

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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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 <u>one month</u> prior to the celebration of the Sacrament.

Marriage

Please allow at least <u>Six months</u> 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 The Rich and the Kingdom of God OCTOBER 14, 2018



The story tells us of a young man, who was rich, and his concern is to "inherit eternal life." Jesus asked him to sell, give and follow. He did not ask other disciples to sell their possessions.

Religious Jews believed that wealth and material goods was a sign of God's blessing. Rich people were regarded as those God had blessed, and poor people as those God had cursed.

Wealth and power generate false security. Jesus rejects them utterly as a claim to enter the kingdom. Possessions can hinder the Christian from living an authentic life. Material goods can fix our heart to the world and make us think of everything in terms of price rather than value.

Jesus reminded us that salvation is purely a gift from God. Material goods are entrusted to us by God, not for our own personal advantage but for using them for the good of others.

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: George Antoon, Eva Sassine, Jackie Haddad, Bobbi Sfire, Julia Parkinson.



It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." *Mark* 10:25

Psalm 95

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker;

for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

Today, if only you would hear His voice, "Do not harden your hearts." Alleluia!

From the Book of Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before Him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the One to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have One who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark 10:17-31

As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call Me good?* No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.'" He replied and said to Him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow Me." When he heard this, he was shocked, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at His words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."



\$70 Per Person – Cash Bar Limited Seating – RSVP by Nov 4, 2018

7:00PM-1:00AM Appetizers from 7:30PM-8:30PM Dinner from 8:30PM-9:00PM

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	Mass Celebration	
	Holy Cross: 606 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
HOLY BIBLE	Psalm 95 Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16 Holy Gospel: Mark 10:17-31	
	Mass Intentions	
	09:30 AM Nabil Karam (By the Shaker Family) Fr. Dr. William Nijm (By The Nijm Family) <u>11:30 AM</u> 40 days memorial: Ezzat ALKass Hanna (By Yamin and Roula Yamin) 2 years Anniversary: Maurice Lebbos (By the Lebbos Family) Wedad Tannous Frances (By the Lebbos Family) Wehbe Wehbe (By the Wehbe Family) Nabil Karam (By Hon William and Sandra Haddad) Jean Antoon (By Joe and Fadia Gharib)	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers	Stephanie Nehra, Pierre Malik Gaby and Elias Tamer	Miriam Dandan, Michael Kokaly Karen and Rames Sayegh
Readers	Nabil Zahra	Fadia Gharib (Arabic) Jennifer Yamin (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Joe Gharib, Albert Dakhoul, George Zakhem

Announcements

*** Kids Club** starts this Friday October 12 at 7 pm. Children age 4 to 11 are welcome to join us. Kids Club consists of many activities including Arabic – Choir - Dabke and Team Building. This year's Kids Club is a drop off.

***** Arabic Classes: starts this Friday, October 12, at 7 pm. First semester is \$100 per child (10 session). Please drop off your children at time.

***** Raymond Nader, for whom Saint Sharbel appeared and gave several messages and left a mark on his arm, will give a testimony of his experience with Saint Sharbel at Our Lady Of Lebanon on Friday, October 19, at 7:30 pm (with the presence of St Sharbel Relics).

* Youth Halloween Party: Saturday, October 27. Party starts at 7 pm. Entrance \$10 per family

* Independence party: Saturday, October 10. Singer Ziad Imaz. Tickets: \$70. Contact Tony Hanna.

*** Children Got Talent**: Talent showcase is going to be Sunday, November 11th, after the 11:30 mass in the Shaker Hall. Please see Diala Chahoud to sign your child up.

***** St. Jude Fashion Show SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th. To attend, contact cathy.breit@shaker.com.

*** Death Notice of Wedad Tannous Frances**: Wedad is the Mother of Ghada Lebbos. She died in New Jersey. May she rest in peace.

Let Us Remember

We pray for our Beloved Ones who passed into Heaven during the Month of OCTOBER

Isaac Shaker - Sophia Shaker - Anthony Abraham -Simon Shaker - Younaki Hanna - Mary Simon Ganem - Mary Tabet - Cathryn Drury - Joseph Samuel - Victoria Dahir - Edward Albert - Joseph P. Dumit - Laurice Allen - Glenn Ridgway - Angeline K. Skonieczny - Nagi A. Hatter - Paul Struven - Fadi Tabet - Georgette Antar - Melanie Sahyoun Khoury - Rita Assaf - Maurice Lebbos.

COLLECTION

Sunday October 07, 2018: \$2,584.00

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." Mother Theresa