

## 2019 Christmas Schedule

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



## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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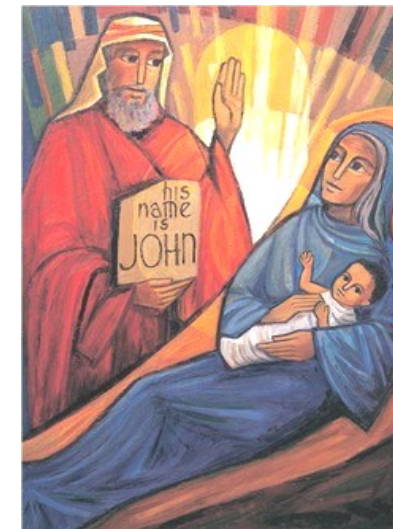
Week 49 - Week 51

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Dec 7 - Dec 22, 2019

## Birth of John the Baptist The Immaculate Conception



### The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 1:57-66

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.'

Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God.

Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

### 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.**



### 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 THROUGH  
APRIL 2020 PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELVES  
AND WELCOME DEACON ADIB TO OUR PARISH.

### 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 14th.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

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

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday, Nov 30, 2019	-	\$261.00
Sunday, Dec 1, 2019	-	\$671.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$932.00</b>

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



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  
RECITATION OF THE ROSARY WILL BEGIN AT 4:30 PM.

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


Monday	Dec 16	6:00 PM	ADEL RIACHI by Fr. Youssef Keikati CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO FOLLOW LITURGY
Tuesday	Dec 17	6:00 PM	BETTY KARAM BHUIYAN (2nd Anniversary) by Jackie Nehme & Family CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO FOLLOW LITURGY
Wednesday	Dec 18	6:00 PM	DAOUN BOULOS by George & Cathy Baurkot CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO FOLLOW LITURGY
Thursday	Dec 19	6:00 PM	HABOUK SHUMAR by Deacon Anthony, Cheffie & Anthony Koury, Jr. CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO FOLLOW LITURGY
Friday	Dec 20	6:00 PM	MELHEM MELHEM by Marlene Bedway CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO FOLLOW LITURGY

WEEKEND of Dec 21 - Dec 22

\*\*\**Genealogy Sunday*\*\*\*


Saturday, Dec 21 - 5:00 PM - MARY JABBOUR (Anniversary) by the Family

Sunday, Dec 22 - 10:00 AM - LOUIS AND SOUAD HADDAD by the Family. Coffee Hour to follow.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

2nd 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 10	Marta Gabriel, Jody Piagesi	Caroline Dergham
	Dec 17	Pete Melan	Rosann Constantine, Jawhara Karam

LECTORS	
Saturday, Dec 7	Family
Sunday, Dec 8	Family
Saturday, Dec 14	Holy Name Society
Sunday, Dec 15	Family
Saturday, Dec 21	Family
Sunday, Dec 22	Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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*

Genealogy Sunday

*Rom 1:1-12 / Mt 1:1-17*






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 December 7th & 8th.

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 P.M. on Sunday, December 15th**. Please remember to securely attach the name tag to the gift.

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).

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



CONDOLENCES


Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of

FRANCES KOURY

who passed into her eternal reward on Sunday, November 24, 2019.

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

Amen



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.

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

*Weekly Message*

A gift from God

The Church teaches us that sexuality is a gift from God to be cherished and respected. The two deeply inter-related purposes of sexuality in marriage (strengthening the mutual bond of husband and wife and procreation of children) can only be most perfectly fulfilled by understanding and embracing Natural Family Planning. For more information, check out our [Natural Family Planning page](#) on [www.familyandsanctityoflife.org](#)

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!*



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 . BYOB**

**Ticket: \$35 includes appetizers and dinner.**

**Free for children 5 and under**

**Contact MYO members for tickets**