

**Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church**  
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**Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, December 1, 2019**

**Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock**  
Anwar Nassar and Joseph Hareb

**Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Members of Our Lady of Lebanon Parish, (living and deceased)

**Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock**  
Zailah and Saade families

**Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock**  
Wadih Massoud Maalouf (6<sup>th</sup> anniversary) and Shafik Maalouf  
(19<sup>th</sup> anniversary)  
Jacqueline Abi Fadel (40 Day Anniversary)

**Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, December 8, 2019, Birth of John the Baptizer**

**Gal 4:21- 5:1; LK 1:57 - 66**

**Let us Pray the Rosary**

Please join fellow parishioners as we pray the Holy Rosary every **Sunday at 10:15 a.m.** in preparation for the Divine Liturgy and in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

**Ushers**

**Sunday, December 1, 2019**

Fawzi Abou Chabki, Victor Beasley, Kevin Pitzer & Tony EL-Khoury

**Sunday School**

Due to Thanksgiving holiday there will be no **Sunday School on Sunday, December 1, 2019.** Sunday School will resume again on **Sunday, December 8, 2019.**

**Attention First Communion Parents**

**On Saturday, December 7, 2019** at 10:00 a.m., the First Communion children will celebrate their First Confession. First Confession is required before a child can have his or her First Communion in May.

**Thank you for your generosity**

Summary of Collection for **Sunday, November 24, 2019**

Regular Sunday Collection:	\$2008
Tuesday Evening:	\$ 40
Mail Donation	\$ 790

**Please Join US**

**On Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.,** Chorbishop Seely Beggiani will present a lecture on **Syriac Spirituality (Part 3)** at the Seminary's Library. This is meant as a faith formation for young people and adults. All are welcome and are urged to attend.

**Saint Barbara's Party**

**Saint Barbara's annual celebration** will take place on Saturday, December 7, 2019, from 7 - 10 p.m. The cost is: Adults: \$25.00 per person, Children 6-10: \$15 (5y/o & under free). Payment Type: cash or checks (no credit cards). For Tickets & Information Please call Amanda Touma at (571) 377-9765 or Janine Helou at (703) 599-8341

**Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Christmas Party, December 22,**

Please join our annual Christmas Luncheon on December 22, 2019

following Sunday liturgy. The program includes Nativity Play, Christmas Songs and Luncheon. **Santa and his helpers will also pay a visit.** We ask that to please bring canned food or imperishable items each Sunday to donate to the Collection Box downstairs in the Church Hall. We will be collecting the food items from now through December 22 to donate to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries which runs a food pantry for the Needy.

**2020 New Year's Eve**

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church invites you to celebrate New Year's Eve on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at Sheraton Tysons Hotel, 8661 Leesburg Pike, Tysons, VA. For more information, please contact Gebran Fattouch at (443) 600-9484.

**Are you interested**

One of our parishioners is interested in teaching Mathematics, Science and languages for elementary and middle students. She can also teach piano (techniques and song) for beginners and intermediate level students. If interested, call Nadine at (202) 577- 6852

**Christmas Poinsettias**



**ORDER  
YOUR  
POINSETTIAS**

If you would like to contribute toward flowers for the Church at Christmas, please let me know on or before **December 15, 2019.** To avoid any confusion please **give your check and order form directly to the Pastor (Please do not bring or have poinsettias delivered).** The check should be made payable to Our Lady of Lebanon and marked "**Christmas Flowers.**" Cost: **Poinsettias \$20 each.** All flower contributions will be acknowledged in the Christmas Bulletin. Flowers could be in memory of deceased loved ones, or in honor of a loved one, or even in thanksgiving for special graces. Monetary contribution is also appreciated and acknowledged.

**Donor's name and last name:**

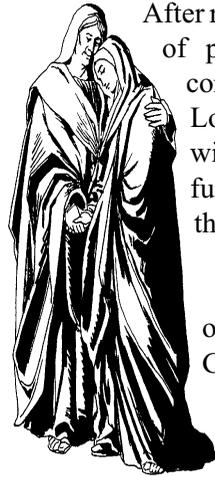
**Number of Poinsettias:**

**In memory of:**

**In Honor of:**

## *Visitation to Elizabeth*

The third Sunday of the Season of the Annunciation commemorates another important event in the unfolding of the Promise of God: Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth.



After receiving such a tremendous good news, Mary could have secluded herself in a life of prayer and contemplation. However, after the angel of the Lord communicated the news of Elizabeth's conception to her, Mary perceived it as the Lord's will that she goes to be with Elizabeth, and thus chose to share the divine life within her with another. Mary shared Jesus with others even before His birth. The fundamental task of an apostle is to share Jesus with others, and so, Mary is called the Queen of the Apostles.

Impelled by the Spirit of God, Mary left on a journey that required four days of difficult travel, especially for a poor girl such as herself. Yet, as the Mother of God and our Mother, she was already concerned for the welfare of others.

When Mary encountered Elizabeth, the unborn infant in her womb leapt for joy, and Elizabeth herself was filled with the Spirit and sang of the blessedness of Mary.

Mary is blessed, not simply because she was to be the Mother of God, but also because of her own personal faith. She heard the words of the angel and accepted everything that was to happen with humility. For this reason, she is blessed throughout the ages.

The hymn of Mary differs from that of Zachariah. Zachariah's hymn is communal: He is proclaiming gratitude to God on behalf of all the people of Israel. On the other hand, Mary's hymn is personal, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord. . . ." She is humbly proclaiming the great things that God has done for her. In humility, the Virgin of Nazareth proclaims how great the Lord has made her by choosing her to be the Mother of His Son. The hymn of Mary announces a three fold revolution which God will bring about through His Son: It is moral "He has confused the proud."; social "He has deposed the mighty from their thrones.... "; and economic ". . . The hungry He has given every good thing. . . .".

To be called by God for any task, brings with it a crown of sorrow and a crown of joy. God chooses us not for our own glorification, but in order to use us to bring about His Kingdom. Like Mary, Let us respond with humility and be grateful to God for choosing us as His instruments.

