

# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral

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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday through Saturday at 10:00 AM  
Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM  
Holy Day To Be Announced  
St. Sharbel the 22nd of the each month  
at 7:30 PM except on Saturday or Sunday

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month at 10:40 until noon

## Reconciliation

10:15 AM to 10:45 AM Sunday  
11:00 AM to 11:45 AM First Friday  
and upon request.

## Initiation Rites (Baptism—Chrismation)

Parents and Godparents must meet  
with the Rector for instruction and  
then a time will be set for the Baptism  
and Chrismation of the child.

## Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)

Rector must be notified at least six  
months in advance to set up instruction.

## Hospital and Sick Calls

Notify the Rector as soon as possible.

## New Parishioners

All are welcome at Our Lady of  
Lebanon Cathedral. Please notify the Office  
of the Rector to become a member.



## *Announcement to Zechariah Sunday* *November 18th, 2018*

Sun. November 18	Announcement to Zechariah Sunday 9:00 am Maroun Fakhoury 11:30 am Deceased Members of the Salaam Club	St. Romanos – St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Req. by Lina Kozhaya Req. by the Salaam Club
Mon. November 19	NO LITURGY	
Tues. November 20	10 am Divine Liturgy for Maroun Fakhoury	Req. by Lina Kozhaya
Wed. November 21	10 am Divine Liturgy for Maroun Fakhoury Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple	Req. by Lina Kozhaya
Thurs. November 22	10 am Divine Liturgy for Maroun Fakhoury	Req. by Lina Kozhaya
Fri. November 23	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sat. November 24	10 am Divine Liturgy	
Sun. November 25	Announcement to the Virgin Mary 9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am 40 Days Divine Liturgy for Nouhad Eid	Req. by the Family



### Presents

10-days/8-nights

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### ***Sunday Readings***

***Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed.***  
***Please email the church to become one.***

November 18, 2018	Announcement to Zechariah Reading: Romans 4: 13-25 Gospel: Luke 1: 1-25 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Denise Abou Chrouh - English 11:30 am Leila Vogl - Arabic
November 25, 2018	Announcement to the Virgin Mary Reading: Galatians 3:15-22 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Isabelle Hazar - English 11:30 am Lina Fakhoury - Arabic
December 2, 2018	Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth Reading: Ephesians 1:1-14 Gospel: Luke 1:39-45 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am TBA - English 11:30 am TBA - Arabic
December 9, 2018	Birth of John, the Baptizer Reading: Galatians 4:21 - 5:1 Gospel: Luke 1:57-66 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am TBA - English 11:30 am TBA - Arabic

## Dear Beloved Parishioners

The Season of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ is centered on passages from the Gospel of Luke and Matthew that lead us to Bethlehem where the shepherds found a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger.

The Sundays are divided among announcements, visitations, revelation and births. There are two Sundays of Announcements: Announcements to Zechariah and to Mary, then there is the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, the Revelation to Joseph, the Genealogy, the Birth of John the Baptist and the Birth of Jesus. Six of these seven Sundays lead to Christmas, and although they describe different parts of the Christmas story, are all about announcing good news one Sunday at a time in preparation for the proclamation of THE GOOD NEWS of the birth of the Redeemer.

In the Announcement to Zechariah, Archangel Gabriel declared to the priest that his wife who was barren would give birth to John who would prepare the way of the Lord. Many would rejoice at his John's birth, for he would be great in the sight of the Lord. Even before his birth he would be filled with the Holy Spirit. "He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God." This declaration carried a lot of hope for the people who were living in darkness awaiting divine intervention. The people must have lost the way to relate to God and were in need of someone to prepare them to welcome God anew. The announcement of the birth of John assured the people, anxiously waiting, that their salvation was at hand and that they were not left to the whim of hazardous inexplicable destiny. God never forsakes his people and will gently draw them back to his ways. He said, "With the spirit and power of Elijah he [John] will go before him [Jesus], to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." God did not want to set his people up for failure and risk them not accepting his son. He wanted to prepare them for this great manifestation, so they would not reject him and turn away from him. The first joyful news is that John would pave the way in making ready God's people to welcome their Lord. The Lord is making sure that what he has designed for his own people will be successful and will be executed in a manner worthy of them, the people he loved.

