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November 27, 2022, Visitation to Elizabeth Sunday

Sunday, November 27, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

Antoine Francis Rahme

Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

Thursday, December 8, at 7:30 p.m. (Immaculate Conception)

Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

Friday, December 16, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

Monday- Friday, December 19 -23, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena

Saturday, December 24, 2022 (Christmas Eve) at 5:30 p.m.

Members of Our Lady of Lebanon Parish, living and deceased

Sunday, December 25, 2022 (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.

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 4, 2022

Halim Younes, Anthony Beasley, John Nadder & Fawzi Abouchabke

Ushers for Sunday, December 11, 2022

Roger Abou Jaoude, Elie Malkoun, Kevin Pitzer and George Choueiry

Altar Servers for Sunday, December 4, 2022

Jason Nasr and George Beasley

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, November 20, 2022

Regular Collection \$1713

Pledge \$ 700

Donation by mail \$ 300

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

Sunday School

Religious Education program will resume on Sunday, **December 4, 2022**, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 8, 2022, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at **7:30 p.m.**

Christmas Novena and Divine Liturgy

Starting on **Thursday, December 15, 2022**, we will celebrate the

Scripture Readings

Sunday, November 27, 2022, Visitation to Elizabeth

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

Sunday, December 4, 2022, Birth of John the Baptizer

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

Sunday, December 18, 2022, Revelation to Joseph

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

Divine Liturgy followed by the **Christmas Novena at 7:30 p.m.** Please note that we will not have Divine Liturgy/Novena on **Saturday, December 17**. On Sunday, **December 18**, the Novena will be celebrated following the Divine Liturgy.

Canned/Non-perishable Food Drive

Starting on **Sunday, November 27, 2022**, we will start 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.

Parish Christmas Luncheon

Please join our Christmas Luncheon on **December 18, 2022**, following the **Sunday liturgy**. Santa and his helpers will pay a visit. Participating children are asked to consider bringing a small gift to Santa (**imperishable food item, no more than \$5 in value**) to donate to a food bank.

Christmas Liturgical Schedule

The Liturgical schedule for Christmas is as follows:

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022

4:15 p.m. - 4:45: Confession will be available

5:10 p.m. Pre-Liturgy Christmas Carols

5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 25, 2022 (Christmas Day)

11:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy



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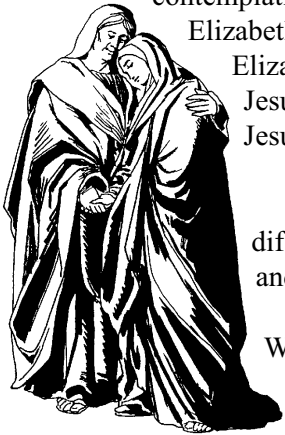
What is prayer?

Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God, or the petition of good things from him in accord with his will. It is always the gift of God who comes to encounter man. Christian prayer is the personal and living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is infinitely good, with his Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts. (For further reading: Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 2558-2565, 2590).

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.