



# **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**

**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 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.

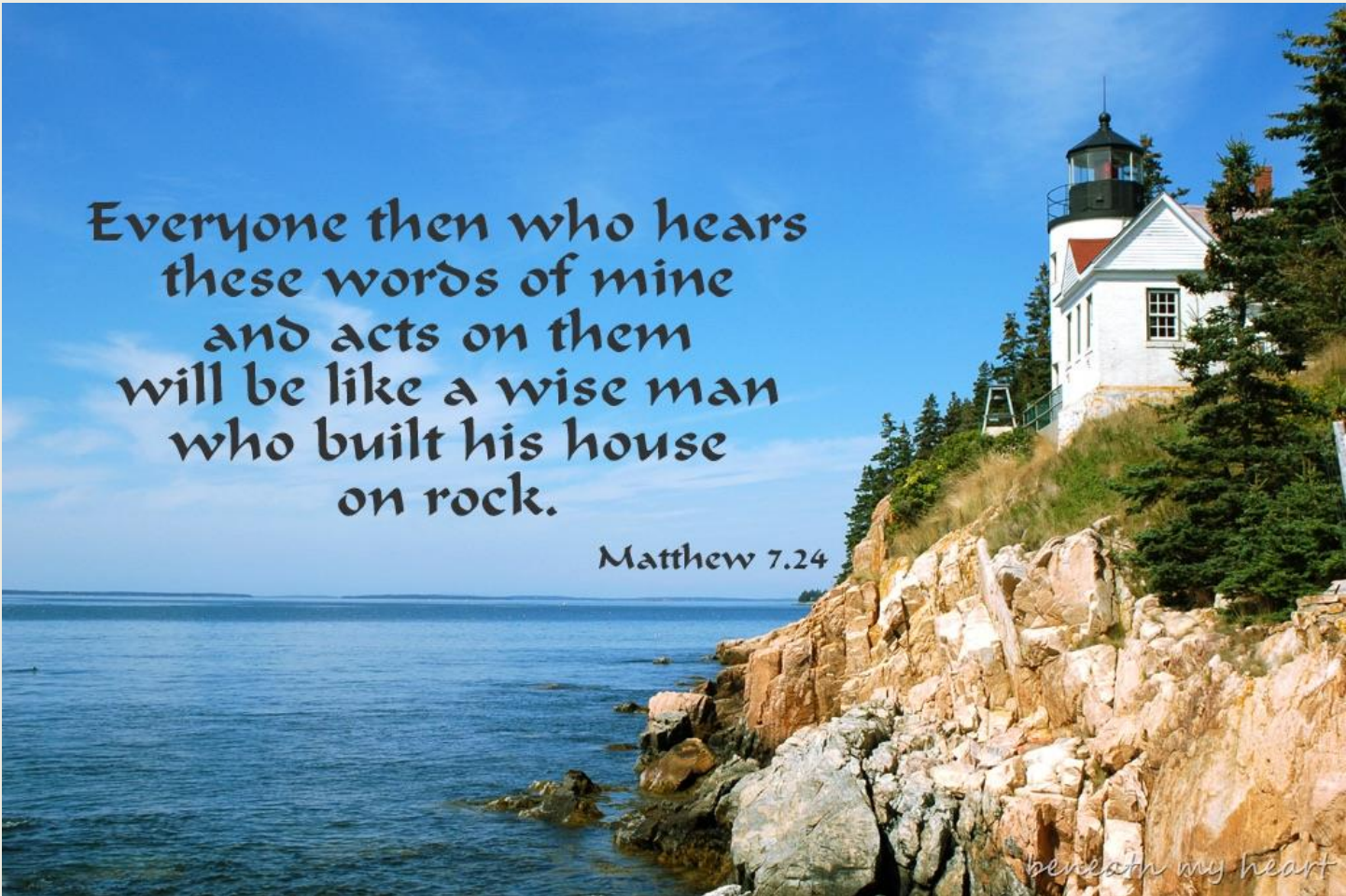
### **Maronite Catholic Education**

Catechism Classes for children are on Sundays 10:20 am – 11:20 am.

Second Sunday After Holy Cross

## Building on Rock

October 01, 2017



Everyone then who hears  
these words of mine  
and acts on them  
will be like a wise man  
who built his house  
on rock.

Matthew 7.24

*beneath my heart*

### What Rock Are You Building On?

*What are you building your house on today? Is your foundation solid today? Would you be able to withstand a storm of life right now? Who we should trust to be our rock?*

*Our life should be rooted, reliant on, built in the Lord. Eventually in everyone's life there will be storms that come in, trouble that will rock the foundation of your home. The question is how are you preparing for these storms?*

**May you continue to build your life on the Rock that is Christ.**

**May you seek Him, listen to Him and do as He has shown you.**

**May your life be rooted in His love as you rejoice, trust, and delight in 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 October 08, 2017

09:30 am

**Fr. Dr. William Nijm** *(By the Shaker Family)*

11:30 am

**1 year Anniversary John Desalvao** *(By Jouliette Desalvo)*

## Bible Verse for The Week

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.”

**Matthew 7:24**

## Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be shaken,

And mountains quake in the depths of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its surging.

The LORD of hosts is with us; God is our stronghold and our refuge.

