

NOVEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 2, 2018

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



The angel comes to a small house in the town of Nazareth. This is in contrast to the angel's first appearance in the holy sanctuary of the Temple but it serves to show that God is present everywhere. The angel comes to an unknown young woman, and not only to holy priests, for God's Good news is for all.

The angel greets Mary with the words, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you" a special endearment, not reflected in the initial encounter with Zechariah. Mary's response was perplexing and pondering very different from Zechariah who was terrified and overwhelmed by fear. From the first words, Mary is open to what lay ahead. She was prepared to listen. When the angel explains the purpose of the visit, Mary does not object but simply asks, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?". She is seeking clarification in contrast to Zechariah who doubted, "How will I know this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years". Their questions differ, their attitudes differ. Mary seeks direction whereas Zechariah wants proof. Mary could believe in miracles. Zechariah couldn't. We can add here that when Mary is told about Elizabeth's pregnancy, she doesn't doubt or question, but accepts this to be so, and rushes to be by her side. Mary and Elizabeth are in contrast to Sarah who was promised a child with Abraham in their old age, but scoffed at the mention (Gen 18:9-12), whereas Elizabeth was accepting of God's will.

Where Zechariah is struck mute, Mary gives voice to God's workings, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word". Mary freely chose to be part of God's idea. She accepted and believed God's will was best. It is the women, Mary and Elizabeth, who show the correct response to God. May we too learn to listen with open minds and welcoming hearts. Amen

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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FOR OUR
SICK AND
HOMEBOUND

Ceal Abdella

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Violet Deibis

Regina Dunnivant

Diane Dunsmore

Ronnie Eckmayer

Elizabeth Fanderl

Christopher Fredenburg

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Pat Haley

Najib Jouri

Tony Mansour

Muhsen Mansour

James McLeod II

Patti Pollack

John Rachid

Eva Saeen

Elsie Shaheen

Yvonne Wiessert

Ed Young

Halim Zerka

Shirley Zerka



We now have a NEW OLOL webpage.

As well as our Facebook page, "Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church"

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24: 5 PM LITURGY

(ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY)

Rep: George Faris by Robert & Jacqueline Bowles

Rep: Helene Zerka by Georges Zeidan El Zarka

Rep: Shaheen Shaheen 3rd Anniversary by Shaheen Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25: 10 AM LITURGY

Rep: Mary Ann Sheehan 40th Day by Sheehan & Knight Families

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26: 9 AM LITURGY

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27: 9 AM LITURGY

Int: In Reparation for the Sins of Sacrilege

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28: 9 AM LITURGY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29: NO LITURGY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30: 11-1 LITURGY- BENEDICTION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1: 5 PM LITURGY

(VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH)

Int: George & Mary Faris Family by Helen Burgess

Rep: Medim Reyes by Peter, Angie & Danielle Araos & Cleofe Araos

Rep: George Faris by Dorothy O'Brien

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2: 10 AM LITURGY

Rep: George Faris by Mary Fiebertz

Rep: Sister Françoise, Kamar by Fouzi & Eliane Zerka & Family

Rep: Bob Pollack by Aziz & Diane Massad

Eph 1: 1-14 Luke 1: 39-45 (A) Elias Chammas (E) Ferris Anthony



Sunday, December 16th

Breakfast served after the

10:00 A.M. Liturgy

Ticket prices are: \$6.00 Adults

\$4.00 Children (ages 2-12)

Under age 2-free

Santa Claus will be there, so don't forget to bring your camera! There will also be a raffle.

We hope to see you and your family there!



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



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.

***There will be NO morning service on this day.**

ATTENTION

Stewardship and Parish Council meetings will be held on Tuesday, December 11th

Stewardship Committee will meet at 6 PM.

Parish Council will meet immediately following at 7 PM

Food for the Soul: "What the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ"



We will be having Bible Study classes on Tuesdays from 7-8 PM for anyone interested in deepening their spiritual relationship and understanding of the Bible. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. If you are interested, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Class this Tuesday, November 27th

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



The children from the Religious Education Program would like to say "THANK YOU" for your support and generosity with the Thanksgiving fundraiser, which raised \$438.00. A special "Thank You" to Marleine and the ladies and men that helped by giving of their time to help make it a success.

Election for Council Members

We are looking to fill 4 vacancies on the parish councils. Anyone interested in giving of their time to help support and strengthen their parish family, please fill out the ballot and return to the office by December 31, 2018. Thank you and God bless!



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](#)

Kroger Community Rewards Program: We would like to encourage more to use this program, it helps out the community. The last quarter earned \$22.93. The form with the number and instructions is on the table in the lobby. Thank you and God Bless!

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.

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Elias, Erik, Najib, Web

CHURCH CLEANING

Cindy Shaheen & Diane Massad

Stewardship

Weekend of November 18th Weekly Envelopes

Distributed	150
Received	35
Collection	\$1,387.00
Fuel \$35.00 Eparchial Assessment	\$210.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$1,632.00
Candles:	\$24.00
Budget for November	\$16,000.00
Amount needed for November	\$10,380.00



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



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 27: Bible Study

December 4: Bible Study

December 6: Mid East Luncheon

December 8: 11AM Church Cleaning for Christmas

December 9: Altar Society Meeting

December 11: Parish Council & Stewardship Meetings

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