

# *Our Lady* *of Lebanon*

Maronite Catholic Church

950 N Grace Street Lombard, IL 60148

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March 26, 2023

## **Healing of the Blind Man**



## Saint Rafka (March 23)

Saint Rafka was born in 1832. At the age of 6, her mother passed away. She became a nun at the age of 21. She prayed to be able to share in the suffering of Christ.

She endured lots of pain. She became blind and paralyzed but never complained or stopped praying. She passed away on March 23rd, 1914. Saint Rafka became a saint for the whole church in June 10, 2001.

Saint Rafka is the patron saint of lost parents and of the sick and the suffering.



## The Annunciation (March 25)

The Feast of the Annunciation is celebrated nine months before the Nativity of the Lord, a feast which came about earlier historically.

The Annunciation recalls the day when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and revealed God's will that she become the Mother of the Son of God, and she accepted. At that moment, the "Word became Flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).





**Mass Intentions**  
**Sunday, March 26**

[Click Here](#)  
For Mass Requests

9:30 AM

Mickey & Dixie Haddad  
(Haddad Family)

Edward Jage (Bill & Cheryl Blum)

11:30 AM

Father Joseph Mikhael Ziadé  
(Ziadé Family)

Special Intention for Simone Romanos  
(Patricia Rechsteiner)



**Mass Intentions**  
**Sunday, April 2**

[Click Here](#)  
For Mass Requests

9:30 AM

Joseph Shaker, Sr (OLL)  
For Our Lady of Lebanon (Zahra Family)

11:30 AM

Joseph Shaker, Sr (OLL)  
For Our Lady of Lebanon (Zahra Family)

# GOD IS TRYING TO TELL YOU SOMETHING



## Virtual Bible Study

Wednesday at 7pm  
via Zoom,  
by Abouna Pierre.

Find the link on:  
[www.ollchicago.org](http://www.ollchicago.org)



[Click Here](#)

# Stations of the Cross

Fridays @ 7 pm



## Potluck Dinner

after Stations of the Cross

# Lenten Retreat

From DUST To GLORY

Fr. Joe Daccash  
Saturday March 25  
9:30am - 1pm



*Our Lady of Lebanon*

**Food Drive**

Non Perishable Food

Deadline March 26

# BLOOD DRIVE



SCAN HERE  
TO SCHEDULE



Presenting donors will automatically be entered into a drawing to win 1 of 2 \$10,000 prepaid gift cards enough to buy groceries for a year! Gift card is redeemable by email.

## Our Lady of Lebanon Church Blood Drive

Saturday, Mar. 25  
2:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.  
950 N. Grace St.  
Lombard, IL

To schedule your appointment please contact Vitalant 877.258.4825 or on line at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and use sponsor code: 10053998.

**Appointments Recommended.**  
**Walk-ins welcome.**  
**Prepare: Eat well, hydrate, and bring ID.**



**GIVE BLOOD TODAY | [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org)**  
Eligibility questions? Call 877.258.4825

**vitalant.**



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church  
**Annual Easter Bake Sale**  
 Palm Sunday April 2, 2023



ITEM	Description	PACKAGE SIZE	PRICE PER PACKAGE	QTY	TOTAL PRICE
<u>Mana'eesh with Za'atar</u>	<del>Pizza w. oregano</del> & sesame seeds	½ Dozen	\$ 12.00		
<u>Mana'eesh with Cheese</u>	<del>Pizza w. cheese</del>	½ Dozen	\$14.00		
<u>Fatayer</u>	Spinach Pies	1 Dozen	\$18.00		
<u>Sfiha</u>	Open face meat pie	1 Dozen	\$20.00		
<u>Sambousek</u>	Fried meat pie	1 <u>Dozen</u>	\$20.00		
<u>Shishbarak</u>	Meat ravioli	2 <u>Dozen</u>	\$25.00		
<u>Kibbe 'Rass</u>	Crushed wheat <del>w. meat</del> mixture in balls	1 <u>Dozen</u>	\$22.00		
<u>Kibbe Sayniye</u>	Crushed wheat <del>w. meat</del> mix in tray	½ Tray	\$40.00		
<u>Veggie Kibbe 'Rass</u>	Crushed wheat & pumpkin, <del>w. spinach, onions, chickpeas, sumac</del> in balls ('Rass)	1 <u>Dozen</u>	\$22.00		
<u>Warak a-arish (veggie)</u>	Veggie stuffed grape leaves	2 <u>Dozen</u>	\$25.00		
<u>Sha'aybivet</u>	Phyllo dough <del>w. custard</del> stuffing	1 <u>Dozen</u>	\$12.00		
<u>Ma'amoul w/Walnuts</u>	<del>semolina+farina</del> stuffed w. walnuts	1 <u>Dozen</u>	\$20.00		
<u>Ma'amoul w/Pistachios</u>	<del>semolina+farina</del> w. pistachios	1 <u>Dozen</u>	\$20.00		
<u>Ma'amoul w/Dates</u>	<del>semolina+farina</del> stuffed w. dates	1 Dozen	\$20.00		
<u>Ka'ak bi Tamer</u>	Cookies with dates	1 Dozen	\$20.00		
<u>Ka'ak bhalib</u>	Milk-based cookies	1 Dozen	\$15.00		
<u>Ka'ak Yansoon</u>	<del>Yansoon</del> (anise) based cookies	1 <u>Dozen</u>	\$15.00		
<u>Sablet Cookies</u>	Cookies with jam	1 Dozen	\$20.00		
Add your item, here:					
<b>TOTAL</b>					

