



# **Our Lady of Lebanon**

## **Maronite Catholic Church**

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### **Church Clergy**

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

Deacon John Sfire

Subdeacon Thomas Podraza

### **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 Resurrection

### New Sunday: Divine Mercy

APRIL 08, 2018



#### **“My Lord and My God!”**

The message of the Resurrection was carried along with Christ’s wounds. It was only the testimony of His wounds that gave the Disciples the inspiration and courage they needed to break out of their fear, come out of the locked room, and bear witness to the world.

It is in the touching of His wounds that we find this new life, this new way to be human, to be more Christ like. We touch the wounds of Jesus through the wounds of our brothers and sisters. We allow them to touch our own wounds. Through this action from God through us to others, changes hearts and heals even the deepest of human wounds.

## **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:  
**Jackie Haddad, Pierre Naffah, Bobby Sfire, Julia Parkinson.**

## **Mass Intentions for Next Sunday APRIL 15, 2018**

**9:30 AM**

**Fr. Dr. William Nijm** *(By The Nijm Family)*

**11:30 AM**

**Lucille and Victor Wertz & Tammer and Mary Caleel –  
Maria Louise Caleel and Dr. George Caleel** *(By The Caleel Family)*

## **BIBLE VERSE FOR THE WEEK**

*"Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."*

**JOHN 20:27**



## **Psalm 16**

Protect me, O God, for in you I trust and I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;

In your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Protect me, O God, for in you I trust and I take refuge. **Alleluia!**

## **From the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Corinthians 5:15-21**

**Brothers and Sisters,**

Christ indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

So, whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

**Praise be to God Always!**

## **From the Gospel of our Lord according to John 20:24-29**

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of (his) disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may (come to) believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name. **This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

	<b>Mass Celebration</b>	
	<p><b>New Sunday:</b> Page 386  <b>Anaphora of Saint Peter:</b> P. 774</p>	
	<b>Sunday Readings</b>	
	<p><b>Psalm 16</b>  <b>Reading:</b> 2 Corinthians 5: 15-21  <b>Holy Gospel:</b> John 20:24-29</p>	
	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	
	<p><b><u>9:30 AM</u></b>  <b>12th Anniversary for Joseph Shaker, Sr. (<i>By the Shaker Family</i>)</b></p> <p><b><u>11:30 AM</u></b>  <b>Memorial for Boutros Bourjas and Elaine Slaylati (<i>By the Bourjas Family</i>)</b>  <b>12th Anniversary for Joseph Shaker, Sr. (<i>By the Shaker Family</i>)</b>  <b>Deceased of the Abboud and Brakhia Family (<i>By Henry and Mirna Abboud</i>)</b>  <b>Habib &amp; Matilde Naffah - Mgr. John Naffah - Marie Naffah –</b>  <b>Dr. Bechara &amp; Elide Naffah (<i>By Pierre &amp; Ann Naffah</i>)</b></p>	
<b>Schedules</b>	<b>Sunday 9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 11:30 am</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Anthony & Isabella Jazarlian Stephanie Nehra, Mauricio Saad	Miriam Dandan, Cassandra Chahoud, Estifan Azzo, Yousif and Reem Hattar,
<b>Readers</b>	Anthony Shaker	Gisele Mulcahey (Arabic) Dr. Daniel Youssef (English)
<b>Ushers</b>	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Tony Boumitri, Albert Dakhoul, Stephen Georges,

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

✳ **Feed my starving children:** Next week MRE Visits feed my starving children. We will meet at feed my starving children in Schaumburg Address (1072 National Parkway, Schaumburg IL, 60173) at 6:45 pm and service starts at 7 pm.

✳ For the first time the Lebanese diaspora would be able to vote in the coming election. Location is Drake Hotel in Oakbrook on April 29th, 2018 - 6 am to 10 pm. Contact Tony Kozaili.

### **Let us remember**

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

Joseph Shaker, Sr. - Joseph Allen - George Abraham - Abe Abraham - Minnie Bohakel - Joseph Basil - John Deeham - Atena Hanna - Gurken Israelian - Charles Jage - Dr. Issam Kaddourah - Jack Markwell - Julia A. Saad - Anice Anthony Shababy - Mary Ann Sirbeck

### **COLLECTION**

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018: \$ 9,605.00

*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**