



## **Our Lady of Lebanon**

### **Maronite Catholic Church**

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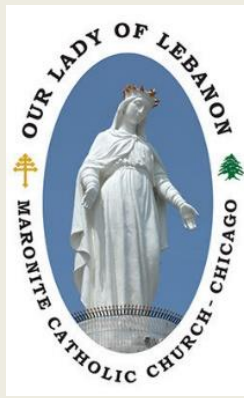
**Sunday Of the priests**

**January 24, 2021**



The LORD has sworn and will not waver:  
"You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek."

PSALM 110:4



## **Subject: Reopening guidelines for Our Lady of Lebanon Church amid COVID-19**

**Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

I pray that you and your loved ones are enjoying good health and continuing to join us in prayer via the Facebook Livestream. I look forward to being able to pray together again.

- Our Lady of Lebanon Church has developed a reopening plan under the guidance of the Diocese of Joliet and the State of Illinois.
- These guidelines have been created to keep everyone safe and healthy, while maintaining due respect and reverence for the sacraments and liturgical norms of our faith. These instructions will be under evaluation and are subject to change.
- Although public Masses are resuming, please note, as per our bishop, a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will continue until further notice.
- We will continue to livestream Mass and prayers on our Facebook page: **Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church.**

Mass will be celebrated at:

- **9:30 am and**
- **11:30 am.**
- Because of social distancing requirements, seating will be limited to every other pew with social distancing between those attending. We will have an **online reservation system at our website [ollchicago.org](http://ollchicago.org)** where you can reserve a seat at Mass. **Unreserved attendance will be turned away.**
- Please instruct those who do not have access to a computer to call the Parish Office at **630-932-9640**. The office is checking messages daily.

**The following guidelines have been put in place for the safety of all attending:**

- If you are sick or vulnerable to infection, or care for someone who is vulnerable, we ask that you please do not attend.
- **Plan to arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to the Mass you have signed up for.**
- All attendees must wear face masks inside the Church premises **AT ALL TIMES.**

- To ensure the safety and health of all our parish family and friends, we ask that you **do not congregate or meet up before or after Mass.**
- Please comply with the instructions of the ushers.
- **PLEASE NOTE** - you will be escorted to a pew.
- All attendees must use hand sanitizers, which is available at the entrance.
- All attendees will have their temperature taken before entering Church.
- Collection baskets will be placed at the main entrance of the Church. However, we encourage online donations at our website.
- The crying room and the Shaker Hall will be temporarily closed. Devotional candles will not be available. Please do not bring any strollers into the Church.
- To avoid cross contamination, Mass books will not be provided.
- You will notice that there are no Holy Water fonts. However, you should make the sign of the Cross when entering the Church.
- Instructions for receiving Holy Communion will be announced during each Mass. Please note that the consecrated Host will be distributed **IN THE HAND ONLY** until further notice.
- The Church will be sanitized and disinfected after each Mass.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we come together for Mass with measures in place to minimize risks during this time. It is good to note that we do this together as we learn from the Bible that we indeed are “our brother’s keeper” (**Genesis 4:9**). Our collective patience, willingness to help, and the care we take to reopen are demonstrations of our strong faith, unity and love for one another.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 713-972-2990. May God protect you and grant you His grace during this difficult time.

Yours in Christ,



Father Pierre El Khoury MLM  
Pastor

## Readings for Sunday January 24

الْمَزْمُورُ الْمِئَةُ وَالْعَاشِرُ

قَالَ الرَّبُّ لِرَبِّي: اجْلِسْ عَنْ يَمِينِي حَتَّى أَجْعَلَ أَعْدَاءَكَ مَوِطِنًا لِقَدَمَيْكَ.

يَمْدُ الرَّبُّ مِنْ صِهْيُونَ صَوْلَجَانَ عِزَّتِكَ. فَتَسَلَّطَ فِي وَسْطِ أَعْدَائِكَ.

أَقْسَمَ الرَّبُّ وَلَنْ يَنْدَمَ: أَنْكَ أَنْتَ كَاهِنٌ لِلأَبَدِ عَلَى رُتَبَةِ مَلَكِيصَادَق.

لِنَدْخُلْ إِلَى مَسْكَنِ الرَّبِّ لِنَسْجُدَ لِمَوْطِنِ قَدَمَيْهِ.

