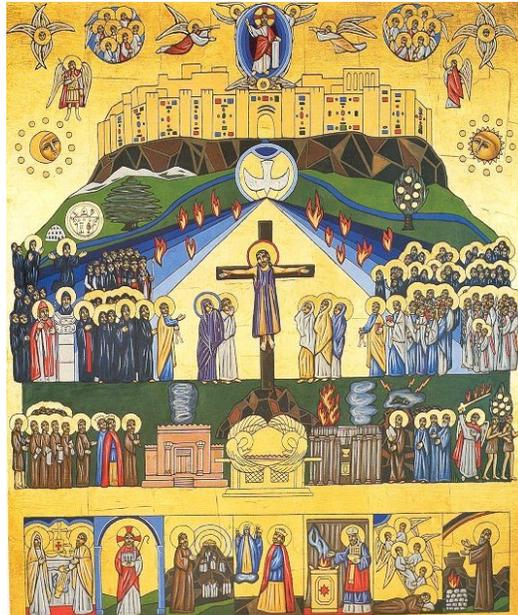


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**Divine Liturgy Schedule**

**Tuesday through Saturday at 10:00 AM**  
**Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM**  
**Holy Day at 10 am & 7:30pm**  
**St. Sharbel the 22nd of 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.**

**Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)**

**The 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.**

# *Sunday of Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth*

## *December 1, 2019*

<b>Sun. December 1</b>	<b>Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth</b>		
	9:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners	
	11:30 am	George & Margarit Allaham Hanah Eladem	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Chawki Eladem
<b>Mon. December 2</b>	NO LITURGY		
<b>Tues. December 3</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy	St. Francis Xavier	
<b>Wed. December 4</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy Lydia Gaston	St. Barbara	Req. by The Gaston Family
<b>Thurs. December 5</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy	St. Saba the Hermit	
<b>Fri. December 6</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy	St. Nicolas (Zakhia)	
<b>Sat. December 7</b>	10 am Divine Liturgy	St. Ambrose	
<b>Sun. December 8</b>	<b>Birth of John the Baptist</b>	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b>	
	9:00 am	Intentions of the Parishioners	
	11:30 am	40 Day for Henriette Achkar	Req. by the Family

### **You are not alone!**

If you are suffering from the loss of a loved one , if you are carrying a heavy cross, if you are struggling with a disease or infertility, if psalm 22 (“My God, why have you forsaken me”) has become your daily cry, know that you are not alone and that God is waiting to pour out His graces on you to heal your wounded heart and draw you closer to Himself. To learn more about healing and bereavement ministries, please click [here](#).

For more information about our ministry  
Check [here and watch the video](#).

### **Sunday Readings**

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

December 1, 2019	Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
Reading: Galatians 3: 15-22	
Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	Tiana Eladem - English
11:30 am	Mary Eladem - Arabic
December 8, 2019	Birth of John
Reading: Galatians 4: 21-5:1	
Gospel: Luke 1: 57-66	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	Marleine Safi - English
11:30 am	Hweida Chawki - Arabic
December 15, 2019	Revelation to Joseph
Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-13	
Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-25	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	George Abi Zeid - English
11:30 am	Marise Frangie - Arabic
December 22, 2019	Genealogy Sunday
Reading: Romans 1: 1-12	
Gospel: Matthew 1: 1-17	
Lectors: 9:00 am	Raymond Gill
11:30 am	Nidal Abi Saad - English
11:30 am	Bassam Ayoub - Arabic

## Dear Beloved Parishioners:

The following are Bishop Gregory's remarks at the 75th Anniversary gala last Sunday.

"What are we celebrating today?

Are we celebrating that in 1890 the Maronite Patriarch assigned Father Peter Korkemaz as the first Maronite Priest serving the first Maronite parish in lower Manhattan named St. Joseph? That was 129 years ago; No, we are celebrating something different. Or in 1906 when the first Maronites established themselves on Hicks Street as Our Lady of Lebanon and Father Khairallah Estefan, was their first pastor? That was 113 years ago; No, we are celebrating something different. Or in 1844 when the Congregational Church of the Pilgrims built their first home in Brooklyn on the corner of Henry and Remsen Streets? That was 175 years ago; No, we are celebrating something different.

