

SEPTEMBER 16- SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH
4133 Calkins Road, Flint, MI 48532



The one symbol most often identified with Jesus and his Church is the cross. Today we celebrate The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast traces its beginning to Jerusalem and the dedication of the church built on the site of Mount Calvary in 335. But the meaning of the cross is deeper than any city, any celebration, any building. The cross is a sign of suffering, a sign of human cruelty at its worst. But by Christ's love shown in the Paschal Mystery, it has become the sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself.

Believers have always looked to the cross in times of suffering. People in concentration camps, in prisons, in hospitals, in any place of suffering and loneliness, have been known to draw, trace, or form crosses and focus their eyes and hearts on them. The cross does not explain pain and misery. It does not give us any easy answers. But it does help us to see our lives united with Christ's.

We often make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves. We make it before prayer to help fix our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the cross is a sign of strength and protection. The cross is the sign of the fullness of life that is ours. At Baptism, too, the Sign of the Cross is used; the priest, parents, and godparents make the sign on the forehead of the child. A sign made on the forehead is a sign of belonging. By the Sign of the Cross in Baptism, Jesus takes us as his own in a unique way. Today, let us look to the cross often. Let us make the Sign of the Cross and realize we bring our whole selves to God—our minds, souls, bodies, wills, thoughts, hearts—everything we are and will become.

**O cross, you are the glorious sign of our victory.
Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.**



FOR OUR
SICK AND
HOMEBOUND

Ceal Abdella
Marie Daher
Violet Deibis
Regina Dunnivant
Diane Dunsmore
Ronnie Eckmayer
Christopher Fredenburg
Eva Saseen

John Rachid
Pat Haley
Najib Jouri
Tony Mansour
James McLeod II
Shirley Zerka
Bob & Patti Pollack
Muhsen Mansour

Najeeb Gappy
Elsie Shaheen
Jeannette Shaheen
Mary Ann Sheehan
Yvonne Weissert
Ed Young
Halim Zerka



You can find the Church page on Facebook by searching for
"Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church"

Office Hours

Monday thru Friday
10 AM—3 PM

Clergy

Pastor: Fr. Pierre Bassil
Deacon: Martin Rachid
Deacon: Joseph Pavlovich
Subdeacon: Earl Matte

Parish Leaders

Parish Council
Scott Shaheen

Music Director
Dee Gardner

Organist
Dorothy Bolduc-Peppin

Religious Education
Joseph Pavlovich

Altar Society
Cindy Shaheen

Morningstar Society
Anthony Marshall

Parish Staff

Secretary: Dawn Davis
Custodian:
Caterer: Charity & Garett
Wagner: 810.867.4048

Mass Schedule

Mon–Wed	9 AM
Friday	Noon
Saturday	5 PM
Sunday	10 AM

Adoration and Rosary

Friday 11 AM

Confessions

½ hour before Liturgy on
Saturday and Sunday
or by appointment.

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mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15: 5 PM LITURGY

(1st SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS)

Int: James & Theresa by James & Arulselvi Manoharan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16: 10 AM LITURGY

Rep: George Nazeera, Fayeze, Elias & Aziz by Milad & Georgette Zerka & Family

Rep: Wajih Haddad by Nijib & Siham Massad

2 Tim 2: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45 (A) Bernadette Kouza (E) Chris Dabish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17: 9 AM LITURGY

Int: In Thanksgiving for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18: 9AM LITURGY

Int: In Thanksgiving for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19: 9 AM LITURGY

Int: In Thanksgiving for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: NO LITURGY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21: 11-12:30 BENEDICTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: 5 PM LITURGY

(2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS)

Int: In Thanksgiving for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: 10 AM LITURGY

Rep: John & Kim (Gardner) Woodhall by Duane & Dee

Rep: Wajih Haddad by Milad & Georgette Zerka & Family

Rep: Bruce Lindhurst by Erik & Lisa Lindhurst

1 Cor 15: 19-34 Matthew 24: 1-14 (E) Ferris Anthony (A) Elias Chammas



On behalf of the parish family, we thank all the people who have donated and helped prepare the food and serve it on the occasion of our bonfire & sweets for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We are thankful for their generosity and for all of you for your continuous support toward your parish. May the Lord God enrich everyone with good deeds and health.



We would like to thank the family of Helene Zerka for the donation to the church in her name in the amount of \$295.00. She will always be in our hearts and prayers. God Bless!



We would like to thank those families that have used the Kroger organizational number when doing your shopping. We had 5 families help donate \$25.87 on the last quarter statement. We would like to encourage more to help use the number to help the community-forms are on the table in the lobby. Also, to those that have been using it, the number has changed and is also listed on those forms. Thank you & God bless!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: It is all parents' sacred obligation to pass on the faith to their children and to teach them about God (Church) and their **tradition or faith**. Therefore, all parents are urged to enroll their children in the religious education program that will start on **September 23, 2018**. This Maronite Christian Formation Program gives our children the opportunity to learn about their religion, as well as to be involved in the spiritual and social programs that will be held throughout the year. If your child is preparing to receive their 1st Holy Communion, please tell Deacon Joe and sign them up for class. Registration forms are available in the Narthex. For more information please call the office.

