



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

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.

Season of the Glorious Epiphany
Feast of Saint Maroun
February 12, 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, Bobbi Sfire, Andrew Sullivan, Mark Tarabey.

Mass Intentions for February 19, 2017

09:30 a.m.

The deceased members of the Shaker Family *(By the Breit Family)*

John Budz *(By Sara Guttas)*

Chukri Daniel *(By Emile and Jackie Haddad)*

11:30 a.m.

Lucile and Victor Wertz & Tammer and Mary Caleel –

Marie Louise Caleel *(By Annette Caleel)*

Bible Verse for the Week

The Father will honor whoever serves me.

JOHN 12:30

From the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 2:10-17

Brothers and Sisters,

You have followed my teaching, way of life, purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra, persecutions that I endured. Yet from all these things the Lord delivered me.

In fact, all who want to live religiously in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and charlatans will go from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived.

But you, remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it.

From infancy you have known the sacred scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

Praise be to God always!

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint John 12: 23 - 30

Jesus said:

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.”

The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for my sake but for yours.”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

Saint Maroun (February 9)

**“Blessed are you, Saint Maroun, for you became a prayer on the lips of the faithful, and a living example for the people who bear your name and will be known as Maronites to the end of the age.”
(Maronite Quorbono)**

Saint Maroun is the father of the Maronite Church, which professes the same apostolic faith, celebrates the same sacraments and is united with the shepherd of the Church, the pope as are all the Roman Catholics throughout the world.

His life is dated at approximately 350-410. After he became a priest, Saint Maroun embraced the quiet solitude of the mountain life in Syria. He was known for his simplicity and his extraordinary desire to discover God’s presence in all things. He was also known for his evangelization efforts and his extensive healing ministry. He shared his deep commitment to Christ with everyone he encountered.

Saint Maroun’s missionary work came to fruition when he converted an entire pagan community living in the mountains of Syria to Christianity. This was the beginning of mass conversions to Christianity in Syria.

Saint Maroun attracted a multitude of followers, and they took their name after him, “Beit Maroun” (house of Maroun) and then “Maronites.” In time, the Maronite movement spread the Christian faith to Lebanon where its influence was even more profound.

Saint Maroun is the patron saint of Lebanon, which celebrates his feast day as a national civic holiday for Christians and Muslims alike.



Bishop Elias Zaidan

Abdallah Elias Zaidan was born in Kosaybé, Lebanon.

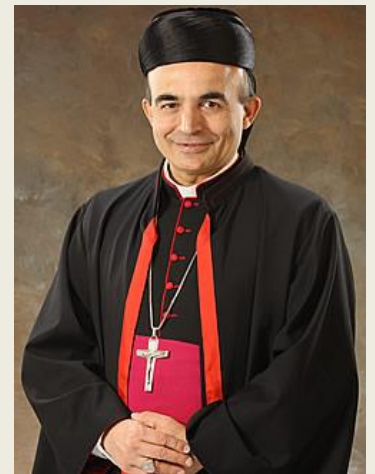
He professed perpetual vows as a member of the Congregation of Maronite Lebanese Missionaries on September 26, 1984, and was ordained a priest on July 20, 1986.

Education: License in Theology (1986), Philosophy (1987), Masters in Education (1990).

As a priest Zaidan served as a school administrator and as a pastor of several parishes, including as rector of Our Lady of Mt. Lebanon-St. Peter Cathedral.

He speaks Arabic, English, and French.

Pope Francis named Zaidan the Eparch of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles on July 10, 2013. He was ordained a bishop on September 28, 2013, by Cardinal Bechara Boutros al-Rahi, the Maronite Patriarch of Antioch.



Welcome Sayedna to our Lady of Lebanon - Lombard Illinois

	Mass Celebration	
	Feast of Saint Maroun: P. 678 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Reading: 2 Timothy 2:10-17 Holy Gospel: John 12:23-30	
	Mass Intentions	
	<u>11:00 a.m.:</u> For the Maronite Church in the world For the founders and pioneers of Our Lady of Lebanon Church	
Schedules	Saturday 5 pm	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Altar Servers	MYO	Miriam Dandan, Cassandra Chahoud, Estifan Azzo, Yousif & Reem Hattar
Readers	Mary Mulcahey Eddy Mouannes	Issam Awad (Arabic) Robert Antoon (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Henry Abbood, Elie Massoud, Joe Gharib

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 Maroun on February 11 and 12 of 2017.

Saturday February 11, 2017 - Sayedna will celebrates the liturgy with the youth and the young adult in our Parish at 5 pm.

Sunday February 12, 2017 - Sayedna will celebrates the feast of Saint Maroun at **11 am** (No 9:30 Mass), after Mass all are invited to a luncheon in the Shaker Hall. (Entertainment: youth dabke and Doris Farhat)

All children 11 years and under will have their Lunch in the religious Education Class Rooms.

✳ **Saturday Mass**

Every Saturday, Mass will be celebrated at 5 pm.

Let us remember

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

† Antoine Khoury	† Abraham Rayyan	† Ralph J. Lutfy
† Eleanor Haddad	† Angelina Lombardo	† Libby Hajje
† Leila Saadeh Sweilem	† George Owen	† Sarah Thomas
† Anton Kattany	† Jacob P. Schuck	† Margaret Tamer
† Elsie Be-Hannesey	† Monroe Bouzide	† Jorge Ruiz
† David Gage	† John S. Nemeh	† Eva Wintergeast
† George Albert		

COLLECTION

Sunday February 05, 2017: \$ 2,969.00.00

“For it is in giving that we receive.”

Saint Francis