"We are celebrating today that on November 26, 1944 the first Divine Liturgy was celebrated at the former Church of the Pilgrims, which became Our Lady of Lebanon at the corner of Henry and Remsen. That was 75 years ago. This is why we celebrate today. We celebrate today the first time we "broke bread" according to our ancient Aramaic Maronite Tradition, a tradition that goes all the way back to the first Aramaic speaking followers of Christ, called Christians for the very first time in Antioch.

"We celebrate 'the breaking of bread', something special and unique that we have done in homes, in catacombs, in mountain caves, hidden from persecutors and in Churches. The Church building is a temporary home made for the people who live in that home. The people who live in that home is the Church. The table of that home is the Altar, and the Meal of that home is the Eucharist. And so today we celebrate that for 75 years, every Sunday, we have gathered to commemorate the 'Day of the Lord', the day on which Jesus rose from the dead, and we remember him by doing what he asked us to do; as our Liturgy says, 'Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you remember my death and resurrection until I come again.' These words of our Divine Liturgy remind us just how special is our Sunday ritual: We offer and partake of His body, His blood, real, not symbols, not signs, and we have the joy and privilege to 'Break the bread and drink the cup in memory of Him, until He comes again.'

"Brothers and sisters, it is not the Church building that we celebrate today, as beautiful as it is, it is not the history of the Maronites in the New York area, as noble as this is, it is not any external, temporary or passing reality that we celebrate today; today we celebrate the fact that for 75 years we continue to break the bread and drink the cup as Jesus asked us. This is the reason we celebrate today.

"May Christ, broken on the Cross, delivered for us as a sacrificial lamb for the forgiveness of our sins, and risen from the dead for our salvation, continue to be first in our hearts. And may we always and every Sunday, until he comes again, come to know, and more to deeply love him, 'in the breaking of bread.'

Happy 75th Anniversary!"

## The Knights Annual Christmas Dinner

The Knights & the Confraternity will hold their Annual Christmas Dinner at Le Saggi Restaurant on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. \$55 per person. There will be a 50/50 raffle for this event. Please see Subdeacon Adonis, Edgard Abi Daher or George Elhadj for your reservation. You may bring guests also.

## Annual Bake Sale Sponsored by the Confraternity

The Annual Winter Bake Sale sponsored by the Confraternity will take place on December 14 & 15. If you would like to help in baking goods or donating toward the Bake Sale, please see one of the members of the Confraternity

## Nabiha Yazbek Christmas Concert

On Friday December 20, Nabiha Yazbek will perform a Christmas Concert at the Cathedral after the 7:30pm Novena. All are welcome to attend.

## Family Christmas Party December 22

The Cathedral invites all parishioners to a luncheon to celebrate Christmas on December 22 in the Church Hall. Families are welcome especially the kids for a fun afternoon with Santa and other surprises. During the Liturgy that day, the kids of the Sunday School will enact the Christmas Story.

## Sloan Kettering Toy Drive

A Christmas Toy Drive for the children (newborn and up) of Sloan Kettering Cancer Center will be in effect until December 22nd. All toys must be brand new and unwrapped, not used, no stuffed animals, no clothes. A big box is placed in the Cathedral to the far right of the Altar for your convenience.

## Youth Choir

All interested in youth choir ages 7 and up are invited to sign up with [Paula Achkar](#) or [Fidelle El-Asmar](#). If you already have an instrument that you would like to play, you are welcome to bring it with you to add to the experience. There will be a Sunday practice in the next few weeks.

## Pilgrimage: [In The Footsteps of Paul](#)

A 10-day/8-night trip to **Greece** including a **3-day cruise** to the **Greek Islands** and **Turkey**, visiting Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Meteora, Veria, Vergina, Salonica, and Philippi. Departing **April 29, 2020 - \$3,498** per person/double occupancy from New York, including fuel surcharge and port taxes. We already have 17 people who have signed up for the trip. Deadline for registrations is no later than October 29, 2019. [For more information](#) please call Marleine Aflak at 1-917-608-2996 or Tony Tannousis at 1-718-987-3900

