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**2025 ANNUAL
LEBANESE FESTIVAL**

Friday, May 30
 5pm - 11pm

Saturday, May 31
 3pm - 11pm

Sunday, June 1
 1pm - 9pm



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COMMUNION HOST & WINE
 The Communion Host and Wine offering for May is donated for a special intention by an anonymous donor.

SANCTUARY CANDLE
 We offer a candle in Thanksgiving to God for the miraculous liver transplant received by **Laz Melan Jr.** We are deeply grateful for the healing, for all the prayers, and for the selfless gift from the donor and their family. May this light honor both lives and reflect the grace and mercy that surround them.
 Donated by the family of Laz Melan Jr.

PASTOR CONTACT
 In case of any needed pastoral assistance, we ask that only the family contact Fr. Kamil on his cell phone at 610-739-8586.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday, May 10 -	\$431.00
Sunday, May 11 -	\$746.00
Mail-in -	\$200.00
Total -	\$1,377.00

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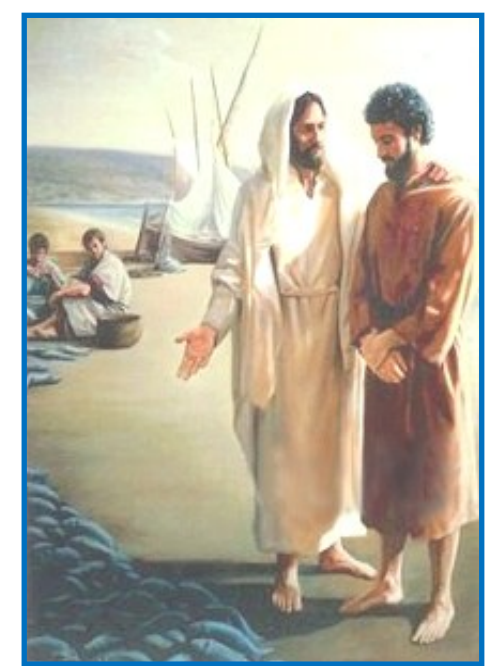


**OUR LADY OF LEBANON
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Week 20 - Week 22 Email: ololchurch@yahoo.com Website: ololeaston.org May 17 - June 1, 2025

5th Sunday of The Resurrection



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 21:15-19

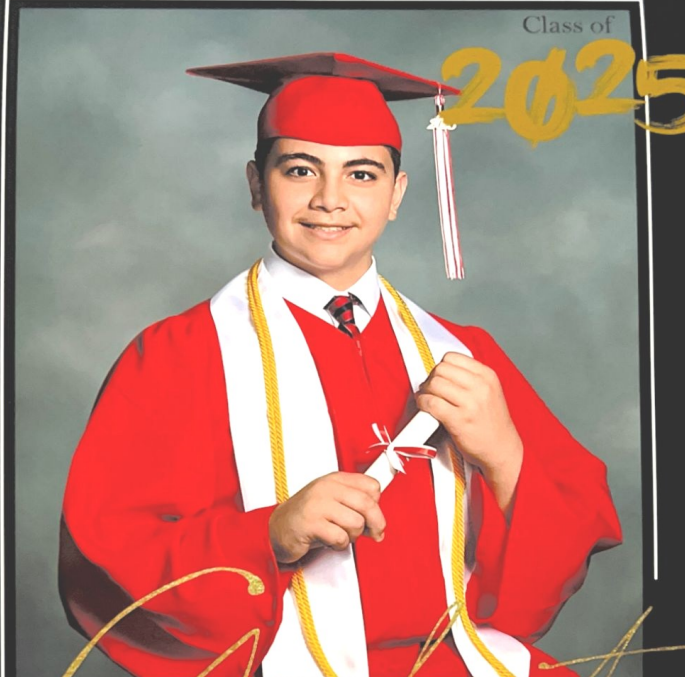
When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'

A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.'

