



# **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.

## Second Sunday After Holy Cross

### End of times

September 24, 2017



#### **End of Time**

*Being hated because we follow Christ, remind us that we need to strengthen and deepen our faith. The time and hour of the end-time is not known by anyone except God. Reinforcing our faith and love are the only safety net of Salvation. Because as Jesus reminds us, “the one who endures to the end will be saved.”*

*So, our attitude toward all of this need not be dread, but of increasing hope in the goodness and Mercy of God who will save his faithful people. Our good news is Christ and him crucified. No other news that confronts us from this world matters.*

**Prayer: Father, help me strengthen my faith to be ready for your future. Amen.**

## 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 October 01, 2017

09:30 am

**The Deceased of the Shaker Family and Abraham Family**  
*(By the Breit Family)*

11:30 am

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

## Bible Verse for the Week

Because of the increase of evil doing,  
the love of many will grow cold

**Matthew 24:12**

## Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek:

To dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD and contemplate his temple.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation. Alleluia!**

## From the First Letter of Saint Paul to Corinthians 15:19-26

**Brothers and Sisters,** If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. So that God may be all in all. **Praise be to God Always!**

## From the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew 24:1-14

**The Apostles Mathew Said:** Jesus left the temple area and was going away, when his disciples approached him to point out the temple buildings. He said to them in reply, "You see all these things, do you not? Amen, I say to you, there will not be left here a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." As he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him privately and said, "Tell us, when will this happen, and what sign will there be of your coming, and of the end of the age?" Jesus said to them in reply, "See that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah,' and they will deceive many. You will hear of wars and reports of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for these things must happen, but it will not yet be the end. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be famines and earthquakes from place to place. All these are the beginning of the labor pains. Then they will hand you over to persecution, and they will kill you. You will be hated by all nations because of my name. And then many will be led into sin; they will betray and hate one another. Many false prophets will arise and deceive many; and because of the increase of evildoing, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come. **This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

## **Food Fest Financial Report**

### **Expense**

Entertainment	\$ 9,500.00
Set-Up	\$ 8,235.00
Raffle Prizes	\$ 4,000.00
Beer	\$ 3,900.00
Food/Supplies	\$ 3,247.00
Cleaning Crew	\$ 2,153.00
Security	\$ 1,630.00
Advertisement	\$ 979.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$33,644.00</b>

### **Income**

Sales	\$ 67,704.00
Credit Card	\$ 12,933.00
Raffle	\$ 13,065.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$ 93,702.00</b>

<b><u>Net Income</u></b>	<b><u>\$60,058.00</u></b>
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	<b>Mass Celebration</b>	
	<b>Feast of the Holy Cross: Page 606</b> <b>Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774</b>	
	<b>Sunday Readings</b>	
	<b>Psalm 27</b> <b>Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26</b> <b>Holy Gospel: Matthew 24: 1-14</b>	
	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	
	<p><b><u>09:30 am</u></b>  <b>Fr. Dr. William Nijm</b> <i>(By the Shaker Family)</i></p> <p><b><u>11:30 am</u></b>  <b>Rose Turk Abou Yard</b> <i>(by Joe and Edma Masud and Family)</i>  <b>George Talge</b> <i>(By Nancy Talge and Family)</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, Dany Chelala	Miriam Dandan, Cassandra Chahoud, Estifan Azzo, Yousif, Reem Hattar, Rayana Mounsef
<b>Readers</b>	Nabil Zahar	Dr. Nadia Haddad (Arabic) Sara Masud (English)
<b>Ushers</b>	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, John Albani, Naji Abiad, Stephen Georges

## Announcements

✳ **CHOIR PRACTICE:** Tuesday September 26 @ 7:30 pm

✳ **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.

✳ **Fashion Show for St. Jude**

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual dream a Little dream fashion show & luncheon benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. The fund-raising arm of St. Jude is ALSAC (American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities), founded by Chicago Maronites.

Early bird tix \$125 each; \$150 from 10/19 on. \$2,100 for Runway Table of 10. Go to [www.stjudefashionshow.com](http://www.stjudefashionshow.com) or contact Cathy Breit at [cathy.breit@shaker.com](mailto:cathy.breit@shaker.com)

✳ **Three Anniversaries in Peoria Illinois**

On October 08, 2017, the parish of Saint Sharbel Peoria - Illinois will celebrate the 40 years anniversary of saint Sharbel Canonization and the 40 years Anniversary of the parish inauguration and 40 years anniversary of the Priesthood of Abouna Faouzi Elia. Mass at 11 AM celebrated by Bishop Elias Zaidan followed by a reception at the Parish hall: Adult \$ 20 and children \$10.

### 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 17, 2017: \$ 2,234.00**

**"Lord, teach us to give and not count the cost."**

***St. Ignatius de Loyola***