

2019 Christmas Schedule

Christmas Novena:	Monday Dec 16th through Monday, Dec 23rd at 6:30 PM Mass will be held at 6:00 PM each night of the Novena
Confession:	Saturday, December 21st from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Children's Christmas Pageant:	Sunday, December 22nd after 10:00 AM Liturgy
Christmas Eve Liturgy:	Tuesday, December 24th at 5:00 PM & 11:00 PM
Christmas Day Liturgy:	Wednesday, December 25th at 10:00 AM
Felicitations to the Virgin Mary:	Thursday, December 26th at 9:00 AM
New Year's Eve Hafli:	Tuesday, December 31st at 8:00 PM
New Year's Eve Liturgy:	Tuesday, December 31st at 5:00 PM Vigil Mass Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation)
New Year's Day Liturgy:	Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at 11:00 AM Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation)
Feast of the Glorious Epiphany & Awamat Sale:	Sunday, January 5, 2019

2019 PASTORAL COUNCIL

Michael Karam, President
Judge, Michael Koury, Vice-President
Jody Pagesi, Secretary
Patrice Boulous
Rose Canone
Elias Chadd
Antonios Jabbour
Abe Kassis, Esq.
Steve Koorie
Dr. Charlene Symia
Leonard Symia

2019 FINANCE COUNCIL

Nehme Nehme, President
Martha Badway
Marta Gabriel
Maynard Melhem
Joseph Moussa

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 23, 2019	-	\$403.00
Sunday, Nov 24, 2019	-	\$798.00
Total Collection	-	\$1,201.00

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 48 - Week 50 Email: abouna@ololeaston.org

website: ololeaston.org

Dec 1 - Dec 15, 2019

Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?

For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



This year's Christmas Pageant will be held on
Sunday, December 22nd after the 10:00 AM Liturgy.
The first practice will be held on Sunday, December 1st
after the 10:00 AM Liturgy.
All parish children are welcome to sign up.

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 DEACON ADIB SALAMEH



BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR HAS APPOINTED DEACON ADIB SALAMEH FROM OUR LADY OF LEBANON SEMINARY TO SERVE OUR CHURCH.

DEACON ADIB WILL BE WITH US BEGINNING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH THROUGH APRIL 2020 PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELVES AND WELCOME DEACON ADIB TO OUR PARISH.

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

Tuesday	Dec 10	6:00 PM	MARY SHUMAR by Mr. & Mrs. Keene Jabbour & Family
Wednesday	Dec 11	9:00 AM	HABIB NEHME (3rd Anniversary) by the Family.
Thursday	Dec 12	9:00 AM	CATHERINE SHAHEEN by Joseph & Joann DeZura
Friday	Dec 13	9:00 AM	JENNY MELHEM by Tony Sortino

WEEKEND of Dec 14 - 15

****Revelation to Joseph***

Saturday, Dec 14 - 5:00 PM - LITURGY FOR THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Sunday, Dec 15 - 10:00 AM - EDWARD JOSEPH (Birthday) & LOUISE JOSEPH (Anniversary) by daughters, Rosann Joseph and Charlene Symia & Family


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.




BANNS OF MARRIAGE

1st Banns of marriage is announced for Steve Chapman and Emilie Elias. 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
	Dec 3	Mike Boulos	Jenny Vaccaro
	Dec 10	Marta Gabriel, Jody Piagesi	Caroline Dergham

LECTORS	
Saturday, Nov 30	Family
Sunday, Dec 1	Family
Saturday, Dec 7	Family
Sunday, Dec 8	Family
Saturday, Dec 14	Holy Name Society
Sunday, Dec 15	Family



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

Revelation to Joseph

Eph 3:1-13 / Mt 1:18-25



Diocese of St. Maron of Brooklyn
Maronite Community Allentown

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019

Christmas PARTY

STARRING Said Abi Akl

LIVE MUSIC, DANCING
MEDITERRANEAN FOOD
CASH BAR

DOORS OPEN 8 PM (UNTIL 1AM)

Price: \$50 Per Person, \$25 Age 4-11, FREE Age 0-3

St. John The Baptist Church - Hall
924 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102
For information: Gabe Abou Jareh 484 860 5050, George Makhoul 610 704 5119

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 includes appetizers and meal.
Free for children 5 and under

Contact MYO members for tickets
Proceeds benefit MYO activities


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!

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.

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.



ST. THERESA SODALITY

The next St. Theresa Sodality meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:00 PM in the evening. The children's Christmas party details will be finalized.

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

Weekly Message

Marriage and Homosexuality

There is no relationship on earth that can more perfectly mirror the relationship between the three persons of the Holy Trinity than the relationship between husband and wife. That's why the Church holds sacred the marital bond between husband and wife. If you are struggling with same sex attraction, know that you are loved infinitely regardless of your sexual orientation and you can seek support and help through groups like Courage. For more information, check [our Family and Sanctity of Life website](#).