



Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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Father Pierre ElKhoury, M.L.M., Pastor

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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.

15th Sunday of Pentecost Season
Parable of the Vineyard
September 10, 2017



Parable of the Vineyard (Mark 12:1-12)

The tenants have everything they need in the vineyard and they take advantage of the fact that the owner of the vineyard is away. So the vineyard owner sends his son thinking that they will respect him; and what did they do in the end, they killed the owner's son.

God is the vineyard owner, our earth is the vineyard, and Jesus is the Son sent to us. How can the owner ever trust in us again with anything? We have been entrusted with a very special gift, and that gift is Jesus. Jesus didn't come to earth to lose us, instead He came here to die for us, in order to save us. Everything we say, everything we do -matters in this 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, Julia Parkinson, Hank Yario.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday September 17, 2017

09:30 a.m.

**Lucille and Victor Wertz & Tammer and Mary Caleel –
Maria Louise Caleel and Dr. George Caleel** *(By The Caleel Family)*

11:30 am

Rose Turk Abou Yared *(By Sam and Siham Ibrahim)*

Bible Verse for the Week

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

Mark 12:10

Psalm 80

Hear us, O Lord our Shepherd. Awaken your might; come and save us.

Restore us, O God; light up your face and we shall be saved.

You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.

Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes?

Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see!

Watch over this vine, the root your right hand has planted.

Revive us, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O God; light up your face and we shall be saved. **Alleluia!**

From the First Letter of Saint Peter 1:18-25

Brothers and Sisters, You know that you were redeemed not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

Through him you believe in God, and so that your faith and hope are in God.

And since you have purified yourselves by obedience to the truth, love one another intensely from a pure heart. You have been born anew, not from perishable but from imperishable seed, through the living and abiding word of God, for: "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of the field; the grass withers, and the flower wilts; but the word of the Lord remains forever." This is the word that has been proclaimed to you. **Praise be to God Always!**

From the Gospel of our Lord according to Mark 12:1-12

The Evangelist Luke Said: He began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenant farmers and left on a journey. At the proper time he sent a servant to the tenants to obtain from them some of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. Again he sent them another servant. And that one they beat over the head and treated shamefully. He sent yet another whom they killed. So, too, many others; some they beat, others they killed. He had one other to send, a beloved son. He sent him to them last of all, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they seized him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What (then) will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come, put the tenants to death, and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this scripture passage: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes'?" They were seeking to arrest him, but they feared the crowd, for they realized that he had addressed the parable to them. So they left him and went away.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

	Mass Celebration	
	Memorial of the Resurrection: Page 425 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Psalm 80 Reading: 1 peter 1:18-25 Holy Gospel: Mark 12:1-12	
	Mass Intentions	
	<u>09:30 a.m.</u> The Deceased of the Shaker Family and the Abraham Family <i>(By the Breit Family)</i> <u>11:30 am</u> President Bashir Gemayal	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers	Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra Anthony Jazarlian, Dany Chelala	Miriam Dandan, Cassandra Chahoud, Estifan Azzo, Yousif, Reem Hattar, Rayana Mounsef
Readers	Josiane Dandan	Simona Haddad (Arabic) Tonia Khouri (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, William Harb, John Albani, Sam Sweillem

Announcements

✳ **Appreciation Dinner**

Thank you to all volunteers who worked tirelessly during the Festival.

All Volunteers are invited to an appreciation Dinner on Thursday September 14th. We will celebrate Mass at 7 pm (Feast of the Holy Cross) and then Dinner at 7:30 pm. Looking forward to see you all.

✳ **MYA Conference**

Maronite Young Adults will hold their Annual retreat (Conference) at our Lady of Lebanon – Lombard, from October 6 to 8, 2017. Registration fee is \$ 215 (including Hotel) and \$ 115 for those who prefer not to stay in Hotel. For more info, visit the National MYA website Page.

✳ **Death Notice of Alidia Najjar**

Alidia is the mother of Jouliette Zakhem. She died in Lebanon at the age of 72 years. We pray that The Merciful Lord will grant her Eternal Rest and Comfort to her Family.

Let us remember

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

Msgr. John Naffah Fr. Dr. William Nijm Ruth Bourjaily Caesar Tabet Camile Tabet	Christo Yasmine Samir Salame Thomas F. Nelly Carrie Lynn Pavlousky Dennis Toland Alfred Abdo	Bahjat Yousif Fada Nemeh Dr. Roland Yammine Nouha Assaf Ida Yousif James Hanna
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COLLECTION

Sunday September 03, 2017: \$ 2,508.00

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

St. Ignatius de Loyola