

NOVEMBER 11 – NOVEMBER 18, 2018

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



RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH

A man decided his wife was getting hard of hearing. So he called her doctor to make an appointment to have her hearing checked. The doctor said he could see her in two weeks, but meanwhile there was a simple, informal test the husband could do to give the doctor some idea of the dimensions of the problem. "Here's what you do," he said. "Stand about 40 feet away from her, and speak in a normal conversational tone and see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response." That evening his wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he's in the living room, and he says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens."

"Honey, what's for supper?" No response. So, he moves to the other end of the room, about 30 feet away.

"Honey, what's for supper?" No response.

So, he moves into the dining room, about 20 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?" No response. On to the kitchen door, only 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?" No response.

So, he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for supper?" She turns around and says, "For the FIFTH time, CHICKEN!!!!"

We laugh because this is sometimes how it is in our lives. We are either deaf to what is really going on, or we think it is the other person's problem when really it is our own. Sometimes, we have selective hearing, and we hear what we only want to hear. This text today is all about listening and hearing – following the voice of Jesus. Sounds easy, but in this world today, we hear a lot of voices. There are voices out there telling us who we are, what we should want, what you should be. There are voices telling us to do this, don't do that. You're too fat. You're too skinny. You'll never amount to much. You're a sinner. You don't measure up. You are crazy. Take these drugs. You are wrong. There are voices telling us to believe this, buy this, drive that, wear this, go there, do your homework now (always follow that voice!). There are voices on Fox News and MSNBC? Which describes reality? Who is telling the truth: Sarah Palin, Barack Obama, James Brady, the NRA, John Boehner, or Nancy Pelosi? It is too much, and it is no surprise that we turn it all off. The essential question of faith is "Whose voice are you listening to, what voice do you hear, and what voice do you trust?" The faith task is to hone in, lean towards to the source, the authentic Divine voice and listen intently and then to act on what you hear. Saint Benedict advises his monks to listen with the ears of the heart. A heart grounded in fear is going to shape your hearing and your living. A heart grounded in suspicion is going to make you skeptical of what you hear and it will shape your outlook with the ugliness of cynicism. This is a great danger for us now when so many voices sound so angry and are filled with fear. The fear sews the seeds of doubt and distrust creating a nasty and polluted environment that is self-serving and protective. Without the voice of Jesus in the midst of this din, we will go deaf to the sound of his promise and his presence. We are the church, a community with a common desire to listen and follow Christ. That is the most important thing. For us, no other voice takes precedence. What we hear in this holy place in the reading of the Word, the singing of the hymns, the holy silences that are so rich is one powerful and healing message. We are loved. You don't have to know the one who speaking. Your heart must interpret the message. Hear the voice of love and move toward it. In a dog-eat-dog world of competition and anger, we move through the valley of shadow with the words of love in our ear and the banner of love around our shoulders.

Hear the voice of hospitality and know that you are welcome here. You do not have to have your theological stuff together. You are welcome now, and so is everyone else. We will get ourselves together in time as we decide to stay together. Hear the voice of generosity. It is the voice of God who has given us so much and asked so little except that we imitate this divine giving with joy and laughter. Hear the voice of justice and compassion. It is often the cry of the homeless and the hungry, of the immigrant, and those who flee violence and oppression. This is the voice of creation: this voice of love, hospitality, generosity, justice and compassion. This is the voice that renews the Church this Sunday. It is the voice that will renew each of us in the Spirit of Saint Maron, Saint Rafca, Saint Sharbel, and all their companion in whose footsteps we walk today with laughter, joy and always in peace.



FOR OUR
SICK AND
HOMEBOUND

Ceal Abdella

Helen Burgess

Marie Daher

Violet Deibis

Regina Dunnivant

Diane Dunsmore

Ronnie Eckmayer

Elizabeth Fanderl

Christopher Fredenburg

Najeeb Gappy

Pat Haley

Najib Jouri

Tony Mansour

Muhsen Mansour

James McLeod II

Patti Pollack

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.

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Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12: 9 AM LITURGY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13: 9 AM LITURGY

Rep: George Faris by Mark & Jodi Cuneaz

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14: 9 AM LITURGY

Int: In Reparation for the Sins of Sacrilege

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15: NO LITURGY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16: 11-1 LITURGY- BENEDICTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17: 5 PM LITURGY

(THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH)

Int: Mr. & Mrs. George Faris 70th Wedding Anniversary by Faris Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18: 10 AM LITURGY

Rep: Bob Pollack by Patricia Pollack

Rep: George Faris by Diane Dunsmore

Rep: Helene Zerka by Nabil & Carol Nouna

Romans 4: 13-25 Luke 1: 1-25 (A) Aziz Massad (E) Mary Matte



Growing Closer with God:

Ourselves & Parish Family Together

Our Lady of Lebanon & Mt. Zion Catholic Community will host the Divine Liturgy Friday, December 14th at 6:00 PM with Adoration, Reflection & Confession at Our Lady of Lebanon. It's a time to spend with your parish family for healing, repentance and reflection and becoming closer to God. There will a gathering with refreshments in the hall following the liturgy.