Come and see the works of the LORD, who has done fearsome deeds on earth;

He makes wars cease, breaks the bow, and shatters the spear.

"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, exalted on the earth."

The LORD of hosts is with us; God is our stronghold and our refuge. **Alleluia!**

## From the First Letter of Saint Peter 2:4-10

**Brothers and Sisters,** Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in scripture: "Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame."

Now to you who believe, this stone is precious, for you are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were "no people" but now you are God's people; you "had not received mercy" but now you have received mercy. **Praise be to God Always!**

## From the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew 7:21-27

**The Apostles Mathew Said:** "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven,\* but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?' Then I will declare to them solemnly, 'I never knew you.\* Depart from me, you evildoers.'

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined." **This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

	<b>Mass Celebration</b>	
	<b>Feast of the Holy Cross: Page 606</b> <b>Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774</b>	
	<b>Sunday Readings</b>	
	<b>Psalm 46</b> <b>Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-10</b> <b>Holy Gospel: Matthew 7: 21-27</b>	
	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	
	<p><b><u>09:30 am</u></b></p> <p><b>The Deceased of the Shaker Family and Abraham Family</b>  <i>(By the Breit Family)</i></p> <p><b><u>11:30 am</u></b></p> <p><b>Dr. Roland Yammine</b> <i>(By Nadia Yammine &amp; Family)</i>  <b>Habib &amp; Matilde Naffah - Mgr John Naffah - Marie Naffah –</b>  <b>Dr. Bechara &amp; Elide Naffah</b> <i>(By Pierre &amp; Ann Naffah)</i></p>	
<b>Schedules</b>	<b>Sunday 9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 11:30 am</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra Anthony Jazarlian, Dany Chelala	Miriam Dandan, Cassandra Chahoud, Estifan Azzo, Yousif, Reem Hattar, Rayana Mounsef
<b>Readers</b>	Mona Akouri	Rania Lutfallah (Arabic) Julie Akouri (English)
<b>Ushers</b>	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Joe Gharib, George Zakhem, Stephen Georges



## Announcements

✳️ Congratulations to **Mr. Emil Haddad** who has been honored by the city of Elmhurst for outstanding Senior Citizen Service.

And Congratulations to **Judge William Haddad**, who will be honored on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, with Building Bridges Awards for his dedication to and support for the community.

### ✳️ **MYO Breakfast Fundraising**

This Sunday October 1st, our MYO will serve a Breakfast of Crepes with Cheese and Crepes with Chocolate after both Masses. Thank you for your Support and enjoy our delicious Breakfast!

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm

### ✳️ **MYA Conference**

Maronite Young Adults will hold their Annual retreat (Conference) at our Lady of Lebanon – Lombard, Next weekend from October 6 to 8, 2017. Registration fee is \$ 215 (including Hotel) and \$ 115 for those who prefer not to stay in Hotel. For more info, visit the National MYA website Page.

✳️ NO Kids Club Meeting on October 6. MYA will be using our Church Facilities on that weekend.

### ✳️ **Heritage Party**

Our Lady of Lebanon Church will host the Heritage Party on SATURDAY November 11 @ 7:30 pm. For more information Contacts Tony and Julie Kozaili.

### ✳️ **Fashion Show for St. Jude**

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual dream a Little dream fashion show & luncheon benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. The fund-raising arm of St. Jude is ALSAC (American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities), founded by Chicago Maronites.

Early bird tix \$125 each; \$150 from 10/19 on. \$2,100 for Runway Table of 10. Go to [www.stjudefashionshow.com](http://www.stjudefashionshow.com) or contact Cathy Breit at [cathy.breit@shaker.com](mailto:cathy.breit@shaker.com)

### ✳️ **Three Anniversaries in Peoria Illinois**

On October 08, 2017, the parish of Saint Sharbel Peoria - Illinois will celebrate the 40 years anniversary of saint Sharbel Canonization and the 40 years Anniversary of the parish inauguration and 40 years anniversary of the Priesthood of Abouna Faouzi Elia. Mass at 11 AM celebrated by Bishop Elias Zaidan followed by a reception at the Parish hall: Adult \$ 20 and children \$10.

### ✳️ **Death Notice of Freihe Mitri Freihe**

Freihe is the father of Cathia Krikorian. He died in Lebanon. Sarkis and Cathia will open their house for Condolences on Saturday from 2 pm to 7 pm – Address: 481 Carol Gate Road, Wheaton IL, 60189. May the merciful Lord grant him Eternal Rest and comfort to his Family.

## **Let us remember**

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

**Anthony Abraham - Joseph Dumit - Sophia Shaker - Isaac Shaker - Simon Shaker - Laurice Allen - Melanie Khoury - Paul Struven - Maurice Lebbos - Georgette Antar - Rita Assaf - Angeline Skonieczny - Glenn Ridgway - Nagi Hatter - Mary Ganem - Fadi Tabet - Mary Tabet - Cathryn Drury - Joseph Samuel - Victoria Dahir - Edward Albert**

## **COLLECTION**

**Sunday September 24, 2017: \$ 2,513.00**

**“Lord, teach us to give and not count the cost.”**

***St. Ignatius de Loyola***