

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

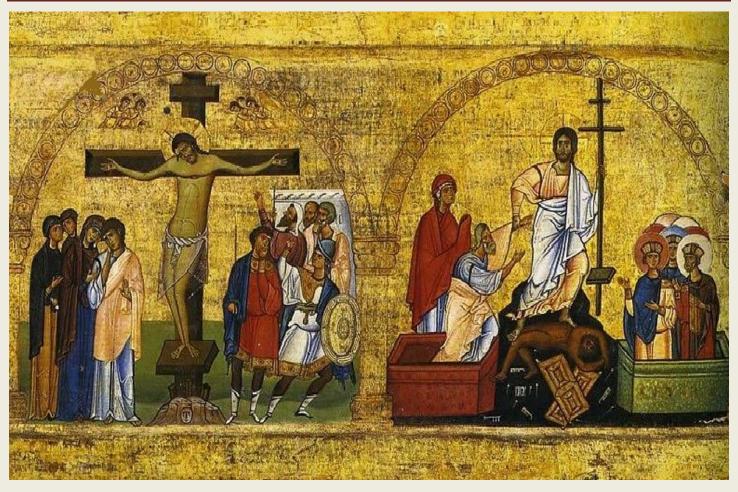
If any parishioner is seriously ill at home or in a hospital, please call the pastor or the Church office to arrange for Communion, Confession or Anointing of the Sick.

Maronite Catholic Education

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

Season of Great Lent Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019



I stumbled upon this twelfth century icon depicting the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, surrounded by people from all generations. And it struck me looking at it that all of life is represented there. But then the Easter story is our whole life journey too.

It is the element of choice and openness and companionship that makes a journey of any kind the special thing it is. The Easter journey does not let us shy away from the suffering and challenges we meet along the route.

Always we were told, in actions louder than words, to turn away. And so we became a lonely people with no place, inside or out, that did not remind us of fear, terror, despair, loss, anger, grief and distrust.

Yet, on one day, Someone did turn. Turned to face the pain. Turned to face the stranger. And He reminded people to turn and look at one another with forgiveness, love and a longing for peace in their hearts. Happy Easter.

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, April 28, 2019

9:30 AM

Jackie Haddad (Emil Haddad Family)
Mariam Zodo (Jean Zodo)

11:30 AM

Souad Ghasoub

Lucille and Victor Wertz & Tammer and Mary Caleel –

Maria Louise Caleel (By The Caleel Family)

Bible Verse

You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He is not here; He has been raised.

Mark 16: 6

Psalm 21

The king rejoices in your strength, Lord. How great is his joy in the victories you give! You have granted him his heart's desire and have not withheld the request of his lips. You came to greet him with rich blessings and placed a crown of pure gold on his head. He asked you for life, and you gave it to him—length of days, for ever and ever. Through the victories you gave, his glory is great; you bestowed on him splendor and majesty. You have granted him unending blessings and made him glad with the joy of your presence. Be exalted in your strength, Lord; we will sing and praise your might. **Alleluia!**

From the First Letter of Saint Paul to Corinthians 15:12-26

But if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither has Christ been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then empty (too) is our preaching; empty, too, your faith. Then we are also false witnesses to God, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death!

From the Gospel of our Lord according to Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'" Then they went out and fled from the tomb, seized with trembling and bewilderment. They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. **This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

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Mass Celebration



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Sunday Readings



Psalm 21

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12-26
Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Mass Intentions for THIS SUNDAY



Happy Easter!
And May the Resurrected Lord

Have Mercy on all our Departed!

Schedules	Midnight	9:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
Readers	Dr. Ray Daou Georgette Geha	Lillian Hanna	Rania Lutfallah Dr. Daniel Youssif
Ushers	Joe Gharib Henry Abboud Albert Dakhoul George Zakhem	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip Elie Massoud John Albani Sami Tabet

Announcements

* Holy Week Schedule

- Wednesday April 17th @ 7:30 PM: Healing Mass and Blessing of the Oil
- Thursday April 18th at @ 7:30 PM: Washing of the feet and adoration
- Good Friday April 19th @ 7:30 PM: Adoration and Burial of the cross
- Saturday April 20th: Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 AM
- Easter Sunday April 21st: Midnight Mass and 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Let us remember

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

Joseph Shaker, Sr. - Joseph Allen - George Abraham - Abe Abraham - Philip Conley – Mary Shaker - Dorothy Gilaty - Minnie Bohakel - Joseph Basil - John Deeham – Atena Hanna - Gurken Israelian - Charles Jage - Dr. Issam Kaddourah - Jack Markwell – Julia A. Saad – Anice Anthony Shababy - Mary Ann Sirbeck.

COLLECTION

April 14, 2019: \$3,284.00

"Each one must give from his heart, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7