## 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 take part of the contest.

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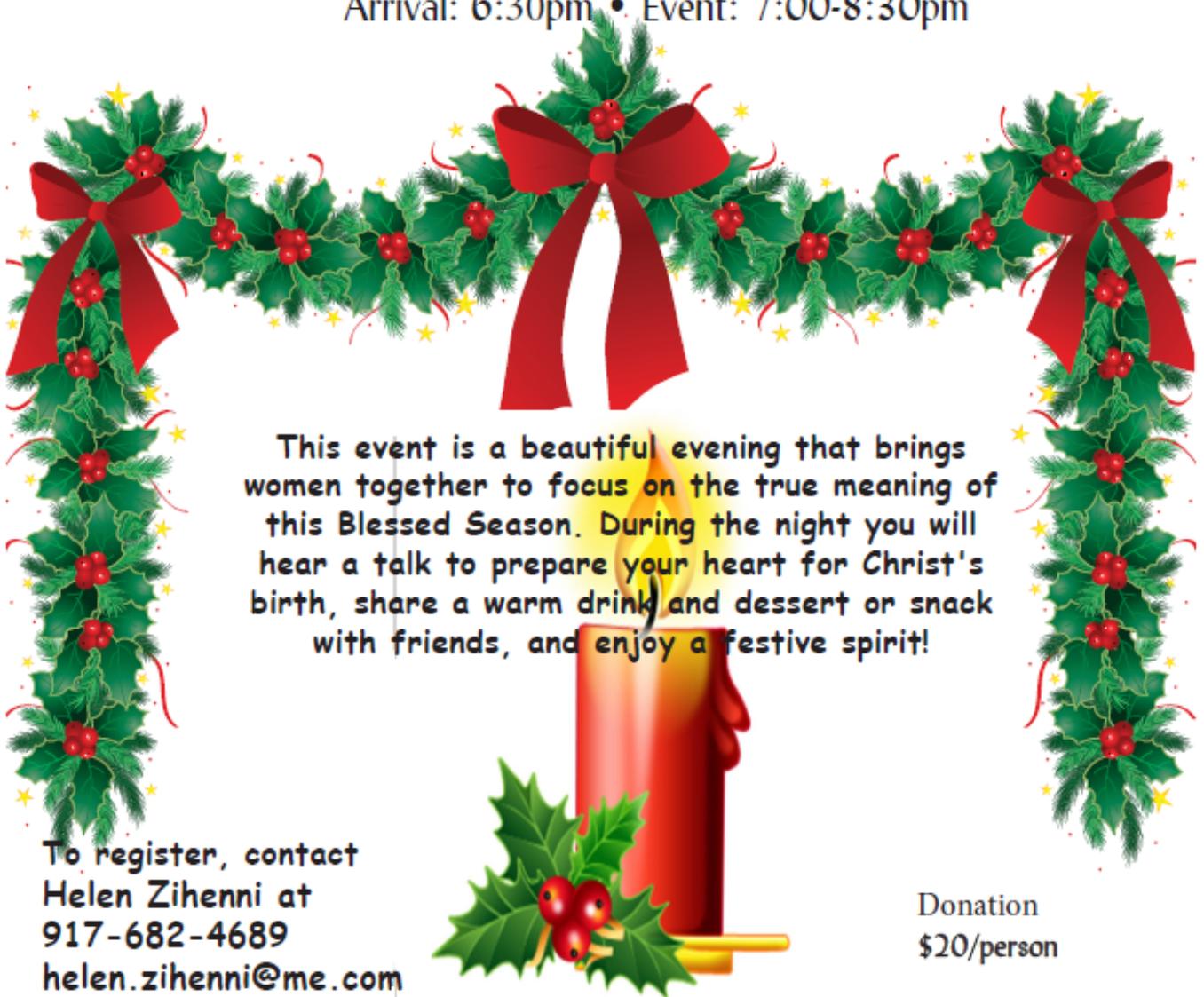
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*Friday December 6th, 2019*

Social Hall of Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral

Arrival: 6:30pm • Event: 7:00-8:30pm



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December 11, 2019

7:30 to 12:00

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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

### Sunday of the Visitation to Elizabeth

#### Letter to the Ephesians 1,1-14.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

#### The Gospel according to Saint Luke 1:39-45.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit

and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?

For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy.

