

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Sundays: 9:30 am (English) & 11:30 am (English & Arabic)

Confession

Contact the priest or the church office to arrange your confession during the week.

Baptism

Please call the Church office for arrangements <u>one month</u> prior to the celebration of the Sacrament.

Marriage

Please allow at least <u>six months</u> of preparation time. Date arrangements are made after the initial meet with pastor before any other commitments are made.

Ministry of the Sick

If any parishioner is seriously ill at home or in a hospital, please call the pastor or the Church office to arrange for Communion, Confession or Anointing of the Sick.

Maronite Catholic Education

Catechism Classes for children are on Sundays from 10:20 am – 11:20 am.

Season of Glorious Epiphany Jesus and Nicodemus January 27, 2019



Jesus is visited by Nicodemus, a Pharisee. It is an interesting encounter. Nicodemus is curious about Jesus and the works which are pointing to His divinity. It is also interesting that Nicodemus came to Jesus at night, perhaps out of fear from his fellow Pharisees.

The focus of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus is on how one may enter the kingdom of God. Jesus says one must be born again (Jn 3:3). This puzzles Nicodemus, just as it puzzles many today. "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, they cannot enter the Kingdom of heaven (Jn 3:5).

Born carries the idea of a new life. "Born" gives the impression not only of "life" but also of "beginning." Jesus is talking about baptism: When we are baptized we die to our sins just as Christ died for us, and as Christ rose from the dead, we rise from the water to a new life free from sins. It is a new life with a new identity as we were once without Christ, now we are in Christ.

Jesus told Nicodemus that to enter the kingdom of God one must be born again. Do you have the faith to seek after Jesus, to come to know and follow the Lord? Even in the secret of night.

Pray For

Please call the parish office to inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a parishioner or family member. If you would like to add or remove your name or a relative's name from our prayer list, please contact us.

Mass Intentions for NEXT SUNDAY February 03, 2018

<u>09:30 AM</u> George Hanna (Lillian Hanna) George Antoon (Dr Raymond and Laure Daou)

> <u>11:30 AM</u> Pierre Naffah (Naffah Family)

Bible Verse

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

Galatians 3:26

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. **Alleluia!**

From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave[g] nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint John 3:1-16

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Come share the love at the VALENTINE'S PARTY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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	Mass Celebration	
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	Sunday Readings	
HOLY BIBLE	Psalms: Psalm 121 Reading: Galatians 3:23-29 Holy Gospel : John 3:1-16	
	Mass Intentions	
	09:30 AM Abdo Daou & Jeanette Mattar (Dr. Raymond and Laure Daou) Jackie Haddad (Grandchildren Elise, Matthew, and Andrew Haddad) The deceased of the Phoenician Club (Phoenician Club) <u>11:30 AM</u> Fadi Tannous (Estephan, Rantisi, Sobiaski and Saba Families) Charles Rehayem (Helena Rehayem) Jackie Haddad (The Shaker Family)	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Readers	Nabil Zahra	Mireille Estephan (Arabic) Maya Halack (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Henry Abboud Nakhoul Nehra, Naji Abiad

Announcements

* Arabic Classes: Fridays 7pm to 8 pm - From Next Friday till the end of April - \$100 per child.

*** MYO Dabke and Choir:** Every Friday from 7 PM to 9 PM.

★ Feast of Saint Maroun - February 8 @ 7 pm: One hour of Prayer followed by refreshments and game of cards.

Feast of Saint Maroun - Sunday February 10: Mass and Lunch.

*** Doris Farhat Valentine's Party** February 16, 2019. Tickets \$60.

Let us remember

We pray for our Beloved Ones who died during the Month of January

Helen Shaker – Betty Shaker – Fred Gilaty – Loretta Abraham – George Paul Doucette – Lynley M. Garvin – Albert Hopsy – Michael Jabour – Louise Lucchesi – Sarah Malouf – Barbra Nahra – Joseph V. O'Neil – Isabel Damuny Shahwan

COLLECTION

January 20, 2018: \$2,028

"Each one must give from his heart, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7