

2016 LEBANESE FESTIVAL RAFFLE

Drawing May 29, 2016 at 7 PM

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For tickets call (858)883-3043 or e-mail mimahabchi@gmail.com
St. Ephrem Church Office (619) 337-1350

St. Ephrem Lebanese Festival Donation Update

As of May 15th, we have received over \$ \$19,000 in cash donations for our upcoming Festival!

We would like to sincerely thank our donors for their generous contributions. If you have not donated yet, please see the form accessed on line or in the office.



**Festival
Pre-paid
parking
Reserve
your space
now!**

A \$50.00 donation to St. Ephrem Church will guarantee you an all-day parking spot for Saturday, May 28th and Sunday May 29th. Space is limited, please reserve as soon as possible by calling George Habchi at 858-883-3042

Blessings on our First Holy Communicants

Congratulations and best wishes to our parish children who received their First Holy Communion on May 7th:

(Listed here alphabetically):

Christine Chehadeh
Giovanni George
Leya Haddad
Ehmma Isaacs
Raneem Kassar
Yara Kassar
Laith Polus
Anthony Salameh
Rose Sulaiman
Christian Toma
Andrew Tomeh
Einana Zebari

May the Lord God bless them and sanctify them and grant them peace and happiness. Special thanks to **Mrs. Liliane Massery** for teaching the students and making all the arrangements for the ceremony.



ST. EPHREM CHURCH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 05/07/2016

13th Annual



2016 Lebanese Festival May 27 - 29

Hosted by
St. Ephrem Maronite
Catholic Church
750 Medford Street
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(619) 337-1350

Fri. May 27 6pm - 10pm Limited Menu
Saj, sweets & drinks
Sat. May 28 11am - 10pm
Sun. May 29 11am - 10pm

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Authentic Lebanese Cuisine
Evening Live Music and Dancing
Folkloric Dance Performances
Beer and Wine Garden
Hookah Bar

Carnival Rides All Day Pass \$45.00

On the Menu

Saj Zaatar & Cheese
Tabouleh, Hummus
Falafel, Kibbeh
Beef Shawarma
Chicken Kabob
Gourmet Sweet

\$3.00 Admission

No Outside Food, Drinks or Hookahs Allowed



www.stephremchurch.com
www.lebanesefestivalsandiego.com



For a unique experience at the
13th Annual Lebanese Festival

We are offering a terrace table reservation service
Saturday & Sunday

15 tables at \$100 each per day (seats 8)
6 tables at \$50 each per day (seats 8)
with clear view of the stage

Attendees, of legal age, can enjoy their
beer & wine service at these tables

To reserve call Francois Habchi (760) 445-5555



If you have not already registered to volunteer for the festival, please do so as soon as possible by calling or emailing the church. Our volunteer coordinators will be in touch to assign you. Thank you in advance!

**Pick up
Festival
Flyers for
Distribution**



We need volunteers
to help distribute flyers

Please pass them
out to your families, friends
and businesses.
Help get the word out!

Flyers are located in the foyer of the
church.

Festival Liturgical Schedule:

+Friday, May 27th,
Divine Liturgy: 5:30PM
+Sunday, May 29th-
Divine Liturgy:
9:30AM and 11:00AM

Pentecost: The Church's Birthday



EACH YEAR THE CHURCH CELEBRATES 50 DAYS OF EASTER, CULMINATING AT THE FEAST OF PENTECOST. PENTECOST MARKS THE OCCASION OF GOD'S SENDING THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON JESUS' DISCIPLES AFTER HIS RESURRECTION.

BEFORE PENTECOST, THE DISCIPLES WERE UNSURE OF WHAT THEY WERE TO DO NEXT, AND SPENT MOST OF THEIR TIME IN HIDING. AFTER PENTECOST, AND THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THEY UNDERSTOOD THEIR MISSION TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS, AND THEY HAD THE COURAGE TO COME OUT OF HIDING AND SPEAK OPENLY ABOUT WHO JESUS WAS, AND WHAT HE HAD ACCOMPLISHED BY HIS DYING AND RISING.

BECAUSE PENTECOST BROUGHT THE DISCIPLES THIS CLARITY OF MISSION, IT IS REGARDED AS THE FOUNDING FEAST OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. BEFORE PENTECOST, THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS ARE TENTATIVE AND DISORGANIZED. AFTER PENTECOST, THEY ARE A PEOPLE WITH A MISSION, WHO PERCEIVE THEMSELVES AS SPIRITUALLY AND SACRAMENTALLY CONNECTED TO THE RISEN CHRIST.



Basket Collection from May 8th:
\$2,802.00

2 Corinthean 9:7 - So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.


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Beit Maroun  House of Maron

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Pastor: Reverend Toufic Nasr
Deacon Georges Ghosn
Deacon George Geagea

Visiting Priest: Reverend Canon Thomas Thompson

GENERAL INFORMATION

Liturgies:
Saturday..... 5:30PM
Sunday
.....9:30AM
.....11:00AM
.....12:30 PM
Confessions
By Appointment

Divine Liturgy Intentions:

Day:	Date:	Time:	Offered For/By:
Saturday	5/14	5:30PM	
Sunday	5/15	9:30AM	
		11:00AM	(M) Butros Allah Werdy Josephine Murad, Antoine Masri, Margaret Yousif offered by the Allah Werdy Family
		12:30PM	(M) Kabalane and Georgette Bsaibes offered by the Family
Saturday	5/21	5:30PM	
Sunday	5/22	9:30AM	
		11:00AM	(M) Abdel Massih Hattab & Madeleine Abdallah & Children; Hazem, Joseph Miriam & Amira Hattab; Dcn Matti Mikha & Caterina & children; Behnam, Rafael, Francis & Najat offered by the Family
		12:30PM	(M) Saeed Asmaro & Bassam Asmaro offered by the Family
Friday	5/27	5:30PM	All Festival Volunteers
Saturday	5/28	5:30PM	NO LITURGY
Sunday	5/29	9:30AM	
		11:00AM	Mabel Ghosn offered by Antoine Ghosn
		12:30PM	NO LITURGY

First Friday Adoration Noon until Benediction at 6:00PM

Baptism: Contact the office to schedule

Religious Education: Saturdays from 11am-12pm

First Communion Class: Sunday from 1030AM to 12:30AM- To register, please contact the parish office.

Matrimony: Please contact the parish office at least eight months prior to the desired date

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00AM to 5:00PM



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION:

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH- CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS