

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church
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Announcement to Mary Sunday, November 24, 2019

Sunday, November 24, 2019 at 11:00 o'clock
Younes Halim Younes (40 day anniversary)

Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

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 (6th anniversary) and Shafik Maalouf (19th anniversary)

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

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

Halim Younes, Mark Malkoun, Billy Haddad and Joseph Nasr

Parish Meeting

On Sunday, November 24, 2019, following the Divine Liturgy, Msgr. George M Sebaali, Pastor, would like to invite you to a general parish meeting. The meeting will explore the spiritual life of the parish, religious education, outreach, etc. Mr. Tom Karam will also give a presentation about the parish's financial position and financial needs and vision of the parish. Please make every effort to attend. I hope to see you then.

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.

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

Celebration, 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.



Christmas 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.**"

**ORDER
YOUR
POINSETTIAS**

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.

Poinsettias Order Form:

Donor's name and last name:

Number of Poinsettias:

In memory of:

In Honor of:



As we begin to look forward to Thanksgiving next Thursday, let me take a moment to say how grateful we are for your support, dedication and love for your Church.

A Happy and Enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday to all of you. May you always SEE your blessings and give thanks to your Heavenly Father.

Announcement to Mary

The second Sunday of the Season of the Announcement commemorates the announcement to Mary that she is to be the Mother of God. The feast actually recalls two aspects of the same salvific mystery: the incarnation of the Divine Word and the motherhood of Mary. For this reason, the feast was given different names according to the aspect which was being emphasized. With time, the incarnation of the Son of God was stressed on the feast of the Birth of our Lord and today's feast (Sunday of the Announcement to Mary) became a Marian feast.

In addition to this second Sunday of the Season of Announcement, the Maronite Church celebrates the Annunciation on March 25th. The feast of the Annunciation appeared in the West, in Italy, during the fifth century, and was eventually adopted by the Maronite Church.

This great announcement to Mary, the fulfillment of the promises of the prophets, took place in the humble home of Mary in Nazareth. At the time, Mary was probably between fourteen and sixteen. Again it was Gabriel, the messenger of the end times, who brought the wonderful message to the young girl.

In many ways, the announcement to Mary can be compared to the announcement to Zechariah. Both apparitions took place during the day and both Zechariah and Mary were to be found at prayer.

Mary, the Queen, is speaking with her Lord in her own home. It was necessary for Zechariah to go to the Temple and encounter the Lord in the holy of holies. When the angel appeared to Zechariah, he was described as "standing." During the announcement to Mary, the angel greets her with signs of respect, gives her the good news and departs. She is not described as "standing." The angel himself praises Mary, "You have found favor with God."

In the name of all humanity, Mary consented to be the instrument through which salvation was to be brought into the world. One recalls Eve, who consented to bring darkness and sin into the world. With Mary, the New Eve, salvation history is at a turning point. She is to be the "Mother of Light."

*He will be great and
will be called the
Son of the Most High.*

Luke 1:32



(Prayer of the Faithful, Volume 1)