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***Sunday, December 3, 2023, Visitation to Elizabeth***

***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 for Sunday, December 3, 2023***

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri and Mark Malkoun

***Ushers for Sunday, December 10, 2023***

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Rafah Elias

***Ushers for Sunday, December 17, 2023***

Halim Younes, Anthony Beasley, John Nadder and Fawzi Abouchabke

***Altar Servers for Sunday, December 10, 2023***

Jason Nasr and Matteo Abou Jaoude

***Thank you for your generosity***

**Summary of the Collection for Sunday, November 26, 2023**

Regular collection           \$ 1225

Pledge                           \$ 200

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you all.

***Sunday School***

The Religious Education will resume on Sunday, **December 3, 2023 at 10 o'clock.**

***Blessings of the Murals in the Church***

Join us as we bless and inaugurate the newly painted murals in the Church on **Sunday, December 3, 2023**, at the Divine Liturgy. Following the Divine Liturgy all are invited to a luncheon in the social hall.

**Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, December 3, 2023, Visitation to Elizabeth**

Eph 1:1-14; LK 1:39-45

**Sunday, December 10, 2023, Birth of John the Baptizer**

Gal 4:21-5:1; Lk 1:57-66

**Sunday, December 17, 2023, Revelation to Joseph**

Eph 3:1-13; Mt 1:18-25

***Choir Meeting***

**On Sunday, December 10, 2023**, at 10:20 a.m. (before the Divine Liturgy), there will be a meeting for the choir members and for all those who are interested in joining the Choir. Thank you for your cooperation.

***Holy Day of Obligation***

**Friday, December 8, 2023**, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on **Thursday, December 7, 2023** at 7:30 p.m.

***Canned/Non-perishable Food Drive***

**On Sunday, November 26, 2023**, the MYO started a canned/non-perishable food drive to be given to a food shelter for Christmas. To all those interested in donating, there will be a box in the social hall to drop off your donations. Please do not bring any perishable items. Thank you for your generosity.

***Celebration of the Nativity***

Join us for a parish celebration of the Nativity of the Lord on Sunday, December 17, 2023, following the 11:00 o'clock Divine Liturgy. There will be a Nativity Story by the children of the Maronite Faith Formation Program (Sunday School), Christmas Caroling, Pictures with Santa and Potluck Coffee Hour

***2024 Contribution Envelopes***

**The 2024 Contribution envelopes** are available in the back of the church. If you have been using the envelope system in 2023, you will have the same number in 2024. **Using the envelope system** makes it easier on us to keep track of your donations and to properly acknowledge your generosity at the end of the year.

While we welcome everyone to worship with us, we encourage you to contact the Church Office at (202) 291-5153 if you would like to register in the Parish.

If your address or phone number has changed, please call the church office and update your file. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 7:30 P.M.**  
Eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 7:30 P.M.**  
Feast of St. Nemitallah El-Hardini

**Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock**  
Boulos Yammuny and Faris and Mona Zahrah

**Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock**  
Josephine Nohra and Salma Merza

**Sunday, December 24, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock (Sunday Liturgy)**

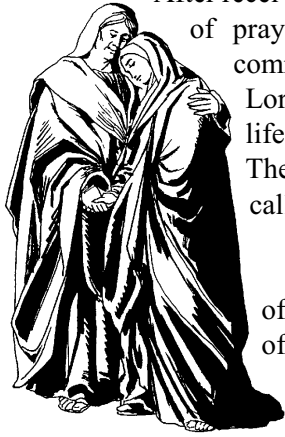
**Sunday, December 24, 2023 (Christmas Eve) at 5:30 P.M.**  
For the Parish

**Monday, December 25, 2023 (Christmas Day) at 11:00 o'clock**  
Private intention

**Reconciliation** (Confession) is available every Sunday between 10:15 and 10:45 a.m. before the Divine Liturgy.

## *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.

*(Maronite Prayer of the Faithful, Volume 1)*



*The Virgin Mary visits her cousin, Elizabeth.*

# Our Lady Of Lebanon Church

invites you to join us @

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**2024**

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**Dinner Tickets:**

**Corporate Seat**     \$180  
**Adults**                 \$150  
**Children(2yrs-12 yrs)** \$80

**Contact:**

**Gebran Fattouch** (443)600-9484  
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**Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church, Washington, D.C.**

## ***Celebration of the Nativity***

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

following the 11:00 o'clock Divine Liturgy

- ★ Nativity Story by the children of the Maronite Faith Formation Program
- ★ Christmas Caroling
- ★ Pictures with Santa
- ★ Potluck Coffee Hour

# *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

## *Christmas 2023 Liturgical Schedule*

*This liturgical schedule is an opportunity for us to make peace with God and thank Him for the priceless gift of Jesus.*

### *Friday, December 15, 2023*

- ★ Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena at 7:30 p.m.

### *Saturday, December 16, 2023*

- ★ No Divine Liturgy or Novena

### *Sunday, December 17, 2023*

- ★ Divine Liturgy at 11:00 o'clock (Christmas Novena following the Divine Liturgy)

Following the Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena there will be a parish Christmas party in the social hall. The Children will also do a nativity play.

### *Monday - Friday, December 18, - 22, 2023*

- ★ Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena at 7:30 p.m.

### *Sunday, December 24, 2023*

- ★ 11:00 A.M. Sunday Divine Liturgy

### *Christmas Eve (December 24, 2023)*

- ★ 4:15 p.m. - 4:45: Reconciliation (Confession) will be available
- ★ 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy

**Please note that there will be no Midnight Divine Liturgy this year.**

### *Monday, December 25, 2023 (Christmas Day)*

- ★ 11:00 A.M. Christmas Divine Liturgy

### *Sunday, December 31, 2023*

- ★ 11:00 A.M. Sunday Divine Liturgy

### *Monday, January 1, 2024*

Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord and World Day of Peace (*A Holy Day of Obligation*)

- ★ 11:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

### *Friday, January 5, 2024 (Eve of the Epiphany or the Baptism of the Lord)*

- ★ 7:30 P.M. Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Epiphany Water

### *Saturday, January 6, 2024 (Feast of the Epiphany or Baptism of the Lord)*

- ★ 11:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Epiphany Water

*Epiphany or the Baptism of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation*

