

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 <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.

Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord Finding the Lord in the Temple January 01, 2017

Pray For Our Sick

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, Andrew Sullivan, Mark Tarabey.

Mass Intentions for Christmas January 08, 2017

09:30 a.m.:

2nd Anniversary for Betty Shaker and for Helen Shaker and Sophia Shaker (By the Shaker Family)

11:30 a.m.:

40 days memorial for Samir Rizkallah (By Mona Rizkallah and the Family) **Chukri Elia Daniel** (By The Shaker Family)

Bible Verse for the Week

"Why were you looking for me?
Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"
Luke 246

From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians 1:9-20

Brothers and Sisters,

We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we do not cease praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding to live in a manner worthy of the Lord, so as to be fully pleasing, in every good work bearing fruit and growing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with every power, in accord with his glorious might, for all endurance and patience, with joy giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent.

For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

Praise be to God always!

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 2:41-52

The Evangelist Luke said:

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them.

Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.



Mass Celebration



Finding the Lord in the Temple: P. 89 **Anaphora of Saint Peter:** P. 774

Sunday Readings



Reading: Colossians 1:9-20 Holy Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Mass Intentions



09:30 a.m.:

The deceased members of the Shaker Family (By the Breit Family)

11:30 a.m.:

Malvina Abou Zeid and Zaya Brakhia (By Henry and Mirna Abboud)

Chukri Elia Daniel (By The Shaker Family)

Habib & Matilde Naffah - Mgr John Naffah - Marie Naffah - Dr. Bechara & Elide Naffah (By Pierre & Ann Naffah)

Schedules	9:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
Altar Servers	Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra Anthony Jazarlian	Miriam Dandan, Cassandra Chahoud, Estifan Azzo, Yousif & Reem Hattar
Readers	Nabil Zahra	Rania Lutfallah
Ushers	Robert Antoun Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip,Henry Abboud, William Harb, Sam Sweillem

Announcements

Happy New Year 2017!

* Feast of the Epiphany

Next Sunday January 8, 2017, we will celebrate the Feast of Epiphany (Baptism of the Lord). Abouna will be blessing water during the Liturgies. But because the Feast of the Epiphany falls on Friday, January 6, 2017. We will celebrate Liturgy at 10:00 AM on Friday January 6th as well.

* Children Religious Education

Classes will resume on Sunday January 8, 2017 (10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.)

Let us remember

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

☆ Helen Shaker	☆ Sarah Malouf	
☆ Elizabeth Shaker	🕆 Barbra Nahra	骨 Lynley M. Garvin
⊕ Loretta Abraham	⊕ Michael Jabour	⊕ George Paul Doucette
骨 Fred Gilaty	ণ Albert Hopsy	骨 Isabel Damuny Shahwan
⊕ Joseph V. O'Neil	⊕ Louise Lucchesi	

COLLECTION

Sunday December 25, 2016: \$ 7,985.00

"It is the heart that does the giving;
The fingers only let go."

Nigerian saying