



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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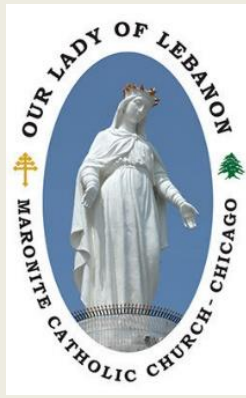
Season of Holy Lent

Sunday of the prodigal son

March 07, 2021



Jesus teaches us about God's love for each of us
And his patience and willingness to forgive us:
God will wait as long as it takes,
But what are you waiting for?



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:

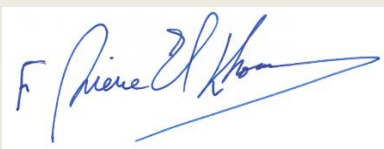
- If you are sick or vulnerable to infection, or care for someone who is vulnerable, we ask that you please do not attend.
- **Plan to arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to the Mass you have signed up for.**
- All attendees must wear face masks inside the Church premises **AT ALL TIMES.**

- 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 March 07

الْمَرْمُورُ الْحَادِي وَالْأَرْبَعُونَ

أَنَا قُلْتُ: يَا رَبُّ ارْحَمْنِي، إِشْفِ نَفْسِي خَطِئْتُ إِلَيْكَ.
طُوبَى لِمَنْ يَنْظُرُ إِلَى الْمِسْكِينِ يُنْقِذُهُ الرَّبُّ فِي يَوْمِ السُّوءِ.
الرَّبُّ يَحْفَظُهُ وَيُحْيِيهِ. يُطِيلُ حَيَاتَهُ وَيَجْعَلُهُ هَانئًا فِي الْأَرْضِ.
الرَّبُّ يَعْصِدُهُ عَلَى سَرِيرِ الْأَلَمِ. وَيُبَدِّلُ أَسْقَامَهُ قُوَّةً.
أَعْدَائِي يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِالشَّرِّ عَلَيَّ. يَخْرُجُونَ وَيُدَبِّرُونَ الْمَكِيدَ.
يُبْغِضُونَنِي وَيَتَهَامِسُونَ عَلَيَّ، وَجَمِيعُهُمْ يَظُنُّونَ السُّوءَ بِي.
حَتَّى صَدِيقِي الَّذِي وَثِقْتُ بِهِ أَكَلَ خُبْزِي وَرَفَعَ عَقِبَهُ عَلَيَّ!
وَأَمَّا أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ فَتَحَنَّنْ عَلَيَّ. أَقِمْنِي مُعَافَى وَارْضَى عَنِّي.
مُبَارَكُ الرَّبِّ إِلَهُنَا مِنَ الْأَزَلِ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ. آمِينَ ثُمَّ آمِينَ. هَلِّلُوْا!

2 Corinthians 13:5-13.

Christ is not weak, but he is powerful among you. He was crucified in weakness, yet he lives by God's power. Likewise, we are crucified in him, yet by God's power we will live with him.

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless, of course, you fail the test. We pray to God that you may not do evil, but that you may do what is right. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. We are glad whenever we are weak but you are strong; and our prayer is that you may be fully restored.

