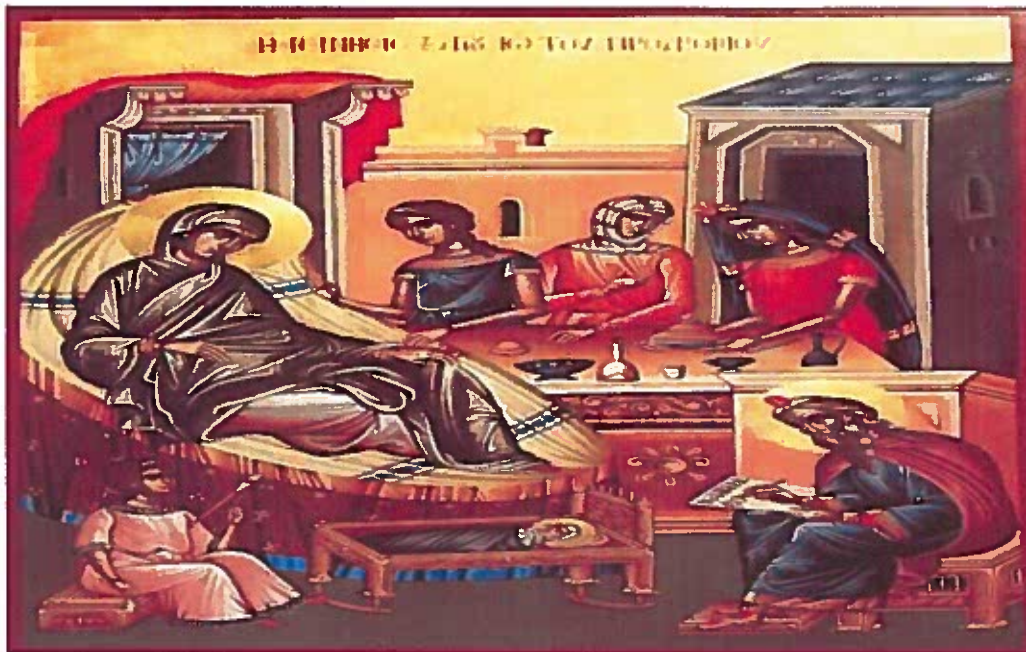


DECEMBER 9 – DECEMBER 16, 2018

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Christians have long interpreted the life of John the Baptist as a preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ, and the circumstances of his birth, as recorded in the **New Testament**, are miraculous. John's pivotal place in the gospel is seen in the emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself, both set in prominent parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus.

The sole biblical account of the birth of John the Baptist comes from the **Gospel of Luke**. John's parents, **Zechariah**, a Jewish priest, and **Elizabeth**, were without children and both were beyond the age of child-bearing. During Zechariah's rotation to serve in the **Temple in Jerusalem**, he was chosen by lot to offer incense at the **Golden Altar** in the **Holy Place**. The Archangel **Gabriel** appeared to him and announced that he and his wife would give birth to a child, and that they should name him John, a name which was unfamiliar in Zechariah and Elizabeth's families. **Acts 4:6** refers to a "John" among the high priests who challenged the apostles' preaching after Pentecost, so the name was not unknown within the wider priestly family. However, because Zechariah did not believe the message of Gabriel, he was rendered **speechless** until the time of John's birth. At that time, his relatives wanted to name the child after his father, and Zechariah wrote, *"His name is John"*, whereupon he recovered his ability to speak. Following Zechariah's obedience to the command of God, he was given the gift of **prophecy**, and foretold the future ministry of Jesus this prophecy forming the text of the **Benedictus canticle**.

