



## 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](mailto: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.

### 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 18 - \$477.00  
Sunday, Nov 19 - \$2,126.00  
Total - \$2,603.00

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The address is **@ololchurch-easton**. Please be sure to specify for what your contribution is intended.



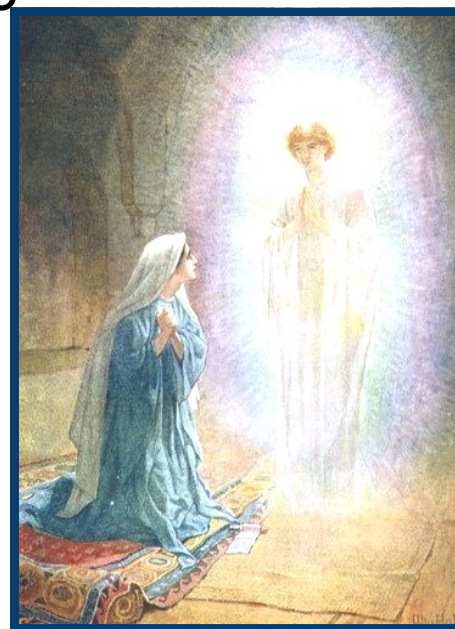
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## Announcement to the Virgin Mary



### 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 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.

### Letter to the Galatians 3:15-22

I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, 'And to offsprings', as of many; but it says, 'And to your offspring', that is, to one person, who is Christ.

My point is this: the law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator.

Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one. Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

#### 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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## 2023 Christmas Schedule

<b>Christmas Novena:</b>	<b>Friday December 15th through Friday, December 22nd</b> <b>Mass will be held at 7:00 PM each night of the Novena</b>
<b>Confession:</b>	<b>Saturday, December 23rd from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM</b>
<b>Christmas Eve Liturgy</b>	<b>Sunday, December 24th at 5:00 PM &amp; 11:00 PM</b>
<b>Christmas Day Liturgy</b>	<b>Monday, December 25th at 10:00 AM</b>
<b>Felicitations to the Virgin Mary</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 26th at 10:00 AM</b>
<b>New Year's Day Liturgy:</b>	<b>Monday, January 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM</b>
<b>Feast of the Glorious Epiphany</b>	<b>Vigil Mass - Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; Sunday, January 7th</b>

<b>BAPTISM</b> Preregistration for Baptism is required. Catholic sponsor certificates must be received by the parish before the Baptism is scheduled.	<b>CONFESSION</b> Saturday: 4:30- 4:50 PM, Sunday, 9:30 - 9:50 AM Also available by appointment.
<b>1ST HOLY COMMUNION &amp; MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES</b> October through April, Saturdays 3:45- 4:45.	<b>MARRIAGE</b> Please notify the pastor at least one year prior to wedding date. Engaged couples need to register as parishioners and take required marriage classes.
<b>ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b> Please inform us of the sick and shut-ins at	<b>BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE</b> Changes or additions to the bulletin must be




*** <b>Announcement to the Virgin Mary</b> ***			
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
*** <b>Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth</b> ***			
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.			
Tuesday	Dec 5	9:00 AM	ISAAC JABBOUR by Sharon John & Family
Wednesday	Dec 6	9:00 AM	JOYCE BOULOS by Rosann Constantine
Thursday	Dec 7	7:00 PM	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - VIGIL MASS - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ANTHONY HANNI by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mangino & Daughters
Friday	Dec 8	9:00 AM	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION PATRICE BAURKOT by Marlene Bedway
*** <b>Birth of John the Baptist</b> ***			
Saturday Dec 9 - 5:00 PM - JUDGE JAMES HOGAN (Memorial Mass) by Frank, Naomi & Jake Koerwitz			
Sunday, Dec 10- 10:00 AM - Available			
# <b>GIVING</b> TUESDAY is Nov 28th. Please consider giving to: <a href="#">Support Seminarians</a> , <a href="#">Maronite Servants of Christ the Light</a> , <a href="#">St. Sharbel Spiritual Life</a>			

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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*

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



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](mailto: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

JOIN US FOR OUR LADY OF LEBANON PARISH

NYE Party

DOORS OPEN @8PM

BRING YOUR OWN FAVORITE FOOD & DRINKS!  
KITCHEN WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR USE!

\$75 PER TABLE

EACH TABLE HOLDS 8 PEOPLE

SALE OF TABLES IS AVAILABLE TO PARISHIONERS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST PAY BASIS.

DJ & PARTY SWAG INCLUDED

RSVP: VICTORIA HAWACH (610) 462-7546

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!