

NOVEMBER 18 – NOVEMBER 25, 2018

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



## ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH



**"I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news."**

The Season of Announcement, is a commemoration of those events surrounding and culminating with the incarnation of Jesus. The season opens with the announcement to Zechariah that John, the Forerunner of Jesus, was to be born. Mention of the archangel Gabriel, whose name means, "God is strong," is found in the Old Testament. The archangel appeared to the prophet Daniel and spoke of the end of time when God will come to judge his people (Daniel 8:16-26, 8:21027). In the New Testament, the appearance of Gabriel to Zechariah is an indication that Gabriel is completing his mission and that the final days have begun. Although almost two millennia have intervened since the birth of John the Forerunner, it must always be recalled that we are living in the "end times" - the fulfillment of all that has been promised. Gabriel appeared to Zechariah, a descendent of Aaron, a member of the priestly caste. This appearance took place while Zechariah was fulfilling one of the priestly functions, the offering of incense at the Temple altar. The prophecy of a birth of a son was not only good news for Israel, but also good news for the aged Zechariah and Elizabeth. For years they had been living under the curse of having no children. Gabriel now told them that Elizabeth, in her old age, was to give birth to a son. The news given to Zechariah and Elizabeth recalls the promise given to Abraham and Sarah: they too were childless, but were promised descendants. Although he knew that nothing is impossible for God, Zechariah doubted the message. - Page 2 continued-

### 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

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**PRAYING  
TOGETHER**

FOR OUR  
SICK AND  
HOMEBOUND

**Ceal Abdella**

**Helen Burgess**

**Marie Daher**

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**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 Sassin**

**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"**

## Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17: 5 PM LITURGY**

**(THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH)**

**Int:** Mr. & Mrs. George Faris 70<sup>th</sup> 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**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19: 9 AM LITURGY**

**Int:** In Reparation for the Sins of Sacrilege

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20: 9 AM LITURGY**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21: 9 AM LITURGY**

**Int:** In Reparation for the Sins of Sacrilege

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22: 9 AM LITURGY-THANKSGIVING**

**Rep:** Kim Woodhall & John & Frances Taylor by Duane & Dee Gardner

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23: NO LITURGY**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24: 5 PM LITURGY**

**(THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY)**

**Rep:** George Faris by Robert & Jacqueline Bowles

**Rep:** Helene Zerka by Georges Zeidan El Zarka

**Rep:** Shaheen Shaheen 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary by Shaheen Family

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25: 10 AM LITURGY**

**Rep:** Mary Ann Sheehan 40 Day Mass by Sheehan & Knight Families

**Galatians 3: 15-22 Luke 1: 26-38 (A) Bernadette Kouza (E) Chris Dabish**

### Office Closed

The church office will be closed Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday!

*Many Blessings to you and your family!*



### **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

*I extend my best wishes for a happy and blessed Thanksgiving to all parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Lebanon. May you and all of your family members share a very pleasant and joyful day together, and may God bless each and every one of you abundantly.* Abouna Pierre

**Today**, may our thanksgiving be to God, for we have been deeply and richly blessed.

**Tomorrow**, may our actions reflect His peace, for we have been filled with His spirit.

**Always**, may we follow close to Him, for we have been promised His lasting love.

**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!

-Continued- In order to bring him to belief, Gabriel gave him a sign: Zechariah was to be mute until the birth of his son. This sign given to Zechariah is intended for all of us. John the Forerunner is the link between the Old and New Covenants. With the coming of the Savior, the Old will be silenced and the New Covenant proclaimed. Filled with the spirit, we cry out with Zechariah, "Blessed are you, O God!" The early Fathers provide us with an interesting epilogue to the account. They taught that Zechariah was martyred because he refused to disclose John's hiding place to Herod's soldiers. (Matthew 23:35).

### *Congratulations*

We would like to extend our best wishes to Deacon Michael Magyar on his Ordination November 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church. May God bless him for many years.



The Altar Society will have a Holiday Bake Sale, Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> after Liturgy. Anyone wishing to donate home baked goods for the holiday, please contact Diane Massad or Ahlam Solomon. Thank you for your generosity and support.



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 Divine Liturgy. The cost for the retreat 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](#)

**Food for the Soul:** The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition.

### **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.



### **TICKETS NOW ON SALE!**

**Monday, December 31, 2018**

**Dinner & DJ – Entertainment**

**Doors open at 8 PM**

**Ticket Donations Adults \$30 each Kids 10 & Under \$15 each**

**After Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> \$40 each**

**OUR LADY OF LEBANON RECEPTION HALL**

### ***THE GIVING TREE***

Not every neighbor among us will have the means to enjoy a little extra during the Holidays. If you can assist a family, please select a tag and make a purchase from our "Giving Tree." You can return the wrapped gift to the church. **Deadline Dec 17<sup>th</sup>.** Please include the tag with it so we know who the gift is for. Thank you for your generous support.

### **USHERS**

Elias, Erik, Najib, Web

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Cindy Shaheen & Diane Massad

### **Stewardship**

#### ***Weekend of November 11th Weekly Envelopes***

Distributed	150
Received	39
Collection	\$1,380.00
Fuel	\$5.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$1,385.00
Candles: \$7.00	Donuts \$18.00
Budget for November	\$16,000.00
Amount needed for November	\$12,012.00



Please join us on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM for a special Mass in Arabic to welcome the visitors of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Lansing. We will have a gathering with refreshments in the hall following the liturgy. Please join us as we celebrate and make them a part of our parish family this day. Thank you.



### **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!

### **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.**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- 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
- December 9: Altar Society Meeting