أُبَارِكُ طَعَامَهَا بَرَكَةً أَشْبَعُ مَسَاكِينَهَا خُبْرًا .

الْبَيْسُ كَهَنَتُهَا الْخَلَاصَ وَأَصْفِيَاؤُهَا يُهَلِّلُونَ تَهْلِيلًا. هَلِّلُويَا!

### 1 Timothy 4:6-16

If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed. Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

فَقَالَ الرَّبُّ: "مَنْ تَرَاهُ الْوَكِيلُ الْأَمِينُ الَّذِي يُقِيمُهُ سَيِّدُهُ عَلَى خَدَمِهِ لِيُعْطِيَهُمْ حِصَّتَهُمْ مِنْ الطَّعَامِ فِي حِينِهَا؟ طُوبَى لِدَلِكِ الْعَبْدِ الَّذِي، مَتَى جَاءَ سَيِّدُهُ، يَجِدُهُ فَاعِلًا هَكَذَا! حَقًّا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّهُ يُقِيمُهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ مُقْتَنِيَاتِهِ.

أَمَّا إِذَا قَالَ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ فِي قَلْبِهِ: سَيَتَأَخَّرُ سَيِّدِي فِي مَجِيئِهِ، وَبَدَأَ يَضْرِبُ الْغُلَمَانَ وَالْجَوَارِي، يَأْكُلُ وَيَشْرَبُ وَيَسْكُرُ، يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ فِي يَوْمٍ لَا يَنْتَظِرُهُ، وَفِي سَاعَةٍ لَا يَعْرِفُهَا، فَيَفْصِلُهُ، وَيَجْعَلُ نَصِيبَهُ مَعَ الْكَافِرِينَ.

فَذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ الَّذِي عَرَفَ مَشِيئَةَ سَيِّدِهِ، وَمَا أَعَدَّ شَيْئًا، وَلَا عَمِلَ بِمَشِيئَةِ سَيِّدِهِ، يُضْرَبُ ضَرْبًا كَثِيرًا. أَمَّا الْعَبْدُ الَّذِي مَا عَرَفَ مَشِيئَةَ سَيِّدِهِ، وَعَمِلَ مَا يَسْتَوْجِبُ الضَّرْبَ، فَيُضْرَبُ ضَرْبًا قَلِيلًا. وَمَنْ أُعْطِيَ كَثِيرًا يُطْلَبُ مِنْهُ الْكَثِيرُ، وَمَنْ أُتُمِّنَ عَلَى الْكَثِيرِ يُطَالَبُ بِأَكْثَرِ.

#### **Luke 12:42-48** *Vigilant and Faithful Servants*

"Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

Mass Intentions for SUNDAY January 24, 2021

09:30 AM

**John Budz** *(Margaret Budz)*

**The Departed of Antoon and Abood Families &**

**Departed of Bejjani and Yaghi families** *(Robert and Rima Antoon)*

**All the priests who served our Parish**

11:30 AM

**Abdo Daou and Jeanette Mattar** *(Dr and Mrs Raymond and Laure Daou)*

**Farida Daniel** *(Emo Haddad)*

**All the priests who served our Parish**

Mass Intentions for NEXT SUNDAY January 31, 2021

09:30 AM

**Owen Petrzelka** *(Margaret Budz)*

**George Paul Antoon** *(Michael Haddad)*

11:30 AM

**Farida Daniel** *(Robert and Rima Antoon)*

**Lucile and Victor Wertz - Tammer and Mary Caleel –**

**Maria Louise Caleel** *(The Caleel Family)*

Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Readers	Rima Antoon	Subdeacon George Romanos
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Sami Tabet Eddy Moinnes	Ed Kneip, William Harb Henry Abboud, Elie Masud Naji Abiad, John Albani

### Let us remember

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

Helen Shaker - Betty Shaker - Sophia Shaker - Sonny Abraham –  
Loretta Abraham- Fred Gilaty – George Paul Doucette – Lynley M. Garvin –  
Albert Hopsy – Michael Jabour – Louise Lucchesi – Sarah Malouf –  
Barbra Nahra – Joseph V. O’Neil – Isabel Damuny Shahwan

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## SUNDAY JANUARY 17, 2021

Collection: \$ 1,735

Mail: \$ 490

Online: \$ 700

Thank you for your continued financial support  
and generosity and prayers as our country and  
people get through this most difficult situation.

May God keep you safe and watch over you.