



**CLASS OF 2024**

*Graduation*  
**PARTY**  
**Mario Khoury**

Join us for a celebration  
Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2024  
at 11:30am  
Our Lady of Lebanon  
55 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Easton, PA 18042

RSVP by June 1<sup>st</sup> to  
484-542-6756

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
The Sanctuary candle for May is donated for Health and Healing by Elaine Koury

**PASTOR CONTACT**  
In case of any needed pastoral assistance, we ask that only the family contact Fr. Youssef on his cell phone at **412-583-5702**.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Saturday, May 11 -	\$694.00
Sunday, May 12 -	\$1,013.00
Total -	\$1,707.00

**venmo**

The address is [@ololchurch-easton](#). Please be sure to specify for what your contribution is intended.

**Project FOOD PANTRY**

Our next collection will be this weekend, May 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>. Project is asking for donations of Peanut Butter and Jelly in plastic jars; however, you may give anything you wish.

Thank you for your continued kindness!

**Saint Maron Church Philadelphia, PA** *كنيسة مار مارون فيلادلفيا*

**2024 ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL**

Friday, May 31 5pm - 11pm    Saturday, June 1 3pm - 11pm    Sunday, June 2 1pm - 9pm

Delicious Food - Drinks - Desserts - Live Entertainment - Dancing  
50/50 CASH PRIZE RAFFLE

For more information 

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**OUR LADY OF LEBANON  
MARONITE CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**

55 South 4th Street  
Easton, PA 18042  
610-252-5275



Week 20 - Week 22    Email: [abouna@ololeaston.org](mailto:abouna@ololeaston.org)    Website: [ololeaston.org](http://ololeaston.org)    May 18 - June 2, 2024

# Pentecost Sunday



**The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 14:15-20**

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

**Save-the-Dates**

Every Wednesday in May  
Mass and Rosary at 6:45 PM  
to honor our Blessed Mother

Procession of the Blessed Mother  
Sunday, May 26th

Lebanese Heritage Days  
Saturday, August 3rd & Sunday, August 4, 2024

Holy Name/St. Theresa  
Golf Tournament  
Friday, September 27, 2024

**OLL VBS 2024**

**SCUBA**  
diving into friendship with God

July 8-12, 2024    Open to all parishioners ages 3-12  
9:00am-12:00pm    (currently in 6th grade)

To register as a participant or sign up to volunteer, visit [www.myvbs.org/ololeaston](http://www.myvbs.org/ololeaston)

**DEADLINE IS TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024**

The Holy Name Society and St. Theresa Sodality  
Scholarship applications are now available.

**APPLY NOW**  
Deadline is May 19th

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT  
[WWW.OLLEASTON.ORG](http://WWW.OLLEASTON.ORG)

**CLERGY:**  
Fr. Youssef Keikati, Pastor

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday through Thursday  
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Closed on Fridays

**RECTORY & MAILING ADDRESS:**  
54 South 4th Street  
Easton, PA 18042

**LITURGIES:**  
Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM  
Weekday Holy Days of Obligation:  
7:00 PM

2024 Graduating High School students are eligible to apply for scholarships. The requirements to be considered are as follows:

- Scholarship application.
- An official high school or transcript showing most recent GPA and/or class rank.
- A copy of an acceptance letter from a college or trade school.
- A personal statement.

Scholarship winners will be chosen by grades, financial need and parish participation. Applications can be found online at [ololeaston.org](http://ololeaston.org).  
Deadline is Sunday, May 19, 2024.  
Two (2) \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded.  
Contact either the Holy Name Society or St. Theresa Sodality officers with questions.

**\*\*\*Pentecost Sunday\*\*\***

**Saturday, May 18 - 5:00 PM - DR. ELIAS ISAAC AND DR. KATHRYN ISAAC (Anniversary) by the Family**

**Sunday, May 19 - 10:00 AM - BARBARA KASSIS (Anniversary) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.**

**2nd Collection - Catholic Communications Campaign - May 18th & 19th**

Following the norms established by the USCCB, 50% of this collection is sent to them for national Catholic television, radio and other media, and 50% is retained by our Eparchy for the Maronite Voice and any other communication needs we may have.

