



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.

**Glorious Epiphany
Baptism of the Lord
JANUARY 05, 2019**



This Sunday we celebrate the Feast Epiphany: Baptism of the Lord, which is a milestone event in the life of Jesus and in our Christian life.

Christ, He who was like us in all things but sin, humbled Himself to be baptized. Thus, He sanctified the waters and, in so doing, He instituted the Sacrament of Baptism by His actions. He did this out of love for us and for the Father.

We see, in Jesus' humility and obedience to the Father, "the victory of justice". It is not a vengeful justice but it is a merciful justice for all of us. This humility and obedience will characterize His public life. Humility and obedience draw God:

As Christ rises from the waters, the Holy Spirit descends on Him in the form of a dove and the Father is well pleased. The Trinity manifests itself. And, Jesus is anointed from on high with power and the Holy Spirit "to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness."

**Congratulations on
Receiving the sacrament of Matrimony
Marc Connor O'Neal and Ashly Kagan**

Mass Intentions for NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 12, 2019

09:30 AM

5 years memorials for Helen Shaker & Betty Shaker *(The Shaker Family)*

11:30 AM

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Bible Verse

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

LUKE 3:16

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

The God of glory thunders, The LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

The voice of the LORD shakes the earth; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace! **Alleluia!**

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

Brothers and Sisters, The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared, to all men, 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."

Upcoming Events at Our Lady of Lebanon

October (2019)

Monday 21	Relics of St. Veronica Giuliani
Saturday 26	All Saints Party (Halloween)

November (2019)

Sunday 3	Mass for all souls followed by potluck lunch
Sunday 10	Start of Christmas Toy Drive
Saturday 16	Lebanese Independence Party
Sunday 17	Deadline for Thanksgiving Food Drive

December (2019)

Saturday 7	Christmas Retreat
Sunday 8	Children's Christmas Party
Sunday 15	Christmas Bake Sale
Saturday 21	Deadline for Christmas Toy Drive
Sunday 22	Christmas Recital followed by potluck lunch

Christmas Celebration (2019)

Tuesday 24	5pm: Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday 25	12am: Christmas Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25	11:30am: Christmas Day Mass
Sunday 29	Feast of the Holy Family
Tuesday 31	New Year's Party

January (2020)

Wednesday 1	5pm: Mass – beginning of Year 2020
Sunday 5	Feast of Epiphany (End of season)

Weekly/Monthly Events

Tuesdays	7pm: Choir Practice
Fridays	7:30pm: Bible Study and gathering
1st Saturday of the month	3pm: Rosary with Oumouna Mariam

	Mass Celebration	
	Glorious Epiphany of the Lord: Page 107 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Psalm 29 Reading: Titus 2:11-3:7 Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-22	
	Mass Intentions for THIS SUNDAY	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>09:30 AM</u></p> Deceased of Shaker and Abraham families <i>(The Shaker Family)</i> Anthony Abraham <i>(Louis and Rita Bourjaily)</i>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:30 AM</u></p> Elie Mansour <i>(Brother in Law of Nakhoul Nehra)</i>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Readers	Lillian Hanna	Andrew Bassil <i>(Arabic)</i> Mona Tarabay <i>(English)</i>
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Elie Masud, Nakhoul Nehra, John Albani

Announcements

Happy New Year!!

- ✦ **Please pick up your Donation Envelopes in your way out.**
- ✦ **Sunday January 5, Epiphany: Baptism of the Lord with the blessing of Water. After mass please join us to share together the Epiphany Sweets.**
- ✦ **MRE Resumes on next Sunday January 12th.**

We hope to see all of our kids back in the classrooms to continue learning about the Lord and our faith. Classes begin at 10:20 sharp and end at 11:20. We are asking parents and teachers to please arrive at church by 10:15.

I also want to announce that Diala Chahoud is no longer the MRE director. Diala was dedicated and worked hard, we thank her for her time.

Meray Estephan is the new MRE director and is eager to meet all the parents and students. Some of you have already met her, for those that haven't, she will be at church on Sundays. She can also be reached at her email address meray.estephan@gmail.com and her cell phone 312-316-3362. Thank you

Let us remember

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

Helen Shaker – Betty Shaker – Fred Gilaty – Sophia Shaker - Sonny Abraham - 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 29 2019: \$ 2,865.00

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

2 Corinthians 9:7