



Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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Church Clergy

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

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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 Epiphany

Feast of Epiphany (Denho: Baptism of the Lord)

January 08, 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, Andrew Sullivan, Mark Tarabey.

Mass Intentions for January 15, 2017

09:30 a.m.:

2nd Anniversary for Helen Shaker *(By the Shaker Family)*

11:30 a.m.:

2nd Anniversary for Helen Shaker *(By the Shaker Family)*

Diane de Cassis & Michael Kassis *(By The Kassis Family)*

Bible Verse for the Week

And John testified: "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him."

John 1:32

From the Letter of Saint Paul to his disciple Titus 2:11-3:7

Brothers and Sisters,

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one look down on you. Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone.

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Praise be to God always!

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint John 1:29-34

The Evangelist John said:

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'after me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."

And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

Mass Celebration		
	Feast of Epiphany: P. 109 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
Sunday Readings		
	Reading: Titus 2:11-3:7 Holy Gospel: John 1:29-34	
Mass Intentions		
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>09:30 a.m.:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2nd Anniversary for Betty Shaker <i>(By the Shaker Family)</i> Sophia Shaker <i>(By Mr. & Mrs. Joe Shaker)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:30 a.m.:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">40 days memorial: Samir Rizkallah <i>(By Mona Rizkallah and the Family)</i> Chukri Elia Daniel <i>(By The Shaker Family)</i></p>	
Schedules	9:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
Altar Servers	Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra Anthony Jazarlian	Miriam Dandan, Cassandra Chahoud, Estifan Azzo, Yousif & Reem Hattar
Readers	Cathy Breit	Nancy Ibrahim (English) Gisele Mulcahey (Arabic)
Ushers	Robert Antoun Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Sami Daou, Albert Dakhoul, John Albani

Announcements

* **Bishop Zaidan visits our Parish**

His Excellency Bishop Elias Zaidan will make his pastoral visit to our Parish and celebrate the Feast of Saint Maron on February 11 and 12 of 2017.

* **Thank You from Abouna**

I would like to thank all of you for your very generous and loving gift for Christmas. I am blessed to be a part of your lives and that truly is a gift. I hope and pray that you will have a happy, healthy, peaceful, and loving new year. Thank you for being a great gift to me and to our parish. God bless you all.

Let us remember

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

† Helen Shaker

† Elizabeth Shaker

† Sophia Shaker

† Loretta Abraham

† Fred Gilaty

† Sarah Maalouf

† Barbra Nahra

† Michael Jabour

† Albert Hopsy

† Louise Lucchesi

† Joseph V. O'Neil

† Lynley M. Garvin

† George Paul Doucette

† Isabel Damuny Shahwan

COLLECTION

Sunday January 01, 2017: \$ 5,183.00

“It is the heart that does the giving;
The fingers only let go.”

Nigerian saying