

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.

MYA MEETING: All parishioners ages 18 to 35 are invited to attend our next MYA meeting on Sunday, March 15th at 7:00 PM.

PARISH ORGANISTS:

Patty Boulous, Paul Boulous

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

President: Naomi Karam-Koerwitz

Vice-President: Maynard Melhem

Secretary: Rhonda Elias

George Baurkot, Esq.

Roseann Joseph, Esq.

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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 9 - 11, 2015

**OUR LADY OF LEBANON
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

54 South 4th Street, Easton, PA 18042

PH: 610-252-5275



Feb 28 - Mar 15, 2015

**Third Sunday of Lent
Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman**

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



**The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ
according to Saint Luke 8:40-56.**

When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her.

She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped.

Then Jesus asked, 'Who touched me?' When all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you.'

But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.'

When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed.

He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.'

While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.'

When Jesus heard this, he replied, 'Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.'

When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, 'Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.'

And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.

But he took her by the hand and called out, 'Child, get up!'

Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

CLERGY

Father Simon El Hajj, Pastor
Deacon Anthony Koury

OFFICE VOLUNTEER:

Claire Willard

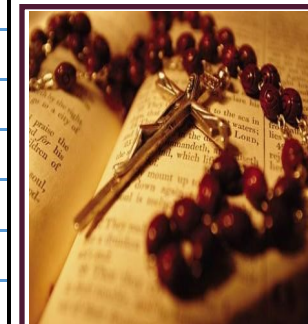
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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 28 - MAR 1 *Third Sunday of Lent - Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman*

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.

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| Monday | Mar 2 | 6:00 pm | <i>Feast of St. John Maron, the first Maronite Patriarch Marie Hanni</i> 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 T. Symia (Birthday Remembrance) by Children
 Sun., Mar 8 - 10:00 AM - Deceased Priests 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

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| Monday | Mar 9 | 6:00 pm | Julia Stevens by Dr. & Mrs. Elias Isaac |
| Tuesday | Mar 10 | 6:00 pm | Oscar Canone by Mary Sue, Anthony & Ava Tumminello |
| Wednesday | Mar 11 | 6:00 pm | Wakeem Isaac by Marlene Bedway |
| Thursday | Mar 12 | 6:00 pm | John Tony by Mr. & Mrs. Budwi Jacob |
| Friday | Mar 13 | 7:00 pm | Stations of the Cross and Benediction-Confessions from 6 - 6:45 PM |

WEEKEND of MAR 14 - MAR 15 *Fifth Sunday of Lent - Healing of the Paralytic*

Sat., Mar 14 - 5:00 PM - Elias & Tiro Symia and their deceased Children by the Family
 Sun., Mar 15 - 10:00 AM - Mitch Daniel (Anniversary) by Wife, Children & Grandchildren - Coffee hour to follow

Christians in Lebanon are suffering. Please pray for Lebanon! If you are able to relieve some of the suffering, please visit: [www. Caritas.org.lb](http://www.Caritas.org.lb)

LECTORS

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| Saturday, Feb 28 | Melhem Family |
| Sunday, March 1 | Family |
| Saturday, March 7 | Symia Family |
| Sunday, March 8 | TBD |
| Saturday, March 14 | Symia Family |
| Sunday, March 15 | Daniel Family |

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

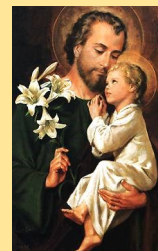
Healing of the Paralytic
 1 Tim 5:24 -6:5 / Mk 2:1-12



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



Saint Joseph's Bake Sale

The St. Theresa Sodality's annual bake sale will be held on Wednesday, March 18th, in the church hall, following the evening liturgy and procession with the icon of St. Joseph. Everyone is invited to attend!



**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. 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

Who are the Maronites?
 Did you know...
 ...the Maronite Church is the only Eastern Rite of the Catholic Church that has never split from union with Rome? There is no non-Catholic or Orthodox counterpart of the Maronite Church

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

Will be held at our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall on Saturday, April 25, 2015. Doors will open at 6:30 PM. Appetizers will be available from 6:30 to 7:15. A short program will begin at 7:15 followed by a dinner buffet. Entertainment will be provided by Ayad Attallah. Tickets are \$50.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children under 12. Deadline for ticket purchases is April 12th.

For tickets and table reservations please see Elaine Koury or Minerva Jacob.

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.

| BINGO | FLOOR | KITCHEN |
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| Mar 3 | Volunteers | Naomi Shiner, Noelle Richardson |
| Mar 10 | Rosie Canone, Marta Gabriel, Sharon John | Jawhara Karam, Rosann Constantine |
| Mar 17 | Labeebe Buesing, Dee Dee Ellwood | Violine Karam |