He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

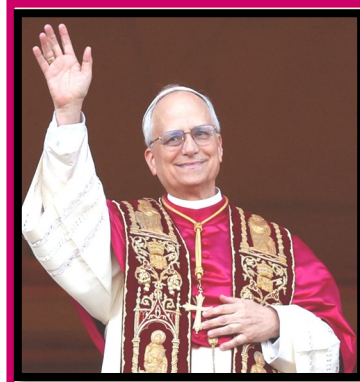
Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

2025 Scholarship Recipients
 We are proud to announce that **Marc Karam**, son of Charles and Yasmine Karam and **Theresa BouDaher**, daughter of Georges and Joelle BouDaher, have been selected as the...
2025 recipients of the Holy Name Society/ St. Theresa Sodality High School Scholarship.
 Each student will receive a \$500 scholarship in recognition of their academic commitment, community involvement, and embodiment of the values upheld by the Holy Name Society and the St. Theresa Sodality.
 Marc and Theresa are both graduating seniors at **Easton Area High School**, and will continue their educational journeys this fall at **Northampton Community College**. These two exceptional students have not only excelled in their studies, but have also demonstrated compassion, humility, and a strong sense of service—qualities that reflect the spirit of our faith and community.
 We congratulate them and their families on this well-deserved honor.



Class of **2025**
Graduate
Diego Khoury
 Let's Celebrate Sunday, June 8th @ 12:00pm
 Our Lady of Lebanon
 55 South 4th Street Easton PA 18042

CLERGY:
 Fr. Kamil Al-Chouefati, Pastor
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Closed on Fridays.
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LITURGIES:
 Saturday: 5:00 PM
 Sunday: 10:00 AM
 Weekdays: 9:00 AM, Tuesday - Friday
 Weekday Holy Days of Obligation: 7:00 PM
 Confession will be available 30 minutes before each Mass or by appointment.



Pope Leo XIV Elected First American Pope

We joyfully embrace the news that Pope Leo XIV has been called by God and his fellow cardinals to lead Catholics worldwide.

Addressing the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square, his first words were a heartfelt "Peace be with you." As he concluded his speech, he invited everyone to join him in prayer, saying, "So I would like to pray together with you: let us pray together for this new mission, but also for the whole Church and for peace in the world. Let us ask for this special grace from Mary, our Mother."

In this spirit, let us all unite in prayer, especially for peace in the Middle East, and extend our warmest congratulations to Pope Leo XIV as the 267th successor of Saint Peter.
 Pope Leo's inaugural Mass will be held Sunday, May 18 in St. Peter's Square at 4:00 AM Eastern Standard Time

Starting Thursday, May 1st, we will gather each weekday evening at 7:00 PM to pray the rosary, followed by the Benediction to Our Mother, Mary. On Saturdays and Sundays the rosary will be said 30 minutes before the Liturgy.			
5th Sunday of the Resurrection			
Saturday, May 17 - 5:00 PM - ANTHONY MICHAEL SIMONETTA (40 Day Mass) by the Family			
Sunday, May 18-10:00 AM - BARBARA KASSIS (Anniversary) by the Family			
Tuesday	May 20	9:00 AM	MARY JABBOUR by Bill & Gert Junglas
Wednesday	May 21	9:00 AM	LAUREN BADER SESTITO by Mr. & Mrs. Badwi Jacob
Thursday	May 22	9:00 AM	JOHN THOMAS by Lila Melan
		7:00 PM	ST. SHARBEL MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Friday	May 23	9:00 AM	DEACON ANTHONY KOURY by Marie & Michael Cunningham
6th Sunday of the Resurrection			
Saturday, May 24 - 5:00 PM - HIKMAT (HARRY) BARAKAT by Teresa and Gina Canone and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Baurkot III and Family			
Sunday, May 25 -10:00 AM - AMIN NEHME (4th Anniversary) by Jackie Nehme and Family			
Tuesday	May 27	9:00 AM	PETER KASSIS by Marlene Bedway
Wednesday	May 28	9:00 AM	JOYCE BOULOS by Christina Crisci & Family
Thursday	May 29	9:00 AM	FRANCES KOURY by Mr. & Mrs. William Joseph
		7:00 PM	ROSARY & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday	May 30	9:00 AM	JOEY KAMIL RIZK by Rafih Hayek
7th Sunday of the Resurrection			
Saturday, May 31 - 5:00 PM - JOSEPH & ELIZABETH ZINE by Sheb & Leila Shumar			
Sunday, Jun 1- 10:00 AM - YOUWAKIM YOUSSEF FARHAT & HIS WIFE, FILOMINA FAYEZ ELIAS (40 DAY MASS) by son, Mansour & wife, Maggie & their sons, Adam & Noah			
Weekend Mass Epistle Readings - We kindly request that families of those for whom the Mass is being offered inform the Altar Servers of the designated reader for the Epistle. Additionally, please confirm that you have selected at least two individuals to present the gifts at the altar. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.			

