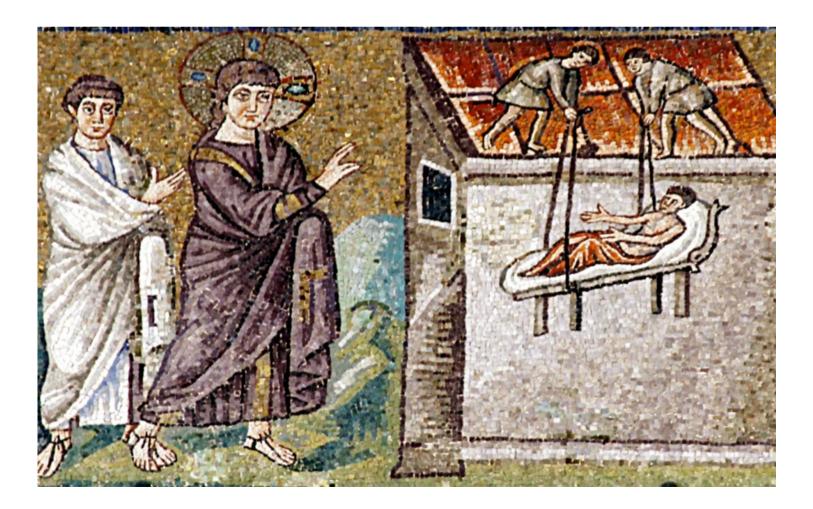


Maronite Catholic Church

March 27, 2022

Healing Of The Paralytic

1 Timothy 5:24-6:5 - Mark 2:1-12



Revisions of COVID-19 Protocols Our Lady Of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church Lombard - ILLINOIS

February 24, 2022

With the state of Illinois lifting the mask mandate for indoor public spaces, the following guidelines will be effective on February 28:

- Masks are recommended but not required in church and office settings.
- Everyone should be respectful of others who may or may not choose to wear masks.
- Communion, for now, will be provided either on Tongue or in hand.
- Holy water will return to the fonts.
- Collection baskets will be passed through the congregation.
- The shaker Hall will be opened after Mass for food and gathering
- Offering (bread and wine) will be brought, in procession, to the Altar.
- People may make whatever Sign of Peace they are comfortable with.
- Restrictions are removed from choir.
- Previously issued isolation and quarantine procedures for close contact or illness remain in effect.

As always if there is a change to the general COVID-19 levels, we may reinstitute protocols as necessary to keep everyone safe.

Father Pierre El Khoury, Pastor







Maronite Lenten Season begins with **Ash Monday** (Not ash Wednesday),

and concludes on **Easter Sunday**

Fasting is an important tradition of the Church and has scriptural basis. On many occasions, prophets and apostles fasted. This sacred tradition has wonderful benefits for our souls and bodies. Through fasting, we learn to control and discipline our desires and concentrate on our spiritual relationship with the Lord.

All those who have reached their 14th birthday are to:

- Abstain from eating animal product (at least meat) on Ash Monday and Fridays of Lent.
- Fasting from all food and drink from midnight till noon.
- Receive the sacrament of Repentance (Confession).
- Attend Mass and receive the Eucharist.
- Do works of Charity (act of Mercy).

So in preparation for Lent you are encouraged to think about what it is that is blocking your way to Christ.

Prayer from Maronite liturgy for Lent:

Through fasting and prayer, souls are made pure, bodies are made chaste, spirits are raised, passions are restrained, mercy abounds, and the Holy Spirit dwells in the soul that was created to be the temple of God.









Consecration of Russia and Ukraine

Dear Brother,

Nearly a month has passed since the outbreak of the war in Ukraine that is daily inflicting immense suffering upon its sorely tried people and threatening world peace. At this dark hour, the Church is urgently called to intercede before the Prince of Peace and to demonstrate her closeness to those directly affected by the conflict. I am grateful to the many people who have responded with great generosity to my appeals for prayer, fasting and charity.

Now, also in response to numerous requests by the People of God, I wish in a special way to entrust the nations at war to the Blessed Virgin Mary. As I announced yesterday at the conclusion of the Angelus prayer, on 25 March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, I intend to carry out a solemn Act of Consecration of humanity, and Russia and Ukraine in particular, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The "Fiat" that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the "Fiat", on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our "living fountain of hope", water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.

