

MCF (Maronite Christian Formation)
Classes are held every **Saturday at 3:30 pm.** Please have your children attend weekly.

Pioneers of Mary
Meetings will be held every Sunday, at 5:30PM.
Kids in grades 7 through 12 are invited to join.

MYA MEETING: All parishioners ages 18 to 35 are invited to attend our next MYA meeting on Sunday, March 15th at 7:00 PM.

PARISH ORGANISTS: Patty Boulous, Paul Boulous PASTORAL COUNCIL: President: Naomi Karam-Koerwitz Vice-President: Maynard Melhem Secretary: Rhonda Elias George Baurkot, Esq. Roseann Joseph, Esq. Patty Boulous Alex Karam, Jr., Esq. Abe Kassis, Esq. <i>Heritage Day Chairperson:</i> Steve Koorie <i>Financial Controller:</i> Ferris Koorie	BINGO COMMITTEE	Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous, Anthony Koury, Jr
	MCF COORDINATOR	Deanna Baurkot
	ST. THERESA SODALITY	Rosemary Canone
	HOLY NAME SOCIETY	David Elias
	MYA	Leila Karam / Isaac Jabbour
	CHOIR DIRECTOR	Patty Boulous
	MYO/PIONEERS	Antoinette Elias
	ARABIC CLASSES	Yasmine Karam

CONFESSIONS: SUNDAY: 9:20 am to 9:45 am (before mass) SATURDAY: 4:00 pm to 4:40 pm (before mass) Also Available by Appointment	BAPTISMS: Please Call The Parish Rectory (non-parishioners sponsors must provide a certificate from their Catholic church)
OCTOBER TO MAY Arabic Classes: Friday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Religious Education: Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm	MARRIAGES: Please Notify The Pastor At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time

Mission Statement Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church has been a fixture in the Easton, Pennsylvania community for over 75 years. Our parish is entrusted with the care and guardianship of all Maronite Catholics in the Lehigh Valley area, as well anyone who wishes to join our community. We are charged with the preservation of the faith, traditions and heritage of the Maronite Catholic Rite through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. As Maronite Catholics, our mission is to share the spirituality and Liturgy, the treasures of our Eastern heritage, our culture, family ethics and traditions, with all our brothers and sisters in the Lehigh Valley. While promoting the Christian faith, we are called to reach out with compassion to the less fortunate and the needy in our society, especially through our charitable work in the community. All are welcome to join us in worship and in our way of life, as humble servants seeking to glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and live by his eternal life giving commandments.



Week 10 - 12, 2015

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mar 7 - Mar 22, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Lent Parable of the Prodigal Son

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CLERGY

Father Simon El Hajj, Pastor
Deacon Anthony Koury

OFFICE VOLUNTEER:

Claire Willard

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
No office hours or Liturgy on Fridays.

LITURGY: Saturdays: 5:00 PM
Sundays: 10:00 AM

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The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 15:11-32.

The Lord Jesus says: ‘There was a man who had two sons.
The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them.
A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.
When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe the best one and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.
‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." ’

WEEKEND of MAR 7 - MAR 8 *Fourth Sunday of Lent - Parable of the Prodigal Son*

Sat., Mar 7 - 5:00 PM - Rose T. Symia (Birthday Remembrance) by Children

Sun., Mar 8 - 10:00 AM - Bishop Francis El Baissari, Deceased Priests of Kfarsghab, Lebanon, Deceased members of Sheik Estephen Family & All the Deceased who have no one to pray for them by a Friend. Coffee hour to follow

Monday	Mar 9	6:00 pm	Julia Stevens by Dr. & Mrs. Elias Isaac
Tuesday	Mar 10	6:00 pm	Oscar Canone by Mary Sue, Anthony & Ava Tumminello
Wednesday	Mar 11	6:00 pm	Wakeem Isaac by Marlene Bedway
Thursday	Mar 12	6:00 pm	John Tony by Mr. & Mrs. Budwi Jacob
Friday	Mar 13	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Rabih Maroon by Mr. & Mrs. Jabbour Moussa (Lebanon) Stations of the Cross and Benediction

WEEKEND of MAR 14 - MAR 15 *Fifth Sunday of Lent - Healing of the Paralytic*

Sat., Mar 14 - 5:00 PM - Elias & Tiro Symia and their deceased Children by the Family

Sun., Mar 15 - 10:00 AM - Mitch Daniel (Anniversary) by Wife, Children & Grandchildren - Coffee hour to follow

