



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.

Baptisms

Please call the Church office for arrangements one month prior to the celebration of the Sacrament.

Marriages

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.

Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost Season
Parable of the Good Samaritan
September 04, 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:
Jeanette Struven, Cristo Yasmine, Samir Rizkallah, Samir Saleme, & Elias Assaf.

From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 13:8-14

Brothers and Sisters,

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

And do this because you know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.

For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed;

The night is advanced, the day is at hand.

Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

Let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day,

Not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and licentiousness, not in rivalry and jealousy.

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

Praise be to God always!

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 10:25-37

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test him and said,

"Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?"

He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being,

With all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.'

Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"

He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

This is The Truth, Peace be with you.

Loving means acting like the Good Samaritan

The story of the Good Samaritan in today's Gospel is one of the most treasured parables of the Bible.

It is a powerful story, for it speaks of the power of love that transcends all creeds and cultures and "creates" a neighbor out of a complete stranger.

The parable is personal, for it describes the birth of a human relationship as one person binds the wounds of another.

The parable is a pastoral, for it speaks of care and concern that is at the heart of what is best in human beings. The story is practical, for it urges us to go and do likewise!



Compassion is not a spectator sport

To show compassion is to suffer with the wounded and the suffering, to share their pain and agony. Compassion does not leave us indifferent or insensitive to another's pain but calls for solidarity with the suffering.

This is how Jesus, the Good Samaritan par excellence, showed compassion. At times we can be like the priest and the scribe who, on seeing the wounded man, passed by on the other side. We can be silent spectators afraid to involve ourselves and dirty our hands.

Loving means acting like the Good Samaritan. We know that Jesus, although he was God, he did not hesitate to humble himself to the point of becoming a man and giving his life for us.

More than two thousand years after this story was first told, it continues to move people deeply. It teaches us what compassion, commitment and communion with others are all about. Nowhere is the face of our Church more attractive than in our open embrace of our neighbor.

REMEMBER IT

Which of these three, in your opinion, was his neighbor?
He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy."

Luke 10:36-37

Deacon's Corner

"When is Enough, Enough?"

For instance, I can recall as I was younger and even through my older years, using this term to consider the goals or limits I set for myself in almost every aspect of my life. Whether it was in school, in sports, in business and even in my family. But looking back in time, I don't feel I ever gave enough credence to the idea of "when is enough, enough" to my spiritual life. I am not quite sure why so I have decided to look at this expression as it might apply to growth and/or goals in my spiritual life.

Maybe I thought that my spiritual life would just take care of itself, since having attended Catholic schools for 12 years and having Catechism and Religion classes every year, I may have felt that spiritual growth just came along with the classroom teachings and practice of my faith.

For instance, when I began in business, I would always set goals of accomplishment. And when I reached that goal, I would set another to go past the one just accomplished.

"Love the Lord, thy God, with your whole heart, and love your neighbor as yourself" ... if we live and practice these two Commandments, the other eight will take care of themselves. So why is it so hard for so many to do exactly that? Why are we reluctant to abide by the Laws of God knowing that the outcome of obedience to these is eternal salvation?

So while our society seems to put many pressures on us to accomplish as much as possible, I say that is OK as long as we keep our eye on the "big prize". That being welcomed in the House of the Lord when our journey is complete and focus on that as much as humanly possible.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday September 11, 2016

09:30 Mass: The deceased of the Shaker Family *(Req. by the Breit Family)*

**And for all who contributed from their time, talent,
and treasure toward our 9th Annual Festival.**

11:30 Mass: For the Living and the Deceased of Our Lady of Lebanon Church

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9TH ANNUAL
Our Lady Of Lebanon
Lebanese Festival

950 N. GRACE ST. LOMBARD, IL 60148

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 • 5PM - 11PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 • 2PM - 11PM

FEATURING LIVE PERFORMANCE BY LEBANESE STAR,

Michel Azzi

DONATION \$3 PER PERSON

ALSO FEATURING:

DORIS FARHAT, ANDRE ANTAR, BELLY DANCERS,
AND THE LEBANESE FOLK DANCE TROUPE



AUTHENTIC LEBANESE CUISINE, FAMILY FUN
LEBANESE BEER & WINE, HOOKAH



Raffle

\$50 PER TICKET

FIRST PRIZE: \$5,000

SECOND PRIZE: \$2,000

THIRD PRIZE: \$1,000

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	Mass Celebration
	Commemoration of the Resurrection: P. 428 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774
	Sunday Readings
	Reading: Romans 13:8-14 Holy Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37
	Mass Intentions
	<p><u>09:30 Mass</u></p> <p>Richard and Laurice Balesh Leonetti <i>(Req. by Salem Rogers)</i></p> <p><u>11:30 Mass</u></p> <p>Saad Al Kassar and Dawood Ibrahim <i>(Req by the Family of Aziz Hanna Abed Alkarim)</i></p> <p>Tom & Nabiha Basile – Chuck Basile – Dr. Simon Basile <i>(Req. by Pierre & Ann Naffah)</i></p>

Schedules	9:30 A.M. Mass	11:30 A.M. Mass
Altar Servers	Joseph and George Estephan Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra	Youssif and Reem Hattar, Estifan Azzo, Cassandra Chahoud, Ramez Sayegh
Readers	Dr. Paul Allegretti	Julie Akouri (English) Dr. Nadia Haddad (Arabic)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, William Harb, Henry Abboud, John Albani

Announcements

Happy Labor Day!

✳ **Lebanese Festival Friday 9, and Saturday 10 September**

The Lebanese Festival is upon us and we are excited to see you, next week, coming to celebrate our Church and our Culture. There will be music, dancing, food and activities and games for all ages. The Annual Raffle Drawing will be held during the Festival on Saturday, September 10.

Anyone who would like to volunteer, please contact **Rima Antoon (630-881-7536)**, **Jackie Tamer (773-882-7105)**. Anyone who would like to donate, please see Subdeacon Tom after Mass.

Next week is the preparation week. We need every help possible: In the Kitchen, Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday, the ladies will be here from 11 O'clock till late evening. And for the setting outside, all the gentleman who can help on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, please join us as we are going to be here the whole day. We hope to see the many of you!

Finally, a mandatory meeting for all volunteers will be held on Thursday September 8 at 7 PM.

✳ **Maronite Catholic Education (MCE)**

We started taking Registration for the new Catechetical Year 2016-2017. Catechism classes will commence on Sunday September 18th from 10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. To register your Children or for more details, see Subdeacon Tom Podraza or Mrs. Diala Chahoud.

Let us remember

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

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

COLLECTION

Sunday August 28, 2016: \$ 1,990.00

"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."

Khalil Gibran