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**Our Lady of Lebanon  
Maronite Catholic Church**

**Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am – 1:30 pm**

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**COMMUNION HOST & WINE**

The Communion Host and Wine offering for  
January is donated in loving memory of  
**Joseph Assise Jr.** by the Family.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary candle for January  
is donated in loving memory of  
**Dimitra Giacoumopoulos Achi**  
by Mr. & Mrs. Nick Giacoumopoulos

**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.**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Saturday, Jan 18 - \$551.00

Sunday, Jan 19 - \$496.00

Total - \$1,047.00

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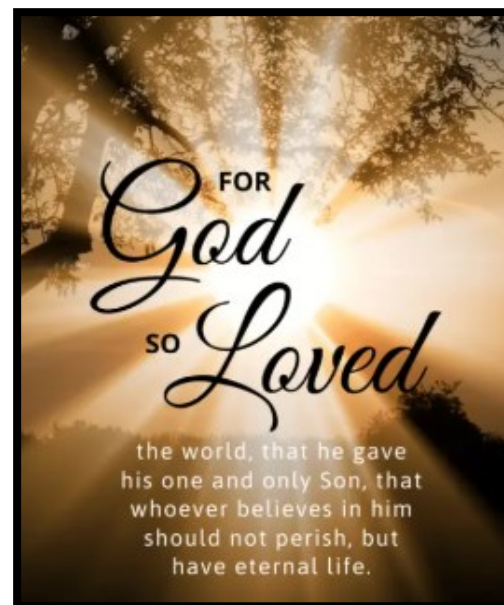
**OUR LADY OF LEBANON  
MARONITE CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**

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Week 4-Week 6 Email: [ololchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:ololchurch@yahoo.com) Website: [ololeaston.org](http://ololeaston.org) Jan 25 - Feb 9, 2025

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**



**The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ  
according to Saint John 3:1-16**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'

Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'

Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."'

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?'

Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?'

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'

**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:**

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**LITURGIES:**

Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM  
Weekdays: 9:00 AM Tuesday - Friday  
Weekday Holy Days of Obligation: 7:00 PM  
Confession will be available 30 minutes  
before each Mass or by appointment.

**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.

**\*\*\*3rd Sunday after Epiphany\*\*\***

**Saturday, Jan 25 - 5:00 PM - ANTHONY HANNI** by Marlene Bedway

**Sunday, Jan 26 - 10:00 AM - MILO ELIAS (2nd Anniversary)** by Getta Elias & Family

**2nd Collection - United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities - Jan 25th & 26th**

This collection combines the four USCCB collections: Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, the Church in Africa, and Catholic Relief Services. The total is divided accordingly.

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>DEACON JOHN HANNI</b> by Diane & Duane Volk
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan 29</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>MICHAEL M. JABBOUR</b> by Mr. & Mrs. William Joseph
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>AOUTELE ELIAS</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Edwar Elias <b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>EVA FARHAT</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Badwi Jacob

**\*\*\*Presentation of Christ in the Temple\*\*\***

**Saturday, Feb 1 - 5:00 PM - LILA RIZK HAYEK** by the Hon. Judge and Mrs. Robert Ellwood

**Sunday, Feb 2 - 10:00 AM - BARBARA MELHEM (1st Anniversary)** by her brother, Youssef Melhem

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb 4</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>HABOUK SHUMAR</b> by Donald Solomon & Cheryl Solomon
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb 5</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>BERLIN KASSIS</b> by Marie Lahoud
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb 6</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>DAOUN BOULOS</b> by Mr. & Mrs. Duane Volk <b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb 7</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>PATRICE BAURKOT</b> by Donna & Mike Merring

**\*\*\*St. Maron, C\*\*\***

**Saturday, Feb 8 - 5:00 PM - MARIE ROSE KOUMI** by Rafik Hayek

**Sunday, Feb 9 - 10:00 AM - ST. MARON FEAST DAY- FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS**  
by Fr. Kamil

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

**Num 21:4-9 / Gal 3:23-29 / Jn 3:1-16**

**Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

**Rom 9:30-10:4 / Lk 2:22-35**

**St. Maron, C**

**2 Tm 3:10-17 / Jn 12:23-30**



**PRAYER FOR PEACE**

O Holy One, we know that violence between your children is not according to your will, and we pray that you will help and guide the peoples in conflict to bring the current warfare to an end.

We pray for open hearts for all sides to listen and work for peace. We pray for a change of heart for everyone involved in this struggle that they will realize that solutions to this conflict are to be found in negotiations and not weapons.

We ask also for safety for our fellow Christians in the Holy Land that they may continue to serve as living representatives of your Son in the land of his earthly birth.

We ask all this in His Name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

**SOME WELL KNOWN FACTS ABOUT SAINT MARON...**

Saint Maron, the hermit, lived in the second half of the 4th century A.D. (350-410) on "Mount Napo" in a region called "Cyrrhus", situated between Antioch and Aleppo. He opted for life in the open air, day and night, in summer and in winter. He relinquished everything, living a life full of sacrifices, fasting and prayers. Saint Maron became famous and his holy reputation spread all over the region. Saint John Chrysostom wrote to him from his exile in the Caucasus asking for his blessings and prayers. His bishop, the theologian Theodoret of Cyrrhus, called him "Maron the Divine" because through his prayers, he healed all who came to him with physical or mental diseases.

Upon his death, Saint Maron was buried in a neighboring town. The locals considered his corpse a precious treasure and built a church in his name.

Some disciples of Saint Maron, mainly Ibrahim of Cyrrhus came from Cyrrhus to the mountains of Lebanon to preach to the pagans who lived in the arid areas of Byblos, Jebbeh and Batroun. They converted them to Christianity under the name of Maron. At the same time, his disciples in northern Syria, near the Apamea and around the monastery of Saint Maron on the Asi River, founded communities known as "The People of Maron" or "Beit Maron". To escape persecutions of the Jacobins and the Arabs, they scattered around Syria and Lebanon where they settled with their relatives.

They chose the invincible mountains of Lebanon as their refuge to preserve their faith in God and their freedom to live in dignity. Once the elements of "independence" were founded, Saint Maron's followers elected John Maron as their patriarch. They founded an autonomous Maronite Church as part of the Antiochene Church. They continued their deployment to southern Lebanon, Cyprus, the Arab regions and other countries of diaspora, while preserving the inherited religious rituals from the founding fathers. The Maronites had a leading role in the creation of Lebanon, the homeland of the Christian mission, of values and of democracy; they were also essential in preserving it as a harbor to any oppressed or persecuted human being in his/ her journey on this earth.

**For more in-depth information, check out the online [Workshops](#) hosted by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light and the St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center.**


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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

AT 7:00 PM





## MARONITE HISTORY

### SAVE THE DATES!

Online Workshops at 8pm:

Feb. 6- St. Maron & the Maronite Liturgy (Fr. Dominique Hanna)

Feb. 13- Maronite Music & Melodies (Fr. Neemtallah Oneissy)

Feb. 20 - Maronites & the Holy See (Chorbishop John Faris)

**VIA ZOOM**

Hosted by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light in conjunction with the St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center.

To register and/or to learn more visit:  
maroniteservants.org  
saintsharbelcenter.org

