



Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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Church Clergy

Father Pierre ElKhoury, M.L.M., Pastor

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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.

Baptism

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

Marriage

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

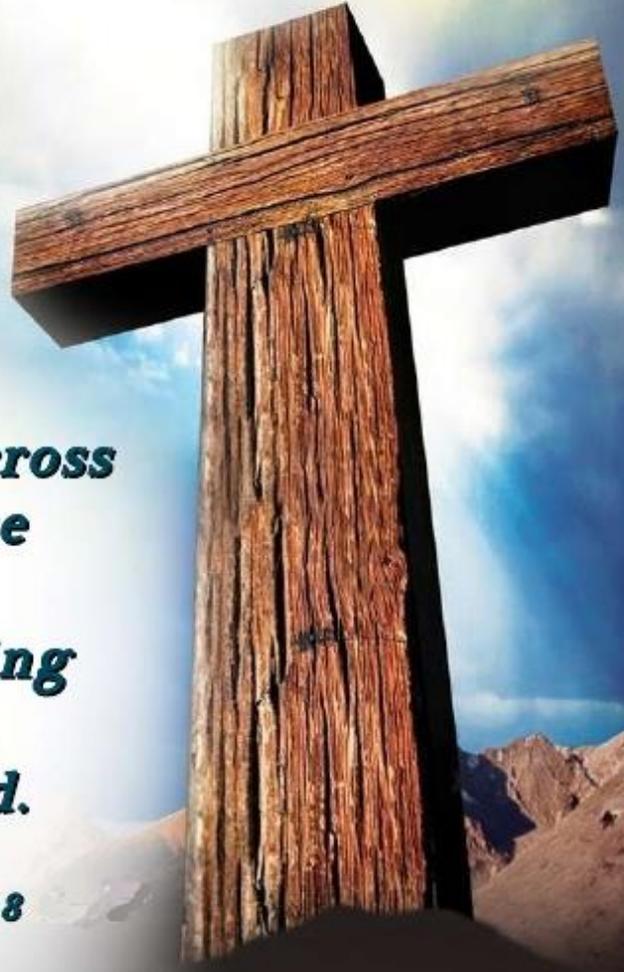
Catechism Classes for children are on Sundays from 10:20 am – 11:20 am.

Season of the Holy Cross
Exaltation of the Holy Cross
SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

THE
POWER
OF THE
CROSS

***The message of the cross
is foolishness to those
who are perishing,
but to us who are being
saved
it is the power of God.***

1 Corinthians 1:18



The foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength. For by the cross we receive our Salvation; thus it is the power of God.

You can't get to heaven by human wisdom and reasoning. If you could, every philosopher would get there. Every form of military might, political power, and financial muscle is useless before the God who made the universe with a word and can destroy it in an instant.

To be saved, we must embrace the cross, the "weakness" of God. Sure, it doesn't make sense to the logical mind obsessed with power. But the cross is the logical outcome of a God who loves the world so much that He would put aside His strength, become vulnerable to our sin, and pay the price for sins He never committed. All for love's sake.

Pray For

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.

Mass Intentions for **NEXT SUNDAY, September 22, 2019**

11:30 AM

For all the deceased members of our Lady of Lebanon Church
(By Bishop Elias Zaidan)

Bible Verse

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

John 12:23

Psalm 33

Rejoice in the LORD and Praise him. Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;
Sing to him a new song; for He brings justice and peace. And his mercy is upon us.
By the LORD's word and by the breath of his mouth, the heavens were made.
Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all who dwell in the world show him reverence.
Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people chosen as his inheritance.
A king is not saved by a great army, nor a warrior delivered by great strength.
Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, those who count on his mercy.
Our soul waits for the LORD, he is our help and shield. In him our hearts rejoice.
In you we trust, O Lord. May your mercy, be upon us; as we put our hope in you. **Alleluia**

From the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 1:18-25

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the learning of the learned I will set aside." Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish? For since in the wisdom of God the world did not come to know God through wisdom, it was the will of God through the foolishness of the proclamation to save those who have faith. For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint John 12:20-32

Now there were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."

Mass Celebration		
	Exaltation of the Holy Cross: Page 606 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
Sunday Readings		
	Psalm 33 Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Holy Gospel: John 12:20-32	
Mass Intentions for THIS SUNDAY		
	<u>09:30 AM</u> Fr. Dr William Nijm & Joseph Dacloush <i>(Ghada Nijm)</i> Deceased of Shaker and Abraham families <i>(The Shaker Family)</i> <u>11:30 AM</u> Lucille and Victor Wertz – Tammer and Mary Caleel Maria Louise Caleel <i>(The Caleel Family)</i>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Readers	Nabil Zahra	Fadia Gharib <i>(Arabic)</i> Diala Chahoud <i>(English)</i>
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Joe Gharib Albert Dakhoul, John Albani

Announcements

✦ **Bishop Zaidan Visits to our Parish**

His Excellency Bishop Elias Zaidan will celebrate Mass in our church on September 22. There will be No 9:30 am Mass. 11:30 am Mass followed by a reception and presentation by the bishop in the Shaker Hall.

✦ **MRE Registration**

Maronite Religious education MRE will begin on September 15th. Registration is open after mass - to register please see Diala Chahoud in the hall. MRE is scheduled every Sunday from 10:20 am to 11:20 am. We look forward to another great year.

✦ **Bible study and Spiritual Discussion**

Starting from October, every Thursday at 7 pm will meet to have Spiritual discussion (Bible, Spiritual, Theological, and Moral topics). Everyone is invited to attend and you may bring with you a small plate of food to share together in a potluck dinner afterward.

And on the Last Thursday of the Month will gather together in the church around the Blessed Sacrament listening to Jesus and pouring our hearts out to him.

Let us remember

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

Msgr. John Naffah - Fr. Dr. William Nijm - Ruth Bourjaily - Caesar Tabet - Camile Tabet - Christo Yasmine - Samir Salame - Thomas F. Nelly - Carrie Lynn Pavlousky - Dennis Toland - Alfred Abdo - Bahjat Yousif - Fada Nemeh - Dr. Roland Yammine - Nouha Assaf - Ida Yousif - James Hanna

COLLECTION

September 08, 2019: \$ 4,100.00

"Each one must give from his heart, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7