



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.

Season of Great Lent
The Prodigal Son
March 24, 2019



Human life is, in some way, a constant returning to our Father's house.

The irresponsible young man, with money to burn, no consequences or responsibilities, and no one looking over his shoulder, went out looking for paradise. The world looks like such an inviting place—full of excitement and pleasures that never grow old. But, in reality, it has neither joy, nor love, nor light, nor certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain.

Then reality struck. All of a sudden he had no money, no food, and no friends. Because God is our merciful Father, He makes us feel a hunger that no food can satiate. With the flies and the mess of a stinky muddy pig pen before him, the runaway remembered his father.

“The free gift, after many trespasses, brought justification.” (Rm 5:16). The younger son had everything, lost everything, and now he has recovered everything—it has been given back to him without his having earned it. No matter how irresponsible you are, no matter what you’ve done, God will take you back.

But the story doesn't end there. The older son refuses to celebrate his brother's return. The father went out to meet him, the same father who went out to meet the prodigal son. But he cannot imitate his father by advancing beyond mere goodness to mercy, to a love which pours itself out without thinking about the return on the investment, without a reward.

The father leaves the decision in his older son's hands. But God is always waiting for us!

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 31, 2019

09:30 AM

Jackie Haddad *(The Shaker Family)*

11:30 AM

40 days Genevieve Elias El Khoury *(Mother of Sam Ajram & Patricia Jasser)*

Reverend Father Joseph Mikhael Ziadé *(The Ziade Family)*

Souad Ghasoub

Bible Verse

We must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.

Luke 15:32

Psalm 41

I have said, "LORD, have mercy on me; heal me, I have sinned against you.

Blessed the one concerned for the poor; on a day of misfortune, the LORD delivers him.

By this I will know you are pleased with me, that my enemy no longer shouts in triumph over me.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from all eternity and forever. **Amen**

The Second Letter to Corinthians 13:5-13

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless, of course, you fail the test. I hope you will discover that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do evil, not that we may appear to have passed the test but that you may do what is right, even though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we are weak but you are strong. What we pray for is your improvement. I am writing this while I am away, so that when I come I may not have to be severe in virtue of the authority that the Lord has given me to build up and not to tear down. Finally, brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Gospel of Luke 15:11-32

Then he said, "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began.

Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'

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EASTER BAKE SALE - Sunday, April 14, 2019

ITEM	PACKAGE SIZE	PRICE PER PACKAGE	QUANTITY	TOTAL PRICE
Manakeesh with Za'atar	1/2 Dozen	\$ 8.00		
Manakeesh with Cheese	1/2 Dozen	\$10.00		
Spinach Pies	1 Dozen	\$13.00		
Meat Pies	1 Dozen	\$15.00		
Kibbe Meatballs	1 Dozen	\$18.00		
Veggie Kibbe	1 Dozen	\$18.00		
Shishbarak (pre-order only)	2 Dozen	\$15.00		
Kibbe Sayniye (pre-order only)	Half Tray	\$30.00		
Grape Leaves (pre-order only)	2 Dozens	\$15.00		
Sha'aybiyet (pre-order only)	1 Dozen	\$10.00		
Ma'amoul w/Walnuts	1 Dozen	\$15.00		
Ma'amoul w/Pistachios	1 Dozen	\$16.00		
Ma'amoul w/Dates	1 Dozen	\$15.00		
Sablet Cookies	1 Dozen	\$12.00		
Ka'ak Bhalib	16 oz./ 1 pound	\$12.00		
WINE: Ksara / Adayar	1 Bottle	\$25		
ARAK: Ksara / Brun	1 Bottle	\$30		
TOTAL				

This price is only for Pre-order.

*Kindly pay and place your order no later than April 10th, 2019.
All items pre-orders to be picked up at the church on Sunday April 14th, 2019.*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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	Mass Celebration	
	Prodigal Son: P. 217 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	PSALM 41 Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:5-13 Holy Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	
	Mass Intentions for THIS SUNDAY	
	<p><u>09:30 AM</u> Edward Parkinson (<i>Lillian Hanna</i>) Deceased of Shaker and Abraham families (<i>The Shaker Family</i>)</p> <p><u>11:30 AM</u> Souad Ghasoub Lucille and Victor Wertz & Tammer and Mary Caleel – Maria Louise Caleel (<i>The Caleel Family</i>)</p>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Readers	Lillian Hanna	Dr Nadia Haddad (Arabic) Mary Mulcahey (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Nakhoul Nehra, Albert Dakhoul, Naji Abiad

Announcements

✳ **Wednesday prayer and discussion – Theme: Addiction.**

✳ **Stations of the Cross:** Friday at 7 pm followed by a potluck dinner in the Shaker Hall.

✳ **Easter Bake Sale** Easter Bake Sale is on April 14, 2019. Please place your pre- orders ASAP. For more info contact Madeleine Malek. You can make your order and pay online at ollchicago.org

✳ **40 days of Glory: Spiritual Retreat:** Saturday, April 6th, from 9 am till 7 pm at Our Lady of Lebanon. Subdeacon George – Jean D’arc Yasmin or Gisele Mulcahey.

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

March 17, 2019: \$4,234.00

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