



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.

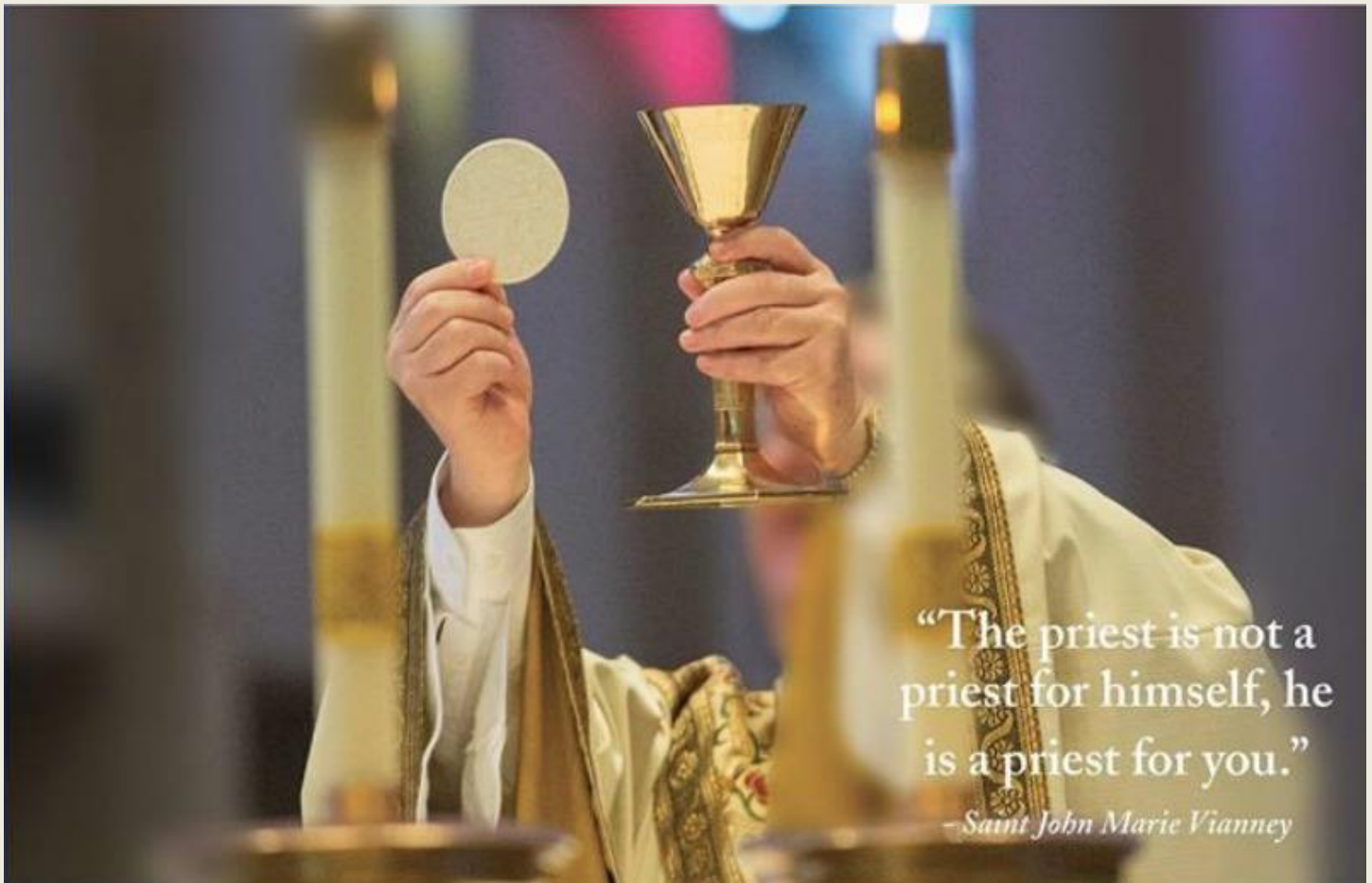
Ministry of the Sick

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 10:20 am – 11:20 am.

Season of the Glorious Epiphany
Commemoration of the Priests
January 21, 2018



Toward the end of the Season of Epiphany, and right before Great Lent, our ancient Maronite tradition reserves three Sundays and three weeks to remember: the priests, The Righteous and Just (All Saints), and the faithful departed (in general).

The priest is God's Servant and our faithful companion in our journey to God. The priest is called to a life of prayer and he has three missions: **The shepherd** who leads and governs the flock in wisdom, **the teacher** who teaches the Gospel and proclaims the word of God to us, and **the celebrant of the Sacraments**: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, penance, Marriage, Priesthood, and anointing of the sick.

The priest, therefore, living in the midst of the people, is called to teach, sanctify and lead through service.

Lord, we thank you for our faithful priests. Give them hope in time of trouble and sorrow. May your light shine through their lives. May they grow in holiness and wisdom. Amen.

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, Laure Zayeck, Julia Parkinson, Hank Yario.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday JANUARY 28, 2018

09:30 am

Deceased of the Shaker and Abraham Family *(By the Shaker Family)*

11:30 am

40 days memorial: **Jamal Hachem and for Alidia Najjar** *(By the Zakhem Family)*

BIBLE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Do not neglect the gift that is in you.

1 TIMOTHY 4:14

From the first Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 4:6-16

Brothers and Sisters, If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed.

Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching.

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders.

Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. **Praise be to God Always!**

From the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 12:42-48

The Lord Jesus said: "Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time?"




Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions.

But if that slave says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful.

That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating.

From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

This the truth. Peace be with you.

	Mass Celebration	
	Commemoration of the Priests: Page 147 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Reading: 1 Timothy 4:6-16 Holy Gospel: Luke 12:42-48	
	Mass Intentions	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>09:30 am</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Abdo Daou and Jeanette Mattar <i>(By Dr. and Mrs. Ray Daou)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:30 am</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Farid Mikhayel Ziade <i>(By the Ziade Family)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lucille and Victor Wertz - Tammer and Mary Caleel – Maria Louise Caleel and Dr. George Caleel <i>(By The Caleel Family)</i></p>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers	Gabby & Elias Tamer, Stephanie & Leila Nehra, Mauricio Saad	Cassandra Chahoud – Jason Bendok - Antonio and Marcelino Jaber - Estephan Ezzo
Readers	Nabil Zahra	Simona Haddad (Arabic) Marybeth Rezy (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Henry Aboud Nakhoul Nehra, Stephen Georges

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✳ **On Last Friday of Every month we will have one hour of prayer and adoration. Next prayer is on Friday January 26, 2018 at 7 pm**
- ✳ **Adult Bible Study on Fridays at 7 pm**
- ✳ **Kids Club meets on Friday January 26, 2018 at 7 pm**
- ✳ **Feast of saint Maroun is celebrated on Sunday February 11, 2018. All are invited, after 11:30 Mass, to a lunch prepared by the parish.**

Let us remember

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

Helen Shaker - Betty Shaker - Fred Gilaty - George Paul Doucette - Lynley M. Garvin - Albert Hopsy - Michael Jabour - Louise Lucchesi - Sarah Malouf - Isabel Damuny Shahwan - Barbra Nahra - Joseph V. O'Neil.

COLLECTION

January 14, 2018: \$ 9,329.00

*Those who have little and give it all are the believers in Life.
And there are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward.*

Khalil Gibran