

2020 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Novena:	Tuesday Dec 15th through Wed, Dec 23rd at 7:00 PM. Mass will be held at 6:30 PM each night of the Novena
Confession:	Fr. Keith Laskowski, Saturday, Dec 19 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
Christmas Eve Liturgy:	Thursday, December 24th at 5:00 PM & 11:00 PM
Christmas Day Liturgy:	Friday, December 25th at 10:00 AM
New Year's Day Liturgy:	Friday, January 1, 2021 at 11:00 AM Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation)
Feast of the Glorious Epiphany	Vigil Mass - Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM and Wednesday Jan 6 at 9:00 AM

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday, Nov 28, 2020 - \$299.00
 Sunday, Nov 29, 2020 - \$374.00
 Total Collection - \$664.00

PASTOR CONTACT

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

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Parishioners,

We are thankful to everyone who continues to financially support our parish. For those of you who are not attending church in person, you may mail your envelopes or go to our website, ololeaston.org and donate through our online donation portal.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Fr. Youssef

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

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



Week 49 - Week 51 Email: abouna@ololeaston.org website: ololeaston.org Dec 5 - Dec 20, 2020

Sunday of the Birth of John the Baptist



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:

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

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MASKS REQUIRED FOR ALL CHURCH EVENTS

Beginning Saturday, December 5th everyone who attends any church function will be required to wear a mask. This includes, but is not limited to, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and Liturgies.

We are taking this stance for the protection of all parishioners. We are not restricting your freedom to decide what is best for you, we are ensuring the safety of the majority who want to attend and are willing to mask up!

If you do not agree with our position, we ask that you stay home until we can all gather safely once this pandemic is over.

*****Sunday of the Birth of St John the Baptist*****

Saturday, Dec 5 - 5:00 PM CANON ANTHONY by Mr. & Mrs. William Joseph

Sunday, Dec 6 - 10:00 AM MICHAEL KOURY (Anniversary) by the Family

Tuesday	Dec 8	7:00 PM	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION JOAN DANIEL by Patty Mosellie
Wednesday	Dec 9	9:00 AM	ELIAS SYMIA by Marlene Bedway
Thursday	Dec 10	9:00 AM	DONNA JABEIR by Kressler, Wolff & Miller
Friday	Dec 11	9:00 AM	JOANNA JOSEPH by the Geosits Family

*****Sunday of the Revelation to St Joseph*****

Saturday, Dec 12- 5:00 PM VALERIE SAAD by the Hon. Judge & Mrs. Robert Ellwood

Sunday, Dec 13 - 10:00 AM YOUSSEF MILAN by his son Schawki Milan & Family

2nd Collection - Catholic Home Missions Appeal - Sunday, Dec 13th

Tuesday	Dec 15	6:30 PM	HABOUK SHUMAR by Sam Canone CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO FOLLOW LITURGY
Wednesday	Dec 16	6:30 PM	GEORGE KOORIE by Deacon Anthony, Cheffie & Anthony Koury, Jr. CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO FOLLOW LITURGY
Thursday	Dec 17	6:30 PM	MARY JABBOUR (Anniversary) by the Family CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO FOLLOW LITURGY
Friday	Dec 18	6:30 PM	AOUTEL KARAM by Sharon John CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO FOLLOW LITURGY

*****Genealogy Sunday****

Saturday, Dec 19 - 5:00 PM JOYCE BOULOS (40 DAY MASS) by the Family

Sunday, Dec 20 - 10:00 AM AVAILABLE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Sunday of the Revelation to St. Joseph
Eph 3:1-13 / Mt 1:18-25

Genealogy Sunday
Rom 1:1-12 / Mt. 1:1-17



MEMORIAL MASSES

Fr. Youssef will offer a Monday evening Liturgy at 7:00 PM for any parishioners who want to memorialize the recent deaths of their loved ones who lived in Lebanon or Australia.



Please contact Father directly at 412-583-5702 to make arrangements.



MYO VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS EVENT

Theme: A Night in Bethlehem: Make Room in Your Heart

Date: December 18, 2020 8pm EST, 7pm CST, 5pm PST

Duration: 2 hours

Open to all youth ages 12-18 in the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles and the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn.

Where: ZOOM

Registration Opens: November 16, 2020

Registration Deadline: December 15, 2020

All youth, advisors, and pastors will be able to register at www.maroniteyouth.org. Please note that youth are unable to register themselves. They must have a parent fill out the registration form for them. Please make sure the pastor is aware of any youth registering, as they will receive a final list of all registrants. You can direct any registration questions or issues to office@maroniteyouth.org. A ZOOM Link will be emailed out shortly after registration, so please ensure that youth email addresses are included in the registration.

In addition, we are asking that all MYOs meet either virtually or safely in person, and have your group sing the first three verses of "Angels We Have Heard on High," found @ <https://www.maroniteyouth.org/christmaslyrics/>. Once you have recorded these in landscape (sideways) mode in high quality, please submit them to us at <https://osu.app.box.com/f/54f2285665b14dfd8ca496504257b9fe>.



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 5th & 6th. There will be a sign-up sheet for the gift tags. Please write in your name and phone number on the sheet along side of the tag that you choose. We will also email some ornament tags for the convenience of those who are not attending church.

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 no later than **12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 15th** Please remember to securely attach the name tag to the gift.

The first line on the ornament tag 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!

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

In order to ensure more consistent administration of the church collections, the following policy formed by the Parish Finance Committee has been adopted.

- 1- It is highly recommended that every adult parishioner receives envelopes.
- 2- Parishioners who don't have envelopes and wish to have one should contact Fr. Youssef or the Parish office.
- 3- Any parishioner reaching 21 years of age will be sent envelopes. Donations are not anticipated from any parishioner that is a full time student or not employed.
- 4- Any individual using the church for the sacraments of a wedding or a child's baptism, confirmation or First Communion shall receive envelopes.
- 5- Parishioners who attain the age of 75 are to no longer receive envelopes unless they are specifically requested. (For married couples, when both parties reach 75)

Contact Fr. Youssef with any questions.