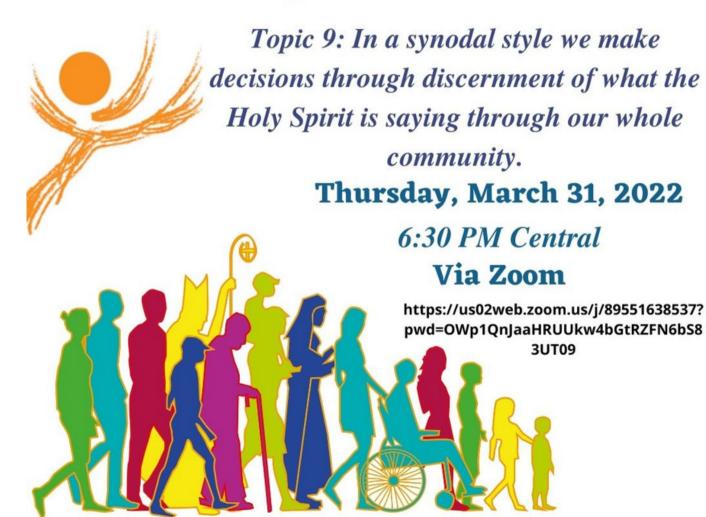
DEATH NOTICE OF MICKEY HADDAD

Remember in your prayers Mickey Haddad, who passed into eternal life in Florida. Late Mickey was a long standing parishioner of our Lady of Lebanon and he is survived by his three Children: Michelle, Michael (Mickey) and Kenneth and his three brothers: Emile, Ronald and William.

More details will follow about the funeral service at our Lady of Lebanon. May he rest in Peace!

EPARCHIAL SYNOD MEETING: DISCERNING AND DECIDING with

Bishop A. Elias Zaidan



Stations of the Cross Fridays @ 7 pm

Join us for Potluck Dinner and gatherings on Fridays after the Stations of the Cross









One-Day RETRÉA

WHERE: Our Lady of Lebanon

WHEN: Saturday, April 2nd 9:30am-2pm

Brother Thomas Johnson

"A TRUE COMMUNITY MAN WHO QUIETLY, UNSELFISHLY GOES ABOUT DOING COMMUNITY CHORES AND SERVICE SO IMPORTANT FOR THE FRATERNAL LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY."



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church Annual Easter Bake Sale

Palm Sunday April 10, 2022



ITEM	Description	PACKAGE SIZE	PRICE PER PACKAGE	QTY	total Price
Mana'eesh with Za'atar	Pizza w.oregano & sesame seeds	½ Dozen	\$ 10.00		
Mana'eesh with Cheese	Pizza w.cheese	½ Dozen	\$12.00		
Fatayer	Spinach Pies	1 Dozen	\$16.00		
Sfiha	Open face meat pie	1 Dozen	\$18.00		
Sambousek	Fried meat pie	1 Dozen	\$18.00		
Shishbarak	Meat ravioli	2 Dozen	\$20.00		
Kibbe ' <u>Rass</u>	Crushed wheat w.meat mixture in balls	1 Dozen	\$22.00		
Kibbe <u>Şayniye</u>	Crushed wheat w.meat mix in trav	½ Tray	\$35.00		
Veggie Kibbe 'Rass	Grushed wheat & pumpkin, w.spinach, onions, chickpeas, sumac in balls ('Rass)	1 Dozen	\$22.00		
Warak a-arish (veggie)	Veggie stuffed grape leaves	2 Dozen	\$20.00		
Sha'aybiyet	Phyllo dough w.custard stuffing	1 Dozen	\$12.00		
Ma'amoul w/Walnuts	semolina+farina stuffed wwalnuts	1 Dozen	\$20.00		
Ma'amoul w/Pistachios	semolina+farina w.pistachios	1 Dozen	\$20.00		
Ma'amoul w/Dates	semolina±farina stuffed w.dates	1 Dozen	\$20.00		
Ka'ak bi Tamer	Cookies with dates	1 Dozen	\$20.00		
Ka'ak bhalib	Milk-based cookies	1 Dozen	\$15.00		
Ka'ak Yansoon	Xansoon (anise) based cookies	1 Dozen	\$15.00		
Sablet Cookies	Cookies with jam	1 Dozen	\$20.00		
Add your item, here:					
TOTAL					

Kindly pay and place your order no later than **Sunday April 3rd, 2022**.

