



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Church Clergy

Father Pierre ElKhoury, M.L.M., Pastor

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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 one month prior to the celebration of the Sacrament.

Marriage

Please allow at least six months 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

Epiphany: Baptism of the Lord

January 06, 2019



After celebrating Christmas, the incarnation of the Son of God, the Gospel takes us immediately into the celebration of His Baptism when Jesus was 30 years old. He stepped into the Jordan River and was baptized by Saint John the Baptist, who felt he was not even worthy to unstrap the sandals from Christ's feet.

Though Christ was born free of original sin, He submitted to baptism and instituted the Sacrament of baptism. *With the voice of God from above, and the Spirit descending upon Him... Christ's flesh actually blessed the waters...and made them Holy... conferring the power of baptism.*

Christ's baptism is called "Epiphany" for it revealed to mankind His divinity. It was a moment of divine manifestation and also reveals the mystery of God's plan of salvation.

The sacrament of baptism is necessary for our salvation. We need it to become the adopted sons and daughters of God. It frees us from original sin and incorporates us into God's family.

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.

We pray for: **Julia Parkinson**

Mass Intentions for Christmas, January 13, 2018

09:30 AM

Helen Shaker – Fourth Anniversary *(The Shaker Family)*

Jackie Haddad *(Grandchildren Elise, Matthew, and Andrew Haddad)*

Deceased of the Shaker and Abraham families *(The Shaker Family)*

11:30 AM

Helen Shaker *(The Shaker Family)*

Jackie Haddad *(The Shaker Family)*

Bible Verse

**I am baptizing you with water, but One mightier than I is coming,
And He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

LUKE 3:16

Psalm 72

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
He shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.
Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.
For he shall rescue the poor and the afflicted,
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. Alleluia!


From the Letter of Saint Paul to his disciple Titus 2:11-3:7

Brothers and Sisters, The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live lives that are just, self-controlled, and devout, as we await the blessed hope - the appearance of the glory of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for Himself - a people of His own who are eager to do what is right and good.

For when the goodness and loving kindness of God Our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to His mercy through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ, Our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

From the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 3:15-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John as to whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but One who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His granary; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with You I am well pleased."

	Mass Celebration	
	Baptism of the Lord: P. 107 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Psalm: PSALM 72 Reading: TITUS 2:11-3:7 Holy Gospel: LUKE 3:15-22	
	Mass Intentions	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>09:30 AM</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Betty Shaker – Fourth Anniversary <i>(The Shaker Family)</i> George Antoon <i>(Paul and Cheryl Ghassan)</i> Jackie Haddad <i>(Michael and Michelle Haddad)</i> Laura Payne <i>(The Couri Family)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:30 AM</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">40 days - Loucine Kassis - Michael Kassis - & Diane Kassis <i>(The Kassis Family)</i> Betty Shaker – Fourth Anniversary <i>(The Shaker Family)</i> George Antoon <i>(The Shaker Family)</i></p>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers	Stephanie and Leila Nehra Gaby & Elias Tamer, Dany Chlela	Christy, Reem and Fadi Hattar Jason Bendok, Ramez Sayegh
Readers	Joseph Shaker	Peter Kassis (Arabic) Joseph Shaker (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Nakhoul Nehra, John Albani, Naji Abiad

Announcements

✳ **Epiphany:** Saturday, January 05, 2019 - Mass at 6 pm with Blessing of the Water followed by cheese and wine and playing cards. Please sign-up your name.

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

December 30, 2018: \$4,963.00

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