



Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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Church Clergy

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

Deacon John Sfire

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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.

Sixth Sunday after Holy Cross

Parable of the Talents

October 22, 2017



The Lord has entrusted lots of things to us: money, natural talents, spiritual gifts, and the truth of the Gospel. This parable speaks of taking risks. It means not letting the fear of failure and ridicule stop us from pursuing success.

One of the greatest Catholic thinkers of the 20th century was a Swiss priest named Hans Urs von Balthasar. He once pointed out that one of the most frequently used words in the book of Acts was the Greek word *PARRHESIA*, meaning cheerful boldness in the face of danger or opposition. Without such boldness, Christianity would have stalled in Jerusalem. It never would have made it to Antioch, Greece, Rome, and the whole world.

Faithfulness to God means having the courage to take bold initiatives, in pastoral life, family life, and business, to be creative, even entrepreneurial, to express our gratitude to God for all that He has given us by making it grow.

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, Laure Zayeck, Julia Parkinson, Hank Yario.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday October 29, 2017

09:30 am

James and Atena Hanna and Tom Parkinson *(By Lillian Hanna)*

11:30 am

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

Bible Verse for the Week

Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his possessions to them.

Matthew 25:14

From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians 6:1-10

Brothers and Sisters, Even if a person is caught in some transgression, you who are spiritual should correct that one in a gentle spirit, looking to yourself, so that you also may not be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he is deluding himself. Each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason to boast with regard to himself alone, and not with regard to someone else; for each will bear his own load. One who is being instructed in the word should share all good things with his instructor. Make no mistake: God is not mocked, for a person will reap only what he sows, because the one who sows for his flesh will reap corruption from the flesh, but the one who sows for the spirit will reap eternal life from the spirit. Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith. **Praise be to God Always!**

From the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus Said: "again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' (Then) the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

Annual Maronite Youth ☆ Organization

*-Halloween-
-Spooktacular!-*

Saturday, October 28 7PM

~\$10 Entry Fee per Family~

*Dancing, Fun Games, Good Food,
Candy, and a Costume Contest!*

Dress Family Friendly!

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For questions contact ghmulcahey@comcast.net



Lebanese Heritage PARTY



Saturday November 18, 2017
Our Lady of Lebanon Church
950 N Grace St. Lombard, IL
7:00 PM to 12:00 AM

Dinner will be served at 8:00 pm
Music by DJ Sawma • Babysitter
\$50 / Adults \$20 / Children under 12 years old



RESERVE TODAY BY CALLING
630-932-9640 or 630-886-7114

	Mass Celebration	
	Feast of the Holy Cross: Page 606 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Psalm 123 Reading: Galatians 6:1-10 Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30	
	Mass Intentions	
	<p><u>09:30 am</u> Anthony Abraham <i>(By the Shaker Family)</i></p> <p><u>11:30 am</u> Alidia Najjar <i>(40 days)</i> & Jamal Hachem <i>(By George and Jouliette Zakhem)</i> Anthony Abraham <i>(By the Shaker Family)</i> Younaki Hanna <i>(By the Hanna, Boumitri, and Dwyer Family)</i></p>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers	Anthony & Isabella Jazarlian, Andres Ballines, Danny Chelala	Miriam Dandan, Lyne Harb, Yousef, Reem and Fadi Hattar
Readers	Margret Budz	Rania Loutfallah (Arabic) Adib Zakhem (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Tony Boumitri Henry Abboud, Stephen Georges

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✳ **CHOIR PRACTICE:** Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm

✳ **Thanksgiving Food drive**

Help us make a difference by donating canned and non-perishable food items. Deadline November 19. Thank you for your generosity and concern for the poor and needy among us.

✳ **Halloween Party:**

MYO Annual Halloween Party for Children is on Saturday October 28 from 7 pm to 9pm.

✳ **Heritage Party**

Heritage Party will take place on SATURDAY November 18 at 7 pm. Place: Shaker hall. Entertainment by Sawma DJ. Lebanese Meza and Dinner. Ticket: \$ 50 – Children (12 years and under) \$ 20. For more information Contacts Tony and Julie Kozaili.

✳ **Fashion Show for St. Jude**

23rd Annual dream a Little dream fashion show & luncheon benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 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 or contact Cathy Breit at cathy.breit@shaker.com

✳ **Registration of Non-Resident Lebanese Voter**

Registration Started on October and it ends the first week of November. To Register you can go to <https://diasporavote.mfa.gov.lb> or [MOFA online](#).

Let us remember

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

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

COLLECTION

Sunday October 15, 2017: \$ 2,516.00

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

St. Ignatius de Loyola