

# **Our Lady of Lebanon** Maronite Catholic Church

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## **Mass Schedule**

Saturdays: 5:00 pm (English) - 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 10:20 am – 11:20 am.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost Season Calling of the Apostles July 02, 2017



**In calling the twelve,** Jesus prepared his future ministry to reach out to the whole world. He chose the twelve among the ordinary people and designated them apostles. His purpose was to send them out to preach his message. He would train them to become powerful servants of God's word with personal instructions. The focus of Jesus' ministry is to raise up future leaders.

**Jesus chooses whom he wants.** He knew what kinds of people he wanted to be his future successors. He called the ordinary blue-color workers with humble backgrounds. He called his apostles from the Galilee district which was known as the despised and oppressed. They were men of many mistakes but they were men of learning through their mistakes. They were transformed into new people.

And today, Jesus is calling us to follow him and to "be with him."

# 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.

We Pray for those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Pierre Naffah, Bobby Sfire, Julia Parkinson, Hank Yario.

## Mass Intentions for Next Sunday July 09, 2017

<u>09:30 a.m.</u>

Micki O'Connell (By Joseph and Teresa Shaker)

<u>11:30 a.m</u>

Nijmeh Smeirat (By Michel, Wafaa and Nabil Smeirat) Mitri Khairallah (By Sam & Siham Ibrahim)

# Bible Verse for the Week

"Jesus sent out his Twelve Apostles, instructing them: Go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel!

Matchew 10.5-6

#### From the book of Psalms - Psalm 116:1-2 & 12-19

I love the LORD, who listened to my voice in supplication, Who turned an ear to me on the day I called. Gracious is the LORD and righteous; yes, our God is merciful. The LORD protects the simple; I was helpless, but he saved me. How can I repay the LORD for all the great good done for me? I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. LORD, I am your servant, your servant, the child of your maidservant; I will offer a sacrifice of praise in the courts of the house of the LORD! Halleluiah!

#### From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians 3:7-14

**Brothers and Sisters,** Whatever gains I had, these I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. More than that, I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and (the) sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ (Jesus). Brothers, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus. **Praise be to God Always!** 

## From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 10:1-7 The Apostles Matthew said:

Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.

The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon the Cananean, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.

Jesus sent out these twelve, after instructing them thus, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

|               | Mass Celebration   |   |  |
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|               | The Twelve Apostles: Page 573<br>Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774   |   |  |
|               | Sunday Readings  |   |  |
| HOLY<br>BIBLE | Psalm 116: 1-2 & 12-19<br>Reading: Philippians 3:7-14<br>Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:1-7   |   |  |
|               | Mass Intentions  |   |  |
|               | <u>09:30 a.m.</u><br>Fr. Dr. William Nijm (By the Shaker Family)<br><u>11:30 a.m</u><br>Habib & Matilde Naffah - Mgr John Naffah - Marie Naffah –<br>Dr. Bechara & Elide Naffah (By Pierre & Ann Naffah) |   |  |
| Schedules     | Sunday 9:30 am   | Sunday 11:30 am   |  |
| Altar Servers | Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra<br>Anthony Jazarlian  | Miriam Dandan, Cassandra Chahoud,<br>Estifan Azzo, Yousif, Reem Hattar,<br>Rayana Mounsef |  |
| Readers       | Andrea Chalouhi  | Dr. Nadia Haddad (Arabic)<br>Julie Akouri (English)                                       |  |
| Ushers        | Nabil Zahra<br>Frank Kermend   | Ed Kneip, Sami Tabet,<br>Albert Dakhoul, Naji Abiad                                       |  |

## Announcements

#### ✤ Dabke Group

This year, we will have two Dabke groups: Children age 8 to 11 years old and the youth Dabke group age 12 to 18 years old. If your Child or teen are interested in joining the Dabke group, please contact Julie Akouri. Dabke practice is on Fridays at 7 pm.

#### **\* OUR ANNUAL FESTIVAL**

Save the Date! Our Lebanese Festival will take place on 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2017.

#### \* Saint Sharbel Relics

Our Lady of Lebanon Church - Lombard is privileged to host the relics of St. Sharbel between **July 23 and August 20, 2017**. This Visit is a blessing for our parish. We welcome you to obtain a blessing and reaffirm your Faith.

#### Let us remember

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

| 🕆 Marion Haddad   | ☆ Mabel Nasser     | 🕆 Effie Abdo  |
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| 🕆 Peter E. Haddad | 🕆 Marie Conway     | 🕆 Wanda Flach |
| 🕆 Adele Malouf    | 🕆 Katherine Garvin | 🕆 Mary Danno  |
| 🕆 Youssef Abboud  | 🕆 George Tamer     | 🕆 Rose James  |

#### COLLECTION Sunday June 25, 2017: \$ 1,945.00

"Lord, teach us to give and not count the cost." **St. Ignatius de Loyola**