

DECEMBER 2 – DECEMBER 9, 2018

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4133 Calkins Road, Flint, MI 48532



### *The Story of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mary visits her relative Elizabeth; they are both pregnant. Mary is pregnant with Jesus and Elizabeth is pregnant with John the Baptist. Mary left Nazareth immediately after the Annunciation and went "into the hill country...into a city of Judah" (Luke 1:39) to attend her cousin Elizabeth. There are several possibilities as to exactly which city this was, including Hebron, south of Jerusalem, and Ein Karem. The journey was about 100 miles, and Elizabeth was in the sixth month before Mary came (Luke 1:36). Mary stayed three months and departed just before John was born.

Catholics believe that the purpose of this visit was to bring divine grace to both Elizabeth and her unborn child. Even though he was still in his mother's womb, John became aware of the presence of his Divine Savior; he leapt for joy as he was cleansed from original sin and filled with divine grace. Elizabeth also responded and recognized the presence of Jesus. Thus Mary, now for the first time, exercised her function as mediatrix between God and man.

Elizabeth remarks to Mary: "And she spoke out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed [art] thou among women, and blessed [is] the fruit of thy womb. And whence [is] this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed [is] she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord (Luke 1:42-55)"

It is also at this point, in response to Elizabeth's remark, that Mary proclaims the Magnificat (My soul doth magnify the Lord), (Luke 1:46-55), for which reason this canticle had traditionally been reserved for this feast day.

#### 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 & 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.

#### Website

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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 Saeen**

**Elsie Shaheen**

**Yvonne Weissert**

**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, DECEMBER 1: 5 PM LITURGY**  
**(THE 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 Fiebernitz  
**Rep:** Sister Françoise, Kamar by Fouzi & Eliane Zerka  
**Rep:** Bob Pollack by Aziz & Diane Massad  
**Eph. 1: 1-14 Luke 1: 39-45 (A) Elias Chammas (E) Ferris Anthony**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3: 9 AM LITURGY**

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4: 9 AM LITURGY**

**Rep:** Jacqueline Juenke by Earl & Mary Matte

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5: 9 AM LITURGY**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6: NO LITURGY**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7: 11-1 LITURGY- BENEDICTION**

**Rep:** Helen O'Brien by Nieces

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8: 5 PM LITURGY**

**(THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST)**

**Rep:** Helene Zerka by Maryana Kassis

**Rep:** George Faris by Violet Deibis

**Rep:** Tony Beaino by Ladies Altar Society

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9: 10 AM LITURGY**

**Rep:** Mary Ann Sheehan by Colette Rizk

**Rep:** Helene Zerka by Fouzi & Eliane Zerka & Family

**Rep:** George Faris by Ahlam Solomon

**Galatians 4: 21-5: 1 Luke 1: 57-66 (A) Elias Chammas (E) Therese Wofford**

### ATTENTION

**Stewardship and Parish Council meetings  
will be held on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

Stewardship Committee will meet at 6 PM.

Parish Council will meet immediately following at 7 PM



### Growing Closer with God:

#### Ourselves & Parish Family Together

Our Lady of Lebanon & Mt. Zion Catholic Community will host the Divine Liturgy Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 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 be a gathering with refreshments in the hall following the liturgy.

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

### 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. Please include the tag with it so we know who the gift is for. Thank you for your generous support.



### And Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

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 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.

**FOOD FOR THE SOUL:** *Catechism of the Catholic Church states at paragraph 717: "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John." John was "filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb" by Christ himself, whom the Virgin Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. Mary's visitation to Elizabeth thus became a visit from God to his people.*



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, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

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



## 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.

### USHERS

Elias, Erik, Najib, Web

### CHURCH CLEANING

Freda Hearsch

### Stewardship

#### *Weekend of November 25th Weekly Envelopes*

Distributed	150
Received	25
Collection	\$870.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$870.00
Candles:	\$40.00
Budget for November	\$16,000.00
Amount needed for November	\$9,510.00



### 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

Baklawa Walnuts 2 for \$1.50

Baklawa 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

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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December 14: Divine Liturgy & Adoration

December 16: Breakfast with Santa & Christmas Party