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice and Strive for full restoration. Mend your ways, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعَ: كَانَ لِرَجُلٍ ابْنَانِ. قَالَ أَصْغَرُهُمَا لِأَبِيهِ: يَا أَبِي، أَعْطِنِي حَصَّتِي مِنَ الْمِيرَاثِ. فَقَسَمَ لَهُمَا ثَرَوَتَهُ. بَعْدَ أَيَّامٍ قَلِيلَةٍ، جَمَعَ الْابْنُ الْأَصْغَرُ وَكُلَّ حِصَّتِهِ، وَسَافَرَ إِلَى بَلَدٍ بَعِيدٍ. وَهُنَاكَ بَدَدَ مَالَهُ فِي حَيَاةِ الطَّيْشِ. وَحَدَّثَتْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْبَلَدِ مَجَاعَةٌ شَدِيدَةٌ، فَبَدَأَ يُحْسُ بِالْعَوَزِ. فَذَهَبَ وَلَجَأَ إِلَى وَاحِدٍ مِنْ أَهْلِ ذَلِكَ الْبَلَدِ، فَأَرْسَلَهُ إِلَى حُقُولِهِ لِيَرْعَى الْخَنَازِيرَ. وَكَانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَمْلَأَ جَوْفَهُ مِنَ الْخَرْوَبِ الَّذِي كَانَتْ الْخَنَازِيرُ تَأْكُلُهُ، وَلَمْ يُعْطِيهِ مِنْهُ أَحَدٌ. فَرَجَعَ إِلَى نَفْسِهِ وَقَالَ: كَمْ مِنَ الْأَجْرَاءِ عِنْدَ أَبِي يَفْضِلُ الْخُبْزَ عَنْهُمْ، وَأَنَا أَهْلِكُ جُوعًا! أَقُومُ وَأَمْضِي إِلَى أَبِي وَأَقُولُ لَهُ: يَا أَبِي، خَطِئْتُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَأَمَامَكَ. وَلَا أَسْتَحِقُّ بَعْدَ أَنْ أَدْعَى لَكَ ابْنًا. فَاجْعَلْنِي كَأَحَدِ أَجْرَائِكَ! فَقَامَ وَجَاءَ إِلَى أَبِيهِ. وَفِيمَا كَانَ لَا يَزَالُ بَعِيدًا، رَأَاهُ أَبُوهُ، فَتَحَنَّنَ عَلَيْهِ، وَأَسْرَعَ فَأَلْقَى بِنَفْسِهِ عَلَى عُنُقِهِ وَقَبَّلَهُ طَوِيلًا. فَقَالَ لَهُ ابْنُهُ: يَا أَبِي، خَطِئْتُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَأَمَامَكَ. وَلَا أَسْتَحِقُّ بَأَنِّ أَدْعَى ابْنَكَ قَالَ الْأَبُ: أَسْرِعُوا أَلْبَسُوهُ الْحُلَّةَ الْفَاحِشَةَ، وَضَعُوا فِي يَدِهِ خَاتَمًا، وَفِي رِجْلَيْهِ حِذَاءً، وَأَتُوا بِالْعِجْلِ الْمُسَمَّنِ وَأَذْبَحُوهُ، وَلِنَأْكُلْ وَنَتَنَعَّمَ! لَأَنَّ ابْنِي هَذَا كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَعَاشَ، وَضَاهِيًا فَوُجِدَ.

وَكَانَ ابْنُهُ الْأَكْبَرُ فِي الْحَقْلِ. فَلَمَّا جَاءَ وَأَقْتَرَبَ، سَمِعَ غِنَاءً وَرَقْصًا. فَدَعَا وَاحِدًا وَسَأَلَهُ: مَا هَذَا؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: جَاءَ أَخُوكَ، فَذَبَحَ أَبُوكَ الْعِجْلَ الْمُسَمَّنَ، لِأَنَّهُ لَقِيَهُ سَالِمًا. فَغَضِبَ وَلَمْ يُرِدْ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ. فَخَرَجَ أَبُوهُ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ. فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ لِأَبِيهِ: هَا أَنَا أَخَذْتُ كُلَّ هَذِهِ السِّنِينَ، وَلَمْ أُخَالِفْ لَكَ يَوْمًا أَمْرًا، وَلَمْ تُعْطِنِي مَرَّةً جَدِيًّا، لِأَتَنَعَّمَ مَعَ أَصْدِقَائِي. وَكَانَ ابْنُهُ الْأَكْبَرُ فِي الْحَقْلِ. فَسَمِعَ غِنَاءً وَرَقْصًا. فَدَعَا وَاحِدًا وَسَأَلَهُ: مَا هَذَا؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: جَاءَ أَخُوكَ، فَذَبَحَ أَبُوكَ الْعِجْلَ الْمُسَمَّنَ لِأَنَّهُ لَقِيَهُ سَالِمًا. فَغَضِبَ وَلَمْ يُرِدْ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ. فَخَرَجَ أَبُوهُ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ. فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ لِأَبِيهِ: هَا أَنَا أَخَذْتُ كُلَّ هَذِهِ السِّنِينَ، وَلَمْ أُخَالِفْ لَكَ يَوْمًا أَمْرًا، وَلَمْ تُعْطِنِي مَرَّةً جَدِيًّا، لِأَتَنَعَّمَ مَعَ أَصْدِقَائِي. وَلَكِنْ لَمَّا جَاءَ ابْنُكَ هَذَا الَّذِي أَكَلَ ثَرَوَتَكَ مَعَ الزَّوَانِي، ذَبَحْتَ لَهُ الْعِجْلَ الْمُسَمَّنَ! فَقَالَ أَبُوهُ: يَا وَلَدِي، أَنْتَ مَعِيَ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ، وَكُلُّ مَا هُوَ لِي هُوَ لَكَ. وَلَكِنْ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ نَتَنَعَّمَ وَنَفْرَحَ، لِأَنَّ أَخَاكَ هَذَا كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَعَاشَ، وَضَاهِيًا فَوُجِدَ.

