



Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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Church Clergy

Father Pierre ElKhoury, M.L.M., Pastor

Deacon John Sfire

Subdeacon Thomas Podraza

Subdeacon George Romanos

Mass Schedule

Sundays : 9:30 am (English) & 11:30 am (English & Arabic)

Confession

Contact the priest or the church office to arrange your confession during the week.

Baptism

Please call the Church office for arrangements one month prior to the celebration of the Sacrament.

Marriage

Please allow at least six months of preparation time. Date arrangements are made after the initial meet with pastor before any other commitments are made.

Ministry of the Sick

If any parishioner is seriously ill at home or in a hospital, please call the pastor or the Church office to arrange for Communion, Confession or Anointing of the Sick.

Maronite Catholic Education

Catechism Classes for children are on Sundays from 10:20 am – 11:20 am.

Announcement To Zechariah NOVEMBER 17, 2019



Every now and then, God surprises us. I'm not thinking about daily gifts, or the little delights. Rather, I'm speaking of big surprises, the sort that come as if out of nowhere, the surprises that threaten to turn our lives around, or even to overturn them altogether.

Zechariah had one of these experiences. An angel appeared to him ... big surprise number one. The angel told him that his wife would soon give birth to a son ... big surprise number two, because Elizabeth was well beyond childbearing years. This Child would be the prophet of God and prepared the way for God ... big surprise number Three.

But Zechariah "didn't believe" what the angel had said to him. And because he failed to believe God's promise, he was silenced for the time of his wife's pregnancy.

In this Season, as the Maronite Church starts preparing for Christmas, I want to be open to anything and everything God wants to do in my life. I want to have eyes to see the small surprises so that I might receive them with gratitude. And I want to be ready to say yes to God's call, no matter whether it fits with my expectations or not.

Pray For

Please call the parish office to inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a parishioner or family member. If you would like to add or remove your name or a relative's name from our prayer list, please contact us.

Mass Intentions for NEXT SUNDAY November 24, 2019

09:30 AM

Catherine Schmidt *(Aunt of Tim Mulcahey)*

11:30 AM

Josephine Mikhael Ziadé *(The Ziade Family)*

Bible Verse

Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard.

Luke 1:13

From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. Hoping against hope, Abraham believed the word of God that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 1:1-25

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” Zechariah said to the angel, “How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.” The angel replied, “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. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.” Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, “This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.”

Upcoming Events at Our Lady of Lebanon

October (2019)

Monday 21	Relics of St. Veronica Giuliani
Saturday 26	All Saints Party (Halloween)

November (2019)

Sunday 3	Mass for all souls followed by potluck lunch
Sunday 10	Start of Christmas Toy Drive
Saturday 16	Lebanese Independence Party
Sunday 17	Deadline for Thanksgiving Food Drive

December (2019)

Saturday 7	Christmas Retreat
Sunday 8	Children's Christmas Party
Sunday 15	Christmas Bake Sale
Saturday 21	Deadline for Christmas Toy Drive
Sunday 22	Christmas Recital followed by potluck lunch

Christmas Celebration (2019)

Tuesday 24	5pm: Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday 25	12am: Christmas Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25	11:30am: Christmas Day Mass
Sunday 29	Feast of the Holy Family
Tuesday 31	New Year's Party

January (2020)

Wednesday 1	5pm: Mass – beginning of Year 2020
Sunday 5	Feast of Epiphany (End of season)

Weekly/Monthly Events

Tuesdays	7pm: Choir Practice
Fridays	7:30pm: Bible Study and gathering
1st Saturday of the month	3pm: Rosary with Oumouna Mariam



