

Spinach Pie Fundraiser

\$4 for handmade
Lebanese Pies



Location: Our Lady of Lebanon
55 S 4th St, Easton, PA 18042
Date:
Nov 8th, 2020
11-1 PM

The pies are donated and made by Daddy's Place
100% of profits will go towards providing relief to Lebanon.

PASTOR CONTACT

To speak directly with Fr. Youssef on any matter
contact him on his cell phone at (412-583-5702).

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday, Oct 24, 2020 - \$329.00
Sunday, Oct 25, 2020 - \$695.00
Total Collection \$1,024.00

HOSPITAL VISITS

Please call Fr. Youssef at
412-583-5702 if you or a
family member has been
sick or admitted to a
hospital and wish to
receive a pastoral visit.



BAPTISM

Preregistration for Baptism is required. Catholic
sponsor certificates must be received by the parish
before the Baptism is scheduled.

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:30- 4:50 PM, Sunday, 9:30 - 9:50 AM
Also available by appointment

MARRIAGE

Please notify the pastor at least one year prior to date.
Engaged couples need to register as parishioners and
take required marriage classes.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please inform us of the sick and shut-ins at
412-583-5702

1ST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

October through April, Saturdays 3:45- 4:45
Parents of children must be registered in parish.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters will only be given to
registered active parishioners.



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Easton, PA 18042
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Week 44 - Week 46 Email: abouna@ololeaston.org

website: ololeaston.org

Oct 31 - Nov 15, 2020

Sunday of the Consecration of the Church All Saints Day



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and
after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began
to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called
children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness'
sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my
account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in
heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets
who were before you.

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:

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM
Holy Days of Obligation: 7:00 PM

2021 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

The 2021 First Holy Communion class will begin Saturday, Nov 7th at 3:45 PM in the church hall.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

Social distancing will be practiced and chairs and tables will be sanitized. The Angelic Sisters of St. Paul will be teaching the 1st Holy Communion class. Parents of children who are in 2nd grade or higher will need to fill out a First Holy Communion registration form that can be found on our website, ololeaston.org or at both entrances to the church. You may give the registration form to Father Youssef or email the forms to ololchurch@yahoo.com. Catholic school students are also required to attend these classes if they will be making their 1st Holy Communion in our church.

*****Sunday of the Consecration of the Church/ All Saints Day*****

Saturday, Oct 31 - 5:00 PM **JOSEPHINE SYMIA** by the St. Theresa Sodality

Sunday, Nov 1 - 10:00 AM **KHALIL & DAOUN BOULOS AND DORA HANNA** by the Boulos Family

Monday	Nov 2	7:00 PM	ALL SOULS DAY - FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Tuesday	Nov 3	9:00 AM	VINCENT STEVENS by Marlene Bedway
Wednesday	Nov 4	9:00 AM	NAOMI SHINER by Mike & Donna Tone Merring
Thursday	Nov 5	9:00 AM	MELHEM MELHEM by the Hon .Judge & Mrs. Robert Ellwood
Friday	Nov 6	9:00 AM	MARY JABBOUR by Dr. & Mrs. Elias Isaac

*****The Renewal of the Church*****

Saturday, Nov 7 - 5:00 PM **DOROTHY KARAM MAWAD & EMIL RASHID MAWAD** by Rich & Shelly Russack

Sunday, Nov 8 - 10:00 AM **GHATTOS MOUSSA (Australia) & JAWHARA MOUSSA (Lebanon) Memorial Mass**
by Souraya Koury & Family

2ND COLLECTION REMINDER - MARONITE PATRIARCHAL CHARITIES - NOV 8, 2020

Tuesday	Nov 10	9:00 AM	ANTONINE SISTER HOUDA HADDAD by Fr. Youssef
Wednesday	Nov 11	9:00 AM	MICHAEL JABBOUR by Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Karam, Sr.
Thursday	Nov 12	9:00 AM	DAOUN BOULOS by Stephen Constantine & Son
Friday	Nov 13	9:00 AM	JOSEPH MELHEM by the Galle Family

*****Sunday of the Announcment to Zechariah*****

Saturday, Nov 14 - 5:00 PM **MARY SHUMAR (3rd Anniversary) & HABOUK SHUMAR (2nd Anniversary)**
by the Family

Sunday, Nov 15 - 10:00 AM **RIZK, AUROR & SON, VICTOR RIZK** by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rizk & Family

**SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

Sunday of the Consecration of the Church
Heb 12:18-24 / Mt 5:1-12

The Renewal of the Church
Heb 9:11-15 / Jn 10:22-42

Sunday of the Announcment to Zechariah
Rom 4:13-25/ LK 1:1-25



**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**



Thursday, November 19th
7:00 to 8:00 PM

THE BEATITUDES AS A GUIDE FOR TROUBLED TIMES

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

People who are “poor in spirit” are those who are humble before God. They have a penitent spirit and recognize that without God's help they will remain helpless and hopeless sinners. There is no arrogance in them, no self-righteousness, no self-sufficiency. We may feel poor in spirit during this virus season. “Every news bulletin seems to bring fresh fears, for ourselves, for our loved ones, our country, our world.” Being poor in spirit during a pandemic means coming to God without pride or arrogance to seek His help and mercy. The kingdom of heaven is given to those who humbly seek God in all situations of life.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN

No doubt we are in a time of mourning - we have suffered losses. Primarily, just the loss of our normal lives. To be able to get up and go to work, take the kids to school, meet friends and visit family. The loss of being able to take a walk down the street without having to worry about social distancing. “We are mourning for the holiday we’ve had to cancel, the concert we had been looking forward to, the graduation which is now postponed, the Easter celebrations which were muted.” Of course there are people who are mourning losses. Over 225,000 people have died because of this COVID-19 pandemic. God promises that we will be comforted. We hang on in faith, knowing that God is a great provider and promise keeper. This tells us that our mourning won’t last forever. It also recognizes that our mourning is a reality, though, and God acknowledges our pain.

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

In the Bible the meek are those who have a spirit of gentleness and self-control; they are free from malice and a condescending spirit. We should cultivate the spirit of meekness because it helps us align with the will of God, rather than seeking our own path. When we are under pressure we can speak and act in ways that are not our best selves. It is important for us to keep in mind that a spirit of gentleness and self-control is especially needed when there are so many things happening now that can make us irritable, fearful, or self-seeking. The meek will inherit the earth ... this seems to be a promise relating to the time when Jesus returns and the regeneration of all things. God values the qualities of gentleness and self-control and rewards them with the promise of eternal life.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for a right way to live in this situation, to learn what it has to teach us. The closer one lives to the Lord, the more sensitive he or she becomes to the unrighteousness and injustice in the world. The truly spiritual person then will begin to long for righteousness. There is a sense here that we want to live a life that honors God, and another sense that says we want to live a life that honors God’s love for others. Right now we can fall into a consumeristic spirit that seeks to hoard items and scramble to accumulate things we feel might not be available later. If we could harness that kind of hunger and thirst for the life God calls us to, it would be amazing.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

Showing mercy to others includes forgiving others. It also involves treating others mercifully as they suffer. Merciful people show kindness to others and try to heal wounds. Blessed are the merciful, who go on managing to help others when fear drives us all towards isolation. Blessed are those who continue to treat others with integrity and kindness when so much of the world is preoccupied with self-interest. Blessed are those who bring peace into situations where tensions mount. The merciful will receive mercy from God. He values this quality highly.

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART

To be pure in heart means that the decisions one makes, the desires one has, the thoughts and intentions of the will, are determined to be pleasing to God. From the pure of heart come only good things, acts of love and mercy, desires for righteousness and justice, decisions that please God. We would do well to remember that the same insecurities we are now experiencing over our wellbeing, regular income, access to healthcare and well-stocked shops—are some people’s reality, all the time. How does one gain a pure heart? It begins with conversion when God gives us a “new heart,” and it continues through the spiritual growth as we follow Christ. Walking in the light, meaning learning to live by the word of God, will change the way we think so that our hearts will grow more and more pure. But as the light of the word reveals impurities, we must deal with them and change. The pure in heart will see God - as they live out the Jesus-Life they will see God at work in their own life and in the lives of others.

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

In the human race there is strife and conflict with little hope for peace and unity. Peace begins with reconciliation with God and extends to reconciliation with other people. Peacemakers work to promote the kingdom of God, reconciling adversaries, quenching hatred, uniting those who are divided, promoting true understanding and spiritual love. And the promise is that they shall be called the sons of God. That means they will be true children of God. This adds to what life will be like in the kingdom--possession of land, stilling of hunger, vision of God, and now sonship. And all these begin when people enter the kingdom by faith, but will be fulfilled completely when the kingdom finally comes. We are at unrest with this virus, it has taken up space in our lives and caused difficulties, struggles, and adjustments. The Christian should seek to find peace with God’s help and also to help others find peace of mind and heart.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED

Living for Christ in a normal time brings it’s own backlash from unbelievers and those who disagree with the Scriptures. But in a time of pandemic, all emotions are on edge. Some even blame God for the virus, or at least for not stopping it. Christians can experience some harshness but we should always remember the previous beatitudes about peace, mercy, and meekness in our interactions with others. Even when we do our best, some will find reason to criticize or speak badly of us. That’s not nearly as bad as the persecutions Christians have suffered over the centuries. But whenever we are looked down upon for our faith, it is a challenge. Living for Christ in this world, living the way members of the kingdom should live, championing righteousness and justice, showing mercy, remaining meek and poor in spirit—all the things that the beatitudes praise.

Contributed by John Dobbs