

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

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READERS

Sunday, January 7 - 8:30am Chuck Abraham

Sunday, January 7 - 11:00am Mike Kelly

Sunday, January 14 - 8:30am Paul Boulos

Sunday, January 14 - 11:00am Monique Binkley

Counting Our Blessings

Sunday, December 31, 2017 \$1,023.00

New Year Collection, 2017 \$963.00

EVENTS TO COME

LADIES GUILD MEETING

Sunday, January 21, 2018

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Sunday, January 21, 2018

CAREGIVERS MEETING

Sunday, February 4, 2018

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

February 2, 2018 8:30am

Next Second Collection

**- January 28, 2018 -
Eparchial Charities**

DEACON RAMI AND FR BILL'S TRAVELS IN JANUARY

Deacon Rami will attend a retreat at the Seminary in California from January 7 – 12. On his way back he will visit his Uncle in Vegas from January 12 – 21.

Father Bill will attend the Annual Clergy Retreat in Arizona from January 8 – 11. No daily Liturgies from Monday – Thursday. Morning Masses will resume on Friday at 8:00 and on Saturday at 8:30 am as usual. I will take the Mass Intentions with me to our Retreat. Sorry for any inconvenience.

IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Saturday, January 13 – Men's Club & Ladies Guild Party beginning with Liturgy 4:00 pm followed by part time 5:00 pm.

MEETINGS – MEETINGS – MEETINGS

Hall Advisory Board Monthly Meeting

Monday, January 22 – 6:30 pm - Board Member meet
7:00 pm - Meet with Bradley.

Parish Advisory Board Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, January 24 – 7:00 pm.

MARONITE CALENDARS -2018-

Our Maronite Calendars are here for the New Year 2018. Please help yourself. Please make an offering of \$5.00 for each one for the support of the Eparchy Vocation Office.

A great feature this year is an Icon for each month with a lesson about the particular feast day. Enjoy the beauty of these Icons, study them, and keep learning more about our Maronite Church and share it with your friends and neighbors.

NEWS FROM THE EPARCHY...

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary will be holding a discernment weekend from Friday April 13 to Sunday April 15 in Washington DC for men considering the celibate priesthood. Contact Fr. Gary George, Eparchial Vocations Director ([314-363-3300](tel:314-363-3300)) for more information.

---GOOD STUFF ABOUT THE SANCTITY OF LIFE---

Consider these 6 significant and most common topics pertaining to life matters at this time.

- 1) Understanding Conscience
- 2) How to Build a Culture of Life
- 3) What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion.
- 4) Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing.
- 5) Top Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide.
- 6) **Death Penalty: Catholic Q & A**



The sixth topic in our LIFE series: Consider these valuable Catholic questions and answers about The Death Penalty.

1st question: *Who are we?*

The essence of our identity and worth as human beings the source of our dignity is that we are loved by God and made in His image and likeness. God's love doesn't change: even sin cannot diminish God's love for each person.

2nd question: *What is the purpose of punishment?*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church goes on to say, "in to defending public order and protecting people's safety, [punishment] has a medicinal purpose as far as possible. It must contribute to the correction of the guilty party."

3rd question: *Aren't some crimes so evil the offender deserves to die?...*

God punished Cain greatly but also mercifully spared and protected his life by making him "so that no one would kill him at sight" (Genesis 4:15)

4th question: *Didn't the Old Testament Law allow the punishment of death?...*

For Israelites in the Old Testament, legal punishment of personal injury did allow "life or life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth" (Exodus 21:23-24). However when Jesus came, He fulfilled the Old Testament Law and deepened our understanding of both justice and mercy.

5th question: *So, is the Death Penalty always wrong?...*

As the Catechism states, "the traditional teaching of the Church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor."

For more information about this LIFE TOPIC help yourself to a pamphlet on the table at the back of the church. Please share this helpful information with family and friends. This information is provided by the UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS. For more recourses go online.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

January 7th, 2018 through January 14th, 2018

Sunday	7	8:30 Norma Alexander by Robert & Marion Nemer 8:30 Elias & Afifi Maroon by Chuck & Mary Beth Abraham 11:00 Ester Sahlani, Jeanette Mazigi by Deacon Bob & Barbara Foster 11:00 Nicholas Makhoul by the Family	Praises to John the Baptist, Martyr / St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest
Monday	8	5:00am Special Intentions for Sam Nonclerg by Fr. Bill	St. Severinus, Abbot
Tuesday	9	Ronald Sr., Mark Owen by the Family	St. Marcia of Mauretania / St. Adrian of Canterbury
Wednesday	10	Special Intentions of Fr. Bill	St. Peter Orseolo / St. William of Bourges
Thursday	11	Stella Yourkoski by Stella Rozmus	St. Theodosius the Cenobiarch
Friday	12	8:00 Marleine Lababidi by the Lababidi Family	The Council of Trent / St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
Saturday	13	8:30 John Easterday by Linda Easterday	St. Jacob of Nisibus, Confessor / St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Sunday	14	8:30 Scottie Kelly by Chuck & Mary Beth Abraham 8:30 Bernard Nofel by Deacon Bob & Barbara Foster 11:00 Marleine Lababidi by the Lababidi Family	St. Macrina the Elder / St. Malachy

ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION:

330-825-1900 * 330-644-4490 * 330-434-2221 * 330-253-4071

Email: sanctityoflife@live.com

800-712-4357 for other resources in your area

Troubled in Marriage? Visit www.helpourmarriage.org

January 7, 2018

The First Sunday after Epiphany
www.ourladyofthecedarschurch.org

OUR LADY OF THE CEDARS CHURCH

ST. MARON'S FAMILY DINNER

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2018



Fares Jasser
David & Wafa Chandler
Paul & Gena Boulos
Robert & Leila Baker
Ace & Patty Morcos
Zou & Clarissa Kahwaji
John & Erin Jesser
Roger & Nina Hamad
Fady & Therese Nahara
Sandy Hamad & Family
Dr. & Mrs. Saliba
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hadley
Mrs. Adiby Hamad

Please join us immediately following a special 10:30am Divine Liturgy for a nourishing meal and fellowship.

MENU

Raw Kibbe
Baked Kibbe
Tomato Salad
Chicken & Rice Hashwie
Green Beans
Pita Bread
Cake

CHURCH ENVELOPES * CHURCH ENVELOPES * CHURCH ENVELOPES * CHURCH ENVELOPES

We still have 30+ unclaimed sets of envelopes on the table in the lobby.

If you have not already done so, please collect your family's envelopes and take them home.

If you see the envelopes of a friend or neighbor, please help by delivering to them.

Thank you for all you do at this time and throughout the year to support your parish, fellow parishioners, families, and friends.



UNITED SAGHBINE SOCIETY PRESENTS



OUR ANNUAL Fundraising Haffli

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

Our Lady of the Cedars Church

507 SOUTH CLEVELAND-MASSILLON ROAD ~ FAIRLAWN, OHIO

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM ~ DINNER SERVED AT 8PM

LEBANESE MAZZA AND DINNER

Proceeds to benefit St Anthony school in Saghbine, Lebanon. Established in 1955, St Anthony provides education for the children of Saghbine and neighboring villages. Unable to attend but would like to help, please consider a contribution. Donations are tax deductible. Make checks payable to United Saghbine Society.



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