

Save the Dates

MYO Bowling Party - **November 25**
Project Hope Xmas Dinner - **December 11**
Christmas Novena - **Dec 15 - Dec 23**
Children's Christmas Party - **December 17**
Christmas Pageant - **December 18**
Awamat Sale - **January 8**

venmo

We now have a church Venmo account that will make it easier for those who use Venmo to make payments. You may use it for contributions for memorial Masses, to contribute to fundraisers, etc. Please make sure to identify what your contribution is for. The address is...

[@ololchurch-easton](#)

Do not hesitate to contact the rectory with any questions.



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Week 46 - Week 48

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Nov 12 - Nov 27, 2022

Announcement to Zechariah

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 1:1-25

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

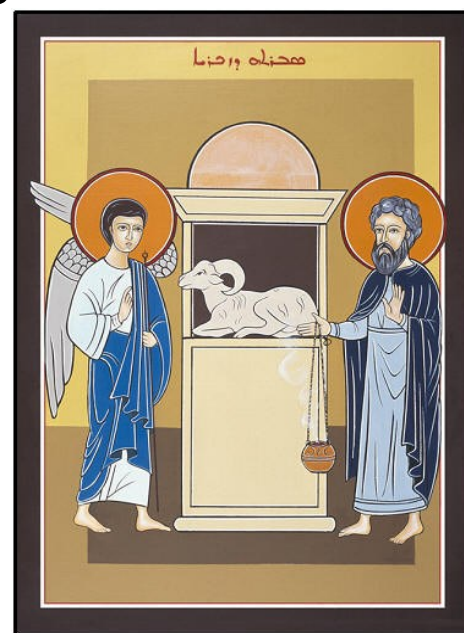
In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.'

Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.'

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.'



CLERGY

Fr. Youssef Keikati. Administrator
Deacon Anthony Koury

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

No office hours on Fridays

RECTORY & MAILING ADDRESS:

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LITURGY:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Week day Holy Days of Obligation:
7:00 PM.

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SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle for November is donated in loving memory of **SFC, Jesse Dale** by his parents James & Lila Dale and a birthday remembrance for **Josephine & John Symia** by their family.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

God the Father, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and those in need. We ask this through the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of Lebanon and her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

PASTOR CONTACT

In the case of any needed pastoral assistance, we ask that only the family contact Fr. Youssef on his cell phone at **412-583-5702**.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday Nov 5 - \$364.00
Sunday, Nov 6 - \$818.00
Total - \$1,182.00

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 & MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

October through April, Saturdays 3:45- 4:45

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

Changes or additions to the bulletin must be submitted no later than Tuesdays at 5:00 PM.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Announcement to Zechariah

Saturday November 12 - 5:00 PM - JOYCE BOULOS (2nd Anniversary) by the Family

Sunday November 13 - 10:00 AM - ANTON KOURY, AZIZ KOURY & GEORGE KOORIE by Mr. & Mrs. Owtil Koury, Sr.

2ND COLLECTION - MARONITE PATRIARCHAL CHARITIES - NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Tuesday	Nov 15	9:00 AM	LILLIAN KARAM (Anniversary) by Jackie Nehme and Mr. & Mrs. Nick Giacomopoulos
Wednesday	Nov 16	9:00 AM	FILOMENO MEDINA by Fr. Youssef
Thursday	Nov 17	9:00 AM	THERESE ROUHANA by Gloria Garrison
Friday	Nov 18	9:00 AM	RENEE BASSIL by Mr. & Mrs. Edwar Elias

Announcement to the Virgin Mary

Saturday November 19 - 5:00 PM - MARY SHUMAR AND SON, HABOUK (Anniversary) by the Family

Sunday November 20 - 10:00 AM - THERESE FAYEZ MELHEM TANNA (Memorial Mass) by the Family

Tuesday	Nov 22	9:00 AM	MICHAEL J. JABBOUR by Charlene Loprete
Wednesday	Nov 23	9:00 AM	DAOUN BOULOS by Mr. & Mrs. Owtil Koury, Sr.
Thursday	Nov 24	10:00 AM	STEVE HALEY by Fr. Youssef <i>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</i>
Friday	Nov 25	9:00 AM	ELIAS SYMIA by Heidi, Jim, Edward, William & Marie Fritts

Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth

Saturday November 26 - 5:00 PM - EVE FARHAT (1st Anniversary) by the Family

Sunday November 27 - 10:00 AM - Available

Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord

The Maronite Season of the Nativity or the Announcement, meaning the Announcement of the Birth of the Messiah, is a season of the miraculous. It is full of miracles, and we insist that the miracles of the season are to be understood literally, and not only as symbols. In the events we remember at this time, we see heaven putting forth its power and working wonders on the earth.

I would go so far as to say that if we do not acknowledge and celebrate the supernatural origin of Christianity, we cannot understand Christianity – rather, we remake it as a sort of human philosophy and ideology with some fetching stories attached. The feasts we celebrate on each Sunday in the Season are also observed on each day of the week which follows them. They are the spine of the season, the destinations of the Christmas journey. There are nine such feasts, two of which, Christmas and the Circumcision can fall on any day of the week, not necessarily Sunday.

1. The Announcement to Zechariah (Luke 1:5-21 and 57-79)
2. The Announcement to Mary (Luke 1:26-38)
3. The Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56)
4. The Birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:57-66)
5. The Revelation to St Joseph (Matthew 1:18-25)
6. Genealogy Sunday (the Sunday before Christmas) (Matthew 1:1-17)
7. Christmas, or the Birth of the Lord (Luke 2:1-20)
8. Sunday of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple (the first Sunday after Christmas) (Luke 2:22-38)
9. The Circumcision of Our Lord, New Year’s Day (for some years now, World Peace Day) (Luke 2:21)

The proper attitude for this Season is one of joyful anticipation, and then delight and gladness at the birth of the Lord. It is a time to recover within ourselves the purity and innocence of the infant we were once were. We cannot live that innocence all the rest of our lives, after all, we are no longer children and must put away childish things (1 Corinthians 13:11). But that is not all – we can still have the influence of that cleanness, and indeed we should, for Our Lord Himself told us that we must become like little children (Matthew 18:13, where Our Lord said in a literally translation: “Amen, I say to you, if you do not change and become like little children, you shall not enter into the Kingdom of the Heavens.”)

My conclusion from this is that the Season of the Nativity is the ideal time to take this teaching of the Lord seriously, by joining with all our mind and spirit into the birth of the Lord, and His purity, goodness, simplicity, and innocence. It is a time to put away sins and the sinning heart, and to change our mind from one which approves of, or contemplates with equanimity those ways of the world which are corrupt and contrary to His will and commandments.

by Fr. Yuhanna Azize

SCRIPTURE
READINGS

Announcement to Zechariah
Rom 4:13-25/ Lk 1:1-25

Announcement to the Virgin Mary
Gal 3:15-22 / Lk 1:26-38

Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth
Eph1:1-14/Lk 1:39-45



CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathy
to the family of
Lauri Jabbour



*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*

MYA BOWLING PARTY

Friday, November 25th, 5:00 PM at
Warren Lanes in Phillipsburg, NJ

All parish children are invited to attend
our annual Thanksgiving weekend
bowling party.



Children under the age of 12 must be
accompanied by a parent or guardian.

CHILDREN’S
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



This year’s Christmas Pageant will be held on
Sunday, December 18th after the 10:00 AM Liturgy.

The first rehearsal will take place on
Sunday, November 27th directly after Mass in the church.
All parish children are welcome to participate.