Luke 15:11-32

"A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected his belongings and set off to a distant country. There he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So was hired and sent to a farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired Workers have more than enough food to eat but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall Say, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. He was still a long way off, but his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father said to his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began.

Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what is going on. The servant said to him: 'Your brother has returned and your father has killed the fattened calf because he got him back safe. He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who wasted your money on prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.'

Mass Intentions for SUNDAY March 07, 2021

09:30 AM

Owen Petrzelka *(Bill and Cheryl Blum)*

Mona Zahrah Kfoury *(Bill and Cheryl Blum)*

**Lucile and Victor Wertz - Tammer and Mary Caleel –
Maria Louise Caleel** *(The Caleel Family)*

11:30 AM

Yacoub Al Zakhem *(Father of Zoya Al Zakhem)*

3 Years Memorial for Youssef El Kartabani *(El Kartabani Family)*

Chamel ElKhoury

Father Boutros and Mariam Harb ElKhoury

Adele and Fouad Boutros

Mass Intentions for NEXT SUNDAY March 14, 2021

09:30 AM

40 days Paul Bourjaily *(Hon. and Mrs William and Sandy Haddad)*

Fr Dr William Nijm – Joseph Dacloush and Nazmieh Joubran *(Ghada Nijm)*

11:30 AM

**Living and Deceased of the Chartouni Family: Shafic, Amira,
Tamam George, Elaine and Raymond Chartouni** *(Elie Chartouni)*

Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Readers	Cheryl Blum	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 March**

Megan Shaker - Dixie Haddad - Jim Abraham - Stasia Abraham -
Chris Crispin - Bertha Derzy - Albert Joseph - Josephine Stets -
Peter Dumit - Robert Basil - James Bomrad - Louis Haddad -
Fredia Saige - Nabiha Farris - Mary Bouzide - Maurice Zayek



HISTORY OF THE PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

We would like to invite you to our little corner that will be dedicated to the history of the church and the people who played a vital role in our church and those who follow their footsteps till today.

We'd like to introduce all the families of the church.

We are blessed to have a vibrant community of amazing people, who love their faith and support one another.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

MYO (Maronite Youth Organization):

Meetings are every Saturday @ 1pm, via Zoom. For more information or to be added to the What's App group, please contact Gisele: (630) 229.4216.

MYA (Maronite Young Adults):

Meetings are every Sunday @ 7pm, via Zoom. For more information or to be added to the What's App group, please contact:
Karen: (630) 597-8501 or
Danny: (847) 924-7806

Wednesday Night Bible Study (7pm):

Let's engage in a group bible study, via Zoom, led by Abouna Pierre.

You'll find the details for the zoom off the home page, but just in case:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82328282750?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82328282750?pwd=cTBsd0x5ZWlxb0tZOHozZXhza215QT09)
[pwd=cTBsd0x5ZWlxb0tZOHozZXhza215QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82328282750?pwd=cTBsd0x5ZWlxb0tZOHozZXhza215QT09)

MRE (Maronite Religious Education):

The classes are ongoing via Zoom. If you'd like to include your child in the religious education program, please contact the church.

Easter Bake Sale:

The bake sale is on Palm Sunday and will be curbside:

March 28, 2021.

You'll be able to place your order either directly through the website or by contacting Madeleine Malek. Stay tuned this week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday night at 7PM

View the stations on our YouTube Channel:
https://youtu.be/DH_Myy8SOuo



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Mail your contribution to:

**Our Lady Of Lebanon Church
950 N Grace street, Lombard, IL, 60148**

or

Donate online: www.ollchicago.org

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Collection: \$ 1,102

Mail In: \$ 2,255

Online: \$ 600

**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.