

MCF (Maronite Christian Formation)

Classes are held every **Saturday at 3:30 pm**. Please have your children attend weekly.

Pioneers of Mary

Meetings will be held every Sunday, at 5:30PM. Kids in grades 7 through 12 are invited to join.

Lenten Guidelines - fasting:- All the faithful who are physically capable are to fast everyday during Lent. Fasting involves no eating and drinking at all, (except water and medicine) from 12 Midnight until 12 Noon.

Abstinence- No meat or dairy food throughout Lent. We encourage you to at least abstain on Fridays during Lent.

PARISH ORGANISTS:

Patty Boulous, Paul Boulous

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

President: Naomi Karam-Koerwitz

Vice-President: Maynard Melhem

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Heritage Day Chairperson: Steve Koorie

Financial Controller: Ferris Koorie

BINGO COMMITTEE

Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous, Anthony Koury, Jr

MCF COORDINATOR

Deanna Baurkot

ST. THERESA SODALITY

Rosemary Canone

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

David Elias

MYA

Leila Karam / Isaac Jabbour

CHOIR DIRECTOR

Patty Boulous

MYO/PIONEERS

Antoinette Elias

ARABIC CLASSES

Yasmine Karam

CONFESSIONS:

SUNDAY: 9:20 am to 9:45 am (before mass)
SATURDAY: 4:00 pm to 4:40 pm (before mass)
Also Available by Appointment

BAPTISMS:

Please Call The Parish Rectory
(non-parishioners sponsors must provide a certificate from their Catholic church)

OCTOBER TO MAY

Arabic Classes: Friday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Religious Education: Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

MARRIAGES:

Please Notify The Pastor
At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time

Mission Statement

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church has been a fixture in the Easton, Pennsylvania community for over 75 years. Our parish is entrusted with the care and guardianship of all Maronite Catholics in the Lehigh Valley area, as well anyone who wishes to join our community. We are charged with the preservation of the faith, traditions and heritage of the Maronite Catholic Rite through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. As Maronite Catholics, our mission is to share the spirituality and Liturgy, the treasures of our Eastern heritage, our culture, family ethics and traditions, with all our brothers and sisters in the Lehigh Valley. While promoting the Christian faith, we are called to reach out with compassion to the less fortunate and the needy in our society, especially through our charitable work in the community. All are welcome to join us in worship and in our way of life, as humble servants seeking to glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and live by his eternal life giving commandments.



Week 8 - 10, 2015

**OUR LADY OF LEBANON
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

54 South 4th Street, Easton, PA 18042

PH: 610-252-5275



Feb 21 - Mar 8, 2015

**Second Sunday of Lent
Healing of the Leper**

Email: lolchurch@yahoo.com Website: moutlebanon.org



**The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ
according to Saint Mark 1:35-45.**

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.

And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

When they found him, they said to him,

‘Everyone is searching for you.’

He answered, ‘Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also;

for that is what I came out to do.’

And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, ‘If you choose, you can make me clean.’

Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, ‘I do choose. Be made clean!’

Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, ‘See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.’

But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country;

CLERGY

Father Simon El Hajj, Pastor
Deacon Anthony Koury

OFFICE VOLUNTEER:

Claire Willard

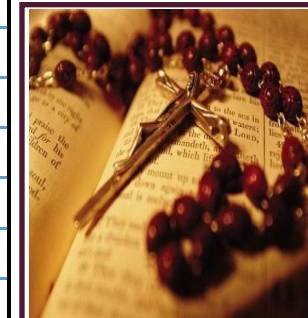
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
No office hours or Liturgy on Fridays.

LITURGY: Saturdays: 5:00 PM
Sundays: 10:00 AM

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NEW !!

Father Simon will be holding a **BIBLE STUDY CLASS** every Wednesday during Lent, in the church hall from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Bibles are not needed. Please use this opportunity to deepen your understanding of the scriptures.

WEEKEND of FEB 21 - FEB 22 * Second Sunday of Lent - Healing of the Leper *****

Sat., Feb 21 - 5:00 PM - Georgette Ciambone (2nd Anniversary) by the Family
 Sun., Feb 22 - 10:00 AM - Nassim, Routullah and Elias Elias by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Elias & Family. Coffee hour to follow

Monday	Feb 23	6:00 pm	For all Deceased who have no one to pray for them.
Tuesday	Feb 24	6:00 pm	George Jabbour by Maryann Marzuoli
Wednesday	Feb 25	6:00 pm	Special Intention
Thursday	Feb 26	6:00 pm	Barbara Kassis by Mrs. Rima Melhem & Family
Friday	Feb 27	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross and Benediction-Confessions from 6 - 6:45 PM

WEEKEND of FEB 28 - MAR 1 Third Sunday of Lent - Healing of the Hemorrhaging Women

Sat., Feb 28 - 5:00 PM - Manor & Josephine Melhem by Mr. & Mrs. John J. Melhem & Family
 Sun., Mar 1 - 10:00 AM - Dimitra Giacomopoulos Achi (40 Day Liturgy) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.

