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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Announcement to Zechariah

- ***Weekend Masses:** Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]
Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]
- ***Weekday Masses:** Monday and Friday No Mass
Tuesday to Thursday at 9:05 a.m. [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]
- ***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** First Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m.
First Sunday of the month after 10:30 a.m. Mass
- ***Confession:** Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment
- ***Baptism:** Please call the Pastor as soon as baby is born; at least one Godparent must be Catholic
- ***Weddings:** Please make arrangements at least **six** months in advance before any other plans are made
- ***Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Pastor at 304-233-1688
- ***Parish Council:** Lou Kourey, Mike Linton, Rita Strawn, P.J. Lenz, Mary Stees
- ***Choir Members:** Earl Duffy, George Thomas, Lou Kourey, Robert Harris, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski, Natalie Horner
- ***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer
- ***Sacristan:** Mike Linton
- ***Altar Boys:** Dalton Haas, Shaun Hancher, Christopher AlKhouri & Luke Lenz
- ***Cedar Club:** Linda Duffy, President 304-242-6853
- ***Women's Society:** Sandra Dusick, President 304-232-7395



- ***Bulletin Announcements:** Submit all Bulletin Information to Msgr. Bakhos by Noon on Tuesday every week
- ***New Parishioners:** We welcome you with great joy & invite you to officially register as one of our parishioners
- ***Cedar Hall Rental Fees:** Call the Church Office at 304-233-1688 or 304-639-1372
- ***Parking:** Saturday & Sunday parishioners may park in both lots; Monday-Friday park ONLY in the 3 Alley spaces
- ***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven

Season of the Glorious Birth of the Lord

How hard it is to wait. We wait for birth; we wait for death. We wait for the end of war and the establishment of God's reign of peace and justice. In these waiting days of Advent, we have guides who can assist us. The prophets John the Baptist, Paul and Mary show us how to wait in patience and hope. They give us courage to be ready for Christ's coming now and at the end of the age. Let us learn from them so that we can announce his coming with love and joy. Let us be glad that through Jesus, the world is freed from the power of evil. Let us rejoice that with Jesus, we will reign forever. Let us exult that in Jesus, God is with us to save us.

The Maronite Church remembers and celebrates the saving deeds and events of Christ's life through the entire year. Through this process of remembrance and celebration the people of God encounter the Lover of humankind and experience the ongoing mystery of God's transformative love. The Church year has two main parts:

A- The Sanctoral Cycle:

That is the calendar of feasts honoring and remembering the exemplary lives of:

Jesus, Son of the Living God; Presentation in the Temple; Transfiguration; Ascension; Mary, Mother of the Light; Presentation of Mary in the Temple; Praises of Mother of God; Annunciation to Mary; Our Lady of Lebanon; Our Lady of the Seeds; Dormition-Assumption of Mary; Birth of the Virgin Mary; Saints of the Maronite Calendar: John the Baptizer; Anthony the Great; Maron; John Maron; Gabriel; Michael; Peter; Paul; John and other Apostles; Sharbel; Elias; Ephrem; Rafka; Ignatius of Antioch; and James of Serugh.

B- The Temporal Cycle:

That is the weekly calendar of Christ's saving deeds commemorated in six Seasons:

Season of Announcement. It contains seven Sundays preceded by one or two Sundays in November recalling the Consecration of the Church and the Dedication of the Temple.

Zachary's announcement of the Baptizer's birth; Mary's announcement of the Messiah's birth; Elizabeth's visit by Mary; John the Baptizer's birth; Joseph's announcement of the Messiah's birth; Genealogy, announcements to Old Testament prophets; Christmas - announcement of the Angels.

Each of these Sundays consecutively announces and prepares for the Birth of Jesus, the Savior. From the Announcement to Zachariah to the Genealogy Sunday news of the Lord's Incarnation is given to various individuals who had been awaiting the Messiah's coming. The final announcement is made by the "*Watchers in Glory*" to all of creation of the Feast of the birth of our Lord: "Glory to God on high and peace and good hope to all people. Today the Church rejoices as she hears the announcement of the birth of the Anointed One. Today, the Creator returns to make the land a palace and of the seas a Kingdom. How happy is this day forever."

Announcement to Zechariah

Readings: Rom 4:13-25 and Lk 1:1-25

Angels Make Important Announcements

The angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son... " Luke 1:13

What significance would the early Christians have attached to stories about angels announcing births? Do the birth announcements of John and Jesus imply they were equals?

Equally essential to God's plan of salvation, yes; equal in stature, no. Luke's parallel annunciation stories serve both to link Jesus and John as well as to differentiate them.

