



Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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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 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
Finding of the Lord in the Temple
December 31, 2017



And Jesus said to them: *Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?*

These words are the very first words of our Divine Master which have been preserved for us.

JESUS remained in Jerusalem because of His love of prayer and communion with His Heavenly Father. He showed some rays of His divinity, for He had come for the glory of His Father, and to procure our salvation.

The glory of God and the salvation of our souls should be our chief object in life. So, He reminded his parents kindly that He must be about His Father's business.

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, Laure Zayeck, Julia Parkinson, Hank Yario.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday JANUARY 07, 2018

09:30 am

40 days Memorial: Faris Elias Zahrah *(By the Zahra Family)*

3rd Anniversary: Betty Shaker *(By the Shaker Family)*

11:30 am

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BIBLE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

*Then they started to look for him...
After three days they found him in the temple*

LUKE 2: 44 - 46

From the Letter to the Hebrews 7:11-19

Brothers and Sisters, Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood — for the people received the law under this priesthood — what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than one according to the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach. **Praise be to God Always!**

From the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 2:41-52

The Evangelist 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 the truth. Peace be with you.**

	Mass Celebration	
	Finding in the Temple: Page 87 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Reading: Hebrews 7:11-19 Holy Gospel: Luke 2:41-52	
	Mass Intentions	
	<p><u>09:30 am</u></p> <p>Deceased members of the Phoenician Club and wellbeing of present members <i>(by the Phoenician Club)</i> Kiarah - Isabelle – Alister <i>(By Ayman Saidi)</i></p> <p><u>11:30 am</u></p> <p>Jacqueline Shaker <i>(By John Shaker)</i> Zaya Brakhia <i>(By Henry and Mirna Brakhia)</i> George Jesse Hanania <i>(By Hanania Family)</i></p>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers	Gabby & Elias Tamer, Stephanie and Leila Nehra	Yousef & Reem & Fadi Hattar, Antonio & Marcel Jaber - Estefan Azzo.
Readers	Lillian Hanna	Dr. Nadia Haddad (Arabic) Sarah Masud (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Joe Gharib, Albert Dakhoul, Naji Abiad

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✳ **Feast of Epiphany:**

Celebrated on Sunday January 07 with the blessing of the Epiphany Water.

✳ **MRE (Religious Classes) resumes on Sunday January 7, 2018** **Kids Club resumes on Friday 12, 2018**

✳ **Death Notice of Jamal Hachem (82 years)**

Jamal is the father of Joliette Zakhem and he died in Lebanon.
May he rest in Peace.

Let us remember

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

Sophia Abraham - Genevieve Abraham - Virginia Nimer - Helen Botwin – Emil Haddad –
Sophie Fahel - Samir Rizkallah - Chukri Daniel - Karim El Tenn - Jamile Maalouf - Hattie
Yorecki - Emil Aya - Michelle York - George Bohakel - Jeannette Youssef - Eugene D. Bodan
- Helen Cordell - George L. George - Safa Ghandour - Rose Halowi – George Hanna -
Gerges Hattar - Michael Ibrahim - Anton Kassis - Patrick O'Shea – Genevieve Salem -
Nicola Shahwan - Alice C. Thomas.

COLLECTION

December 24 & 25, 2017: \$ 12,424.00

*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