



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 Great Lent
Healing of the Leper
February 18, 2018



Today's Gospel is about Jesus reaching out his hand and touching a leper. Leprosy is a contagious skin disease, and it was regarded as the ultimate impurity. Leprosy ate away the flesh and bones to the extent that eventually the sufferers were unrecognizable.

What Jesus did for the leper would have caused a chill to run down the spines of his congregation. Deeply moved with compassion, he stretched out his hand, touched the leper, and healed him.

Touching a leper was completely unacceptable, not only did Jesus risk contamination, he also "broke the law" by ignoring the boundary between the "mainstream" and those who no longer belonged. But Jesus didn't see a leper at all. He saw one of God's dear children in desperate need, and by touching the man, he released a torrent of healing love into his life.

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 FEBRUARY 25, 2018

09:30 am

Deceased of the Shaker and Abraham Family *(By the Shaker Family)*
Faris Elias Zahra *(Lillian Hanna)*

11:30 am

Jamal Hachem and Alidia Najjar *(By Margret Budz)*
Farid Mikhayel Ziade *(By the Ziade Family)*

BIBLE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

*Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand,
touched him, and said to him, "Be clean."*

MARK 1:41

From the Letter of Saint Paul to Romans 6:12-23

Brothers and Sisters, Therefore, sin must not reign over your mortal bodies so that you obey their desires. And do not present the parts of your bodies to sin as weapons for wickedness, but present yourselves to God as raised from the dead to life and the parts of your bodies to God as weapons for righteousness. For sin is not to have any power over you, since you are not under the law but under grace.

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? Of course not! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, although you were once slaves of sin, you have become obedient from the heart to the pattern of teaching to which you were entrusted. Freed from sin, you have become servants of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your nature. For just as you presented the parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness for lawlessness, so now present them as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. But what profit did you get then from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

But now that you have been freed from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit that you have leads to sanctification, and its end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Praise be to God Always!**

From the Gospel of our Lord according to Mark 1:35-45

The Evangelist Mark Said: Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

A leper came to him (and kneeling down) begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.

Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere. **This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

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RUMMAGE



WHEN

Friday, April 6	10am-5pm
Saturday, April 7	10am-5pm
Sunday, April 8	1pm-5pm

WHERE

Our Lady Of Lebanon - Shaker Hall
950 N. Grace Street, Lombard, IL 60148

DONATIONS ACCEPTED: gently used household items such clothing, jewelry and accessories, bikes, toys, board games, holiday decorations, small appliances, books, sports items, small electronics, wall art, home decor, gardening items, etc.

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DROP OFF ITEMS:

Drop Off Times:

All items must be dropped off in advance by Wednesday, April 4th

CONTACT:

For more information, contact:

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BENEFITING:

All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



Mass Celebration		
	Healing The Leper: Page 196 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
Sunday Readings		
	Reading: Romans 6:12-23 Holy Gospel: Mark 1:35-45	
Mass Intentions		
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>09:30 am</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">John Budz <i>(By Sara Guttas)</i> Faris Elias Zahra <i>(By Margret Budz)</i> Ann Jage <i>(By Bill and Cheryl Blum)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:30 am</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 week: Bernadette Sleiman Jabr <i>(By Marcel and Aline Jabr)</i> 1 year: George Talge <i>(By the Talge Family)</i> Jamal Hachem and Alidia Najjar <i>(By the Shaker Family)</i></p>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers	Gaby & Elias Tamer Anthony & Elizabeth Jazarelian,	Miriam Dandan, Estifan Azzo Yousif, Reem & Fadi Hattar
Readers	Cheryl Blum	John Harb (Arabic) Aline Jabr (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Joe Gharib, Albert Dakhoul, Stephen Georges

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during the Season of Lent, Stations of the Cross at 7 pm followed by a potluck Dinner in the Shaker Hall.

*** Kids Club meets on Fridays at 7 pm**

Let us remember

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

Eleanor Haddad - Anton Kattany - Leila Saadeh Sweilem - Elsie Be-Hannese - Antoine Khoury - George Albert - David Gage - Libby Hajje - Sarah Thomas - Eva Wintergeest - Abraham Rayyan - Margaret Tamer - Jorge Ruiz - George Owen - Angelina Lombardo - Jacob P. Schuck - Monroe Bouzide - John S. Nemeh - Ralph J. Lutfy - Danny Thomas

COLLECTION

February 11, 2018: \$ 2,375.00

*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