All orders to be picked up at the church on Palm Sunday: Sunday April 10th, 2022 - 9:30am-1:30pm

Name:

Phone:

Make checks payable to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church Online ordering: <u>www.ollchicago.org</u>

Call Madeleine with any questions: 847.533.5698

Please make your gift to the Lenten Appeal through your local parish. Place your gift in an envelope noted "Bishop's Appeal", or note "Bishop's Appeal" on your check. You may also make a gift online at www.eparchy.org.

Additional Ways to Help

Make a Bequest. A bequest is naming the Eparchy (or your parish) in your will. This can be for a specif-ic amount of money, or a percentage of your estate. To do this, include this language in your will:

"I give and bequeath to the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles % of the residue of my estate [or: the sum of \$_____

Give from your IRA. Generally speaking, taxpayers who are age 70½ years old and older may give up to \$100,000 each year from their IRA to the Eparchy without paying the mandatory tax on IRA distribution This is a significant benefit because taxes on an IRA are normally very high. The practical effect of this is that you can give more, tax free, from your IRA – and this makes it a very effective way to support the Church. Contact your broker or the Eparchy for more information about this.

Make the Eparchy a Beneficiary of Your Retirement Plan. Another way to help the Church is to name the Eparchy as the beneficiary of your retirement plan. This avoids estate taxes (which are often very high on retirement plans) – and can be tremendously helpful to the Church.

Make a Gift of Life Insurance. Naming the Eparchy as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy is a way to help the Church in the future while not impacting your income or lifestyle today. Ask your insurance agent or contact the Eparchy for more information about this.

"God loves a cheerful giver!" (2 Corinthians 9:7)



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1. Seminarians and Retired Priests

The Eparchy educates and prepares men (called "seminarians") for the priesthood, so that there will be enough priests to serve in our parishes. The Eparchy currently has six celibate seminarians and nine married men in formation. The cost of educating, housing and caring for these fine men is costly: we anticipate at least \$600,000 in these expenses this year. On the other end of the spectrum, seven retired priests receive a modest pension from the Eparchy along with health ensurance. The total cost of supporting them in 2022 will be approximately \$224,000. One seminarian mentioned: "Ibrough your support, I do not have to worry about paying student loans in the future." 35% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will support Seminarians and Retired priests.



2. Missions and Small Parishes

The Eparchy consists of thirty-four (34) parishes and eight (8) missions with over 46,800 Catholics across 34 states. Missions (new parishes) were opened in recent years in places like Milwaukee (WI), Riverside (CA) and Stockton (CA). Two new communities are just starting in Wichita (KS) and Nashville (TN). Some missions and parishes are very small and need financial support with critical expenses such as insurance and utilities. It is necessary to strengthen our parishes and missions so that they may serve the Maronite faithful in these areas that have great potential for growth. 25% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will support Missions and Small Parishes.

2022 Lenten Appeal



Report on 2021 Lenten Appeal Use of Funds (\$199,070)

*Due to the continued impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Eparchy was not able to reach its goal for the Lenten Appeal again this year with a shortage of \$21,430. The Eparchy continues to pay more to each objec-tive than was raised in the Lenten Appeal.



EPARCHY OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON OF LOS ANGELES

2022 Lenten Appeal

Dear Brothers and Sisters in 9

about the needs of others.

Gratefully yours in Christ, + A.E. Zaidan

include the following:

Thank you for your support for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles, especially over the past few years as we have faced challenges at home and abroad. Although we have trials, we can offer our sacrifices to God and He will always help us and grant us blessings. The Lenten Season is an opportune time to practice fasting, prayer, and alms giving. It is a time to deepen our faith, to count our blessings, and to think Each year at this time, I ask for your support for our most critical needs. These · Opening New Parishes and Missions: We need to open new parishes to serve Maronites in many reas where there is not yet a parish. Our goal is to build and strengthen our existing parishes and missions so that our people can celebrate their faith and heritage. We have the potential to open 3-5 new missions in the next two years. · Expanding Services: We need to reach out more to young people, families, and people at the most important times in their lives, especially in times of crisis. · Helping our brothers and sisters in Lebanon and the Middle East: We need to help and give hope to the faithful in Lebanon and the Middle East. Lebanon has been devastated by the pandemic, explosion and economic crisis. Many people were displaced, and homes, hospitals, schools, and businesses suffered extreme damage. Today, I would like to ask for your help with our Annual Appeal which addresses the Eparchy's most important and immediate needs. These needs are described in this short brochure. Please read this and prayerfully con-sider how you can help today, and please be generous. On behalf of all those who will be served by this Appeal, I thank you, and may God bless you!