Office Hours

Monday thru Friday
10 AM—3 PM

Clergy

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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
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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8: 5 PM LITURGY

(THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST)

Rep: George Faris by Violet Deibis

Rep: Helene Zerka by Maryana Kassis

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10: 9 AM LITURGY

Int: In Reparation for the Sins of Sacrilege

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11: 9 AM LITURGY

Rep: Joann Lambers by Earl & Mary Matte

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12: 9 AM LITURGY

Int: In Reparation for the Sins of Sacrilege

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13: NO LITURGY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14: 6 PM LITURGY & ADORATION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15: 5 PM LITURGY & NOVENA

(THE REVELATION TO JOSEPH)

Rep: Mary Ann Sheehan by Ladies Altar Society

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16: 10 AM LITURGY & NOVENA

Rep: George Faris by Til Rizik

Rep: Mary Ann Sheehan by Juliet Hermez

Rep: Bob Pollack by Deacon Joe & Lily Pavlovich

Eph. 3: 1-13 Matthew 1: 18-25 (A) Aida Havck (E) Web Doan

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



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.**

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 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.



*Congratulations to Stanley and Mariam Deland on the
Baptism and Chrismation of their daughter, Zaida Ann
Marie Deland, on December 1st here at Our Lady of
Lebanon. Many Blessings on her life with 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, December 11th

*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!



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



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](#)

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Elias, Erik, Najib, Web

CHURCH CLEANING

Freda Hearsch

Stewardship

Weekend of December 2nd Weekly Envelopes

Distributed	150
Received	56
Collection	\$2,535.00
Fuel \$410.00	Patriarchal Charities \$170.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$3,148.00
Candles: \$16.00	Donuts \$17.00
Budget for December	\$16,000.00
Amount needed for December	\$12,852.00

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES & ACTIVITIES:

Sunday December 16th, 2018

After 10:00 A.M. Liturgy Christmas Party (All Parents, Parishioners and Children are invited)

Sunday December 16th, 2018

After 10:00 O'clock liturgy Pancakes with Santa

Monday, December 24, 2018

6:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Liturgy.

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

10:00 A.M. Christmas Day Liturgy.

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

9:00 A.M. Praises to the Mother of God

CHRISTMAS NOVENA:

Devotions for Christmas begin Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and will be held every evening at 6:00 until December 23rd. However, on Sunday, December 16th and December 23rd the Novena devotions will follow the 10:00 A.M. liturgy.

CONFESSIONS:

Half hour before the Christmas Novena

NEW YEAR

December 31, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M. Liturgy

New year's Party @ 8:00 P.M.

January 1, 2019 @ 11:00 A.M. Liturgy

EPHANY OF OUR LORD (Ghattas)

Saturday, January 5, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M. Liturgy

Sunday, January 6, 2019 @ 10:00 A.M. Liturgy

Food for the Soul: 718

John is "Elijah (who) must come." The fire of the Spirit dwells in him and makes him the forerunner of the coming Lord. In John, the precursor, the Holy Spirit completes the work of "[making] ready a people prepared for the Lord."

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!

"When you're tempted to lose patience with someone, think how patient God has been with you all the time."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 11: Parish Council & Stewardship Meetings

December 11: Bible Study

December 14: Divine Liturgy & Adoration

December 16: Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Party

December 24 & 25: **Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**

December 31: New Year's Hafi

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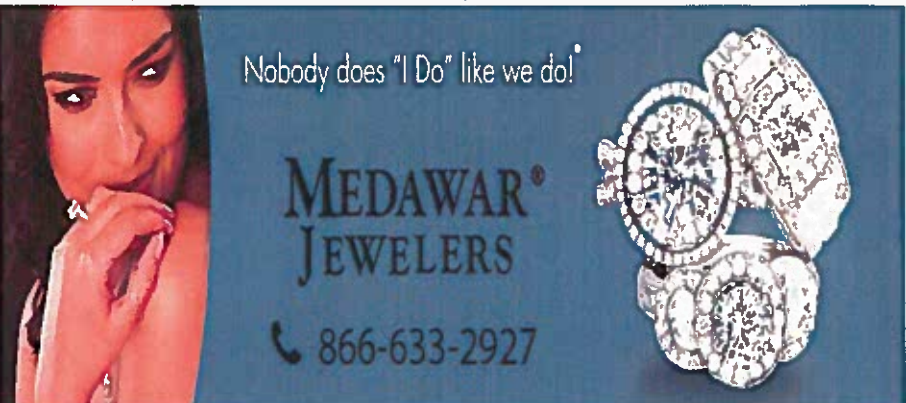
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