



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.

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 4 - \$761.00
Sunday, Nov 5 - \$615.00
Total - \$1,376.00



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



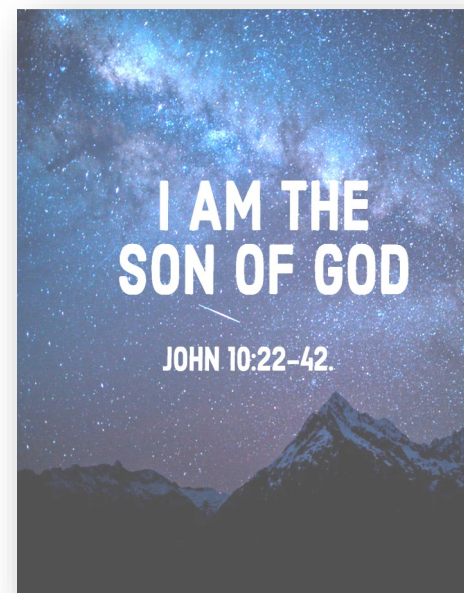
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Week 45 - Week 47 Email: abouna@ololeaston.org Website: ololeaston.org Nov 11 - Nov 26, 2023

Sunday of the Renewal of the Church



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 10:22-42

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'

Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?' The Jews answered, 'It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.'

Jesus answered, 'Is it not written in your law, "I said, you are gods"? If those to whom the word of God came were called "gods" and the scripture cannot be annulled can you say that the one whom he Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, "I am God's Son"? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.'

Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. Many came to him, and they were saying, 'John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.' And many believed in him there.

Dear Parishioners:

I am writing today to share some important and exciting news. The St. Theresa Sodality and Holy Name Society have now merged under one umbrella organization.

It is with great pleasure that I announce the newly elected officers who will lead these two historic groups in a new and exciting direction of cooperation in funding and supporting charities, both here and in Lebanon.

New Officers for 2024 and 2025

President: Maynard Melhem
Vice President: Naomi Karam Koerwitz
Treasurer: Labebe Buesing
Secretary: Lila Melan

These organizations, founded by the original members of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, have always been dedicated to acts of charity and community service. And I want to thank the current board members of both organizations led by Jennifer Dudish and Leonard Symia for their excellent leadership, service and advocacy. With this new board, we are excited to announce our vision for enhanced cooperation in funding and supporting charities, especially those in Lebanon, working closely with the Eparchy of St. Maron and charitable organizations in the village of Kfarsghab, to address pressing humanitarian issues in a time of great need.

Blessed by the generosity of parishioners and friends, the Sodality and the Holy Name Society have held several successful events over the past year. To that end, the board and the membership overwhelmingly voted in support of providing much-needed funding to the following projects before the end of this year:

Lebanese Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Cross
Missionary Sisters of the Holy Blessed Sacrament - Orphanage
Northampton County Angel Giving Tree

Kfarsghab Prescription Fund
Maronite Seminary
Project Hope Christmas Dinner

I am confident that this new collaboration between the two organizations will enable them to expand their impact and make a more significant difference in the lives of those in need, both in our local community and in Lebanon. I look forward to generating new interest among members of our parish community, especially our younger members, in joining these women and men and continuing to support their mission.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Youssef Keikati, Pastor

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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*****Renewal of the Church*****

Saturday Nov 11 - 5:00 PM - JOYCE BOULOS (Anniversary) by the Family

Sunday, Nov 12 - 10:00 AM - PETER HADDAD by Linda Minnich

2nd Collection - MARONITE PATRIARCHAL CHARITIES - November 12, 2023

All proceeds from this collection are sent directly to our Patriarch for his charitable works.

Tuesday	Nov 14	9:00 AM	PETER & LILLIAN KARAM (Anniversary) by Jackie Nehme & Family
Wednesday	Nov 15	9:00 AM	OUTILL MELHEM by Deacon Anthony, Cheffie & Anthony Koury, Jr.
Thursday	Nov 16	9:00 AM	MICHAEL M. JABBOUR by Cathy & George Baurkot
Friday	Nov 17	9:00 AM	EVA FARHAT by Marie Lahoud

Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord

*****Announcement to Zechariah*****

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) by the Family. Coffee Hour to Follow.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Renewal of the Church

Heb 9:11-15 / Jn 10:22-42

Announcement to Zechariah

Rom 4:13-25 / Lk 1:1-25

Announcement to the Virgin Mary

Gal 3:15-22 / Lk 1:26-38



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

