



# **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 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 Epiphany

**Denho: Feast of Epiphany**

January 07, 2018



### **Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**1213** Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons and daughters of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word."

**1214** This sacrament is called Baptism, after the central rite by which it is carried out: to baptize (Greek baptizein) means to "plunge" or "immerse"; the "plunge" into the water symbolizes the catechumen's burial into Christ's death, from which he rises up by resurrection with him, as "a new creature."

## 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 14, 2018

09:30 am

**3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary: Helen Shaker** *(By the Shaker Family)*

11:30 am

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## BIBLE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

*"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire.*

**LUKE 3: 16**

## **From the Letter of Saint Paul to his disciple Titus 2:11-3:7**

**Brothers and Sisters,** The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live lives that are just, self-controlled, and devout, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are eager to do what is right and good.

Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one look down on you. Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various desires and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. **Praise be to God Always!**

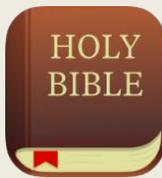
## **From the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 3:15-22**

**The Evangelist said:** As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying,

“I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” **This the truth. Peace be with you.**

<b>Mass Celebration</b>		
	<b>Glorious Epiphany: Page 107</b> <b>Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774</b>	
<b>Sunday Readings</b>		
	<b>Reading: Titus 2:11-3:7</b> <b>Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-22</b>	
<b>Mass Intentions</b>		
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>09:30 am</u></b></p> <b>40 days Memorial: Faris Elias Zahrah</b> <i>(By the Zahra Family)</i> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary: Betty Shaker</b> <i>(By the Shaker Family)</i>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>11:30 am</u></b></p> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary - Betty Shaker</b> <i>(By the Shaker Family)</i>	
<b>Schedules</b>	<b>Sunday 9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 11:30 am</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Gabby & Elias Tamer, Stephanie and Leila Nehra	Yousef & Reem & Fadi Hattar – Mariam Dandan - Lynn Harb
<b>Readers</b>	Cathy Breit	Rania Lutfallah (Arabic) Mona Akouri (English)
<b>Ushers</b>	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Elie Masud Sami Tabet, Stephen Georges

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ✳ **Feast of Epiphany:** Sunday January 07 with blessing of Epiphany Water and traditional “Ghtas” sweet after Mass.
- ✳ **The donation envelopes** are ready for pick up.
- ✳ **MRE (Religious Classes) resumes on Sunday January 07, 2018**
- ✳ **Kids Club resumes on Friday 12, 2018**

### **Let us remember**

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

Helen Shaker - Betty Shaker - Fred Gilaty - George Paul Doucette - Lynley M. Garvin - Albert Hopsy - Michael Jabour - Louise Lucchesi - Sarah Malouf - Isabel Damuny Shahwan - Barbra Nahra - Joseph V. O’Neil.

### **COLLECTION**

December 31, 2017: \$ 6,137.00

*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**