



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 of Our Lord
Glorious Birth of the Lord
December 25, 2016

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, Andrew Sullivan, Mark Tarabey.

Mass Intentions for Christmas January 01, 2016

09:30 a.m.: The deceased members of the Shaker Family *(By the Breit Family)*

11:30 a.m.: Chukri Elia Daniel *(By The Shaker Family)*

**Habib & Matilde Naffah - Mgr John Naffah - Marie Naffah –
Dr. Bechara & Elide Naffah** *(By Pierre & Ann Naffah)*

Bible Verse for the Week

The shepherds said to one another,
“Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has
taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

Luke 2:15

From the Letter to the Hebrews 1:1-12

Brothers and Sisters,

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

Praise be to God always!

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 2:1-20

The Evangelist Luke said:

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

New Year's Eve Party



Entertainment by
DJ AlSharrk

Our Lady of Lebanon
950 N Grace Street,
Lombard, IL, 60148

7:00pm Cocktail
8:30pm Dinner

\$50 Per Person
Cash Bar
No Babysitting

Limited Seating
Please RSVP
The Church Office
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Mass Celebration			
	<p>Glorious Birth of the Lord: P. 79 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774</p>		
Sunday Readings			
	<p>Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12 Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20</p>		
Mass Intentions			
	<p><u>Christmas Eve – Saturday 5:00 p.m.:</u> The founders and pioneers of Our Lady of Lebanon Church</p> <p><u>Midnight Mass 12 a.m.:</u> The Shaker Family and the Founders of the Parish</p> <p><u>Christmas Day 11:30 p.m.:</u> The founders and pioneers of Our Lady of Lebanon Church</p>		
Schedules	Saturday 5 p.m.	Midnight 12 a.m.	Sunday 11:30 a.m.
Readers	Mona Tarabey (English)	Dr. Ray Daou (Arabic) Nabil Zahra (English)	Dr. Issam Awad (Arabic) Cathy Awad (English)

Announcements

✳ New Year's Party

New Year's Eve Party at Our Lady of Lebanon on Saturday, December 31st in the Shaker Hall from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Ticket is \$ 50 with DJ AlSharrk music Entertainment and holiday raffle. For more information contact **Mona Akouri Tarabay (847) 456-8070**.

Let us remember

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

† Sophie Abraham	† Virginia Nimer	† George Bohakel	† Helen Cordell
† Genevieve Abraham	† Gerges Hattar	† Emil Ayan	† Patrick O'Shea
† Eugene D. Bodan	† Anton Kassis	† George L. George	† Michelle York
† Sophie Fahel	† Rose Halowi	† Hattie Yorecki	† Nicola Shahwan
† Michael Ibrahim	† Genevieve Salem	† Alice C. Thomas	† Helen Botwin
† Jamile Maalouf	† Herbert Jage	† Safa Ghandour	† George Hanna

COLLECTION

Sunday December 18, 2016: \$ 3,303.00

*"Give, but give until it hurts.
Otherwise, there is no true love in you."*

Mother Teresa