simonetta

WEEKEND of Dec 7- 8

*****Birth of John Baptist / The Immaculate Conception*****

Saturday, Dec 7 - 5:00 PM - CHEFFIE MELHEM by the Family
 Sunday, Dec 8 - 10:00 AM - CHRISTINE COOREY (Australia) 40 Day Mass by the Rizk, Samia & Corey Families

PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE MYO (MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION)

All MYO members are invited to attend a special prayer service Sunday, December 1st at 5:00 PM in the church.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Please consider volunteering at Bingo one day every few months. Everyone, 18 or older, would be most welcome. Profits from Bingo go a long way in helping us meet our financial obligations. Contact Fr. Youssef or Eva Farhat if you would like to help.



BINGO	FLOOR - 7:00 PM START TIME	KITCHEN - 5:30 PM START TIME
Nov 26	Volunteer	Sharon John
Dec 3	Mike Boulos	Jenny Vaccaro

LECTORS

Saturday, Nov 23	Family
Sunday, Nov 24	Family
Saturday, Nov 30	Family
Sunday, Dec 1	Family
Saturday, Dec 7	Family
Sunday, Dec 8	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 / The Immaculate Conception
Gal 4:21-5:1 / Lk 1:57-66



MYO BOWLING PARTY

Friday, November 29th, 2:00 - 3:30 PM at Bardon Lanes in Palmer Township.

All parish children are invited to attend our annual Thanksgiving weekend bowling party. Please call Katerina Nehme at 610-428-9295 to register. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, November 17th. The cost of two games and shoes is \$5.00



A Pizza party will be held at the Church hall directly after bowling.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Pageant	Sunday, Dec 22
New Year's Eve Party	Tuesday, Dec 31
Awamat Sale	Sunday, Jan 5
Holy Name Family Breakfast	Sunday, Jan 12

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!

Our Lady of Lebanon Church's MYO (Maronite Youth Organization) is hosting a New Year's Eve Party in our church hall.

Come and join us to bid farewell to the old year and welcome in the New Year with family and friends.

Music by DeeJay Sharbel Koorie

Date: Tuesday, December 31, 2019

Doors open: 8:00 PM

Ticket: \$35

Free for children 5 and under

Contact MYO members for tickets

Proceeds benefit MYO activities

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 on December 4th 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 1st after the 10:00 AM Liturgy.**

Children's Christmas Party

The St. Theresa Sodality will hold its annual

Children's Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 8th at 3:00 PM** in the church hall.

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

All parishioners are invited!

Sweet donations are welcome!

Thank you....

....to everyone who purchased, donated and volunteered to help with the St. Theresa Spinach Pie Sale.

A very special thank you to the MYO members that gave up their Saturday to help!

May God reward you for your patronage and generosity.

Office of Family and Sanctity of Life for the Eparchy of St. Maron

Weekly Message

SPICE up your Marriage

Marriage is a roller-coaster, not a merry-go-round. It requires dedication, sacrifice, compromise and ongoing effort to make it a life long commitment. It is crucial to strengthen the marital bond between husband and wife to provide the best foundation for the family. To

learn more about how you can enrich your marriage and add SPICE to it, check our [marriage enrichment page](http://www.familyandsanctityoflife.org) at www.familyandsanctityoflife.org