Kindly pay and place your order no later than **Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

All orders to be picked up at the church on Palm Sunday: Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 - 9:30am-1:30pm

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Our Lady of Lebanon Church**

Online ordering: [www.ollchicago.org](http://www.ollchicago.org)

Call Madeleine with any questions: 847.533.5698

OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH  
**HOLY WEEK APRIL 2-9**

*PALM*   
**SUNDAY**

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9:30AM & 1130AM  
MASS & PROCESSION

*HOLY*   
**WEDNESDAY**

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7PM  
RITE OF THE LAMP

*HOLY*   
**THURSDAY**

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7PM  
WASHING OF FEET

*GREAT*   
**FRIDAY**

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7PM  
ADORATION OF THE CROSS

*HOLY*   
**SATURDAY**

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10 AM  
EASTER EGG HUNT

*EASTER*   
**SUNDAY**

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12AM - 9:30AM - 11:30AM  
**HAPPY EASTER**

Please make your gift to the Lenten Appeal through your local parish. Place your gift in an envelope noted "Bishop's Appeal", or note "Bishop's Appeal" on your check. You may also make a gift online at [www.eparchy.org](http://www.eparchy.org).

## Additional Ways to Help

**Make a Bequest.** A bequest is naming the Eparchy (or your parish) in your will. This can be for a specific amount of money, or a percentage of your estate. To do this, include this language in your will:

"I give and bequeath to the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles \_\_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate [or: the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_]."

**Give from your IRA.** Generally speaking, taxpayers who are age 70½ years old and older may give up to \$100,000 each year from their IRA to the Eparchy without paying the mandatory tax on IRA distributions. This is a significant benefit because taxes on an IRA are normally very high. The practical effect of this is that you can give more, tax free, from your IRA – and this makes it a very effective way to support the Church. Contact your broker or the Eparchy for more information about this.

**Make the Eparchy a Beneficiary of Your Retirement Plan.** Another way to help the Church is to name the Eparchy as the beneficiary of your retirement plan. This avoids estate taxes (which are often very high on retirement plans) – and can be tremendously helpful to the Church.

**Make a Gift of Life Insurance.** Naming the Eparchy as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy is a way to help the Church in the future while not impacting your income or lifestyle today. Ask your insurance agent or contact the Eparchy for more information about this.

"God loves a cheerful giver!" (2 Corinthians 9:7)



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EPARCHY OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON OF LOS ANGELES

## 2023 Lenten Appeal

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I deeply appreciate your support for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles, especially over the past few years as we have faced challenges at home and abroad. You have been a blessing to the Eparchy.

The Lenten Season is an opportune time to practice fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. It is a time to deepen our faith, to count our blessings, and to think about the needs of others.

Each year at this time, I ask for your support for our most critical needs. These include the following:

- **Seminarian Education:** Our seminarians continue on their journey to the priesthood. We are blessed to have a large group of seminarians who are preparing to one day minister to our people.
- **Opening New Parishes and Missions:** Our goal is to build and strengthen our existing parishes and missions so that our people can celebrate their faith and heritage. We just opened two new missions and plan to open more missions in the coming years.
- **Expanding Services:** We need to reach out more to young people, families, and people at the most important times in their lives, especially in times of crisis.
- **Helping our brothers and sisters in Lebanon, Syria, and the Middle East:** Lebanon has been devastated by the pandemic, explosion and economic crisis. Syria has its share of troubles. Many people were displaced, and homes, hospitals, schools, and businesses suffered extreme damage.

