



Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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Church Clergy

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

Deacon John Sfire

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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 Birth of Our Lord
Revelation to Joseph
December 11, 2016

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:
Chukri Daniel, Pierre Naffah, Andrew Sullivan, Mark Tarabey.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday December 18, 2016

09:30 Mass:

Helen Shaker *(By the Shaker Family)*

11:30 Mass:

Antoine and Melanie Khoury *(By Joe Khoury and Family)*

Bible Verse for the Week

She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21

From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 3:1-13

Brothers and Sisters,

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

Praise be to God always!

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 1:18-25

The Evangelist Luke said:

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

New Year's Eve Party



Entertainment by
DJ AlSharrk

Our Lady of Lebanon
950 N Grace Street,
Lombard, IL, 60148

7:00pm Cocktail
8:30pm Dinner

\$50 Per Person
Cash Bar
No Babysitting

Limited Seating
Please RSVP
The Church Office
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	Mass Celebration	
	Revelation to Joseph: P. 59 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Reading: Ephesians 3:1-13 Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25	
	Mass Intentions	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>09:30 Mass</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">40 DAYS John Desalvo <i>(By Juliette Brakhia Desalvo)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The deceased of the Shaker Family <i>(By the Breit Family)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Samir Rizkallah <i>(By the Shaker Family)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:30 Mass:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Samir Rizkallah <i>(By Sam & Siham Ibrahim)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lucile and Victor Wertz & Tammer and Mary Caleel – Marie Louise Caleel <i>(By Annette and the Caleel Family)</i></p>	
Schedules	9:30 A.M. Mass	11:30 A.M. Mass
Altar Servers	Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra Anthony Jazarlian	Miriam Dandan, Cassandra Chahoud, Estifan Azzo, Yousif & Reem Hattar
Readers	Margret Budz	Miriam Dandan Daclan Mulcahey
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Sami Tabet, George Zakhem, Albert Dakhoul

Announcements

✳ Christmas Giving Tree

This Christmas Season our Lady of Lebanon is supporting Du Page catholic charity in providing for families in need. Today is the last day if you like to support this activity. To help please see Micheline Dwyer after Mass.

✳ Bake Sale

Our annual Christmas Bake sale is on Sunday, December 18th. For pre-order, Pick up a flyer from the Church narthex, fill it and give it to the office or to Juliette Zackem. All ladies are called upon to meet next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. to finish the cooking and preparation for bake sale. Your generosity and your support are appreciated!

✳ Breakfast with Abouna

Christmas breakfast with Abouna is on Saturday December 17th from 10 am to 12 Noon. There is a sign-up sheet in the Church Narthex for those who would like to attend. All are invited. All are welcome.

✳ New Year's Party

Our Lady of Lebanon will host a New Year's Eve Party on Saturday, December 31st in the Shaker Hall from 7 PM to 1 AM with DJ AlSharrk music Entertainment and holiday raffle. For more information contact **Mona Akouri (847) 456-8070**.

✳ Christmas Celebrations 2016:

Saturday December 24: Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday December 25: Christmas Midnight Mass at 12:00 AM

Sunday December 25: Christmas Day Mass at 11:30 AM

Let us remember

And pray for our Beloved Ones who died during the Month of December

† Sophie Abraham	† Gerges Hattar	† Emil Ayan	† Patrick O'Shea
† Eugene D. Bodan	† Anton Kassis	† George L. George	† Michelle York
† Sophie Fahel	† Rose Halowi	† Hattie Yorecki	† Nicola Shahwan
† Michael Ibrahim	† Helen Cordell	† Alice C. Thomas	† Helen Botwin
† Jamile Maalouf	† Genevieve Salem	† Safa Ghandour	† George Hanna
† Herbert Jage	† George Bohakel		

COLLECTION

Sunday December 04, 2016: \$ 4,411.00

*"Give, but give until it hurts.
Otherwise, there is no true love in you."*

Mother Teresa