ATTENTION: The students of the religious education program are planning a Thanksgiving Fundraiser Luncheon on Sunday, November 18th 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.

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.



If you have any old photos from the church or past events from the church you would like to add to the online history, please email them to Freda:

freda@hersch.net Thank you!

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!



Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Robert Pollack, who passed away Monday, November 5th at the age of 82. May the Lord comfort you all, and we will keep you and Bob in our prayers.

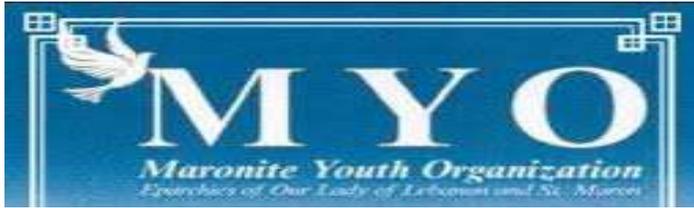
Food for the Soul: I. THE CHURCH - PEOPLE OF GOD

"At all times and in every race, anyone who fears God and does what is right has been acceptable to him. He has, however, willed to make men holy and save them, not as individuals without any bond or link between them, but rather to make them into a people who might acknowledge him and serve him in holiness. He therefore chose the Israelite race to be his own people and established a covenant with it. He gradually instructed this people. All these things, however, happened as a preparation for and figure of that new and perfect covenant which was to be ratified in Christ. The New Covenant in his blood; he called together a race made up of Jews and Gentiles which would be one, not according to the flesh, but in the Spirit."



STARTING THIS TUESDAY, NOV. 13th FROM 7:00 – 8:00PM

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



The 2019 MYO Regional Retreat will take place **Friday, February 15 thru Sunday, February 17, 2019**, at St. Sharbel Church in Clinton Twp., MI. The retreat will begin Friday evening with registration at 5:00 p.m. Conclusion of the retreat will be Sunday morning after the Divine liturgy. The retreat cost is \$185 per person, which includes accommodations, food, and any planned activities. Registration forms and payment must be turned in to the church office by **Sunday, January 6th**. The registration form and more details can be found here: [MYO Regional Retreat 2019 Registration](#)



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

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 have your updated contact information. Registration Forms are in the Church Narthex.

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Elias, Erik, Najib, Web

CHURCH CLEANING

Cindy Shaheen

Stewardship

Weekend of November 4th Weekly Envelopes

Distributed	150
Received	47
Collection	\$2,178.00
Fuel \$305.00 Eparchial Assessment	\$120.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$2,603.00
Candles: \$31.00 Donuts	\$14.00
Budget for November	\$16,000.00
Amount needed for November	\$13,397.00

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!



OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH

MID EASTERN LUNCHEON

Thursday, December 6, 2018

11:00 am – 2:00 pm



Special \$ 5.00

Kibbee Nayeh (Onion, Olive Oil & Bread)

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, Desert & Coffee or Tea

Meat Balls
\$1.75 ea. or 6/\$8.50

Spinach Pies
\$1.25 ea. or 6/\$6.00

Meat Pies
\$1.75 ea. or 6/\$8.50

Stuffed Grape Leaves
6 for \$3.00

Desserts

Baklava Walnuts 2 for \$1.50

Baklava Fingers 2 for \$1.00

Maamoul with Dates 2 for \$2.00



Pre-order available by calling: (810) 732-2370

Dine In or Pick Up at:

**OUR LADY OF LEBANON RECEPTION HALL
4133 CALKINS RD. FLINT**

WE NOW OFFER FREE DELIVERY FOR ORDERS OF \$80 OR MORE!

PLEASE SHARE

We have some Mid-East Luncheon Flyers on the table in the narthex area. Please feel free to take one or more to share with area businesses, your doctor’s office or workplaces, to encourage pre-orders or business luncheons. Thanks!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- November 13: Bible Study Begins
- November 18: Thanksgiving Luncheon
- November 22: Thanksgiving Day (office closed)
- November 23: Friday After Thanksgiving (office closed)
- November 24: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Visit
- December 6: Mid East Luncheon