Monday	Mar 16	6:00 pm	All the Deceased who have no one to pray for them.
Tuesday	Mar 17	6:00 pm	Dimitra Achi by Best Friends - Deena Hanna, Frances Marcus & Rosie Touma
Wednesday	Mar 18	6:30 pm	Raymond Baurkot, John Boulos, Joseph Marzuoli, George Jabbour & Joseph Badway
Thursday	Mar 19	6:00 PM	Jacob & Emily Joseph and daughters, Wanda & Marguerite by Mr. & Mrs. William Joseph
Friday	Mar 20	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross and Benediction-Confessions from 6 - 6:45 PM

WEEKEND of MAR 21 - MAR 22 *Sixth Sunday of Lent - Healing of the Blind Man*


Sat., Mar 21 - 5:00 PM - Catherine Melan (Birthday Remembrance) by the Family

Sun., Mar 22 - 10:00 AM - Eva Oliver (1st Anniversary) by daughters Sandy & Jodi and their Families. Coffee hour to follow

Publication of Banns 1st Banns of marriage is announced for Samuel Khoury of Australia & Dora Elias of Easton. If anyone has a reason why this couple should not be united in Holy Matrimony speak now only to the Pastor or forever hold your peace.


LECTORS	
Saturday, March 7	Symia Family
Sunday, March 8	TBD
Saturday, March 14	Symia Family
Sunday, March 15	Daniel Family
Saturday, March 21	Melan Family
Sunday, March 22	Oliver Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

 **Parable of the Prodigal Son**
2 Cor 13:5-13 / Lk 15:11-32

Healing of the Paralytic
1 Tim 5:24 -6:5 / Mk 2:1-12

Healing of the Blind Man
2 Cor 10:1-7 / Mk 10:46-52



Annual Lenten Appeal

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

The Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of St. Maron Brooklyn is now taking place. The Bishop relies upon you to help him serve our Maronite parishes, open new missions, train our future Maronite priests, and support our retired priests.

We have been asked to contribute \$6,500 as a parish. Every family is asked to participate in the Appeal at a level which is meaningful for them, and to be as generous as possible.

An envelope dated March 8th is included in your weekly offering box for your convenience. In the event sufficient funds are not raised, the church will have to pay the difference. Please give what God has put in your heart to give.

Thank you for your generosity!
Fr. Simon



Saint Joseph's Bake Sale

The St. Theresa Sodality's annual bake sale will be held on Wednesday, March 18th, in the church hall, following the evening liturgy and procession with the icon of St. Joseph. Everyone is invited to attend!



BINGO	FLOOR	KITCHEN
Mar 10	Rosie Canone, Marta Gabriel, Sharon John	Jawhara Karam, Rosann Constantine
Mar 17	Labeebe Buesing, Dee Dee Ellwood	Violine Karam
Mar 24	Mike Boulos	Beverly Karam

St. Maron's Day Hafli

Will be held at our

Lady of Lebanon Church Hall on

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Doors will open at 6:30 PM.

Appetizers will be available from 6:30 to 7:15.

A short program will begin at 7:15 followed by a dinner buffet.

Entertainment will be provided by Ayad Attallah

Tickets are \$50.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children under 12. Deadline for ticket purchases is April 12th.

For tickets and table reservations please see Elaine Koury or Minerva Jacob.

We are still accepting ads for the Memoriam Ad book up until March 31, 2015 Please consider an ad in memory of a loved one.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who are the Maronites?

Did you know...

.....the Maronites trace their origins to Saint Maron. A Syrian hermit who died in 410 AD?

New Website!!

Check out our new website that can be found at www.ololeaston.org.

Our new email address is abouna@ololeaston.org.

Suggestions/comments are welcome. For the time being you will still be able to reach us at

Email: ololchurch@yahoo.com
Website: moutlebanon.org

St. Joseph's Hafli

Our Sister Parish, Saint George Maronite Church of Rhode Island is celebrating its 66th Annual

Saint Joseph Hafli on

Saturday, March 21, 2015.

As part of its celebration it is holding a \$10,000 Grand Prize Raffle. The raffle ticket cost \$100 per ticket and "one lucky winner" need not be present at the event.

If you are interested in supporting this annual event you may purchase a raffle ticket by contacting Rosann Constantine in person or by telephone at 610-253-2269.

"The Christian Lebanese Foundation in the World (CLFW)

will host ,on Sunday March 15, 2015 after the liturgy, a registration campaign for Lebanese citizenship in our church hall.

Interested applicants are urged to bring their citizenship documents, which include a Lebanese family civil registry (ikhraj kayd), marriage certificate, and birth certificate(s). For more information, call CLFW's representative Mrs. Fadia Samaan (610) 969-8036, or visit clfw.org."

Father Simon will be holding a

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

every Wednesday during Lent, in the church hall from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

Bibles are not needed. Please use this opportunity to deepen your understanding of the scriptures.