

LITURGIES

Sundays 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 am.

Weekdays 8:00 a.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m.

DAILY ROSARY DEVOTIONS

I pray the Holy Rosary daily at 7:30 a.m.

Please join me when you can.

CONFESSION

Every Saturday - 2:00 - 4:00 pm or by app't.

Sunday - before Mass and ending 10 minutes before Mass begins.

READINGS

Rom 4 : 13 - 25

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READERS

Sunday, November 17 - 10:30 am Mike Kelly

Sunday, November 24 - 8:30 am Paul Boulos

Sunday, November 24 -11:00 am Monique Binkley

Counting Our Blessings

Sunday, November 10, 2013 \$1,628.00

EVENTS TO COME

LADIES GUILD MEETING

Sunday, December 15, 2013

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Sunday, December 15, 2013

CAREGIVERS MEETING

Sunday, December 8, 2013

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, December 6, 2013 9:00am – 3:00pm

Coming Soon on EWTN

“Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon: Ancient Roots...New Soil.” An introduction to the Maronite rite of the Church in America featuring interviews with pastors and parishioners from various Maronite parishes throughout the Midwestern U.S., who speak about their rite and their faith.

Next Air Date:

November 21 at 3:00AM and 6:30PM

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

-TODAY, November 17 – Advent Begins. In our Maronite Church we take 6 weeks to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus. For us this Liturgical Season is called the Season of Announcement.

-TODAY, November 17 – Annual Thanksgiving Dinner & Parish Home Coming. Only the one Mass at 10:30 am. followed by the family meal. All our Parish Members from near and far and all our friends are most welcome.

Our Lady of the Cedar's Christmas Hafli!

Saturday, December 14, 2012

More details will be announced in the coming weeks, but **mark your calendars today!** Hope to see you there!!

(please note due to the short number of weekends in this Holiday season, the Hafli will REPLACE the Christmas Breakfast. The Hafli will have events for young and young at heart alike so please join us!)

Its THAT Time Again!!

"COMMUNITY CASH BACK"

Acme supermarket is having their Annual program called **"Community Cash Back"** It started September 21st, 2013 so let's get SAVING!! When you buy Acme brand products, it accumulates cash back for our Church! **We're asking that all parishioners save their receipts and bring them to church,** as our parish is participating in this promotion. All you have to do is buy Acme brands and bring your receipts to church. We will have a box in the foyer, just drop the receipts in the box. Even if you're not sure if what you bought is an Acme brand, drop your receipts in the box in the foyer and we will go through them for you. Thank you in advance for your help.

Beloved Parish Family In Christ Jesus Our Lord,

One of the greatest Masses of the Year.

One of the truly greatest, most spiritual, most beautiful, most well attended Mass in the year is on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Everyone looks forward to going to Church on this great feast day of the Lord.

This great Mass can become all the more meaningful for everyone when we participate in the 6 Masses that lead us up to the Feast of Christmas Day. It is good to want to go to the Christmas Mass, it is even better to love to go to the Christmas Mass because of how very special this feast day is to the entire world. The story of the miracle of the birth of Baby Jesus becomes a lot more meaningful as we actually celebrate the many amazing events that come to us week by week beginning with the very first Sunday of the Announcements this week. At the Mass this Sunday we are told about the visit of an Angel coming from heaven to the Temple where the man Zechariah is praying to tell him that he and his elderly wife will conceive a child who will be a boy and he is to be given the name John. What an amazing and powerful thing God will do, choose a couple at the age that is past the child bearing time and finally permit them to conceive. Even more than that this child of theirs will be of special service to the plan of God.

As we carefully and prayerfully follow our God preparing for the mysterious and holy moment of the birth of His Son, let us do the same. It would be a good thing for you and me to think more about God in these special days and to think a lot about what He did and in a spiritual way prepare our selves, our homes and our families. Let us try to catch the idea that God has done so much for us and so we could do as much as we can for Him because it is a feast day of our Lord.