SCRIPTURE READINGS

5th Sunday of the Resurrection

Ezek 34:11-16, 23-25a/Eph 2:1-10/Jn 21:15-19

6th Sunday of the Resurrection

Deut 31:1-3, 6-9/Rom 10:1-13/Lk24:36-48

7th Sunday of the Resurrection

Lev 19:1-2, 11-18/Eph 1:15-23/Jn 13:31-35

ProJeCt

Helping People Help Themselves

FOOD PANTRY

This month, the HNS and St. Theresa Sodality are collecting healthy snacks for ProJeCt of Easton to help support their outreach to the homeless in our community. Please consider donating individually wrapped snack items (no bulk packages, please) that can easily be added to care bags.

Donations will be accepted before and after all Masses on the weekend of May 17th and 18th.

Your continued generosity makes a real difference—thank you for supporting those in need!

Our Mother Mary

In May, the month of beauty and flowers, believers gather daily in church around Mary, our Mother and Mother of Lights, as a token of their love and filial attachment to her. The daily celebration of the Marian month includes praise to God, prayers, and hymns enumerating all the virtues of the Ever-Virgin Mary, our Mother, whom God "chose above all the women of the world" (Surat Al Imran). They ask God for the grace of salvation from sins and seek the intercession and favor of the Virgin Mary for many diverse blessings, both spiritual and temporal, after having asked forgiveness of the Divine Majesty, seeking mercy and repentance for their sins, shortcomings, and mistakes.

In 1683, His Holiness Pope Innocent XI published a papal letter in which he declared the month of May to be dedicated to honoring our Mother, the Virgin Mary, and it is called the Marian Month.

The Virgin Mary is compassionate toward her sons and daughters, and extends her blessed hands to rescue her children who seek refuge in her from the distress and trials in this valley of tears. The Virgin, the mother of mankind throughout the generations, does not tolerate the misfortunes of time tossing us about without a supporter. While the heavens above smile upon her, and humanity yearns for her, the Virgin descends from heaven to earth, bringing to tormented humanity that which will mend their broken hearts and instill in them hope and trust in the fatherhood of God.

Therefore, the Virgin Mary descends to earth in the village of Medjugorje (in Bosnia and Herzegovina), on the twenty-fifth of every month, and appears to the lucky visionary, "Marija," whom she has chosen to be her eloquent tongue for us: to call the world to faith, repentance, and reconciliation, and to spread the message of peace.

Here is the message of the Virgin Mary in Medjugorje to the world on April 25, 2025 : " My dear children, the winds of anxiety, selfishness, and sin are sweeping through many hearts, leading them to confusion and destruction. Therefore, I call you, little ones: Return to God and to prayer. May you be well in your hearts and in the land on which you live."

Our Mother Mary! You are the most brilliant light of May! Whoever contemplates your life story deeply will join the angels... and abandon the world and live searching for the secrets of the supernatural... He will outstrip the ages and travel deep into the depths of the inhabited world... Then all his fears will dissipate, and the evils that had crept into his soul will vanish. He will direct his gaze day and night to the heavens and live in joy. He will not waste his life in vain... and his thoughts will become immersed in the depths of deep oceans...

Our Mother Mary! With the advent of May, we, through your intercession, offer our prayers, awaiting God's mercy for a better and more fulfilling world for us as individuals and as communities... without the obstacles imposed on us by oppressive systems that restrict human freedom to initiate, plan, and implement. Help us, Heavenly Mother, to hasten to do good in this world and the hereafter.

Our Mother Mary! I remain silent before your majesty, and I content myself with calling you: "The Creator's masterpiece among His creatures."

May the whole world be well every year, through the intercession of our mother and queen, the Virgin Mary!

Amen