



Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth

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From Monday to Saturday  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

FR. MICHEL N. KASSAS,  
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Without appointment from 11:00  
a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON  
CANADA

*Our Lady of Peace*

*Maronite Catholic Parish of Calgary – Established 1990*



Weekly Newsletter

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## SPIRITUAL MESSAGE

The feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates the visit of the Mother of God, with the child Jesus in her womb, to her cousin Elizabeth, who was herself six months' pregnant with the forerunner of Christ, Saint John the Baptist. At the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel, in response to Mary's question "How shall this be done, because I know not man?" (Luke 1:34), had told her that "thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren: Because no word shall be impossible with God" (Luke 1:36-27). The evidence of Elizabeth's own near-miraculous conception had called forth Mary's fiat: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word." It is thus appropriate that the very next action that Saint Luke the Evangelist records is the Blessed Virgin "making haste" to visit her cousin.



# OUR LADY OF PEACE

MARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CALGARY

## **MASSES & CELEBRATIONS**

**Sundays – 11:00 a.m.**

**Daily Mass (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) at 6:30 p.m.**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION  
EVERY FIRST FRIDAY 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.**

## **CONFESSIONS**

**30 minutes before each mass**

**In case of emergency, contact the priest.**

## **VISITING THE SICK**

**If you, or someone you know is ill, please contact Fr. Michel and he will arrange to visit the sick.**

## **BAPTISMS**

**Please contact the Priest *two weeks* prior to the baptism date.**

## **MARRIAGES**

**Please contact Fr. Michel a *minimum of four months* in advance of the desired date of marriage.**



## **The Immaculate Conception Sodality of Calgary**

**will celebrate their 25 years Silver Jubilee on**

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Please Join us to congratulate our Ladies and to pray with them for many more years to come in serving the Lord People of our Parish. may God bless them**

## **WELCOME!**

**We welcome all parishioners back for another year of cooperation and prosperity in our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our Lady of Peace pastor and parishioners would like to welcome all visitors and families who are new to the parish family.**

**Next Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

## **The Birth of John the Baptist**

**Reading (*Galatians 4:21-5:1*) - Gospel (*Luke 1:57-66*)**



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### THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO VIRGIN MARY

DONATIONS SUMMARY (NOVEMBER 26, 2017)

SUNDAY COLLECTION: **\$ 983.45**

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

As every year Our Lady of Peace prepares a Christmas party for the children. The success of the party is dependant on the generosity of its parishioners. Now is the time to start donating money or gifts **(BRAND NEW). Thank you for your continued support!**



### *Christmas Party*

Date: Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Time: From 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Our Lady of Peace Hall

**FREE  
ADMISSION**

**Children's Christmas Party Sheet Available at the Church Entrance**

## ARABIC SCHOOL

Every Friday from 6:30 pm till 8:00 pm; Encourage your children from 5 years to 12 to learn our native language

## FAMILY NIGHT

We are all invited to gather every Friday at the Church hall.  
We start by thanking God in our Holy Mass at 6:30 pm  
we will gather to eat, play cards and have fun at the church hall.

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR LADY OF PEACE  
MARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CALGARY  
IN YOUR WILL**



**Presents**

# **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

**Tickets: Adult \$80.00 – Children: \$ 35.00**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2017**

**SIT DOWN DINNER & MIDNIGHT SNACK**



**SUPPORTING ORGANIST  
JIHAD CHARANEK**

**Singer BASSEM DIB**

**Reservation: Michael Mouganie (403) 617 0737**

**SHERATON CAVALIER HOTEL - 2620 32 Ave NE, Calgary, AB T1Y 6B8**



**See you  
in  
Sunday  
School!**

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