

UPCOMING DATES

- ⇒ **ST. MARON FEASTDAY**.....Friday, Feb 9th
- ⇒ **ST. MARON HAFLI**.....Saturday, Feb 10th
- ⇒ **ASH MONDAY**.....Monday, Feb 12th
- ⇒ **MEATLESS DINNER**.....Friday, Feb 23rd
- ⇒ **ST. JOSEPH'S BAKE SALE**.....Sunday, Mar 17th

A very big thank you to everyone who contributed to the food pantry in 2023.



Our next collection date will be **January 28th**.

Please bring donations to the church hall before or after the 10:00 AM Liturgy.

Thank you for your kindness!

FOOD PANTRY

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle for January is donated in loving memory of
Joseph Assise, Jr.
by the 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, Jan 6 5:00 PM -	\$371.00
Sunday, Jan 7, 10:00 AM -	\$526.00
<u>December Online</u>	<u>\$1,080.00</u>
Total -	\$1,977.00



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



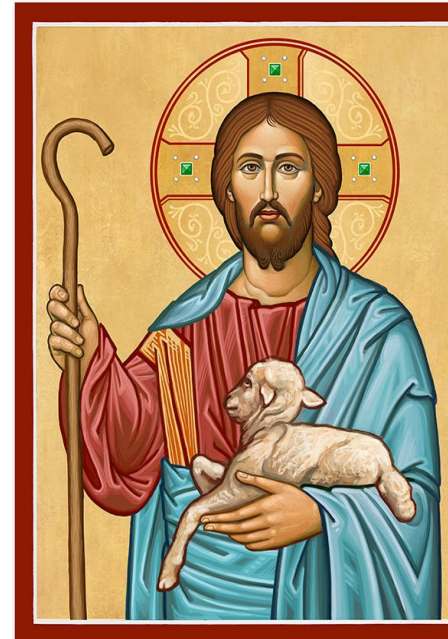
OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Easton, PA 18042
610-252-5275



Week 2 - Week 4 Email: abouna@ololeaston.org Website: ololeaston.org Jan 13 - Jan 28, 2024

The Second Sunday after Epiphany



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 1:35-42

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!'

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:5-15

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.

So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture 'I believed, and so I spoke' we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

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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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.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday Jan 13- 5:00 PM - JOHN THOMAS by Marlene Bedway

Sunday, Jan 14 - 10:00 AM - FR. JOSEPH ABDEL SATER by Fr. Youssef. Coffee hour to follow.

Tuesday	Jan 16	7:00 PM	VIGIL MASS - ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT OUTILL MELHEM by Patty Mosellie
Wednesday	Jan 17	9:00 AM	MICHAEL M. JABBOUR by Deacon Anthony, Cheffie & Anthony Koury, Jr.
Thursday	Jan 18	9:00 AM	ELIAS SHUMAR by niece, Marlene Bedway
Friday	Jan 19	9:00 AM	DR. ELIAS ISAAC by Mr. & Mrs. Lazarus Melan

Sunday of the Priests

Saturday Jan 20 - 5:00 PM - ALL LIVING AND DECEASED PRIESTS OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH
by the Holy Name Society & St. Theresa Sodality

Sunday, Jan 21 - 10:00 AM - MILO F. ELIAS (1st Anniversary) by his Wife and Family. Coffee hour to follow.

Tuesday	Jan 23	9:00 AM	DEACON JOHN HANNI by Joe Jabeir
Wednesday	Jan 24	9:00 AM	MILAD HAYEK by Mr. & Mrs. Rafih Hayek
Thursday	Jan 25	9:00 AM	FRANCES KOURY by Stephen Constantine & Son
Friday	Jan 26	9:00 AM	FR. JOSEPH ABDEL SATER by Fr. Youssef

Sunday of the Righteous and Just

Saturday Jan 27 - 5:00 PM - Available

Sunday, Jan 28 - 10:00 AM - EDMOND AND NOHAD MOUAWAD by Nathaly Rouhana & Family

2nd Collection-United States Catholic Bishops’Worldwide Charities-Jan 28

This collection combines the four USCCB collections: Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, the Church in Africa, and Catholic Relief Services. The total is divided accordingly.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
2 Cor 4:5-15 / Jn 1 35-42

Sunday of the Priests
1 Tim 4:6-16 / Lk 12: 42-48

Sunday of the Righteous and Just
Heb 12:18-24 / Mt 25:31-46



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

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY AND
THE ST. THERESA SODALITY

EPIPHANY BREAKFAST

The annual Epiphany breakfast
will be held on
Sunday, January 28, 2024
after the 10:00 AM Liturgy.

Tickets: \$12 a person
Kids: 5-12 - \$8.00
Kids: 4 years old and under, Free

Breakfast

Please Join Our Lady of Lebanon For
**St. Maron
Haflì**
Saturday, February 10th 2024

Our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall
55 S Fourth Street
Easton PA 18042

STAR KALEM ISSA

RSVP TO:
Jennie Melhem 484-725-7025
Anthony Melhem 484-547-2045

Doors Open @6:30 PM
BYOB
Full Dinner Buffet
Adults: \$65
Under 10: \$30
Under 4: Free

“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

These familiar words of St. John the Baptist offer us a beautiful meditation. They are spoken every time we attend Mass when the priest holds up the Sacred Host. These words, spoken first by John as Jesus came to Him to be baptized, are words that can be prayerfully meditated upon throughout our lives.

Think about that statement: “Behold the Lamb of God...” It’s good to start by imagining John speaking these words of Jesus. But from there, we apply them to the Eucharist and to countless other moments in our daily lives.

When John first spoke these words, the “Lamb of God” was seen in a very ordinary way. The eyes of all present saw only an ordinary man approaching the scene. But the eyes of faith saw He who would give His life for the salvation of the world as the Sacrificial Lamb.

And when we look at the Sacred Host, as it is held up at Mass for all to see, we see Jesus, the Sacrificial Lamb, in an even more veiled way. We see, with our eyes, a piece of bread. But with the eyes of faith, once again we behold the Savior.

The Sacrificial Lamb of God is continually coming to us throughout our day. He is all around us, coming to us in veiled form, revealing Himself in faith. Do you see Him? How is it that you are being called, this day, to behold His divine and sacrificial presence? How is He present in acts of selfless charity? How does He come to you each day and how does He desire you to bring Him to others each day?

Reflect, today, upon those sacred words. “Behold the Lamb of God.” Seek Him out, expecting His divine presence to be veiled but real. Discover Him with the eyes of faith and rejoice as He draws near.

Lord, I behold Your divine presence today and every day. I seek You and love You. Give me the eyes of faith to discover Your real but hidden presence at all times. You are all around me every day. Help me to rejoice in how near You always are. Jesus, I trust in You.

-Catholic Daily Reflections