



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 December is donated as a birthday remembrance for **LAUREN BADER SESTITO** by Mr. & Mrs. William Bader, Jr. & 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, Dec 2 - \$749.00
Sunday, Dec 3 - \$729.00
Mail-In - \$500.00
Yearly Dues - \$700.00
Total - \$2,678.00



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



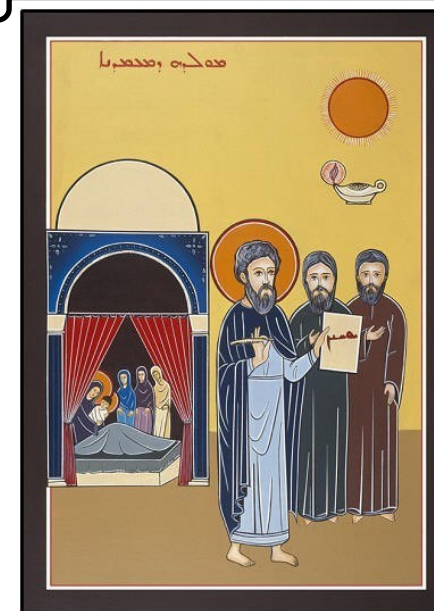
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Week 49 - Week 51 Email: abouna@ololeaston.org Website: ololeaston.org Dec 9 - Dec 24, 2023

Birth of John the Baptist



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 1:57-66

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed.

Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Letter to the Galatians 4:21- 31:5:1

Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman.

One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants.

One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, 'Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children, burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than the children of the one who is married.'

Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the scripture say? 'Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman.'

So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman. For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

2023 Christmas Schedule

Christmas Novena:	Friday December 15th through Friday, December 22nd Mass will be held at 7:00 PM each night of the Novena
Confession:	Saturday, December 23rd from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Christmas Eve Liturgy	Sunday, December 24th at 5:00 PM & 11:00 PM
Christmas Day Liturgy	Monday, December 25th at 10:00 AM
Felicitations to the Virgin Mary	Tuesday, December 26th at 10:00 AM
New Year's Day Liturgy:	Monday, January 1, 2024 at 11:00 AM
Feast of the Glorious Epiphany	Vigil Mass - Saturday, January 6th & Sunday, January 7th

BAPTISM

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

1ST HOLY COMMUNION & MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please inform us of the sick and shut-ins at

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.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

Changes or additions to the bulletin must be

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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*****Birth of John the Baptist*****

Saturday Dec 9 - 5:00 PM - JUDGE JAMES HOGAN (Memorial Mass) by Frank, Naomi & Jake Koerwitz

Sunday, Dec 10- 10:00 AM - SOUBHI & LILLIAN CONSTANTINE (Birthday Remembrance), THEIR PARENTS AND SIBLINGS by the Family

*****Revelation to Joseph*****

Saturday Dec 16 - 5:00 PM - ANTHONY HANNI by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mangino & Daughters

Sunday, Dec 17- 10:00 AM - GEORGE M. JABBOUR (Anniversary) by the Family

Monday	Dec 18	7:00 PM	CHRISTMAS NOVENA - RIMAH MELHEM by Deacon Anthony, Cheffie & Anthony Koury, Jr.
Tuesday	Dec 19	7:00 PM	CHRISTMAS NOVENA - HABOUK SHUMAR by Robert & Evelyn Hanni
Wednesday	Dec 20	7:00 PM	CHRISTMAS NOVENA - GEORGE KOORIE by Mr. & Mrs. Sam Issac
Thursday	Dec 21	7:00 PM	CHRISTMAS NOVENA - FRANCES MELHEM by Claire Willard & Family
Friday	Dec 22	7:00 PM	CHRISTMAS NOVENA - QUEENIE JABBOUR by David Prestipino

Saturday Dec 23 - 5:00 PM - JOSEPH ASSISE (Birthday Remembrance) by the Family

Sunday, Dec 24- 10:00 AM - Available

Sunday, Dec 24 - 5:00 PM - CHRISTMAS EVE - FOR ALL THE CHILDREN IN THE PARISH by Fr. Youssef

Sunday Dec 24 - 11:00 PM - CHRISTMAS EVE - FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS by Fr. Youssef

Monday, Dec 25 - 10:00 AM - CHRISTMAS DAY - FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS by Fr. Youssef

A black and white illustration of a pair of hands clasped in prayer, holding a rosary. The hands are positioned with fingers interlaced, and the rosary beads are visible, leading down to a crucifix. The background is plain white.

On a piece of paper print the number located before the child's name, the child's name, your name and phone number and attach it to the gift. We will then match it to the child you have chosen and attach the gift tags we received from Northampton County. Thank you for your generosity

**For more info call:
Yasmine Karam at 484-542-1012**