

NOVEMBER 4 – NOVEMBER 11, 2018

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



## The Season of the Glorious Birth

Today begins the first Season of the Liturgical Year, known as The Season of the Glorious Birth. This Season begins with the Announcement to Zechariah, followed by the Announcement to Mary, Birth of John the Baptist, Revelation to Joseph, Genealogy of Jesus, Birth of the Lord and concludes with Finding of Jesus in the Temple. Today's Gospel reflects how we can sometimes struggle to have faith in God and what he has willed for us.

In the Maronite Season leading up to Christmas we prepare ourselves for the Birth of our Lord. It is important to note that the Maronite calendar is different to that of the Roman Catholic Calendar. While the Roman Catholics prepare for Christmas with a lead up of 4 weeks, Maronites begin preparing for the birth of our Lord today and the season is 7 weeks long. There are many differences between the two traditions of these churches. It is important to understand the richness of our own tradition and teach this to our children.

Each gospel moves us through events which occurred leading up to Jesus' birth. Maronite Mass is rich in that each mass is different, there are different prayers depending on the season. Simply, by listening in church we are studying the Bible through not only the Gospel and Epistle readings but also the hymns that we chant. If we pay attention to today's mass and mass throughout this week we will notice many hymns about Zachariah's experience with the Angel Gabriel.

Today's Psalm reflects the Gospel and teaches us further about it.

To the Priest Zachariah, Gabriel the angel, came bringing news of an infant, saying "John will be his name." Zachariah was awestruck and his heart could not believe. He was filled with great wonder, could his barren wife conceive?

The Liturgy often gives us a lesson on typology (the relationship of the Old Testament to the New Testament). Here we learn how the events we know very well in the New Testament were prophesied in the Old Testament.

Today's Hymn titled 'That Most Awesome Mystery' depicts this.

Hear Isaiah's prophecy: John, the herald of the truth, the prophecy of Isaiah is as follows; A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Isaiah 40:3)

Isaiah has prophesied that someone will come before Christ to 'prepare the way of the Lord'. Today, through the announcement to Zachariah it is revealed that the prophecy will be fulfilled.

I encourage you to listen carefully to the words of the different hymns throughout this season and any other seasons. There is a lot to learn from the Maronite mass and we should be grateful for our unique tradition.

**Blessed Season of the Glorious Birth!**



FOR OUR  
SICK AND  
HOMEBOUND

Ceal Abdella	Najeeb Gappy
Marie Daher	Pat Haley
Violet Deibis	Najib Jouri
Regina Dunnivant	Tony Mansour
Diane Dunsmore	Muhsen Mansour
Ronnie Eckmayer	James McLeod II
Elizabeth Fanderl	Bob & Patti Pollack
Christopher Fredenburg	John Rachid

Eva Saseen
Elsie Shaheen
Jeannette Shaheen
Yvonne Weissert
Ed Young
Halim Zerka
Shirley 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  
Sam Goldman

Religious Education  
Joseph Pavlovich

Altar Society  
Cindy Shaheen

Morningstar Society  
Anthony Marshall

### Parish Staff

Secretary: Dawn Davis  
Custodian: Juan Hernandez  
Caterer: Charity & Garrett  
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.

### Website

[www.ololmi.org](http://www.ololmi.org)

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## Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3: 5 PM LITURGY**  
(CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH)

Rep: George Faris by Mansour & Elsie Shaheen

Rep: Helene Zerka by Issa & Lina Bunban

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4: 10 AM LITURGY**

Rep: Helene Zerka by Najib & Siham Massaad

Rep: George Faris by Aziz & Diane Massad

Rep: Charles Solomon by Solomon Family

Hebrews 9: 1-12 Matthew 16: 13-20 (A) Elias Chammas (E) Teresa Lindhurst

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5: 9 AM LITURGY**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6: 9 AM LITURGY**

Int: Lisa Lindhurst by Teresa Lindhurst

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7: 9 AM LITURGY**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8: NO LITURGY**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9: 11-1 LITURGY- BENEDICTION**

Rep: George Faris by Teresa Knight

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10: 5 PM LITURGY**

(RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH)

Rep: Helene Zerka by David & Ivonne Zerka

Rep: George Faris by Mansour & Elsie Shaheen

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11: 10 AM LITURGY**

Rep: George Faris by Jeanette Walterhouse

Rep: Helene Zerka by George & Virginia Rizk

Hebrews 9: 11-15 John 10: 22-42 (A) Aida Hayek (E) Earl Matte

## 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. 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 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion, please tell Deacon Joe and sign them up for class. If you wish to enroll your children, please fill out the form and return it to the office. For more information, please call the office at 810.733.1259.

