



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Church Clergy

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

Deacon John Sfire

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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.

Entrance into Great Lent

Cana Sunday

March 03, 2019



Everyone knows the story of the first of the Lord's "signs" — how Jesus changed water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana at the request of Mary, His mother. But there is more to the story than at first meets the eye.

The wedding feast of Cana reveals the divine power at work in this carpenter from Nazareth. And it does this in the middle of everyday life - at a wedding reception.

The Gospel of John calls the Lord's miracles "signs." They all point to Jesus' divinity. But they also profoundly symbolize what it is that He has come into this world to do for us.

At Cana He transforms water into wine. How does Jesus work this transformation? Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the same power that transformed chaos into paradise, a virgin into the mother of God, bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ and sinners into the children of God.

Mary's Mission was about self-giving and loving service, such as asking her son to do something at the wedding at Cana. There Jesus, at the request of his mother, carries out His first miracle. Mary's intercession could be - a motivation, an incentive - a catalyst for the first miracle. It could be the catalyst for many more.

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 March 10, 2019

09:30 AM

40 days: Claire Wakim *(The Wakim Family)*

11:30 AM

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Youssef El Kartabani *(El Kartabani Family)*

Bible Verse

Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb!

Revelation 19:9

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Salvation, glory, and might belong to our God,
For true and just are his judgments.

Praise our God, all you his servants,
And you who revere him, both small and great.
Alleluia! The Lord God has established his reign.

Let us rejoice, be glad and give him glory.

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
And his bride has made herself ready.

Fine linen, bright and pure, was given her to wear.




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From the Letter of Saint Paul to Romans 14:14-23

The kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the holy Spirit; whoever serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by others. Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to building up one another. For the sake of food, do not destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to become a stumbling block by eating; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. Keep the faith that you have to yourself in the presence of God; blessed is the one who does not condemn himself for what he approves. But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because this is not from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

The Gospel of John 2:1-11 (The miracle at the wedding in Cana of Galilee)

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (And) Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now."

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| | Mass Celebration | |
|  | Cana Sunday: P. 178 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774 | |
| | Sunday Readings | |
|  | Revelation 19 Reading: Romans 14:14-23 Holy Gospel: John 2:1-11 | |
| | Mass Intentions | |
|  | <p><u>09:30 AM</u></p> <p>George Hanna (Lillian Hanna)</p> <p><u>11:30 AM</u></p> <p>40 days: Fouad Youssef Naddaf (Naddaf Family)</p> | |
| Schedules | Sunday 9:30 am | Sunday 11:30 am |
| Readers | Lilly Hanna | Rania Lutfallah (Arabic) Eddy Mouannes (English) |
| Ushers | Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend | Ed Kneip, Elie Masud Nakhoul Nehra, Naji Abiad |

Announcements

- ✳ **Ash Monday:** Mass and distribution of Ashes: Monday March 04, at 7 pm.
- ✳ **Wednesday prayer and discussion:** Every Wednesday during the season of Lent, we will meet for prayer and discussion from 7 pm till 8:30 pm. Prayer is adopted from the prayer office book of Lent. Next Wednesday, first talk and discussion is about **bullying and suicide**.
- ✳ **Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday during the season of Lent, Stations of the Cross at 7 pm followed by a potluck dinner in the Shaker Hall.
- ✳ **Kids Club: Arabic and activities:** Saturdays 11 am - \$100 per child.

Let us remember

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

Megan Shaker - Jim Abraham - Bertha Derzy - Stasia Abraham - Cris Crispin - Dixie Haddad - Peter Dumit - Robert Basil - James Bomrad - Louis Haddad - Fredia Saige - Nabiha Farris - Mary Bouzide - Maurice Zayek

COLLECTION

February 24, 2019: \$2,967

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

2 Corinthians 9:7