Monday	Mar 2	6:00 pm	Marie Hanni by Mary Judith Chaponis
Tuesday	Mar 3	6:00 pm	SFC Jesse Dale by Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Karam, Sr.
Wednesday	Mar 4	6:00 pm	Eva Oliver by Rosemary Canone
Thursday	Mar 5	6:00 pm	Mary Simon by Owtil Karam
Friday	Mar 6	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross and Benediction-Confessions from 6 - 6:45 PM


WEEKEND of MAR 7 - MAR 8 Fourth Sunday of Lent - Parable of the Prodigal Son

Sat., Mar 7 - 5:00 PM - Rose Symia (Birthday Remembrance) by Children
 Sun., Mar 8 - 10:00 AM - Deceased Priest of Kfarsghab, Lebanon, Deceased members of Sheik Estephen Family & All Deceased who have no one to pray for them by a Friend. Coffee hour to follow

LECTORS

Saturday, 21	Ciambone Family
Sunday, Feb 22	Elias Family
Saturday, Feb 28	Melhem Family
Sunday, March 1	Family
Saturday, March 7	Symia Family
Sunday, March 8	TBD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Healing of the Leper
 Rom 6:12-23 / Mk 1:35-45 
Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman
 2 Cor 7:4-11 / Lk 8:40-56
Parable of the Prodigal Son
 2 Cor 13:5-13 / Lk 15:11-32

Annual Lenten Appeal

Dear Beloved Parishioners,
 The Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of St. Maron Brooklyn is now taking place. The Bishop relies upon you to help him serve our Maronite parishes, open new missions, train our future Maronite priests, and support our retired priests.
 We have been asked to contribute \$6,500 as a parish. Every family is asked to participate in the Appeal at a level which is meaningful for them, and to be as generous as possible.
 An envelope dated March 8th is included in your weekly offering box for your convenience. In the event sufficient funds are not raised, the church will have to pay the difference. Please give what God has put in your heart to give.

Thank you for your generosity!
 Fr. Simon

**Holy Name Society
 MEATLESS DINNER**

Friday, March 6, 2015
 12:00 pm TO 6:30 PM

\$5 per Entrée

Menu
Fish & Potatoes
Baked Macaroni & Milk
Falafel
Lentils & Rice (Mjadara)
Salad

Pizza by the slice \$2

Whole pizza pies must be pre-ordered.

Please see any member for advance ticket sales!



St. Joseph's Hafli

Our Sister Parish, Saint George Maronite Church of Rhode Island is celebrating its 66th Annual Saint Joseph Hafli on Saturday, March 21, 2015. As part of its celebration it is holding a \$10,000 Grand Prize Raffle. The raffle ticket cost \$100 per ticket and "one lucky winner" need not be present at the event.
 If you are interested in supporting this annual event you may purchase a raffle ticket by contacting Rosann Constantine in person or by telephone at 610-253-2269.

St. Maron's Day Hafli

Has been rescheduled for
Saturday, April 25, 2015

At our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall

We are still accepting ads for the Memoriam Ad book up until March 31, 2015
 Please consider an ad in memory of a loved one.
 Details will be published in future bulletins

Proceeds to benefit the Church and children's organizations.

**MARONITE LITURGY AT
 NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL**

Father Simon will celebrate a Maronite Liturgy at Notre Dame High School on Thursday, **February 26, 2015 at 8:30 AM.**

Mr. Joseph Kramer, Principal, invites all parishioners to attend. If you would like to attend, please let Fr. Simon or Deacon Anthony know by Monday, February 23rd. Also please let them know if you are willing to drive a car.



ST. THERESA SODALITY

Will meet on Sunday, March 1, 2015 at 3:30 pm. Please make every effort to attend. St. Joseph's Bake Sale, in addition to other topics, will be discussed. Please call 610-905-6209 if you are in need of transportation.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

What one thing would you like to see changed in this parish?

BINGO	FLOOR	KITCHEN
Feb 24	Mike Boulos	Susie Karam
Mar 3	Volunteers	Naomi Shiner, Noelle Richardson
Mar 10	Rosie Canone, Marta Gabriel, Sharon John	Jawhara Karam, Rosann Constantine