*Food for the Soul:* As Peter proclaimed Jesus the Christ for the community, so his successor, the Pope, proclaims Him to the universal Church. As Christ empowered Peter to lead the Church, he empowers the Bishop of Rome to proclaim and serve entire Church. The Pope, then, is a "'visible source' and 'foundation of unity of the bishops and the whole company of the faithful'"

**Kroger Community Rewards Program:** We would like to encourage more to use this program, it helps out the community. Also, to those that have been using it, the number has changed. The form with the number and instructions is on the table in the lobby. Thank you and God Bless!



**ATTENTION:** The students of the religious education program are planning a Thanksgiving Fundraiser Luncheon on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Liturgy. The price is Adults \$6.00 and Kids \$4.00 per person or \$ 25.00 for immediate family.

All proceeds will go to the Religious Education Program.

**PLEASE NOTE:** No Religious Education class this day.



Bishop A. Elias Zaidan and bishops nationwide are joining in seven days of prayer and fasting prior to their general assembly in November, where they will make critical decisions regarding the tragedy of clergy abuse. Please join them in prayer. God Bless!



**St. Sharbel Church has invited Our Lady of Lebanon to join them for the Ordination Mass of Permanent Deacon Michael Magyar on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. There will be a reception following the mass in the parish hall. 43888 Hayes Rd., Clinton Township, MI.**



The Children's Halloween Party, Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, was enjoyed by many. They played games, ate and went home with lots of candy. Thank you to Deacon Joe, Lily, Betty, Freda, Sawsan, Amine and Laura for making this event possible. Also, thanks to all who donated food, candy and money to help cover the costs of the party. *May God reward you abundantly, Keep up the good work!*

### **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.

**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!



**STARTING TUESDAY, NOV. 13<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 – 8:00 PM**

*If you cannot commit to every class, come whenever you can*

**WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO COME AND BRING A FRIEND,  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*And I pray this that your love may again increase and abound in knowledge and in all spiritual understanding, Philippians 1:9*



**TICKETS NOW ON SALE!**

**Monday, December 31, 2018**

**Dinner & DJ - Entertainment**

**Doors open at 8 PM**

**TICKETS: Donation \$30/Adult \$15/Child**

**OUR LADY OF LEBANON RECEPTION HALL**

### **Daycare During Mass:**

We will offer daycare for your children on Sunday's during the mass for anyone interested in enjoying the spiritual enrichment of the mass without having to worry about your children having to leave during the service. Just bring them to the classrooms before mass and they will have activities to keep them busy.

### **USHERS**

Elias, Erik, Najib, Web

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Cindy Shaheen

### **Stewardship**

#### ***Weekend of October 28th Weekly Envelopes***

Distributed	150
Received	34
Collection	\$1,638.00
Fuel	\$20.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$1,658.00
Candles: \$12.00	Donuts \$19.00
Budget for October	\$16,000.00
Amount needed for October	\$9,265.00

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

November 6: Election Being Held in Hall  
November 13: Bible Study Begins  
November 16: Adoration  
November 18: Thanksgiving Luncheon  
November 22: Thanksgiving Day (office closed)  
November 23: Friday After Thanksgiving (office closed)

### **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

We have a new youth group: Lifeteen! This program will give us all the help we need to run a successful youth group and events. We need to build a strong "Core Group". It involves lots of volunteers, prayers and hard work. Everyone has talents and we would like to utilize them in such way that they will help walk our young people closer to Jesus Christ. If you know anyone who is willing to help or volunteer in anyway feel free to call the church. We will be having our first meeting on Nov. 13th from 6-8pm. Childcare, beverages, and snacks will be provided Please email or txt Vikey to RSVP [vikey06@yahoo.com](mailto:vikey06@yahoo.com), 305.798.0070. 2316 Coldwater Rd., Flint, MI 48505

**Topic 1** [www.Lifeteen.com](http://www.Lifeteen.com) Check out the website!

**Topic 2** We are searching for volunteers to help with Lifeteen events and to build our Core Team. Our core team program is for adults ages 21+.

#### **Challenges and Opportunities**

**Challenges** • Finding Core Team members

