



RAFCA FARES
Lebanese Classics

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 4 - 2025
EASTON - PENNSYLVANIA
Our Lady of Lebanon Church
55 south 4th Street - Easton, PA 18042

By check: Saint Joseph Monastery Tomb of Saint Rafqa
St Joseph Monastery st rafqaestrafqa
strafqamonastery@gmail.com

Doors open
8:00 PM

RSVP & PYMNT
Naomi Karam -1 (201) 232 2821
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PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT SAINT JOSEPH MONASTERY | TOMB OF SAINT RAFQA IN LEBANON

Join us for inspirational Lebanese music classics performed by **Rafca Fares** at Our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall in Easton, Pa on Saturday, October 4th at 8:00 PM.

Tickets are \$75.00 per person and include delicious food at the reception following the concert.

All proceeds will support St. Joseph Monastery and the Tomb of St. Rafqa in Lebanon

For tickets or more information please contact:

Naomi Karam - 201-232-2821
Almaza Franjeh - 848-667-0949
Diana Karam - 484-908-8083

For payment you may use Venmo @OLOLEastonChurch or through our website payment portal at www.ololeaston.org, select special collections and note "Benefit Concert" in the space provided. You may also pay by check at the door.









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

SANCTUARY CANDLE
The Sanctuary candle for September is donated in loving memory of **EDMOND AND MARY SABA** by Renee Melan

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, Sept 6 -	\$362.00
Sunday, Sept 7 -	\$750.00
Total -	\$1,112.00

First Communion & MCF Registration Now Open!



We invite families with children in Pre-K through 6th grade to register for our upcoming First Communion and Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) classes.

Saturdays, October 11, 2025 through April 25, 2026
Time: 3:15 PM – 4:45 PM

To help children prepare meaningfully for the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we encourage parents to bring them to class consistently throughout the year.

Registration forms are available at both church entrances or online at www.ololeaston.org.

For questions or assistance, please reach out to Fr. Kamil at 610-739-8586




**OUR LADY OF LEBANON
MARONITE CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

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



Week 38 - Week 40 Email: ololchurch@yahoo.com Website: ololeaston.org Sept 13 - Sept 28, 2025



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 12:20-32

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

CERGY:
Fr. Kamil Al-Chouefati, Pastor

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Closed on Fridays.


RECTORY & MAILING ADDRESS:

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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

Welcome Deacon Adonis El-Asmar



We joyfully announce that His Excellency, Bishop Gregory Mansour, has appointed **Deacon Adonis El-Asmar** to serve at Our Lady of Lebanon Church.

We warmly welcome Deacon Adonis and his wife, Jeannette, into our parish family. We offer our full support and heartfelt prayers as he begins his ministry among us.

****Exaltation of the Holy Cross****

Saturday, Sept 13 - 5:00 PM - **FOR ALL SICK AND DECEASED PARISHIONERS** by Anonymous

Sunday, Sept 14 - 10:00 AM - **SUSAN “SANNA” BAURKOT - 40 DAY MASS** by the Family
PETER KASSIS (Anniversary) by the Family

Tuesday	Sept 16	9:00 AM	HABIB NEHME by the Family
Wednesday	Sept 17	9:00 AM	WILLIAM JOSEPH by Marlene Bedway
Thursday	Sept 18	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	JOYCE BOULOS by Charleen Loprete EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday	Sept 19	9:00 AM	FRANCES KOURY by Joe Jabeir

****1st Sunday after Holy Cross****

Saturday, Sept 20 - 5:00 PM - **EVA AND MANSOUR FARHAT** by the Family

Sunday, Sept 21 - 10:00 AM - **DEACON ANTHONY KOURY** by Emile & Caroline Dergham

Tuesday	Sept 23	9:00 AM	RIMAH MELHEM by Gino Giunta
Wednesday	Sept 24	9:00 AM	EMILE ‘AOUTELE’ ELIAS by Jacqueline Nehme
Thursday	Sept 25	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	MILO ELIAS by Jeanne Joseph EUCCHARIST ADORATION
Friday	Sept 26	9:00 AM	GEORGE BAURKOT by Rosann Constantine

****2nd Sunday after Holy Cross****

Saturday, Sept 27 - 5:00 PM - Available

Sunday, Sept 28 - 10:00 AM - **LILA RIZK HAYEK - 1ST ANIVERSARY** by Rafih Hayek & Family

The Exaltation of the Suffering Servant on the Holy Cross

By Fr. George El Andary

The Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14th of each year. It is important to point out that Christians believe strongly that Jesus Christ has been a key player in human history since the world’s creation. We also believe that the New Testament (Jesus Christ) is hidden in the Old Testament, whereas the Old Testament is revealed in the New Testament. From the beginning, God promised us salvation through his beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who was destined to suffer greatly for the sake of man’s redemption and salvation from sin and death and to achieve—through suffering and sacrifice—a position of glory and honor. This idea is rooted in biblical texts, particularly in the Book of Isaiah and in the New Testament, where the suffering servant is depicted as enduring pain and humiliation on the cross for the sake of humanity's redemption.

Feast of the Triumph of the Cross

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross has been celebrated by the Church since the 4th century, when the True Cross was found by St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine. Tradition says that she found the True Cross in Jerusalem, where Jesus was crucified, because those who did not wish for Christianity to spread or who had political reasons to do so buried the cross in an unknown place. We celebrate this feast on September 14th because on this day in the year 335, the Church in Jerusalem dedicated a new church built to honor both Jesus’ crucifixion and his resurrection on the site where he had died and rose from the dead. On this day, we reflect on the meaning of the cross to remember God’s love and mercy toward us and to honor the victory Jesus won for us through his death and resurrection.

SCRIPTURE
READINGS

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Ex 17:8-15/1 Cor 1:18-25 / Jn 12:20-32

1st Sunday after Holy Cross

Deut 17:14-20 / 2 Tim 2:1-10 / Mk 10:35-45

2nd Sunday after Holy Cross

Joel 2:1, 10-13, 15-16a/1 Cor 15:19-34/Mt 24:1-

Lebanese Heritage Festival

Saint Ann Maronite Church

Sunday Sept. 14, 2025

Noon-7 p.m.

Authentic Lebanese Food & Pastry

Music and Entertainment

1320 Price Street • West Scranton

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

SCAN CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR FOR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

BENEFIT DINNER

To Support the Mission of the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2025 | 5:30PM - 9:00PM

SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT CHURCH HALL
300 N EASTERN AVE FALL RIVER MA

• Special Guest Bishop Gregory J. Mansour

• Gourmet Dinner | Cash Bar

• Entertainment

• Silent Auction | Wine Pull | 50-50

\$75/TICKET

\$35 PER CHILD UNDER 12

All proceeds will assist the Sisters to continue their mission and outreach in the community.

Maroniteservants.org | Ph. 508-996-1753

Bishop Gregory Mansour
and the Eparchy of Saint Maron
cordially invite you to attend the

16th Annual
Benefit Dinner
2025

Wednesday, October 22

The Metropolitan Club

One East 60th Street

New York City

6:00 - Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction

7:00 - Dinner

Register online at

stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit

or return the enclosed reply card by

October 17, 2025