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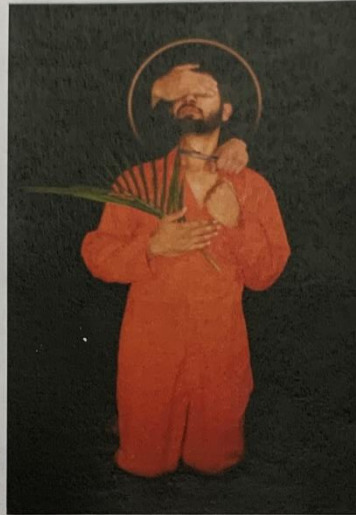
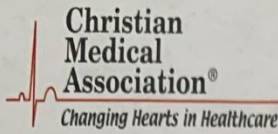
Food Drive

Canned and Non-Perishable Food/Food Gift Cards

Deadline November 17 2019

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950 N GRACE
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“Saul Saul, Why Do You Persecute Me”
Acts 9:4



**St. John Paul II Newman Center-UIC invites you for a presentation on:
“Persecution of Christians in the World and the Middle East”**

Speakers:

His Grace Mar Paulus Benjamin, Diocesan Bishop of the Assyrian Church of the East.

Mrs. Tonia Khouri: Vice President for In Defense of Christians (IDC) organization

Dr. Daniel Olsen, Archdiocese of Chicago, Director of Ecumenical and Interreligious affairs

Monday November 18, 2019

12:30-1:30 @ Student Center West – Room 218-219

828 S. Wolcott Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60612

Light lunch will be served

Mass Celebration		
	Renewal of the Church: Page 20 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
Sunday Readings		
	Psalm 25 Reading: Romans 4:13-25 Holy Gospel: Luke 1:1-25	
Mass Intentions for THIS SUNDAY		
	<u>09:30 AM</u> Catherine Schmidt <i>(Aunt of Tim Mulcahey)</i> <u>11:30 AM</u> Catherine Schmidt <i>(Aunt of Tim Mulcahey)</i> Loucine Kassis – Michael Kassis and Dianne DeCassis Stanley and Patricia Jugovich <i>(The Kassis Family)</i>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Readers	Nabil Zahra	Andrew Bassil <i>(Arabic)</i> Mary Mulcahey <i>(English)</i>
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Henry Abboud Naji Abiad, John Albani

Announcements

- ✳ **Bible study:** Fridays at 7:30 pm.
- ✳ **Lebanon Independence Party:** Shaker Hall. Saturday November 16. Singer Danny Achkar. Mesa, food and Cash Bar. Ticket \$65 for Adults. \$35 for Children.
- ✳ **Thanksgiving Food drive:** We are looking for donations of canned and non-perishable food items or food gift cards. Deadline Sunday November 17. Thank you.
- ✳ **Christmas Retreat:** Saturday December 7 at 9:30 am. Contact Jeanne D'arc Yasmine
- ✳ **Christmas Toy Drive:** Adopt one family member. Purchase a gift or gift cards. All gifts will be distributed at Hope House shelter, where our parish will prepare a Lunch and a Christmas Party for them on Saturday December 21st. For more info Micheline Hanna.
- ✳ **Christian Medical Association** Invites you for a presentation: **“persecution of Christian in the Middle East”** on Monday November 18 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm at Student Center West – UIC. Speakers: Bishop Paulus Benjamin, Assyrian Church. Tonia Khoury, Vice president of IDC. Dr. Daniel Olsen, Archdiocese of Chicago. Light Lunch will be served.

Let Us Remember

our Beloved Ones who passed into Heaven during the Month of **NOVEMBER**

Bernice Simon - Bernice Karsa - Jackie Shaker - Micki Besser - Virginia Nimer - Anton Ibrahim - George Gage - George Hanna - John De Salvo - Richard Gorra, Jr. - Samir Rizkallah - Robert D. Kooiker - Herbert Jage - Thomas A. Neely - Joanne Ibrahim - William Halowi - Joseph Basil - Farida Khattar - Selma Jage Vokal - Theodore W. Jage - Joseph Windsor - Helen Dandan - Linda T. Fischer - Regina Gage - Nasafe Kassis - Saleme Gossan - Sarah Bolis.

COLLECTION

November 10, 2019: \$ 3,252.00

“Each one must give from his heart, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7