Even if Gabriel had disclosed nothing about the destinies of John and Jesus to their respective parents, the first readers of Luke's Gospel would nonetheless have been clued in to the fact that both births were to be crucial to God's covenant relationship with Israel. This implication of angelic annunciations is present in the two most famous biblical precedents: Isaac (Gn 18) and Samson (Jgs 13).

But Luke's pairing up of birth announcements specifies the role each child will come to play; each is different. Moreover, Luke deliberately reproduces aspects of John's annunciation in Jesus' annunciation in order to contrast them. Whereas John will be great because of his connection with the Lord, Jesus will be great without qualification (1:15; 1:32).

This Weekend, November 18-19: Announcement to Zechariah

Saturday, November 18 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Emily Vince (Birthday) by children Don & Michelle & Ron, Lucki & Vicki & Matt Gompers
- ✠ George Joseph (Birthday) by Larry & Becky Ferrera

Sunday, November 19 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Harry Seabright, Ernest Truelove, Edwin Sinila by Mary Seabright Lish
- ✠ Judy Dierkes by Rex & Rita Strawn

Weekday Masses

Monday, November 20: No Mass

Tuesday, November 21 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Josephine Ferris (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees & Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Judy Dierkes by Mickey & Linda Duffy

Wednesday, November 22 at 5:30 p.m.: Thanksgiving Eve Mass

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Bob Saseen by Thomasina Geimer

Thursday, November 23 at 9:05 a.m.: Thanksgiving Day Mass

- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don (FL)
- ✠ Mary Margaret Blum by Maureen & Bob Hill

Friday, November 24: No Mass

Next Weekend, November 25-26: Announcement to Virgin Mary

Saturday, November 25 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Karem & Amelia Azar
- ✠ Bob Saseen by Luane Frazier
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, November 26 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Austin Ghaphery by Bill & Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Judy Dierkes by Sandra Dusick

Christmas Novena Schedule

During the month of December, we will replace the Rosary and the Benediction with the Christmas Novena. On Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The Christmas Novena is a mean to prepare us for the coming of Christ into our heart and Family. Please make an extra effort to attend.

Calendar of Parish Events

OLOL Women's Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, November 26th in the Cedar Hall following Mass</i>
Church & Hall Decorating Set	<i>Monday, November 27th, starting at 9:00 a.m.</i>
OLOL Christmas Party	<i>Sunday, December 3rd, Entertainment by DJ: John Thomas and the dance groups of OLOL Church will perform during the party</i>
Hall Reserved	<i>Saturday, December 16th</i>
OLOL Children's Christmas Party	<i>Sunday, December 17th, after Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>
Hall Reserved	<i>Saturday, December 23rd</i>
Kibbee Sale (info in future bulletins)	<i>Orders Due Jan. 28, 2018; Order Pick Up February 7th or 8th, 2018</i>
St. Maron Dinner	<i>Sunday, March 18, 2018 (look for more info in future bulletins)</i>
Lebanese Bake Sale-more info later	<i>Orders Due Easter Sun., April 1, 2018; Order Pick Up April 11th or 12th</i>

Christmas Poinsettia in Memory of:

A bouquet of yellow roses will decorate the altar of the Blessed Mother in Memory of Helen Fielding by her husband Donald Fielding, Florida.

- ☼ *Louise N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr., & Gladys Howard by the Lou & Charlotte Khourey Family*
- ☼ *Joseph Kawas by Emilie Kawas*
- ☼ *Mitchell Farrah by Emilie Kawas*
- ☼ *Rachel Farrah by Emilie Kawas*
- ☼ *Siham & Elias Frenn & LaVerne Thomas by Dr. Adel & Diane Frenn*
- ☼ *Helen Fielding by her husband Don (FL)*
- ☼ *William Thomas Breit by Mr & Mrs Michael Breit & Family*
- ☼ *The mother of Veronica Mushet*
- ☼ *Mary K. Ferris by Thomas & Denise Ferris*
- ☼ *A friend for "His Special Intention"*
- ☼ *Bill & Mary Daniel by Rebecca & Mike DiFabrizio*
- ☼ *Emily & Donald Vince by Victoria and Matt Gompers*
- ☼ *In Memory of John & Mary Ritts*
- ☼ *Silvio "Joe" Perilli by Paula Perilli*
- ☼ *Suzanne Linton by husband Mike*
- ☼ *Frances & Joseph Linton by sons Steve & Mike*
- ☼ *John & Mary Ritts by John & Opal Ritts*
- ☼ *Msgr. Bakhos' parents Adib & Sadie, his sister Mona & his brother Nadim by Steve & Mike Linton*

