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#### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday, Dec 12, 2020 - \$246.00 Sunday, Dec 13, 2020 - \$260.00 Mail-In - \$1,320.00 Total Collection - \$1,826.00

#### **PASTOR CONTACT**

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



#### **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.

#### **BAPTISM**

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

#### **MARRIAGE**

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

#### **1ST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS**

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

#### **CONFESSION**

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

#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

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

#### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters will only be given to registered active parishioners.



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Week 51 - Week 1

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Dec 19, 2020 - Jan 3, 2021

## **Genealogy Sunday**

## The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 1:1-17

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

#### **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

#### 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.

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

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

Sunday, Dec 20 - 10:00 AM FAYEZ & EVETTE ELIAS by their Children

Monday	Dec 21	6:30 PM	MARION ESTEPHAN by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jabbour & Jessica CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO FOLLOW LITURGY
Tuesday	Dec 22	6:30 PM	NORA DANIEL by the Ziegenhorn/Tone Families CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO FOLLOW LITURGY
Wednesday	Dec 23	6:30 PM	QUEENIE JABBOUR by Jacqueline Nehme & Family CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO FOLLOW LITURGY
Thursday	Dec 24	5:00 PM 11:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE - FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS CHRISTMAS EVE - SPECIAL INTENTION by Fr. Youssef
Friday	Dec 25	10:00 am	CHRISTMAS DAY - FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS

### 2nd Collection - Pastor's Collection- Friday, Dec 25th

#### \*\*\*St. Stephen, the First Martyr, the First Deacon\*\*\*

Saturday, Dec 26 - 5:00 PM FELICITATIONS TO THE VIRGIN MARY

JOSEPH ASSISE (Birthday Remembrance) by the Family

Sunday, Dec 27 - 10:00 AM FR. YOUSSEF BOUTROS CHAAR

Tuesday	Dec 29	9:00 AM	HELEN JABOUR by Joe & Suzanne Jabbour
Wednesday	Dec 30	9:00 AM	FRANCES MELHEM by Rosann Constantine
Thursday	Dec 31	9:00 AM	NAOMI SHINER by Charlotte Assise
Friday	Jan 1	11:00 AM	THE CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) FRANCES KOURY by Dr. & Mrs. Elias Isaac

#### \*\*\*The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple\*\*

Saturday, Jan 2 - 5:00 PM GEORGE BAURKOT by Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Karam, Sr.

Sunday, Jan 3 - 10:00 AM JOSEPH MELHEM JR. by his wife Journana & Children

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

St. Stephen, the First Martyr, the First Deacon 2 Cor 11:1-9 / Mt. 23:29-24:2

The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple Cor 11:1-9 / Mt 23:29-39, 24:1-2



#### **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.

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:	Confession has been rescheduled to Sunday Dec 20,		
Comession:	from 5:00 to 7:00 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	Vigil Mass - Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM and		
Glorious Epiphany	Wednesday Jan 6 at 9:00 AM		

#### **NEWS FROM THE EPARCHY**

The Eparchy sent us two documents for publication: Due to the length of each document, we have made it available on our website at www.ololeaston.org. Please contact the rectory if you do not have access to a computer and would like a hard copy.

- 1. The first document is from the USCCB (United Sates Conference of Catholic Bishops) that summarizes the moral concerns for the three Covid-19 vaccines from Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca. The statement comes from Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and Bishop Kevin Rhoades, Chairman of the Committee on Doctrine. This statement will help each of us to answer legitimate questions for God's people.
- 2. The second document is a from Pope Francis, proclaiming 2021 to be The Year of Saint Joseph. This is a wonderful and timely gift for the Church and is particularly helpful to men who wish to be true men of God.

#### 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.