And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

### أحد زيارة العذراء

#### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 1:1-14

يا إِخْوَتِي، مِنْ بُولُسَ، رَسُولِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ بِمَشِيئَةِ اللَّهِ، إِلَى الْقَدِيسِينَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي أَفْسُسَ وَالْأَمْنَاءِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ: الْنِعْمَةُ لَكُمْ وَالسَّلَامُ مِنَ اللَّهِ أَبِيْنَا وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ! تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَبُو رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بَارَكَنَا بِكُلِّ بَرَكَةٍ رُوحِيَّةٍ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ؛ فَإِنَّهُ اخْتَارَنَا فِيهِ قَبْلَ انْشَاءِ الْعَالَمِ، لِنَكُونَ فِي حَضْرَتِهِ قَدِيسِينَ، لَا عَيْبَ فِيْنَا؛ وَقَدْ سَبَقَ بِمَحَبَّتِهِ فَحَدَدْنَا أَنْ نَكُونَ لَهُ أَبْنَاءَ بِالْتَّبَتِي بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، بِحَسَبِ رِضَى مَشِيئَتِهِ، لِمَدَحِ مَجْدِ نِعْمَتِهِ الَّتِي أَنْعَمَ بِهَا عَلَيْنَا فِي الْحَبِيبِ؛ وَفِيهِ لَنَا الْفِدَاءُ بِدَمِهِ، أَيِ مَغْفَرَةِ الزَّلَّاتِ، بِحَسَبِ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ، الَّتِي أَقَاضَهَا عَلَيْنَا فِي كُلِّ حِكْمَةٍ وَفَهْمٍ؛ وَقَدْ عَرَفْنَا سِرَّ مَشِيئَتِهِ، بِحَسَبِ رِضَا الَّذِي سَبَقَ فَجَعَلَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ، لِيَحْقُقَ تَدْبِيرَ مِلءِ الْأَرْمَنَةِ، فَيَجْمَعَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ تَحْتَ رَأْسٍ وَاحِدٍ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ؛ وَفِيهِ أَيْضًا اخْتَارَنَا مِيرَاثًا لَهُ، وَقَدْ سَبَقَ فَحَدَدْنَا بِحَسَبِ قُصْدِهِ، هُوَ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِقُضَاءِ مَشِيئَتِهِ، لِنَكُونَ مَدْحًا لِمَجْدِهِ، نَحْنُ الَّذِينَ سَبَقْنَا فَجَعَلْنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ رِجَاءَنَا؛ وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا، بَعْدَ أَنْ سَمِعْتُمْ كَلِمَةَ الْحَقِّ، أَيِ انْجِيلِ خَلَاصِكُمْ، وَأَمَنْتُمْ، حُتِمْتُمْ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدْسِ الْمَوْعُودِ بِهِ، وَهُوَ عَرَبُونَ مِيرَاثًا، لِفِدَاءِ شَعْبِهِ الَّذِي أَقْتَنَاهُ، وَلِمَدَحِ مَجْدِهِ.

#### إنجيل القديس لوقا 1:39-45

فِي تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ (بَعْدَ الْبَشَارَةِ بِيَسُوعَ)، قَامَتِ مَرْيَمُ وَدَهَبَتْ مُسْرِعَةً إِلَى الْجَبَلِ، إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ فِي يَهُودَا. وَدَخَلَتْ بَيْتَ زَكَرِيَّا، وَسَلَّمَتْ عَلَى الْيَصَابَاتِ. وَلَمَّا سَمِعَتْ الْيَصَابَاتِ سَلَامَ مَرْيَمَ، أَرْتَكُضَ الْجَنِينُ فِي بَطْنِهَا، وَأَمْتَلَأَتْ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدْسِ. فَهَتَفَتْ بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهَا وَقَالَتْ: «مُبَارَكَةٌ أَنْتِ فِي النِّسَاءِ، وَمُبَارَكَةٌ ثَمَرَةُ بَطْنِكَ! وَمِنْ أَنْ لِي هَذَا، أَنْ تَأْتِي إِلَيَّ أُمُّ رَبِّي؟ فَهَا مُنْذُ وَقَعَ صَوْتُ سَلَامِكِ فِي أَدْنِي، أَرْتَكُضَ الْجَنِينُ ابْتِهَاجًا فِي بَطْنِي! فَطُوبَى لِّتِي أَمَنْتَ أَنَّهُ سَيَكُونُ مَا قِيلَ لَهَا مِنْ قِبَلِ الرَّبِّ.»!