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Sunday, January 4, 2026, Finding in the Temple

Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock

Michel Gebara (40 Day Anniversary) and Alice Zoghby Gebara

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Faten Fawzi AbouChabke

Sunday January 11, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock

Andre Younes

Habib Michael El Kaddisy (40 Day anniversary)

Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock

Abla Wakim Amiouni (40 Day anniversary)

Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel

Sunday, January 25, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock

Aline Feghali Yates (40 Day anniversary)

Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock

Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock

For the Parish

Monday, February 9, 2026 (Feast of Saint Maron) at 7:30 p.m.

For the Parish

Ushers for Sunday, January 4, 2026

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, and Antoine Issa

Ushers for Sunday, January 11, 2026

Roger AbouJaoude, Kevin Pitzer, and George Choueiry

Ushers for Sunday, January 18, 2026

Halim Younes, Antoine Issa, John Nadder and JoAnne Nasr

Altar Servers for Sunday, January 4, 2026

Marek Oszwakdowski, Michael Fawaz, Jason and Chady Nasr

Altar Servers for Sunday, January 11, 2026

Marek Oszwakdowski, Michael Fawaz, Mateo AbouJaoude and Jacob ElKhoueiry

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, December 28, 2025

Regular Collection	\$2165
Pledge	\$ 300
Donation by Mail	\$ 450
End of the Year Contribution	\$1000

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

Sunday School

Religious Education will resume on **Sunday, January 11, 2026** at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation

Tuesday, January 6, 2026, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Epiphany) is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Divine Liturgy and blessing of the Epiphany Water will take place at 7:30 p.m.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, January 4, 2026 (Finding in the Temple)

Heb 7:11-19; Lk 2:41-52

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 (Baptism of the Lord)

Tit 2:11-3,7; Lk 3:15-22

Sunday, January 11, 2026 (1st Sunday after Epiphany)

2 Cor 10:1-11; Jn 1:29-34

Second Collection

On Sunday, January 25, 2026, a second collection will be taken for the Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities (this collection combines the four USCCB collections: Central & Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Operation Rice Bowl which is a part of CRS). The total is divided evenly. All funds collected will be forwarded to the Chancery for transfer to the USCCB.

March for Life

Bishop Gregory Mansour invites you to join fellow Maronites from across the United States to march for the unborn, and to witness to the sanctity and dignity of human life from the womb to the tomb. The 2026 March for Life will take place on **Friday January 23, 2026**.

Save the Date

Saint Maron Feast Day Lunch

Sunday, February 8, 2026, the Saint Maron Feast Day annual lunch will take place following the Divine Liturgy. More information will be forthcoming in future bulletins. Please save the date and plan to join us as we celebrate the legacy of our Father, Saint Maron. For more information, please contact Gebran Fattouch at (443) 600-9484.

End of the Year Statements

End of the year contribution statements will be mailed before the end of January to all our active donors. If you do not receive yours, please let the Pastor (**not a third party**) know.

If your address or phone number has changed, please call the church office only and update your file. It is vital that we keep your file up-to-date.

While we welcome everyone to worship with us, we encourage you to contact the Church Office as soon as possible if you would like to register in the parish. Please keep in mind that in order for you to receive any correspondence from the Church you must be registered. Registration gives you the sense of belonging to the Parish and gives us the opportunity to try to better serve you.

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

Epiphany of the Lord



In the Eastern Church the feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is known by two names: Epiphany and Theophany. The Greek word, “Epiphany” means “a manifestation” or “an apparition” and the word, “Theophany”, means “an appearance of God.” On this day we celebrate the appearance or manifestation of Christ among us as God’s Son.