+A. Elias Zaidan Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles





3. Ministries

The Eparchy maintains several ministries to serve Maronites, including Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Family Life Ministry, and Communication. The Eparchy's ministries need to increase in scope and number. 15% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will assist the Eparchy's Ministries



Our Lady of Lebanon National Shrine, located in Ohio, was founded over 50 years ago to invoke Our Lady of Lebanon's protection over all Maronites in the United States. The Shrine welcomes pilgrims throughout the year. Due to the pandemic, the Shrine needs support now more than ever. 10% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will assist the National Maronite Shrine.



5. Charitable Outreach

As the Eparchy asks the faithful to be generous to it, the Eparchy strives to be generous to those in need. With your support, the Eparchy helps the less fortunate in the United States and abroad in Lebanon and the Middle East. With your giving, we are able to lend a helping hand to those suffering. Many of those church institutions depend on our sup port in order to meet their base obligations and to sustain their ministry Father Michel Abboud, the head of Caritas Lebanon told us: "With yo belp, we will keep some people alive." 15% of this year's Annual Appeal ceeds will go to charity, especially to help the needy in Leba



National Apostolate of Maronites Awareness Sunday March 27



2022 National MYO Conference

WHO AM I? June 23-27, 2022

ALL registrations must be completed before April 4

COME HOLY SPIRIT! REVEAL JESUS TO US!



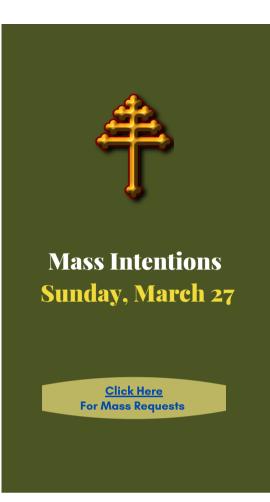
for close to five decodes and author of Captivated by Your Teachings.

famous author, Holy Land pilgrimage leader and a dynamic Bible teacher.

and USCCB Chairman on Evangelization and Catechesis

faces and the efforts that have been made in the US to support a free, sovereign, and democratic Lebanon.

Thursday 12:30 pm through Friday 11:30 am



Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 3

<u>Click Here</u> For Mass Requests



Ann and Cris Crispin, Megan Shaker, and Dixie Haddad (Shaker Family)

Mickey Haddad (OLL)



Lucille and Victor Wertz, Tammer and Mary Caleel, and Maria Louise Caleel (Caleel Family)

Mickey Haddad (OLL)

9:30 AM

16 Year Memorial: Joseph Shaker, Sr Isaac Shaker, Abe Abraham (Shaker Family)

11:30 AM

Mickey Haddad (OLL)

950 N. Grace St., Lombard, IL 60148 = Tel: 630,932,9640 = www.ollchicago.org

Readers and Ushers

Mass 9:30 am

Readers Cheryl Blum

Ushers

Nabil Zahra Francis Kermend



Mass 11:30 am

Readers

Sub. George Romanos

Ushers

Ed Kneip, Henry Abboud, Elie Masud, Naji Abiad, John Albani



Let Us Remember our Beloved Ones who died during the month of MARCH

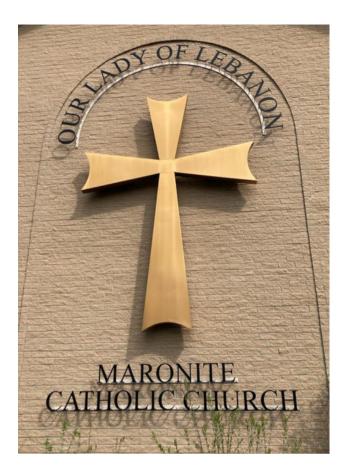
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Weekly Collection MARCH 13, 2022

Collection:	\$	THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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		SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH.
Online:	\$	MAY GOD ACCEPT YOUR SACRIFICIES.

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MYO (Maronite Youth Organization)

Meetings on Sundays - MRE. For more information please contact **Gisele**

MYA (Maronite Youth Adults)

Meetings on Thursdays, via Zoom. For more information please contact: **Karen Or Danny**

Church Forms

