

## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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### Genealogy Sunday and Christmas, December 20, 2020

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Fahd and Jamileh Nasr

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Members of Our Lady of Lebanon Parish both living and deceased

Christmas Day, December 25, 2020 at 11:00 o'clock

Special Intention

Sunday, December 27, 2020

Deceased members of Helou and Wehbe families

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Jean Nimatullah Chahine (40 Day Anniversary)

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Alice Zischkau (40 Day Anniversary)

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

The last Sunday of every month, a Holy Hour of Adoration will take place after the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy.

### Scripture Readings

Christmas Liturgy

Heb 1:1-12; Lk 2:1-20

Sunday after the Birth of the Lord (December 27, 2020)

2 Cor 11:1-9; Mt 23:29-24:2

### FYI

Are you still interested in purchasing sweets for the holidays? Our Lady of Lebanon Church will be selling Baklava and Knafeh this Sunday (December 20, 2020) following the 11 o'clock Divine Liturgy.

### Christmas Raffle

The drawing for the Christmas 50/50 raffle will take place on **December 27, 2020** following the Divine Liturgy. If you have not yet purchased your ticket, please do so as soon as possible. To purchase your ticket(s) or for more information, please get in touch with Gebran Fattouche at 443-600-9484.

### Christmas Liturgical Schedule

**Sunday, December 20, 2020:** Divine Liturgy and Christmas Novena at 11:00 o'clock

**Monday, December 21 - Wednesday, December 23, 2020**

Divine Liturgy followed by Christmas Novena at 7:30 p.m.

**Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24, 2020)**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Christmas Carols at 6:30 p.m.**

**7:00 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy

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

**Christmas Day:** Divine Liturgy at 11:00 o'clock

**Sunday, December 27, 2020:** Divine Liturgy at 11:00 o'clock

**Thursday, December 31, 2020 (New Year's Eve)**

Divine Liturgy at 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, January 1, 2021:** Divine Liturgy at 11:00 o'clock

(Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord and World Day of Peace is a Holy Day of Obligation).



### A Sincere Apology

While I was making a few announcements at the end of last Sunday's Liturgy, I failed to acknowledge the contribution of some of our young members in decorating the Christmas trees. My Sincere apology to them.

### 2021 Contribution Envelopes

The **2021 Contribution envelopes** are available in the back of the church. If you have been using the envelope system in 2020, you will have the same number in 2021. **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 this week 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.

### Religious Education

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holiday, there will be no **Religious Education** classes. Religious education will resume on as of now **online** on **Monday, January 4, 2021.**

### Christmas Reflections

The best gift you can offer not only this Christmas but throughout the new year:

To your enemy, forgiveness

To an opponent, tolerance

To a friend, your heart

To all, charity

To every child, a good example

To yourself, respect (Oren Arnold)



*On this day when the Rich One was made poor for our sake,  
Let the rich man also make the poor man a sharer at his table.*

*On this day a Gift came to us without our asking for it,  
Let us then give alms to those who cry out and beg from us.  
(St. Ephrem, Hymn on the Nativity, 194-95).*

**Merry Christmas and a Blessed, healthy and Peaceful 2021**

May the Star of Bethlehem guide you always to "where you find a Child wrapped in swaddling clothes."



Poinsettias

Some of the Christmas Poinsettias in the Church are

**Donated by**

**Ronald & Antoinette Hamrah**

**Michael & Kristina Salamoun**

**Majed Farah**

**Tony & Jacqueline Zahrah**

**Therese Pratt**

**Montaha Feghali**

**Mirna Touma**

**Ronald & Antoinette Hamrah**

**The Family of St. Sharbel**

**Michel & Salwa Zailah**

**Gaby & Nada Touma**

**Joseph & Claude Nasr**

***In Memory of***

Deceased members of the Hamrah family  
Deceased members of the Farrage family

Assaad and Laudy Salaman

Hanan Massamiri  
Rafik Farah

Mona Kfoury

Pratt and Louis families

Deceased members of the Feghali and Aad families

***In Honor of***

Her family

Living members of the Hamrah family  
Living members of the Farrage family

***In Thanksgiving for***

For special graces

***Donations***

