

**HOLY NAME & ST. THERESA
MEETING**

The St. Theresa/Holy Name meeting will take place on Monday, January 8 with prayers in the church beginning at 6:10 and meeting to follow in the church hall.
New members are always welcome!

DONATION LETTERS FOR INCOME TAX

Contact the rectory office at 610-252-5275 if you would like a 2023 donation letter sent to you.

Save the Dates

January 28 - Epiphany Family Breakfast
February 23 - Meatless Dinner
March 17 - St. Joseph's Bake Sale

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, Dec 30, 5:00 PM -	\$1,270.00
Sunday, Dec 31, 10:00 AM -	\$546.00
Yearly -	\$500.00
Total -	\$2,316.00



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



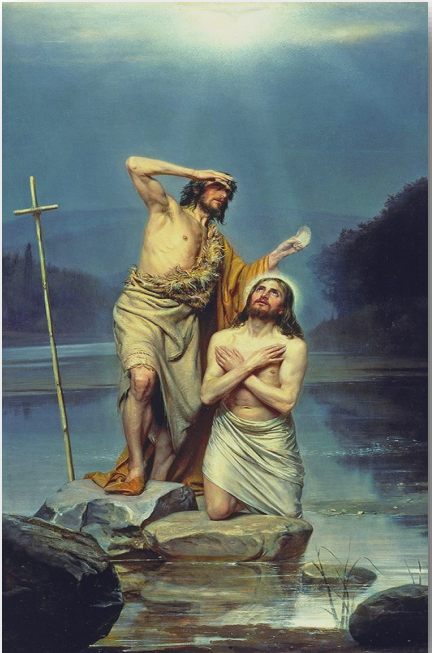
**OUR LADY OF LEBANON
MARONITE CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

55 South 4th Street
Easton, PA 18042
610-252-5275



Week 1 - Week 3 Email: abouna@ololeaston.org Website: ololeaston.org Jan 6 - Jan 21, 2024

The Feast of the Glorious Epiphany



**The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ
according to Saint Luke 3:15-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Second Letter to the Corinthians 10:1-11

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away! I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds.

We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we.

Now, even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it. I do not want to seem as though I am trying to frighten you with my letters. For they say, 'His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.' Let such people understand that what we say by letter when absent, we will also do when present.

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.

Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

Saturday Jan 6- 5:00 PM - FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
YOUNG DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH by Frank, Naomi & Jake Koerwitz

Sunday, Jan 7 - 10:00 AM - JOSEPH MELHEM (Anniversary) by his wife Joumana & Children

Tuesday	Jan 9	9:00 AM	JENNIE MELHEM by Jody & Greg Piagesi
Wednesday	Jan 10	9:00 AM	GEORGE BAURKOT by Rony Abdalla
Thursday	Jan 11	9:00 AM	MARION ESTEPHAN by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moussa
Friday	Jan 12	9:00 AM	EVA FARHAT by Mary Sue, Anthony & Ava Tumminello

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	9:00 AM	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 & 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.

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

Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

2 Cor 10:1-11 / Lk 3:15-22

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



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

AWAMAT SALE

AWAMAT (LEBANESE DONUTS) WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR SALE AFTER THE
10:00 AM LITURGY ON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH.



PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT
CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION.
VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME, PLEASE ARRIVE BY 7:00 AM

History of the Feast of the Epiphany

Like many of the most ancient Christian feasts, Epiphany was first celebrated in the East, where it has been held from the beginning almost universally on January 6. Today, among both Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, the feast is known as Theophany—the revelation of God to man.

Epiphany: A Fourfold Feast

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance:

- * the Baptism of the Lord;
- * Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana;
- * the Nativity of Christ;
- * and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi.



Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide—the Twelve Days of Christmas (celebrated in the song), which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

Please Join Our Lady of Lebanon For

St. Maron
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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