Baptism of the Lord

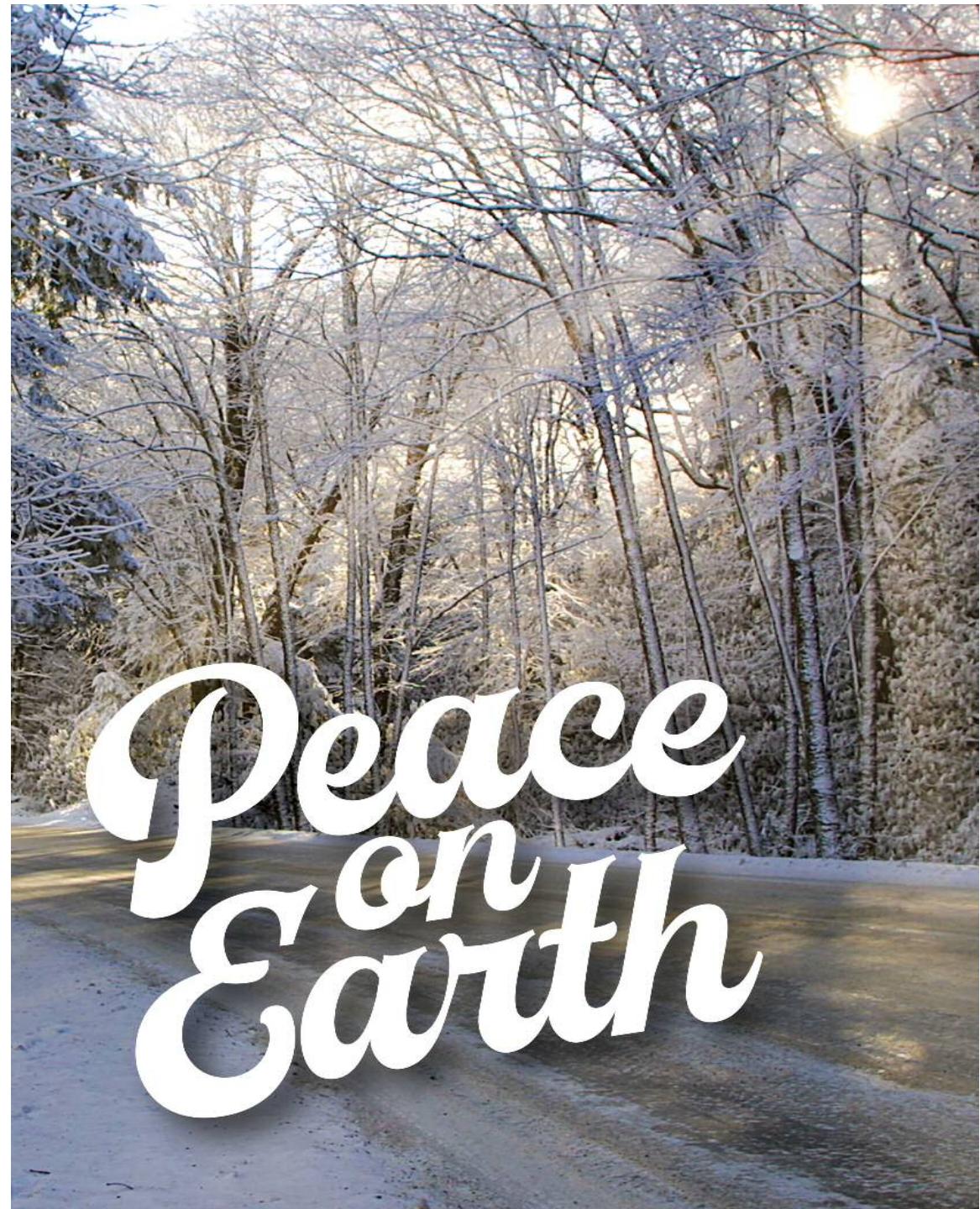
The feast of Epiphany was first celebrated in the East around the third century and eventually was adopted by the Western Church. In the Eastern Churches the celebration of the Epiphany originally centered on both the Birth of our Lord and his Baptism. When the later Western feast of Christmas was introduced into the East, Christmas became the feast of the Birth of our Lord and the Epiphany, that of his Baptism.

The feast of Epiphany is intimately connected with the mystery of our Lord’s birth. The Child who was born for us and the Son who was given to us is manifested before us to be the Son of the Most High. Christ begins his public life with his baptism by John in the Jordan river. At his Baptism Christ is seen as the fulfillment of John’s preaching: He is the Messiah and the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, The Father and the Holy Spirit are witnesses to Christ for he is the beloved Son of the Father and upon him the Spirit rests. Thus at the baptism of the Lord we have not only an epiphany or manifestation of Christ as God’s Son, but also a Theophany or manifestation of the Holy Trinity -Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The feast of the Epiphany reminds us not only of the baptism of Christ, but also of our own baptism. St. Ephrem in his hymn on Epiphany says :” ... our blessed Lord came to be baptized with sinners and because of his glory the heavens were opened. The One who purifies all creatures, desiring to cleanse them, went into the waters and sanctified them for our baptism.” It is for this reason that we bless water on the day. Originally, the mystery of Baptism was celebrated on this feast and the waters blessed were those of baptism.

Today, we celebrate the manifestation or epiphany of the Trinity at the baptism of Christ as well as the manifestation of the glory of God in the person of the Lord come into the world, that is to say, the manifestation of Christ, the Word of God, among us. Let us then call to mind the grace of God who has appeared for the salvation of all, and thank him for the baptism through which we have been begotten in the Spirit and through which we have put on Christ and become children of the Father.

(Maronite Prayer of the Faithful)



Ways to Support Your Church

1) Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Collections

You may drop your donation in the collection basket on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligations

2) Donation by Mail

You may send a check by mail to the church using the office's address:

Our Lady of Lebanon Church
7237 15th Place NW
Washington, DC 20012

3) Online Donation

- Log on to: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YHC6>
- Or visit the Parish's website: www.Ololdc.org and look for online donation to the screen's right side
- Select your funds and amount and click the "donate" button. From there, you can choose a donation amount and frequency, then proceed to payment
- Enter Payment Method (credit card, debit card, etc.) Since Vanco charges 4% processing fee, you will be asked if you want to add the fee to your donation. You can even save your payment information for future donations
- Review and submit your gift by clicking "submit"
- The Online Donation does not replace the collection basket on Sunday or the donation by mail. It is only a convenient way for those who prefer to use it.

4) Yearly Pledge

You can send your contributions through your bank's "Bill Pay," the exact same way you pay any other online bill. It is the easiest way to make a recurrent monthly transfer and it is free.

Should you decide to do so, log into your bank's website and choose "bill pay" services and add "Our Lady of Lebanon Church" as a "payee" using the information below:

- ◆ Payee Name: Our Lady of Lebanon Church
- ◆ Payee Address: 7237 15th Place, NW, Washington, DC 20012
- ◆ Amount: Choose the amount you would like to contribute on a monthly basis.
- ◆ Please check recurrent on the date of the month which is convenient for you.

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