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

(Note: Please call Msgr. Bakhos if you need your name added to our Prayer List. HIPPA regulations)
 Sylvia Long, Sandra Dusick, Mike Linton, Elia Frenn (nephew of Dr. Frenn), Dr. Adel Frenn, Bernadine Elias, John Shibben, Philip Hankish, Patty Olinski, George & Mary Thomas, Patty Fahey, Mary Ryncarz, Don Fielding (FL), Bob & Sally Sengewalt, Peggy Justice, Diane Palotay, Virginia & Dolores Joseph, Jim Dellget, Betty Shia, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi, Mike O’Kane (brother-in-law of Nikki Popovich),

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,222.00	Sunday Collection
155.00	2 nd Collection: Maronite Voice
31.00	Candles
21.00	Coffee Hour
40.00	Christmas Party
30.00	Donation to Poor Box
\$1,499.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton

What's New

Bread from Pita Land

If you would like bread or other items from Pita Land, please write down what you want and give to Father or call him 304-233-1688. Father will pick up what you order on his next trip.

Christmas Party

This year, singer John Mensore from New Martinsville is unable to perform at our Christmas Party for health reasons. We will miss him. DJ: John Thomas, the grandson of Rita Thomas-Strawn will perform instead.

First Communion & Confirmation Classes

Dear Parents,

First Communion classes for children age 7 and older and Confirmation classes for young adults ages 12 to 13 and up will start soon. Please call Msgr. Bakhos to register your children and grandchildren.

Please Help Fill the Food Barrel at Thanksgiving & Christmas

All who are willing to share non-parishable goods for those in need during the upcoming Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays are asked to bring whatever you can and add it to the Food Barrel at the church entrance. Please make sure that the "Use By Dates" are not expired. If you want to make a monetary donation for a parishioner to purchase items for this purpose, place your contribution in an envelope marked "For Food Barrel" and place it in the Weekly Collection.

Why Do Active Parishioners Use Offering Envelopes?

The Offering Envelopes are made to remind the parishioners of their responsibility to support their church financially. Parishioners are served spiritually during Mass and in all the stages of their life: baptism, first communion, confirmation, marriage, sickness and death. The church building has to be maintained to stay in good shape and to have a pastor. Remember that nothing in life is free. When bills come the word "thank you" does not pay them. So be generous toward the church –your second home- and feel proud of having a beautiful church you deserve.

Also the use of Offering Envelopes or payments by checks allow the church to register your contributions and to issue at the end of the year an official statement verifying your donations to be used for your income tax deduction. It is illegal to issue tax statements for those who put loose cash in the collection. We cannot identify the donor of the cash received in the collection basket unless the cash is put in our church's official "Weekly Collection" envelope or if the donor's name & address are written on the outside of an envelope in which the cash is inserted.

If you do not find your name on one of the boxes of Weekly Collection boxes at the entrance, please call Fr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688. So if you consider yourself an active parishioner and you file for tax deduction, please use the 2018 Offering Envelopes. –Msgr. Bakhos

Around Us

Thank You to Dalton Hass

Dalton Hass has volunteered to decorate a Lebanese-themed Christmas Tree at Oglebay Park. The display of international Christmas trees will be in the Pine Room. Oglebay will provide the tree and return our decorations after the display is over. They will start putting up trees during the week of November 20.

Spirituality: Litaany of Humility

O Jesus! Meek and humble of heart, hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed,

From the desire of being loved,

From the desire of being extolled

From the desire of being honored,

From the desire of being praised,

From the desire of being preferred,

From the desire of being consulted,

From the desire of being approved,

Deliver me Jesus.

From the fear of being humiliated,

From the fear of being despised,
 From the fear of suffering rebukes,
 From the fear of being calumniated
 From the fear of being forgotten
 From the fear of being ridiculed,
 From the fear of being wronged,
 From the fear of being suspected,

Deliver me, Jesus.

That others may be loved more than I,
 That others may be esteemed more than I,
 That in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease,
 That others may be chosen and I set aside,
 That others may be praised and I unnoticed,
 That others may be preferred to me in everything,
 That others become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

A Time to Laugh (332)

Court Humor

Judge: "Well Sir, I have reviewed this case and I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week."

Husband: "That's fair, your honor. I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."

Q: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for blood pressure?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for breathing?

A: No.

Q: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

A: No.

Q: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

A: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

Q: But could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

A: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law somewhere.

Oooooooooops!

The wife said, "You should do it because you get up first and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband said, "You are in charge of the cooking around here. You should do it because that's your job and I don't mind waiting for my coffee in the morning."

Wife: "No, you should do it. Besides, it's in the Bible that the man should make the coffee."

Husband: "If you show me where it says in the Bible that the man should make the coffee then I will never question you again."

The wife opened the Bible to the New Testament and showed him on the top of several pages that it indeed says 'He-brews.'

Oooooooooooooooooops!

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail. Amen."