



CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of

GEORGE AZIZ ELIAS

(FATHER OF JOE ELIAS OF ALLENTOWN)

who passed to his eternal reward on Sept 23, 2024 in Lebanon. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

HOLY NAME SOCIETY/ST. THERESA SODALITY

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, Nov 4th at 6:30 PM in the church crying room. Prayers begin at 6:10 PM. All members are encouraged to attend.

OCTOBER DONATIONS

- \$3,000 - to St. Joseph Convent/Tomb of St. Rafka
- \$1,000 - for Hurricane Relief to St. Michael the Archangel in North Carolina
- \$500 - to Lehigh Valley for Lebanon to aid Kfarsghab villagers who are helping refugees sheltered in Kfarsghab
- \$500 - College tuition aid for Student Seminarian in Lebanon

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle for October is donate in loving memory of **Izzat & Helen Melhem** by Bill and Sia Bader

PASTOR CONTACT

In case of any needed pastoral assistance, we ask that only the family contact Fr. Kamil on his cell phone at **610-739-8586**. Fr. Kamil's email is clergy95@gmail.com

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday, Oct 19 -	\$500.00
Sunday, Oct 20 -	\$1,007.00
Total -	\$1,507.00

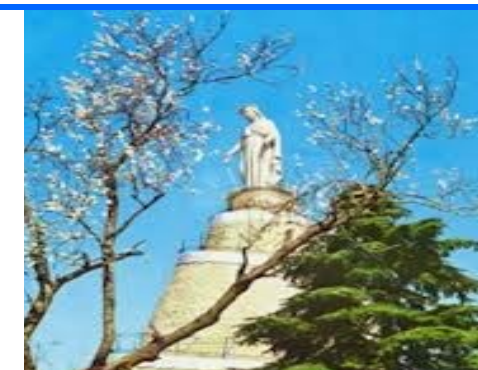
COLLECTION FOR LEBANON

SATURDAY OCT 12 -	\$1,734.00
SUNDAY - OCT 13 -	\$825.00
TOTAL -	\$2,559.00



**OUR LADY OF LEBANON
MARONITE CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

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



Week 43 - Week 45 Email: ololchurch@yahoo.com Website: ololeaston.org Oct 26 - Nov 10, 2024

Sunday of Christ the King



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 25:31-46

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?"

And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me."

Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?"

Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

BAPTISM

Preregistration for Baptism is required. Catholic sponsor certificates must be received by the parish before the Baptism is scheduled.

CONFESSION

One hour before each Liturgy
Also available by appointment

MARRIAGE

Please notify the pastor at least one year prior to date. Engaged couples need to register as parishioners and take required marriage classes.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please inform us of the sick and shut-ins at
610-739-8586

1ST HOLY COMMUNION & MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

October through April; Saturdays 3:45- 4:45

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

Changes or additions to the bulletin must be submitted no later than Tuesdays at 5:00 PM.
Thank you for your cooperation.

CLERGY:

Fr. Kamil Al-Chouefati, 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
Weekdays: Tues - Fri 9:00 AM
Weekday Holy Days of Obligation: 7:00 PM

The Rosary will be said 30 minutes before each Mass. Confession will be available one hour before each Mass or by appointment.

*****Sunday of Christ the King*****

Saturday, Oct 26 - 5:00 PM - MRS. EVA FARHAT by the Family

Sunday, Oct 27 - 10:00 AM - MICHAEL J. KOURY SR. (Anniversary) by Judge & Mrs. Michael Koury

Tuesday	Oct 29	9:00 AM	LAURI JABBOUR by Robert & Betsy Walker
Wednesday	Oct 30	9:00 AM	PATRICE BAURKOT by Marta & Camille Gabriel
Thursday	Oct 31	9:00 AM	BERLIN KASSIS by Edward Melhem & Family
Friday	Nov 1	7:00 PM	ALL SAINTS (Holy Day of Obligation) MARY JABBOUR by Colleen & Mark Ziegenhorn

Beginning of the Liturgical Year
*****Consecration of the Church*****

Saturday, Nov 2 - 5:00 PM - COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
ANTHONY HANNI (2nd Anniversary) by the Family

Sunday, Nov 3 - 10:00 AM - LILA RIZK HAYEK (40 Day Mass) by the Family

2ND COLLECTION - MARONITE PATRIARCHAL CHARITIES - NOVEMBER 2ND & 3RD

(All Proceeds from this collection are sent directly to our Patriarch for his charitable works.)

