



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

Genealogy of Jesus

December 24, 2017



THIS IS the day on which the Savior of the earth, the Light of the world, shone forth. On this day the Savior came down from the pinnacle of heaven to set free all those whom the ancient enemy held captive by reason of Adam's fault; he came down so that blind souls might see and deaf souls might hear. The mountains and hills leap for joy, the very foundations of the world break into song, thrilled by the great mystery of his incarnation and all the good it has brought.

Saint Ephrem, the Harp of the Holy Spirit

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 December 31, 2017

09:30 am

**Deceased members of the Phoenician Club
and wellbeing of present members** *(by the Phoenician Club)*

11:30 am

Jacqueline Shaker *(By John Shaker)*

BIBLE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

*No one has ever seen God. But the only Son,
who is at the Father's side, has revealed him*

JOHN 1: 18

From the Letter to the Romans 1:1-12

Brothers and Sisters, Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you — or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. **Praise be to God Always!**

From the Gospel of our Lord according to John 1:1-18

The Apostle said: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God.

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God,* who is at the Father's side, has revealed him. **This the truth. Peace be with you.**

OUR LADY OF LEBANON NEW YEAR'S EVE 2018

Entertainment:
Singer - Simon Khoury & Band
DJ - AL Sharrk

7:30 Cocktail
8:00 Dinner
Cash Bar

Limited Seating
Please RSVP



Ticket Price:
Adult \$60
Children \$30
Cash Bar



HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Mass Celebration		
	Genealogy: Page 66 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
Sunday Readings		
	Reading: Romans 1:1-12 Holy Gospel: John 1:1-18	
Mass Intentions		
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>09:30 am</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deceased of the Shaker Family and Abraham Family <i>(By the Breit Family)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:30 am</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lucille and Victor Wertz - Tammer and Mary Caleel – Maria Louise Caleel and Dr. George Caleel <i>(By The Caleel Family)</i></p>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers	Mauricio Saad, Dany Chlela Anthony & Isabella Jazarelian,	Rayana and Rayme Mounsef, Estefan Azzo, Casandra Chelala, Yousef & Reem Hattar,
Readers	Nabil Zahra	Dr. Nadia Haddad (Arabic) Diala Chahoud (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Nakhoul Nehra, John Albani, Sam Sweillem

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Christmas Masses:** Monday December 25 – **Midnight - 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM.**

* **New year Party:** Sunday December 31 @ 7:30 pm. We started now a waiting list.

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

Sunday December 17, 2017: \$ 3,860.00

“Lord, teach us to give and not count the cost.”

St. Ignatius de Loyola