

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.

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**

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday Nov 12 - \$516.00

Sunday, Nov 13 - \$728.00

Total - \$1,244.00

BAPTISM

Preregistration for Baptism is required. Catholic sponsor certificates must be 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 & MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

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

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

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.



For more information
Contact Sister Therese Maria
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Nov 19 - Dec 4, 2022

Announcement to the Virgin Mary

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.

The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.'

Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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:

54 South 4th Street, Easton, PA 18042

LITURGY:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM

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

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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.

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 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
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 - LAURI JABBOUR (Memorial Mass) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow

Tuesday	Nov 29	9:00 AM	LILLIAN KARAM (Anniversary) by Jackie Nehme and Mr. & Mrs. Nick Giacomopoulos
Wednesday	Nov 30	9:00 AM	SISTER GLADYS EL-ASMAR by Fr. Youssef
Thursday	Dec 1	10:00 AM	JENNIE MELHEM by Bradley & Emily John
Friday	Dec 2	9:00 AM	DAOUN BOULOS by Marlene Bedway

Birth of John the Baptist

Saturday December 3 - 5:00 PM - PETER MELAN (Birthday Remembrance) by the Family

Sunday December 4 - 10:00 AM - FRANCES KOURY (3rd Anniversary) FRANK & CATHERINE KOURY by the Family.
Coffee hour to follow.



The Hon. Mayor Sal Panto and the Hon. Consul of Lebanon, John Abi-Habib, invite you and the Lehigh Valley community to attend the Lebanese Flag Raising ceremony on Sunday, Nov 20th from 12:00 - 12:30 PM at the circle in downtown Easton.

SCRIPTURE
READINGS

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

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



CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathy
to the family of

Louis D. Hanni



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

ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY

*"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you;
therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." - Luke 1:35*

A child will save us! In this Sunday's Gospel, Gabriel says to Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." (Luke 1:35) Gabriel does not say that the child will grow into a holy man or that he will become the Son of God, rather from conception the child will be holy and 8 days after his birth the child will receive the name Jesus, which is Yeshua in Hebrew and which means 'God saves' in English. Next week we will see that baby John miraculously recognizes Jesus as Lord while still in his mother's womb.

There are many saintly children whose childhood was their path to sanctification. St. Jose Sanchez del Rio, who was executed at age 15 in a stunning show of bravery. St. Dominic Savio died at 14 of lung cancer after living a holy and prayerful life. St. Maria Goretti died at age 11, murdered by her would be rapist, who felt threatened by her prayers. St. Agnes was executed at age 13 for refusing to submit to a life in a coerced marriage to a pagan.

Other saints lived holy lives as children and grew to old age including King David, Samuel the Prophet, and the Blessed Mother. Thus we see two 'Holinesses' for children. The first is a holiness that they cannot reject, being a child is a holy vocation because Jesus was a child. The second is a holiness that we must help them accept, living a life of a saint through developing the supernatural virtues of faith, hope, love and the natural virtues.

In practical terms this means that it is good and holy when an infant or child cries or yells. It is good and holy when a child runs, jumps, dances, walks, or crawls. It is good and holy when a child sleeps. It is good and holy when a child is curious or inquisitive. Especially for a baptized child, these are each acts of worship. A child crying in church is participating more fully in the worship of God than the person judging him. A parent should seek to direct the energy and intensity of childhood toward love of God, neighbor, and self through the worship of God, the service of others, and the discovery of self and otherwise. Luke describes the follow up to the finding of young Jesus as a 12 year old in the Temple writing, "Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them... And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2:51a, 52) Even Jesus, who created all things in his divinity and knew all things in his humanity mysteriously grew in wisdom, stature, and favor. Even Jesus who behaved so well in the Temple as to attract the admiration of scholars was given instruction by Mary and Joseph.

If we see a child who is rambunctious or loud praise God, pray for the child, and pray for the parents to raise up the child in the way he or she should go. (Proverbs 22:6) If one's own child is rambunctious or loud pray for your child, for the patience, for wisdom, and for helpers. Let us pray for our children and our families, that they may become holy and let us live lives exemplary of the love of mercy of God.

Fr. Alex Harb

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.

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