Liturgy Time News

Abouna will leave for Lebanon on Thursday September 20th and return October 10th.

On Friday September 21, 28 & October 7 we will have Benediction from 11:00-12:30PM On Saturday September 22, 29 October 6 and Sunday September 23, 30 and October 7 Fr. Hanna Tyyar and Fr. Joseph Khalil will take turns celebrating Maronite Liturgy. Please pray for his safe journey.

Organist Needed:

Anyone interested in becoming the organist for our church or knows of anyone who would be interested, please contact the office or email us at:

olol-flint@sbcglobal.net Thank you & God Bless!

THANK YOU, TEACHERS

Thank you to those giving of their time and faith to help teach classes for the Religious Education this year.

"And they cast lots for their duties, small and great, teacher and pupil alike."

[1 Chronicles 25:8](#)

TEACHERS NEEDED

Our Lady of Lebanon is looking for a teacher for 3rd, 4th, 5th and high school grades for Religious Education. See Deacon Joe Pavlovich if you are interested.

SPREAD THE WORD:

Please tell your family & friends about the church. Invite them to fellowship with us. Let us make the scripture come alive. "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes, ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. "Acts 2: 46-47

KEEP PRAYING:

Prayer is...directing our affections towards God; it is a devout and friendly talk with Him. Prayer is also a plea for the temporal goods that are necessary for earthy life. Only our Heavenly Father knows what one really needs and He provides. Finally, prayer is thanksgiving that is, an acknowledgement of blessings received, and an offering of all our works to God. When you read this, take a moment to pray to our loving God; re-connect with Him. Let us know if we can pray for you and with you.

You Belong Here ~ Join Our Parish Family!

Are you officially registered? Please make sure you are registered in the Parish so that we can minister to your needs. We can only reach out to you about upcoming events and opportunities if you are registered and we

Giving: The Catholic Charities food drive is an ongoing opportunity for households to share monthly with those less fortunate. There is a collection box near the church entrance.

Do you like this bulletin? Have news or ideas to share? Or to advertise? Can you make this bigger and better? Let us know. E-mail: lol1-flint@sbcglobal.net Thanks & God Bless.



Those interested in the trip to Spicer Orchards Saturday October 6th, please put your name on the sign-up sheet.

USHERS

Elias, Erik, Najib, Web

CHURCH CLEANING

Freda Hearsch and Betty Dillon

Stewardship

Weekend of September 9th Weekly Envelopes

Distributed	150
Received	34
Collection	\$1128.00
Catholic University of America	\$55.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$1183.00
Candles: \$25.00	Donuts \$16.00
Budget for September	\$16,000.00
Amount needed for September	\$11,042.00



OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH

MID EASTERN LUNCHEON & BAKE SALE

Thursday, October 11, 2018
11:00 am – 2:00 pm



SPECIAL: \$5.00
Kibbee Nayeh (Onion & Olive Oil)

COMBO 1 (\$10): Yakhni (Green Beans) & Rice, Kibbe Ball, Hummus, Spinach Pie, Salad; Pita Bread, Dessert, Coffee or Tea
COMBO 2: (\$10): Chicken Shawarma over Rice, Salad, Hummus, Pita Bread, Dessert, Coffee or Tea.

ALSO AVAILABLE:

<u>Kibbee Balls</u>	<u>Meat Pies</u>
\$1.75 ea. or 6/\$8.50	\$1.75 ea. or 6/\$8.50
<u>Spinach Pies</u>	<u>Stuffed Grape Leaves</u>
\$1.25 ea. or 6/\$6.00	6 for \$3.00



Pre-order available by calling: (810) 732-2370
Dine In or Pick Up at:
OUR LADY OF LEBANON RECEPTION HALL
4133 CALKINS RD. FLINT

Attention: Our Lady of Lebanon Church is here for God's purpose! "It is in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ, He had His eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone." Ephesians: 1:11 are you searching for a purpose for your life? Do you want a closer, deeper relationship with Christ? Get involved with our church and let God use your time, talents, and treasures to build His Kingdom on earth. This is God's gift to us!



DIOCESE OF LANSING'S APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA
43RD ANNUAL CONVENTION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018

Join us at St. John the Evangelist Church, 404 N. Dayton St., Davison, Michigan

The Message of Fatima: What Are We Missing?

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- September 23: Start of Religious Education
- October 6: Trip to Spicer Orchards
- October 7: Altar Society Meeting
- October 11: Mid -East Luncheon
- October 28: Religious Education Halloween Party