To help us with good and holy thoughts leading us up to the feast of Christmas consider the following prayer as a daily prayer. This short prayer is taken out of the new Liturgy book for the first Sunday of Announcement, the Announcement to Zachariah.

That most awesome Mystery, hidden from the ages past, awaited by prophets, and by kings and by priests, is to angels shown in flesh, and throughout the world proclaimed, so nations would all believe.

Praise God, now revealed!

Please use his prayer for your daily prayer during this first week of Holy Announcement. May God bless your time of preparation for Christmas.

MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY

For all Parish Members who would like to come to Church to Give Thanks to God on Thanksgiving Day, morning Mass will be at **9:00am**. I hope this is a good time for you all.

"Keep Him in Your Heart"



A Fundraising Opportunity

Stop in on Saturday, December 14 anytime between 10:00am – 6:00pm and allow photographer and parishioner, Andrea Wilkinson to take your photo! Families and / or individuals of all ages can have their photo taken near a manger with a baby Jesus (doll) inside.

This will take place in our conference room and will be open to all parishioners and to the public. The cost of the 5x7 pictures will be \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. For those who prefer a digital format, pictures can be e-mailed for a cost of \$30.00. E-mailed pictures will be provided a photographers release so that you may print your pictures at any photo printer of your choice. **Half of all the proceeds will be donated to the Our Lady of the Cedars, Parish Building Fund.** Finished pictures will be available for pick up at Our Lady of the Cedars on Wednesday, December 18.

Would you like to be part of this special fundraiser? Do you have an idea that would help benefit this event and would like to add to our profits for the Building fund? Things like a bake sale or craft sale table in the foyer might be a good idea. Please present any ideas you may have to Fr. Bill ASAP!

Divine Liturgy Schedule
November 17th through November 24th

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| Sunday | 17 | 10:30 Edward Risk by Tom & Yvonne Jesser 10:30 Norman & Edna Jesser by Doris Khoury 10:30 Norman Jesser by Rosette Braidy 10:30 Marina Barakat by Boutros & Tannous Barakat | St. Gregory the Wonderworker, Confessor / St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious |
| Monday | 18 | 8:00 A Special Intention by Noelle Mouallem | St. Romanos (Raymond), Martyr / Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul / St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Missionary |
| Tuesday | 19 | 8:00 Special Intentions of Fr. Bill | St. Barlaam / St. Pontianus, Pope / St. Mechtilde |
| Wednesday | 20 | 8:00 Special Intentions of Fr. Bill | St. Edmund the Martyr |
| Thursday | 21 | 8:00 Mitevski Children by Vera Mitevski | Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple |
| Friday | 22 | 8:00 A Special Intention by Noelle Mouallem | St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr, Patroness of Musicians |
| Saturday | 23 | 8:30 John Easterday by Linda Easterday | St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr / Bl. Miguel Pro, Priest, Martyr |
| Sunday | 24 | 8:30 Harvey Kelly by Elizabeth Zahab 8:30 Fred Boshara by Doris Khoury 11:00 Special Intentions for the Youth of Our Lady of the Cedars Parish | Christ the King / Sts. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Martyrs |

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD'S

We are proud to present a new evangelization and fund raising opportunity here at Our Lady of the Cedars. Lighthouse Catholic Media offers a practical and effective program to help Catholics know their Faith, keep their Faith, and share their Faith by utilizing CDs. Whether in the car or at home, we can deepen our understanding of the Catholic Faith when we listen to inspiring talks given by some of the best Catholic speakers in the world. In the narthex/foyer, you will see a display offering 16 different CD titles. We ask for a donation of \$4.00 per CD or \$10.00 for a selection of three CDs. **All proceeds will be donated to our church.** What a wonderful way to not only learn our faith, but support our parish, as well!

November 17th, 2013
Announcement to Zechariah

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