Today, I would like to ask for your help with our Annual Appeal which addresses the Eparchy's most important and immediate needs. These needs are described in this short brochure. Please read this and prayerfully consider how you can help today, and please be generous. On behalf of all those who will be served by this Appeal, I thank you, and may God bless you!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

*+A.E. Zaidan*

+A. Elias Zaidan  
Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles



### 1. Seminarians and Retired Priests

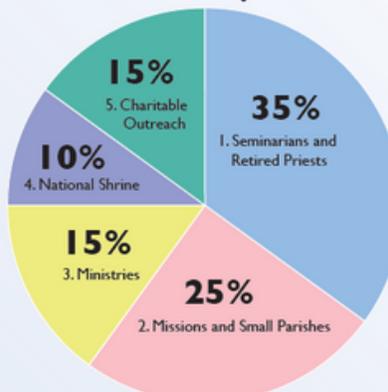
The Eparchy educates and prepares men (called "seminarians") for the priesthood, so that there will be enough priests to serve in our parishes. The Eparchy currently has six celibate seminarians and eight married men in formation. The cost of educating, housing and caring for these fine men is costly: we anticipate at least \$600,000 in these expenses this year. On the other end of the spectrum, eight retired priests receive a modest pension from the Eparchy along with health insurance. The total cost of supporting them in 2023 will be approximately \$228,000. One seminarian mentioned: "Through your support, I do not have to worry about paying student loans in the future." **35% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will support Seminarians and Retired priests.**



### 2. Missions and Small Parishes

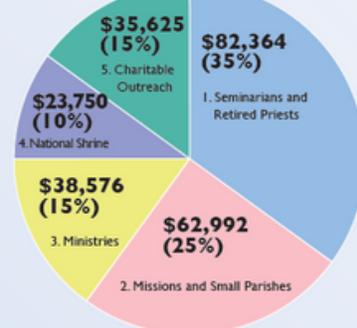
The Eparchy consists of thirty-four (34) parishes and nine (9) missions with over 46,800 Catholics across 34 states. Missions (new parishes) were opened in recent years in places like Milwaukee (WI), Seattle (WA), and Fort Bend (IN). The mission in Columbus (OH) now has its own priest. Three new communities are just starting in Wichita (KS), Nashville (TN), and Indianapolis (IN). Some missions and parishes are very small and need financial support with critical expenses such as insurance and utilities. It is necessary to strengthen our parishes and missions so that they may serve the Maronite faithful in these areas that have great potential for growth. **25% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will support Missions and Small Parishes.**

## 2023 Lenten Appeal Allocation of Funds



## Report on 2022 Lenten Appeal Use of Funds (\$243,307)

"In 2022, we were able to meet the Lenten Appeal and even received \$5,807 over our goal. We are sincerely thankful to all those who generously gave to help our Eparchy continue its efforts."



### 3. Ministries

The Eparchy maintains several ministries to serve Maronites, including Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Family Life Ministry, Ordained Ministers Subdeacons and Deacons, and Communication. The Eparchy's ministries need to increase in scope and number. **15% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will assist the Eparchy's Ministries.**



### 4. National Maronite Shrine

Our Lady of Lebanon National Shrine, located in Ohio, was founded over 55 years ago to invoke Our Lady of Lebanon's protection over all Maronites in the United States. The Shrine welcomes pilgrims throughout the year. Due to the pandemic, the Shrine needs support now more than ever. **10% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will assist the National Maronite Shrine.**



### 5. Charitable Outreach

As the Eparchy asks the faithful to be generous to it, the Eparchy strives to be generous to those in need. With your support, the Eparchy helps the less fortunate in the United States and abroad in Lebanon and the Middle East. With your giving, we are able to lend a helping hand to those suffering. Many of those church institutions depend on our support in order to meet their basic obligations and to sustain their ministry. Father Michel Abboud, the head of Caritas Lebanon told us: "With your help, we will keep some people alive." **15% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will go to charity.**

# SAVE THE DATE

## MYA MIDWEST MEETUP

# MAY 5-7



St Anthony of Padua  
2530 Victory Pkwy  
Cincinnati, OH 45206

Register here:

<https://www.ololmya.org/event-details/mid-west-regional-2023>

The churches in Mid America Regions are (Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, West Virginia, and Tennessee).