*Abouna Dominique*

## Altar Servers Training

There will be an altar server training for all boys who have completed their First Communion on Saturday November 24 at 11am. Afterwards, we will have lunch together.

## Annual Bake Sale Sponsored by the Confraternity

The Annual Winter Bake Sale sponsored by the Confraternity will take place on December 1st & 2nd. Please see Rafca Abou Chrouh or Yolla Howayek if you would like to help in baking goods or donating toward the Bake Sale.

## Family Christmas Party December 16

The Cathedral invites all parishioners to celebrate the Feast of the Glorious Birth of our Lord on December 16. More information on the place and activities will follow soon. During the Liturgy that day, the kids of the Sunday School will enact the Christmas Story.

## Sloan Kettering Toy Drive

Christmas Toy Drive for the children of Sloan Kettering Cancer Center will be in effect until December 16. All toys must be brand new (no used toys, no stuffed animal, no clothes) for newborn to 18 years old. A big box is placed in the front to the far right of the Altar for your convenience.

## Pro-life March in DC

All Maronites are invited to join us for the Sixth **Maronite Vigil For Life on Thursday January 17, 2019 at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church in Washington DC.** MYO & MYA will have the opportunity to go the Youth Rally on Friday January 18, 2019 before we all participate in the March For Life 2019 at the National Mall. [Click here for more info](#)

## Choir Organist and New Members

The Choir of the Cathedral would like to welcome those who would like to praise the Lord in a more dedicated way. We are also looking for someone, who knows the Maronite music, to play the organ and hold rehearsal for the choir

## Featuring a CD from the collection in the Social Hall

### The Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity

In this captivating presentation Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and the role the forgotten Person of the Blessed Trinity has played. Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers.



## New Year's Party in Easton

Our Lady of Lebanon is hosting s New Year's Party. [Please click here](#) from more information

## Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay

Students grades K to 12 are encouraged to participate in the [Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay](#) Multimedia Contest through NAM. [Click here for guidelines](#) and [here for applications](#). Also you can see Adonis El-Asmar or Marian Ciaccia for more information. This year let us have more students part of the contest.

## Housekeeping

The Just Wee Two Daycare that was renting our hall downstairs decided not to renew their contract because of a decrease in their enrollment. They left by the end of August. If you know any daycare interested in the same space, please call the Church at 718-624-7228

## Recommendation of the Finance Council

The Finance Council met last week and recommended that parishioners set the Church up for automatic bill pay. This is the best way to keep supporting your spiritual home while on vacation or out-of-town.

# MARONITE VIGIL FOR LIFE &

# MARCH FOR LIFE 2019



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<http://www.cedaroflebanonfccc.com/prolife.html>



## Thursday January 17, 2019

The Office of Family and Sanctity of Life of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn is pleased to host the Sixth Maronite Vigil For Life at:

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church • 7142 Alaska Avenue N.W. Washington D.C. 20012

All Maronite parishes are invited to join us for an evening of prayer, worship and fun. Please arrive around 5 pm. Our evening includes dinner, talk, Eucharistic Adoration, fellowship, movie and activities for the youth.

Bring your sleeping bags |

## Friday January 18, 2019

MYA and MYO can join thousands of people at the Youth Rally at the Capital One Arena. Maronite Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 8:30am at the parish followed by breakfast.

We will meet with MYA & MYO at the Starbucks at the corner of Indiana Ave. and 7th St. at 11:30 am to join the March For Life.

