



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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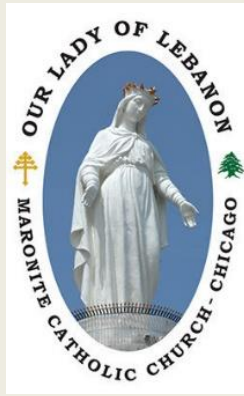
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Season of Holy Lent Cleansing of the Leper February 21, 2021



**By touching the man with leprosy Jesus shows us that
Love, Mercy, Compassion are more powerful than any dreaded disease.**



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** 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 February 21

الْمَرْمُورُ الْحَادِي وَالْخَمْسُونَ
إِرْحَمْنِي يَا اللَّهُ بِحَسَبِ رَحْمَتِكَ. وَبِكَثْرَةِ رَأْفَتِكَ أَمْحُ مَعَاصِيَ.
إِغْسِلْنِي كَثِيرًا مِنْ إِثْمِي وَمِنْ خَطِيئَتِي طَهِّرْنِي.
لَأَنِّي أَنَا عَارِفٌ بِآثَامِي وَخَطَايَايَ أَمَامِي فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ.
إِلَيْكَ وَحْدَكَ خَطِئْتُ وَالشَّرُّ قُدَّامَكَ صَنَعْتُ.
تَنْصَحُنِي بِالزُّوْفَا فَأُطَهِّرُ. تَغْسِلُنِي فَأَبْيِضُ أَكْثَرَ مِنَ الثَّلْجِ.
تُسَمِّعُنِي سُرُورًا وَبَهْجَةً فَتَجْدُلُ عِظَامِي الذَّلِيلَةَ.
إِصْرِفْ وَجْهَكَ عَنْ خَطَايَايَ وَأَمْحُ كُلَّ آثَامِي.
قَلْبًا نَقِيًّا اخْلُقْ فِيَّ يَا اللَّهُ وَرُوحًا مُسْتَقِيمًا جَدِّدْ فِي دَاخِلِي.
يَا رَبُّ افْتَحْ شَفَقَتِي فَيُخْبِرَ فَمِي بِتَسْبِيحِكَ.
الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ مِنَ الْآنَ وَإِلَى أَبَدِ الْآبَدِينَ.

Romans 6:12-23

Therefore, sin must not reign over your mortal bodies so that you obey their desires. And do not present the parts of your bodies to sin as weapons for wickedness, but present yourselves to God as raised from the dead to life and the parts of your bodies to God as weapons for righteousness.

For sin is not to have any power over you, since you are not under the law but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? Of course not! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

But thanks be to God that, although you were once slaves of sin, you have become obedient from the heart to the pattern of teaching to which you were entrusted. Freed from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

قَامَ يَسُوعُ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الْفَجْرِ، فَخَرَجَ وَذَهَبَ إِلَى مَكَانٍ قَفْرٍ، وَأَخَذَ يُصَلِّي هُنَاكَ. وَلَحِقَ بِهِ سَمْعَانُ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ، وَوَجَدُوهُ فَقَالُوا لَهُ: «الْجَمِيعُ يَطْلُبُونَكَ». فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «لِنَذْهَبَ إِلَى مَكَانٍ آخَرَ، إِلَى الْقُرَى الْمُجَاوِرَةِ، لِأُبَشِّرَ هُنَاكَ أَيْضًا، فَإِنِّي لِهَذَا خَرَجْتُ».

وَسَارَ فِي كُلِّ الْجَلِيلِ، وَهُوَ يَكْرِزُ فِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ وَيَطْرُدُ الشَّيَاطِينَ. وَأَتَاهُ أَبْرَصٌ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ، فَجَثَا وَقَالَ لَهُ: «إِن شِئْتَ فَأَنْتَ قَادِرٌ أَنْ تُظَهِّرَنِي!». فَتَحَنَّنَ يَسُوعُ وَمَدَّ يَدَهُ وَلَمَسَهُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «قَدْ شِئْتُ، فَاقْطَعْهُ!». وَفِي الْحَالِ زَالَ عَنْهُ الْبَرَصُ، فَظَهَرَ.

فَصَرَفَهُ يَسُوعُ حَالًا، وَقَالَ لَهُ: «أَنْظُرْ، لَا تُخْبِرْ أَحَدًا بِشَيْءٍ، بَلِ اذْهَبْ وَأَرِ نَفْسَكَ لِلْكَاهِنِ، وَقَدِّمْ عَنْ طَهْرِكَ مَا أَمَرَ بِهِ مُوسَى، شَهَادَةً لَهُمْ». أَمَّا هُوَ فَخَرَجَ وَبَدَأَ يُنَادِي بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهِ وَيُذِيعُ الْخَبَرَ، حَتَّى إِنَّ يَسُوعَ لَمْ يَعُدْ قَادِرًا أَنْ يَدْخُلَ إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ عَلايَةِ، بَلْ كَانَ يُقِيمُ فِي الْخَارِجِ، فِي أَمَاكِنَ مُقْفِرَةٍ، وَكَانَ النَّاسُ يَأْتُونَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَكَانٍ.

Mark 1:35-43

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. A leper came to him (and kneeling down) begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.

Then, he dismissed him at once and said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

Mass Intentions for **SUNDAY February 21, 2021**

09:30 AM

Mountaha Badawi *(The Shaker Family)*

George Paul Antoon *(Jeanette Antoon and Family)*

11:30 AM

40 days Memorial for Marcel Sourì *(The Sourì Family)*

Salameh Nassar Bader & Faddia Hanna Bader *(Imad Bader)*

Raymond Kass Hanna *(Father of Roula Yamin)*

Rolande and Abdul-Massih Yamin *(Parents of Yamin Yamin)*

Mass Intentions for **NEXT SUNDAY February 28, 2021**

09:30 AM

Mountaha Badawi *(Sami and Lina Daou)*

11:30 AM

40 days Memorial Mona Zahrah Kfourì

Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Readers	Anita Zodo	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 February****

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

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Collection: \$ 2,356

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**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.