



Volunteers Needed!

The Project Hope Christmas dinner will be held on Sunday, December 10th in our church hall. Project Hope is asking for volunteers, 16 years* and older to help out. There will be 4 shifts that you can choose from or you may volunteer for more than one shift.

Please email Judy Walker at judithwlkr@gmail.com to sign up!

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

*This is good opportunity for students to obtain their community service hours.

BAPTISM

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

1ST HOLY COMMUNION AND MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

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

MARRIAGE

Please notify the pastor at least one year prior to wedding 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.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

Changes or additions to the bulletin must be submitted no later than Tuesdays at 5:00 PM.

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 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 11 - \$421.00

Sunday, Nov 12 - \$680.00

Total - \$1,101.00

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The address is **@ololchurch-easton**.

Please be sure to specify for what your contribution is intended.



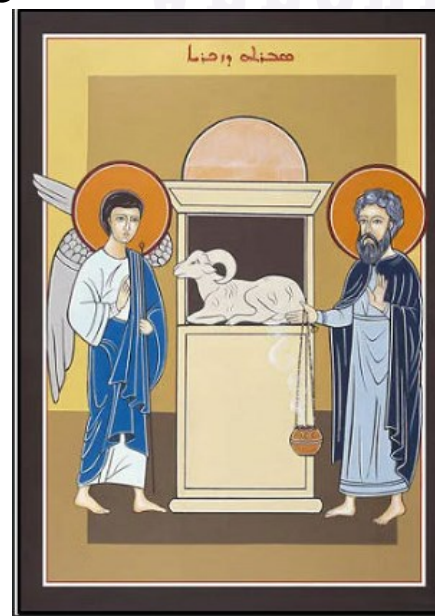
OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

55 South 4th Street
Easton, PA 18042
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Week 46 - Week 48 Email: abouna@ololeaston.org Website: ololeaston.org Nov 18 - Dec 3, 2023

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. Pastor
Deacon Anthony Koury

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Closed on Fridays

RECTORY & MAILING ADDRESS:

54 South 4th Street, Easton, PA 18042

LITURGY:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Weekday Holy Days of Obligation:
7:00 PM

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Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord			
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Saturday Nov 18 - 5:00 PM - HABOUK AND MARY SHUMAR (Anniversary) by the Family			
Sunday, Nov 19 - 10:00 AM - THANKSGIVING MASS by the Joseph Family. Light refreshments to follow.			
Tuesday	Nov 21	9:00 AM	DEACON JOHN HANNI by Marlene Bedway
Wednesday	Nov 22	9:00 AM	GEORGE BAURKOT by Rosemary Canone
Thursday	Nov 23	9:00 AM	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Friday	Nov 24	No Mass	NO MASS
Announcement to the Virgin Mary			
Saturday Nov 25 - 5:00 PM - ROSE SYMIA (Anniversary) by Children and Grandchildren.			
Sunday, Nov 26- 10:00 AM - FRANCES KOURY (Anniversary) FRANK & CATHERINE KOURY by the Family. Coffee Hour to Follow.			
Tuesday	Nov 28	9:00 AM	DR. ELIAS ISAAC by Mr. & Mrs. Saadeh Boulos
Wednesday	Nov 29	9:00 AM	MARION ESTEPHAN by Michael Lukachek
Thursday	Nov 30	9:00 AM	JENNIE MELHEM by Badwi & Louise Jacob
Friday	Dec 1	9:00 AM	MARY JABBOUR by Mark & Noelle Richardson
Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth			
Saturday Dec 2 - 5:00 PM - NICK CIAMBRONE (Anniversary) by Nick & Ronnie Ciambrone			
Sunday, Dec 3 10:00 AM - JOHN THOMAS (40 Day Mass) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.			

#GIVINGTUESDAY is Nov 28th. Please consider giving to:
[Support Seminarians](#), [Maronite Servants of Christ the Light](#), [St. Sharbel Spiritual Life](#)

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
Eph 1:1-14 / Lk 1:39-45



PRAYER FOR PEACE

O Holy One, we know that violence between your children is not according to your will, and we pray that you will help and guide the peoples in conflict to bring the current warfare to an end.

We pray for open hearts for all sides to listen and work for peace. We pray for a change of heart for everyone involved in this struggle that they will realize that solutions to this conflict are to be found in negotiations and not weapons.

We ask also for safety for our fellow Christians in the Holy Land that they may continue to serve as living representatives of your Son in the land of his earthly birth.

We ask all this in His Name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Maronite Faith Formation Classes

Dear Parents of Elementary School-Aged Children:

It has been several years since we last had a dynamic religious education program in our church, other than for children receiving their First Holy Communion. We believe this has been a missed opportunity to engage our young parishioners in the study of Christianity and the Maronite Faith. Therefore, we would like to revive the religious education program and include all children in our Parish from Kindergarten to 6th Grade. And while we understand the challenges of a busy family life, we would hope that you will see this as a necessary and vital part of your children's spiritual growth.

To gauge interest for this program, please click [here](#) to let us know if you are committed to participating with your children. We will keep everyone updated on the results of our survey.

What you do and say as Maronite Catholic parents is far more important and will teach your children far more than we can in a short hour of class. Your example and your attitude toward their faith instruction speaks volumes. Please allow us to enhance that instruction with focused lessons on the church and the Gospels and the impact of having Christ in their young lives.

Please email Jennie Melhem at j_melly@hotmail.com regarding volunteer opportunities and for more information.

Train children in the right way,
and when old, they will not stray.

Proverbs 22:6

Help Support the Angelic Sisters of St. Paul

DINE & DONATE FUNDRAISER

NOV | 21 | 11-8PM

at Martellucci's Pizzeria
1419 Easton Ave, Bethlehem
610.865.2013

10% of Dine in or Takeout Sales Donated! Plus Homemade Baked Goods for Sale!



You're Invited!

A Night of Christmas



Saturday, December 16th | 6:00 PM

It's a night of Christmas! Our youth will perform in our Christmas Pageant, followed by a Christmas Party in the Church Hall

Any youth who would like to participate in the Christmas pageant should complete [this form](#).

All parishioners are welcome to attend!