



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 Holy Cross
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS
September 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:
Samir Rizkallah, Chucri Daniel, Jeanette Struven, Valentine Tabet.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday October 02, 2016

09:30 Mass:

Mgr. John Naffah *(Req. by CNEWA: Catholic Near East Welfare)*

11:30 Mass

Cristo Yasmine *(Req. by Ziad and Rita Ghousoub)*

**Habib & Matilde Naffah - Mgr John Naffah - Marie Naffah –
Dr. Bechara & Elide Naffah** *(Req. by Mr. & Mrs Pierre & Ann Naffah)*

Bible Verse for the Week

But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved.

Matthew 24:13

From the First Letter of Saint Paul to Corinthians 15:19-34

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, for "he subjected everything under his feet." But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will (also) be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all. Otherwise, what will people accomplish by having themselves baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, then why are they having themselves baptized for them? Moreover, why are we endangering ourselves all the time? Every day I face death; I swear it by the pride in you (brothers) that I have in Christ Jesus our Lord. If at Ephesus I fought with beasts, so to speak, what benefit was it to me? If the dead are not raised: "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." Do not be led astray: "Bad company corrupts good morals." Become sober as you ought and stop sinning. For some have no knowledge of God; I say this to your shame.

Praise be to God always!

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 24:1-14

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 evil-doing, 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.

	Mass Celebration	
	Exaltation of the Holy Cross: P. 606 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-34 Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:1-14	
	Mass Intentions	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>09:30 Mass</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ida Yousif <i>(Req. by Emil and Jackie Haddad)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:30 Mass</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Roland Yammine <i>(Req. by Nadia Yammine)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ida Yousif <i>(Req. by Ziad and Rita Ghousoub)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mgr. John Naffah <i>(Req. by CNEWA: Catholic Near East Welfare)</i></p>	
Schedules	9:30 A.M. Mass	11:30 A.M. Mass
Altar Servers	Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra Luke and John Allegretti	Youssif and Reem Hattar, Estifan Azzo, Cassandra Chahoud, Ramez Sayegh
Readers	Paul Allegretti	Sarah Masud (English) Rania Lutfallah (Arabic)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Henry Abboud, John Albani, Joe Gharib

Announcements

✳ **Maronite Catholic Education (MCE)**

Today the new Catechetical Year 2016-2017 started at our Lady of Lebanon. Catechism classes is every Sunday from 10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. To register your Children or for more info, see Mrs. Diala Chahoud or Subdeacon Tom Podraza.

✳ **22nd Annual Dream a Little Dream**

Fashion Show & Luncheon Benefiting & Celebrating St. Jude Children's Research Hospital SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. To attend or support the event, go to: www.stjudefashionshow.com or contact Lina Daou at Imdaou@hotmail.com.

Let us remember

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

† Msgr. John Naffah	† James Hanna	† Dr. Roland Yammine	† Bahjat Yousif
† Fr. Doc. William Nijm	† Camile Tabet	† Nouha Assaf	† Fada Nemeh
† Cristo Yasmine	† Loretta Abraham	† Carrie Lynn Pavlousky	† Alfred Abdo
† Caesar Tabet	† Ruth Bourjaily	† Dennis Toland	† Thomas F. Nelly

COLLECTION

Sunday September 18, 2016: \$ 2,380.00

Second Collection (Louisiana Flood Relief): \$ 828.00

"I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy. I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy."

Gibran Khalil Gibran