# AWAKEN

WITNESS → TRANSFORM → EVANGELIZE

**2023**  
**NATIONAL MYO**  
**CONFERENCE**  
**JUNE 27 - JULY 1**

**WALSH UNIVERSITY**  
NORTH CANTON, OHIO

**REGISTRATION**

**\$385** BY APRIL 1

**\$400 AFTER APRIL 1**

**12-18 y<sup>o</sup>**

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

**WWW.MARONITEYOUTH.ORG**



# WORLD YOUTH DAY

LISBON 2023

# AUGUST 01-06



[lisboa2023.org](https://lisboa2023.org)



# *Readers and Ushers*

**Mass 9:30 am**

***Readers***

Cheryl Blum

***Ushers***

Nabil Zahra  
Francis Kermend  
Joe Kermend



**Mass 11:30 am**

***Readers***

Sub. George Romanos

***Ushers***

Ed Kneip, Henry Abboud,  
Elie Masud, Naji Abiad,  
John Albani

## **Let Us Remember our Beloved Ones who died during the **month of March****

Mickey Haddad  
Dixie Lee Haddad  
Megan Shaker  
Chris Crispin  
Jim Abraham

Peter Dumit  
Robert Basil  
James C. Bomrad  
Albert Joseph  
Mary Bouzide

Fredia Saige  
Maurice Zayek  
Louis Haddad  
Bertha Derzy  
Nabiha Farris

## **Weekly Collection**

March 19, 2023

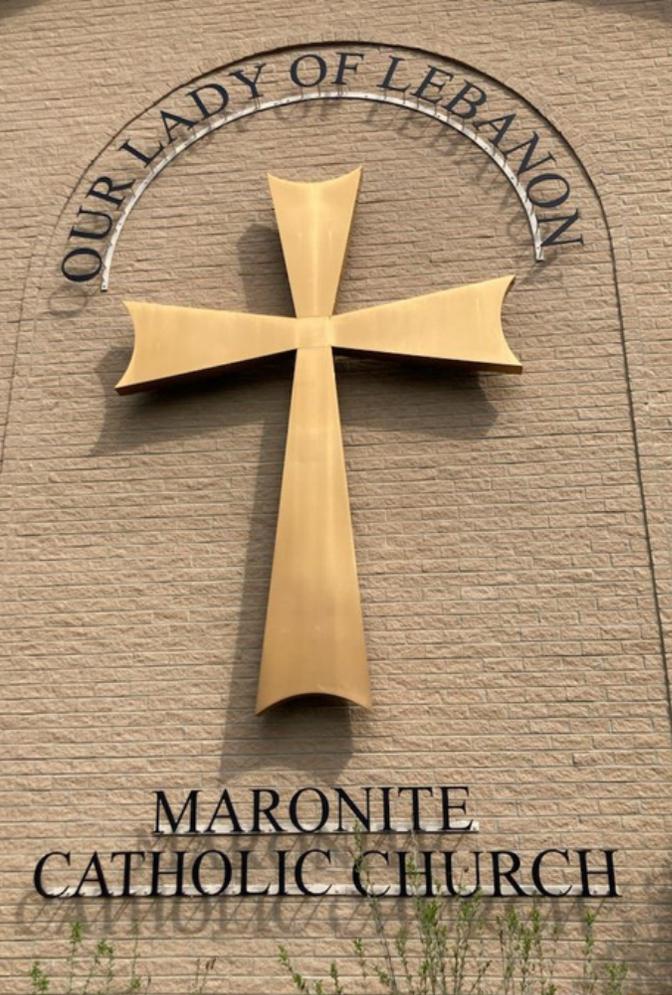
**Sunday Collection: \$1,445**

**Online Donations: \$455**

*May GOD accept your generous donations and sacrifices*

Donate online: [www.ollchicago.org](http://www.ollchicago.org)

Or mail your check to Our Lady of Lebanon



## MYO

(Maronite Youth Organization)

Meetings on Sundays - MRE.

For more information please contact **Gisele**

## MYA

(Maronite Youth Adults)

Meetings on Thursdays, via Zoom.

For more information please contact:

**Karen, Lindsay, Or Danny**

## Church Forms