### Please RSVP

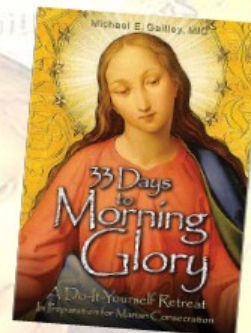
with number of people attending by no later than Monday January 14th  
 Contact Simona Hallal • [jhallal@verizon.net](mailto:jhallal@verizon.net) • 540-798-8450



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Father Dominique Hanna & OLOLC encourage all men & women to participate in 33 Days to Morning Glory A Do-It Yourself Retreat Starting on Monday November 5<sup>th</sup> & Consecrating ourselves to Jesus through Mary on Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2018



The devotion, Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, has been practiced for centuries. It involves 33 days of preparatory devotions, with the Total Consecration made on the 34th day. As Jesus trusted in Mary, His Mother, completely without reservation, let each one of us, His disciples, choose to trust in Mary completely without reservation as we choose this holy pathway of consecration to her Son.

- Want to grow in holiness, but too busy? This do-it yourself retreat is easy-to-do and simple to practice; it will transform your life!
- Come learn what pope after pope has confirmed is the "surest, easiest, shortest, & most perfect means" to becoming a saint!
- As we unite ourselves more deeply with Mary, we unite ourselves more perfectly with Jesus, her Son. Mary's greatest desire is to have each of us know, love, and serve her Son, Jesus Christ, with a true purity of heart, which she herself possessed through the grace of God the Father.
- Help spread sanctity, please join us!!

## A Do-It-Yourself Retreat

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 - Johnette Benkovic, Founder and President of Women of Grace

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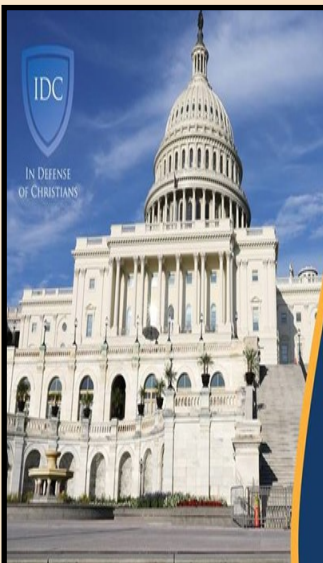
If you are interested in becoming a Priest, Religious Sister, or Deacon contact Vocations Director Father Dominique Hanna at (404) 525-2504 or [sjmcc@sjmcc.org](mailto:sjmcc@sjmcc.org)

## SAVE THE DATE!

IDC Fifth Annual Solidarity Dinner  
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December 5 - The Hamilton  
 600 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20005  
 Reception at 6:00 pm - Dinner at 7:00 pm

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### Sunday of the Announcement to Zechariah

Letter to the Romans 4: 13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason, it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore, his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 1:1-25

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.' Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.'

أحد بشارة زكريا

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 25-13:4

يا إخوتي، الوعد لإبراهيم أو لنسله بأن يكون وارثاً للعالم، لم يكن بواسطة الشريعة، بل بالبر الذي ناله بالإيمان. فلو كان أهل الشريعة هم الوراثين، لأبطل الإيمان، وألغى الوعد؛ لأن الشريعة تسبب غضب الله؛ وحيث لا شريعة، فلا تعدي للشريعة. لذلك فأهل الإيمان هم الوراثون، لكي تكون الورثة هبة من الله. وهكذا تحقق الوعد لكل نسل إبراهيم، لا للنسل الذي هو من أهل الشريعة فحسب، بل أيضاً للنسل الذي هو من أهل الإيمان، إيمان إبراهيم الذي هو أب لنا أجمعين؛ كما هو مكتوب: «إني جعلتك أباً لأمم كثيرة». «فإبراهيم الذي آمن بالله هو أب لنا أمام الله، الذي يخيي الأموات، ويدعو غير الموجود إلى الوجود. وقد آمن إبراهيم راجياً على غير رجاء، بأنه سيصير أباً لأمم كثيرة، كما قيل له: «هكذا يكون نسلك». ولم يضعف بإيمانه، برغم أنه رأى، وهو ابن نحو مئة سنة، أن جسده مات، وأن حشا سارة قد مات. وبناءً على وعد الله، ما شك ولا تردد، بل تقوى بالإيمان، ومجد الله. وأيقن ملء اليقين أن الله قادر أن ينجز ما وعد به. فلذلك حسب له إيمانه برأ. ولم يكتف من أجله وحده أنه «حسب له برأ»، بل كتب أيضاً من أجلنا، نحن الذين سيحسب لنا برأ، لأننا نؤمن بالذي أقام من بين الأموات يسوع ربنا، الذي أسلم من أجل زلاتنا، وأقيم من أجل تبريرنا.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 25-1:1

