

# **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 <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 Epiphany Nicodemus and Jesus January 22, 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 January 29, 2017

09:30 a.m.:

Lucile and Victor Wertz & Tammer and Mary Caleel – Marie Louise Caleel (By Annette Caleel)

11:30 a.m.:

Jeanette Youssef (By Madelaine Malek)
Samir Rizkallah (By Ziad and Rita Ghasoub)

# Bible Verse for the Week

No one can enter the kingdom of God Without being born of water and Spirit.

John 3.5

#### From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians 3:23-29

#### **Brothers and Sisters**,

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Praise be to God always!

# From the Holy Gospel according to Saint John John 3:1-16

#### The Evangelist John said:

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.





**Nicodemus and Jesus**: P. 128 **Anaphora of Saint Peter**: P. 774

# **Sunday Readings**



Reading: Galatians 3:235-29 Holy Gospel: John 3:1-16

#### **Mass Intentions**



#### 09:30 a.m.:

**Abdo Daou and Jeanette Mattar** (By Dr & Mrs Daou) **Fr. Dr William Nijm** (By the Shaker Family)

#### 11:30 a.m.:

40 days memorial Chukri Elia Daniel (By the Daniel Family)
40 days Rose Isaac ElKhouri (By Theresa Jabaley)
Sleiman Beddawi (By Naji and Margret Abiad)
Antoinette Kaady Fakouri and Maurice Lebbos
(By Raymond and Hitaf Lebbos)

Schedul	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	Margret Budz	Sami Daniel, Sr (Arabic) Sami Daniel, Jr (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Elie Massoud, Tony Boumitri, Naji Abiad

# **Announcements**

#### \* Bishop Zaidan visits our Parish

His Excellency Bishop Elias Zaidan will make his pastoral visit to our Parish and celebrate the Feast of Saint Maron on February 11 and 12 of 2017.

#### Let us remember

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

† Helen Shaker	🕆 Sarah Maalouf	
🕆 Elizabeth Shaker	🕆 Barbra Nahra	
🕆 Sophia Shaker	⊕ Michael Jabour	
🕆 Loretta Abraham	ণ Albert Hopsy	
☆ Fred Gilaty	⊕ Louise Lucchesi	I ISabel Dailiully Stidilwall

# **COLLECTION**

**Sunday January 15, 2017:** \$ 3,032.00

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

Nigerian saying