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>JOSEPH CANONE</b> by Sharon John
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 22</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>	<b>GLORIA HADDAD BAURKOT</b> by Freda Scarpa. Rosary will be prayed before Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 23</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>CHUCRALLAH DANIEL FAYEZ ELIAS (40 Day Mass)</b> by Yolla Elias & children, Fayeze, Ivette, Renee & Dounia. Coffee hour to follow.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 24</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>FR. JOSEPH ABDEL SATER</b> by Fr. Youssef

**\*\*\*Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity\*\*\***

**Saturday, May 25 - 5:00 PM - CANON & DOURA ANTHONY (10TH Anniversary) by Emil Anthony & Family**

**Sunday, May 26 - 10:00 AM - HABIB NEHME** by the Family

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>PETER KASSIS</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Shaheen
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 29</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>	<b>LAUREN BADER SESTITO</b> by Jim Canone. Rosary will be prayed before Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 30</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>THURSDAY OF THE BODY OF CHRIST - FOLLOWED BY THE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.</b> FR. LOUIS HASHEM by Fr. Youssef
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>JOSEPH RIZK</b> by Rafih & Lila Hayek

**\*\*\*3rd Sunday of Pentecost\*\*\***

**Saturday, June 1 - 5:00 PM - Available**

**Sunday, June 2 - 10:00 AM - DEACON ANTHONY KOURY (40 Day Mass) by the Family. Brunch to follow.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Acts 2:1-21 / Jn 14:15-20**

**Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity**

**Rom 11:25-36 / Mt 28:16-20**

**3rd Sunday of Pentecost**

**1 Cor 2:1-10 / Jn 14:21-27**



**May is the month of Mary**



*We will pray the rosary every Wednesday in May at 6:45 pm to honor our Blessed Mother.*

*The Liturgy will follow.*

*Mother of love, of sorrow and of mercy. pray for us.*

**May as the Month of Mary: East and West**



Roman Catholics have a deep history of honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May. This devotion, which developed over the course of centuries in the West, spread and connected to Marian devotions indigenous to the Christian East, leading Catholics all over the world to make May a special time to praise God's Immaculate Mother.

**May as the Month of Mary in the West**

As early as the 13th century, **Latin Catholics** began designating May as a special month to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Prior to his repose in 1284, King Alphonsus X of Spain, in one of his poems, sings of May as the month of Mary, describing how the people gather round her altar to sing her glories and pray for protection from all harm.

Not long after, the German monk Blessed Henry Suso, O.P., adopted the practice of honoring Mary in a special way during springtime. He would gather flowers, weave them into a crown, and then place it on the statue at Our Lady's altar. On one occasion he was privileged to hear angel choirs joining him in singing Mary's praises, and another time he heard them singing the Magnificat. Similar devotions spread throughout Germany in the succeeding centuries.

By the 18th and 19th centuries, both the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) had distributed devotional literature singling out May as a special time to honor the Queen of Heaven. Public liturgical celebrations became normative throughout Europe, eventually making their way to North America and missionary lands as far as China.

By the 20th century, devotion to Mary in May had become so beloved by Latin Catholic faithful that Pope Pius XII established the Feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31 in his 1954 encyclical *Ad caeli reginam*. Though Paul VI would transfer this feast to August for the *Novus Ordo* missal, it is still celebrated in May by traditional Catholics following the 1962 missal.

**May Marian Devotions in the East**

The **Chaldean Catholic Church**, which uses the East Syriac Rite and is headquartered in Baghdad, Iraq, has also adopted the practice of honoring God's Mother in May. Centuries before it re-established communion with Rome, the Chaldeans decreed May 15 as the Feast of Our Lady of the Fields. During this celebration, the faithful supplicate Mary to bring forth a good harvest and spread her protection over families.

Catholics following the **Byzantine Rite**, known as **Greek Catholics**, possess a strong tradition of honoring Mary. In light of their Latin brethren's special fervency during May, various Greek Catholic churches have followed suit, blending Latin praxis with their own tradition. One prominent example of this is holding special supplication services to the Blessed Virgin throughout the month. Known as a *paraklisis* in Greek or *moleben* in Slavonic, this service is structured like Matins with the intoning of Psalms 142 and 50, the reading of the Gospel, and the chanting of a canon or prayer to the Mother of God. In their most lavish form, *molebens* may include a full procession in or outside the church and additional blessings, such as sprinkling with holy water or anointing.

**The Maronite Catholics of Lebanon**, who never formally broke communion with Rome despite centuries of separation due to geographic and political barriers, have a rich tradition of honoring Mary in May that parallels those found among Latin Catholics. While Latin Catholics typically assign Saturday as a special day for Marian devotion, Maronites honor her on Wednesday, as they believe this is the day the Blessed Virgin fell asleep in the Lord. In addition to May, Maronites also set aside the months of August and October to honor the Queen of Heaven. One Maronite prayer to Mary reads as follows: *O Mary, Queen of the Mountains and Seas, Queen of our beloved Lebanon, whose glory is given to you, and whom you wished to be your emblem. O Virgin, whose purity rivals the snow of Lebanon, rise in glory like the cedars of Lebanon. We beg you to lay your motherly eyes on all your children and extend your pure arms to bless us. Amen.*

Regardless of geographic location, church structure, or rite, Catholics have come to embrace May as a time to pay honor to Mary, the Mother of God and Queen of Heaven. By her prayers and the prayers of all the saints, may we be protected during our time on earth and find eternal joy in the Kingdom of Heaven.