



# **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**

**Saturdays:** 5:00 pm (English) - **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 Great Lent**  
**The Prodigal Son**  
**March 19, 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, Bobbi Sfire, Hank Yario, Andrew Sullivan, Mark Tarabey.**

**Mass Intentions for Next Sunday March 26, 2017**

**09:30 a.m.**

**Cris Crispin** *(By Joseph and Teresa Shaker)*

**Fr. Dr William Nijm** *(By the Shaker Family)*

**11:30 a.m.**

**40 days memorial for George Talge** *(By the Talge family)*

**Mariam Harb Khoury**

**Elias Nakhoul Nehra** *(By Siham and Sam Ibrahim )*

**Bible Verse for the Week**

"I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him,  
"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

**Luke 15:18**

## **From the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 13:5-13**

### **Brothers and Sisters,**

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless, of course, you fail the test. I hope you will discover that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do evil, not that we may appear to have passed the test but that you may do what is right, even though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we are weak but you are strong. What we pray for is your improvement. I am writing this while I am away, so that when I come I may not have to be severe in virtue of the authority that the Lord has given me to build up and not to tear down. Finally, brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with all of you.

**Praise be to God always!**

## **From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 15:11-32**

### **The Evangelist Luke Said:**

Then he said, "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

**This is the truth. Peace be with you.**



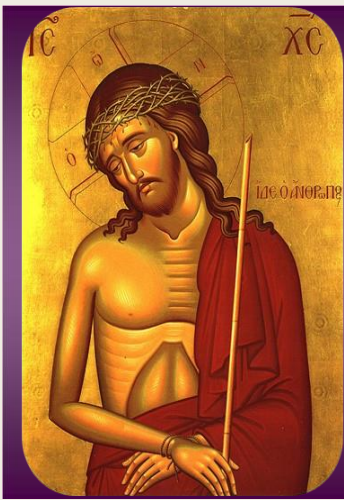
# St. Joseph Lenten Luncheon

Our Lady of Lebanon Church - Shaker Hall  
950 Grace Street  
Lombard, IL 60148

**Sunday March 19**  
Following the 11:30 Mass Service

**\$10/adult - \$5/children 12 and younger**  
Come enjoy a variety of homemade Lenten Food.

**Sponsored by the MYO**



# Lenten Lecture Series

The Chicago area Antiochian heritage churches present  
the 2017 Lenten Lecture Series!  
Uniting our faithful; and together sharing in the  
Passion of our Lord, and celebrating  
His Glorious Resurrection.

**All lectures will begin promptly at 7:00pm and will last for 45 minutes, followed by a 15 minute Q&A. Fellowship and Lenten dinner will follow. Join us.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Host Parish</b>	<b>Presenter / Topic</b>
March 9 <sup>th</sup> 2017	St. John Melkite Church with St. Afrem Syriac Orthodox Church 200 E. North Ave. Northlake, IL 60164	Fr. Joseph Abouid “The Desert: a safe haven For the salvation of man, even in this day and age”
March 16 <sup>th</sup> 2017	Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church 950 N. Grace St. Lombard, IL 60148	Fr. Mousa Haddad “The Art of Forgiveness”
March 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2017	St. John Syriac Orthodox Church 250 S. Villa Ave. Villa Park, IL 60181	Fr. Pierre El Khoury “The Agony in the Garden”
March 30 <sup>th</sup> 2017	St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church 1220 S. 60th Ct. Cicero, IL 60804	Fr. Sharbel Bcheiry “Between Theology and Welding: a reflection on manual labor from the perspective of a priest-worker”
April 6 <sup>th</sup> 2017	St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church 6330 W. 127th St. Palos Heights, IL 60463	Fr. Michael Hull “Our Crisis of Faith”

“For what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes,  
but bite and devour our brothers and sisters?”

**St. John Chrysostom**

	<b>Mass Celebration</b>	
	<p><b>The Prodigal Son: P. 217</b>  <b>Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774</b></p>	
	<b>Sunday Readings</b>	
	<p><b>Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:5-13</b>  <b>Holy Gospel: Luke 15:11-32</b></p>	
	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	
	<p><b><u>09:30 a.m.</u></b>  <b>Baby Elizabeth Shaker</b> <i>(By Joseph and Teresa Shaker)</i>  <b>Edward Jage</b> <i>(By Bill &amp; Cheryl Blum)</i></p> <p><b><u>11:30 a.m.</u></b>  <b>Elias Nakhoul Nehra</b> <i>(By Siham and Sam Ibrahim )</i>  <b>Roger Khoury - Mariam Khoury and Pierre Malek</b>  <i>(By Madeleine Malek )</i>  <b>Lucile and Victor Wertz &amp; Tammer and Mary Caleel –</b>  <b>Maria Louise Caleel</b> <i>(By Annette Caleel)</i></p>	
<b>Schedules</b>	<b>Sunday 9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 11:30 am</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra Anthony Jazarlian, Joseph and George Estephan	Miriam Dandan, Rayana Mounsef, Cassandra Chahoud, Estifan Azzo, Yousif & Reem Hattar
<b>Readers</b>	Cheryl Blum	Sarah Masud (English) Christelle Chedrawy (Arabic)
<b>Ushers</b>	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Sami Tabet, Naji Abiad, Sam Sweillem

## Announcements

✳ **Stations of the Cross:** All Fridays of Great Lent, Mass is celebrated at 6:30 P.M. and Stations of the Cross at 7:00 P.M., followed by a potluck Supper in the Shaker Hall.

✳ **Hosting bible study** سهرة إنجيلية

If you would like to host at your home one evening of bible study, especially During this season of Lent, please register your name and your telephone Number to the sign-up Sheet located in the Narthex and Abouna will contact you.

✳ **Saint Joseph Lenten Luncheon**

Join us for Saint Joseph Lenten Luncheon on Sunday March 19, 2017 after 11:30 Mass service. in the Shaker Hall. This event is sponsored by The MYO. Variety of homemade Lenten food will be served. Admission is \$10 per person - children 12 and younger are \$5.

✳ **Lenten Lectures Series**

St. John Syriac Orthodox Church in Villa Park will host the Lenten lecture on Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 (See flyer in Bulletin). Fr Pierre El Khoury will discuss the agony of Jesus in the Garden. The lecture will begin at 7:00 pm and will last for 45 minutes, followed by a 15 minute Q&A. Fellowship and Lenten dinner will follow. **Join us.**

✳ **Easter Bake Sale**

Our annual Easter Bake sale fundraising event is on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. To pre-order go to our website ([ollchicago.org](http://ollchicago.org)) or pick up a pre-order flyer. All pre-Orders need to be submitted no later than April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We appreciate your generosity, your Contributions and your support. For more info please call **Mrs. Madeleine Malek (847) 533-5698.**

✳ **Saturday Mass**

Every Saturday, Mass will be celebrated at 5 pm.

## Let us remember

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

✠ Stasia Abraham	✠ Dixie Lee Haddad	✠ Fredia Saige
✠ Megan Shaker	✠ Louis Haddad	✠ Nabiha Farris
✠ Peter Dumit	✠ Robert Basil	✠ Mary Bouzide
✠ Maurice Zayek	✠ James C. Bomrad	

## COLLECTION

**Sunday March 12, 2017: \$ 3,364.00**

**"For it is in giving that we receive."**

***Saint Francis***