

SAINT MARON CHURCH

VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH

December 3, 2023

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Bringing Jesus to others

The Visitation of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth is a lesson for every Christian to learn from and to apply in their own life.

The key to the kingdom of God is love. The real love is not done by just words. It must be done by deeds. The real love is caring, being humble and it is praising the work of God in the life of the others. When the Virgin Mary received the good news from the Angel Gabriel, he told her that her relative Elizabeth is pregnant as well and that is her sixth month.

Mary, the one to be the Mother of God, out of love and humility went directly to visit her relative and to help her. What an act of humility! The Virgin Mary did not focus only about herself and about what God has done in her life but instead she went to praise the work of God in the life of her relative as well. Mary carried the real love in her womb and gave Him to the whole world. She brought him to her relative. Mary's visit to Zachariah's house brought joy to Elizabeth and to her baby in her womb. The baby leapt when he heard Mary's greeting. This is how Elizabeth knew about the power of who is coming to visit her. That's why she said: "And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?" (Luke 1:43).

Can you imagine how better our world could be if each one of us follow the example of Mary in their daily life? We always tend to focus on ourselves. We tend to have pride in what we know and in what we have. We tend to think that we are better than others. But that is not true! We are created to share this world and to share God's love.

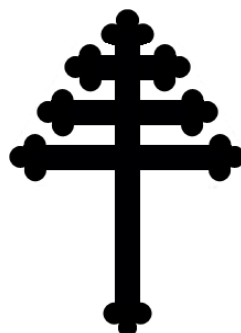
As we prepare ourselves for the glorious birth of Jesus Christ in couple weeks, we need to rethink about how much close we are from the real love in our daily life. Are we able to see God's presence in the others? Are we able to love and serve like Mary when there is a need for us? It is never too late to go and knock at the door of our neighbor who can be in need of us!

Clergy

Rev. Fr. Elias Yazbeck: Administrator
Subdeacon Lattouf Lattouf
Subdeacon Ghazi Faddoul
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Liturgy Schedule

Tues & Thurs: Chapel
6:00 p.m.: English/Arabic
Saturday: Chapel
5:00 p.m.: English
Sunday: Downtown
9:30 a.m.: English
11:00 a.m.: Arabic-English

Church: 1245 Carnegie Ave
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Church Organizations

Parish Council

President– Jèan Yaacoub

2nd Wed. of the month at 7:00 pm

Finance Council

President- Rick Ganim:

3rd Wed of the month at 7:00 pm

Immaculate Conception Sodality (ICS)

President– Karan Farhat-Rohfeld

1st Mon. of every month at 7:00pm

Maronite Christian Formation Program (MCFP)

Director– Elias Kanaan:

Sundays (except Holy Days) 12:00-1:00 pm

MaronKnights Dabke Group

Tanya Elasmara:

Maronite Youth Organization (MYO)

Coordinator– Peter Harb:

Maronite Young Adults (MYA)

President– Anessa Kleem

Follow MYA page for updates

Maronite Mothers Club (MMC)

Coordinator- Tina Chamoun

Arabic School: Coordinator: Jihad Kawkabani

Classes Sat. Oct-April (except Holy Days) 10 am -12noon

50+ Social Club Mary Ann Watson

1st Friday of each month. Liturgy: 10:00 am

Book & Cine Club Katia Abboud

Rosary Prayer Group Daad Chamoun

Social Committee

Souheil Farah, Rita Lattouf, Claire Naoum

St. Maron Health Committee Dr. Paul Farah

Social Media Coordinator Jessica Khoury

Order of Saint Sharbel

Samir Farah and Daad Chamoun

Liturgy Intentions

Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth

Saturday December 2

5:00 pm Chapel: Forty Day Liturgy for **Ibtihaj Gerges**

(Her daughter Marcell Ina and her husband Antoine and their family)

Sunday December 3

9:30 am: Mem Lit for **Joseph Betters**

(Betters-Haidar family)

11:00 am: Forty Day Liturgy for **Antoine Boutros**

(His wife Najibeh Tannous and their children Matilda Boutros, Toufic Boutros (Laudy Khalil) Maureen Elias (Albert Elias) Hatem Boutros, Jean Boutros (Nada Sarkiss), Semaan Boutros, and Martine Boutros (Toufic Semaan))

Next Week

Birth of John the Baptist

Thursday December 7

6:00 pm Chapel: Immaculate Conception Liturgy

Friday December 8

6:00 pm: ICS Installation of Officers and Liturgy

Saturday December 9

5:00 pm: Mem Lit for **Deeb & Amineh Thomas**

(Darlin & Souheil Farah & family and Samir & Jeannie Farah & family)

Sunday December 10

9:30 am: Parishioners Intentions

11:00 am: Forty Day Liturgy for **Nassim Elias Sarkis**

(His daughters Luna Nassim Lahoud and her husband Antoine Hanna Lahoud and his daughter Rana Nassim Sarkis and her husband Nassri Tokmaji and their families)



Join Fr. Elias for Bible Study
How to prepare your soul for the Lord

Thursday December 7th at 7:00 pm

Parish Center: Independence

MYO Sponsored Canned Food Drive

Please drop off any canned or dry goods to the boxes found at the Chapel and Church

Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday of the Visitation to Elizabeth	أحد زيارة العذراء
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From the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians	1:1-14	رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس
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يا إخوتائي
من بولس، رسول المسيح يسوع بمشيئة الله، إلى القديسين الذين هم في أفسس والأمناء في المسيح يسوع: ألتعمه لكم والسلام من الله
أبينا والرب يسوع المسيح! تبارك الله أبو ربنا يسوع المسيح، الذي باركنا بكل بركة روحية في السموات في المسيح؛ فإنه اختارنا
فيه قبل إنشاء العالم، لنكون في حضرة قديسين، لا عيب فينا؛ وقد سبق بمحبته فحددنا أن نكون له أبناء بالتبني بيسوع المسيح، بحسب
رضى مشيئته، لمدح مجد نعمته التي أنعم بها علينا في الحبيب؛ وفيه لنا الفداء بدمه، أي مغفرة الزلات، بحسب غنى نعمته، التي
أفاضها علينا في كل حكمة وفهم؛ وقد عرفنا سر مشيئته، بحسب رضاه الذي سبق فجعله في المسيح، ليحقق تدبير ملء الأزمنة، فيجمع
في المسيح تحت رأس واحد كل شيء، ما في السموات وما على الأرض؛ وفيه أيضا اختارنا ميراثا له، وقد سبق فحددنا بحسب
قصد، هو الذي يعمل كل شيء بقضاء مشيئته، لنكون مدحا لمجده، نحن الذين سبقنا فجعلنا في المسيح رجاءنا؛ وفيه أنتم أيضا، بعد أن
سمعتم كلمة الحق، أي إنجيل خلاصكم، وأمنتم، خيتمتم بالروح القدس الموعد به، وهو عربون ميراثنا، لفداء شعبه الذي اقتناه، ولمدح
مجده.

والتسبيح لله دائما

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 toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.
Praise be to God always!

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke	1:39-45	إنجيل القديس لوقا
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قال لوقا البشير،
في تلك الأيام (بعد البشارة بيسوع)، قامت مريم وذهبت مسرعة إلى الجبل، إلى مدينة في يهوذا. ودخلت بيت زكريا، وسلمت على إيصاتا. ولما
سمعت إيصاتا سلام مريم، ارتكض الجنين في بطنها، وأمتلأت من الروح القدس. فهنقت بأعلى صوتها وقالت: «مباركة أنت في النساء،
ومباركة نمره بطنك! ومن أين لي هذا، أن تأتي إلي أم ربي؟ فها منذ وقع صوت سلامك في أذني، ارتكض الجنين أنيهاجا في بطني! فطوبى لتي
أمنت أنه سينم ما قيل لها من قبل الرب!».»
حقاً والأمان لجميعكم

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 leaped 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 leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."
This is the truth! Peace be with you.

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel. 2 Samuel 6:9-18

David became frightened of the LORD that day, and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?" So David was unwilling to take the ark of the LORD with him into the City of David. David deposited it instead at the house of Obededom the Gittite. The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite for three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household. When it was reported to King David that the LORD had blessed the household of Obededom and all that he possessed because of the ark of God, David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the City of David with joy. As soon as the bearers of the ark of the LORD had advanced six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. Then David came dancing before the LORD with abandon, girt with a linen ephod. David and all the house of Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts of joy and sound of horn. **Praise be to God always.**



Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation

If you are a new parent and wish to have your child baptized at Saint Maron Church or Chapel you must call the office at least two months in advance. We try very hard to have only one baptism per Saturday and Sunday. Times are after the 5pm Saturday liturgy (Chapel) or following the 11am Sunday liturgy (Church).



Mystery of Crowning (Sacrament of Matrimony)

MANDATORY you contact and meet with Fr. Elias **at least 8 months** in advance of your desired date.

Couples are required to participate in our pre-Cana classes. **Once a couple has met with Father Elias their date will be secured. Call the office to schedule an appointment.: 216.520.5081**



House Blessing

Please call the office if you would like your home blessed
216-520-5081



Communion and Anointing of the Sick

Clergy is available to administer Communion or for anointing of the sick to those homebound or hospitalized. Call the office if you or a family member is in need.

For emergency only call: 612-501-6383

FREEDOM TO MARRY LETTER

Regardless of the situation, all necessary forms for couples living in the United States or abroad **MUST** be done. This may take weeks or months so call to schedule an appointment with Fr. Elias as soon as possible.
216-520-5081



Confession

Confession is available prior to all liturgies. Please let the priest know you are interested.

Book & Ciné Club

Our next meeting is on TUESDAY December 5th at 7pm at the Parish Center.

The Theme is Christmas! In lieu of exchanging gifts, we will be collecting money to send to the needy

Attire is not dressy! An ugly Christmas sweater or even a Christmas PJ is recommended.

Please consider participating in the canned food drive sponsored by our MYO.

RSVP to Katia at: katiaabboud315@gmail.com ALL INVITED!!!

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Call For Reservations

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to order or for more information



Gifts of the Altar: December 2023

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Nabil Daher (Lina Daher & family)

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CANDLES in Memory of:

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George & Roma Sessin (Their children & their families)

Jacob & Juliette Saad & the deceased members of the Saad and Elzeer families (Thomas Saad & family)

Elias Said Sarrouh & Rachid Elias Sarrouh (Martha Sarrouh & family)

Nabil Daher (Lina Daher & family)

In Thanksgiving

William & Denise Bishilany & family
For Declan Gordon

November 26, 2023

<u>GENERAL DEPOSIT</u>	\$	2,572.00
Saturday 5:00 pm	\$	917.00
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