بما أن كثيرين أخذوا يرتبون رواية للأحداث التي تمت عندنا، كما سلمها إلينا من كانوا منذ البدء شهود عيان للكلمة، ثم صاروا خداماً لها، رأيت أنا أيضاً، أيها الشريف تيوفيل، أن أكتب لك بحسب ترتيبها، بعدما تتبعتها كلها، منذ بدايتها، تتبعا دقيقا، لكي تتيقن صحة الكلام الذي وعظت به. كان في أيام هيرودس، ملك اليهودية، كاهن اسمه زكريا، من فرقة أبيا، له امرأة من بنات هارون اسمها إيصابات. وكانا كلاهما بارين أمام الله، سالكين في جميع وصايا الرب وأحكامه بلا نوم. وما كان لهما ولد، لأن إيصابات كانت عاقراً، وكانا كلاهما قد طعنا في أيامهم. وفيما كان زكريا يقوم بالخدمة الكهنوتية أمام الله، في أثناء نوبة فزقيته، أصابته القرعة، بحسب عادة الكهنوت، ليدخل مقدس هيكل الرب ويحرق البخور. وكان كل جمهور الشعب يصلي في الخارج، في أثناء إحراق البخور. وتراءى ملاك الرب لزكريا واقفاً من عن يمين مذبح البخور، فاضطرب زكريا حين رآه، واستولى عليه الخوف. فقال له الملاك: «لا تخف، يا زكريا، فقد استجيب طلبك، وأمرأتك إيصابات ستلد لك ابناً، فسمه يوحنا. ويكون لك فرح وأبتهاج، ويفرح بمولده كثيرون، لأنه سيكون عظيماً في نظر الرب، لا يشرب خمراً ولا مسكراً، ويمتلئ من الروح القدس وهو بعد في حشا أمه. ويزد كثيرين من بني إسرائيل إلى الرب إلههم. ويسير أمام الرب بروح إيليا وقوته، ليزد قلوب الآباء إلى الأبناء، والعصاة إلى حكمة الأبرار، فيهيئ للرب شعباً معداً خيراً إغداداً». فقال زكريا للملاك: «بماذا أعرف هذا؟ فإني أنا شيخ، وأمرأتي قد طعنت في أيامها». «فاجاب الملاك وقال له: «أنا هو جبرائيل ألواقف في حضرة الله، وقد أرسلت لأتكلّمك وأبشرك بهذا. وها أنت تكون صامتاً، لا تقدر أن تتكلم، حتى اليوم الذي يحدث فيه ذلك، لأنك لم تؤمن بكلامي الذي سيتم في أوانه». وكان الشعب ينتظر زكريا، ويتعجب من إبطائه في مقدس الهيكل.

ولما خرج زكريا، لم يكن قادراً أن يكلمهم، فأدركوا أنه رأى رؤيا في المقدس، وكان يشير إليهم بالإشارة، وبقي أنكم. ولما تمت أيام خدمته، مضى إلى بيته. وبعد تلك الأيام، حملت أمراته إيصابات، وكنمت أمرها خمسة أشهر، وهي تقول: هكذا صنع الرب إليّ، في الأيام التي نظر إليّ فيها، ليزيل العار عني من بين الناس!