Tuesday	Nov 5	9:00 AM	PETER & LILLIAN KARAM (Birthday Remembrance) by Jackie Nehme & Family
Wednesday	Nov 6	9:00 AM	GEORGE M. JABBOUR by Lila Melan & Claire Willard
Thursday	Nov 7	9:00 AM	GLORIA BAURKOT by Mr. & Mrs. Pete Shaheen
Friday	Nov 8	9:00 AM	DR. ELIAS ISAAC by Sharon John & Family

*****Renewal of the Church*****

Saturday, Nov 9 - 5:00 PM - LOUIS HANNI by the Family

Sunday, Nov 10 - 10:00 AM - ISKANDER & SAMIR HAYEK by Rafih Hayek & Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday of Christ the King
Rom 12:9-21 / Mt 25:31-46

CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH
Heb 9:1-12 / Mt 16:13-20

Renewal of the Church
Heb 9:11-15 / Jn 10:22-42



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THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, Christians worldwide celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This relatively recent addition to the Church calendar, established in the 20th century, holds a profound purpose—to acknowledge the dominion of our king, Jesus Christ, over all of creation and every aspect of our lives.

We understand the kingship of Christ to mean that Jesus has authority over all creation. This authority is based on his identity as the Son of God and in his work of redemption. He is a king who serves, sacrifices, and redeems—a ruler who establishes a kingdom not by military might but by love, justice, and the ultimate sacrifice of himself on the cross. His resurrection is the vindication of his kingship and his ascension as his enthronement.

A PRESENT REALITY AND FUTURE HOME

The belief in Christ as King finds its roots in the Christian understanding of Jesus as the Messiah, whose reign exists as both a present reality and a future hope. In the here and now, his reign manifests in the lives of believers who seek to live under his lordship. But the Feast of Christ the King also carries a sense of eschatological anticipation, signaling the ultimate culmination of time when the reign of Christ is fully realized. As St. Paul says in his letter to the Philippians,

God has highly exalted him and given him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. – Philippians 2:9-11

The church calendar perfectly positions the Feast of Christ the King on the last Sunday of the liturgical year before Advent begins. We end the year triumphantly proclaiming Christ as King and start the new liturgical year earnestly waiting and praying for the ultimate triumph of Christ at the end of time.

THE ORIGINS OF CHRIST THE KING

The Feast of Christ the King is a relatively recent addition to the Western liturgical calendar. Its roots trace back to the 20th century when Europe was grappling with the aftermath of World War I. The war had ravaged Europe, leaving destruction in its wake. The loss of life was more significant than in any previous war in history. It is estimated that 20 million people died, and 20 million more were wounded. Governments teetered on the edge of economic collapse, and unemployment soared. In some places, people were on the brink of starvation.

The war ushered in significant political and social changes. Secularism was on the rise, and traditional institutions, including both monarchies and the Church, were facing challenges from emerging political ideologies like communism and fascism.

The old world, with its established social and political orders, was disintegrating. Pessimism and a sense of helplessness infected the people, exacerbated by the bitterness between nations. In this fertile ground for tyranny, figures like Benito Mussolini, Adolf Hitler, and Joseph Stalin began to rise. In their distress, the people gravitated to anyone who could offer them hope.

In this climate of despair, Pope Pius XI saw people turning away from Christ, seeking hope, guidance, and sustenance from emerging dictators. Amid this shift, there was a growing inclination to relegate morality and the Church's teachings to the annals of history, deeming them irrelevant in the modern age. In this modern worldview, Christ might be accepted as a historical figure but had no place in modern life.

ESTABLISHING THE FEAST

Recognizing that people were turning their backs on Christ in favor of secularism, materialism, and the false promises of tyrants, Pope Pius XI knew he had to act. In 1925, he issued his encyclical letter "Quas Primas" and established the Feast of Christ the King. His motivation was clear: to reaffirm the kingship of Christ, emphasizing that Jesus holds ultimate authority over all aspects of human life, including the political and economic realm. Pius intended the feast to counteract the secularization and atheism of the time, boldly proclaiming that Christ's kingdom transcends worldly powers. Through it, he called on the faithful to consecrate themselves to the lordship of Jesus, reminding them that Christ must reign in our minds, wills, and hearts and that they must love God above all things and cleave to him alone.

CHRIST THE KING OF TODAY

Our world today is not so very different from the world of Pope Pius XI. Peace remains elusive, political, social, and economic orders continue to falter, and most nations reject the kingship of Christ in their lives. The Feast of Christ the King remains as relevant today as it was in 1925.

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, let us embrace the reign of Jesus in every part of our lives, and let us hold fast to the promise that he will come again in power and great glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

And so we make our prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

By Ashley Tumlin Wallace