



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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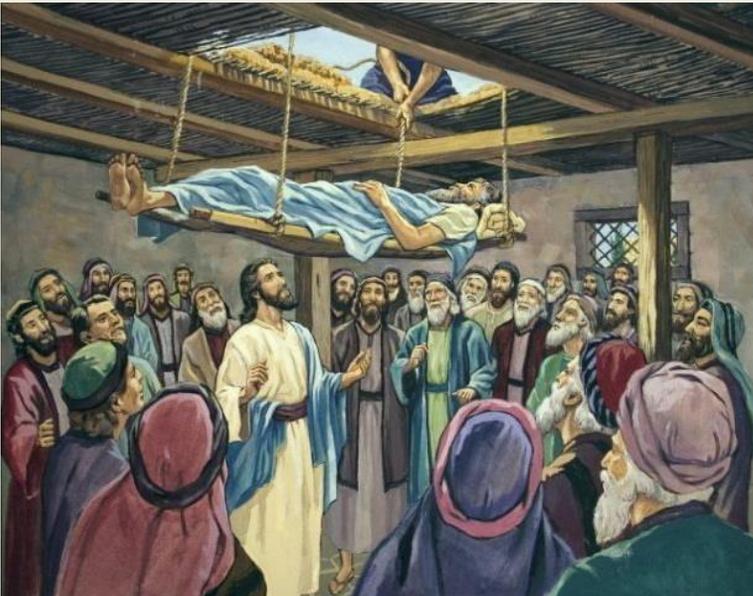
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Season of Holy Lent

Healing of the paralytic man

March 14, 2021



One of the most beautiful and impressive miracles done by Jesus: The healing of a paralytic.

Jesus visited Capernaum and the house was completely full. Four men came carrying a paralytic; but they could not enter the House. They climbed to the roof and made a hole and lowered the paralytic to the middle where Jesus was.

Jesus saw their faith, was moved and after forgiving his sins, he healed him and commanded him to **“rise and take up his mat”**. Instantly the man got up from his bed and walked in front of everyone. And all glorified God.

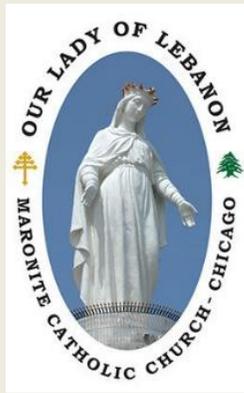
It is a story of friends who are willing to take their friends to Jesus.

It is a story of faith, FAITH IN JESUS: Believing that Jesus can heal and restore.

It is a story of the sin, that paralyzed us, and Jesus comes to heal our sins.

It is the story of prayer that perseveres to find a way to God’s heart.

It is the story of Jesus who makes himself available and invites us to him.



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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "F. Pierre El Khoury". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Father Pierre El Khoury MLM
Pastor

Readings for Sunday March 14

قِرَاءَةٌ مِنْ نُبُوءَةِ آشْعِيَا. وَ بَارِكْ يَا سَيِّدَ.
هَلُمَّ انظُرُوا مَجْدَ الرَّبِّ وَبَهَاءَ إِلَهِنَا.
قُوُوا الْأَيْدِي الْمُسْتَرْخِيَةَ وَشَدِّدُوا الرُّكْبَ الْمُرْتَعِشَةَ.
قُولُوا لِخَائِفِي الْقُلُوبِ: تَسَجَّعُوا لَا تَخَافُوا.
هُوَ يَأْتِي فَيُخَلِّصُكُمْ.
حِينَئِذٍ تُبْصِرُ عُيُونُ الْعُمِيَانِ وَأَذَانُ الصُّمِّ تَتَفَتَّحُ.
حِينَئِذٍ يَقْفِرُ الْأَعْرَجُ كَالِإِلَيْلِ وَيَتَرْتَّمُ لِسَانُ الْأُخْرَسِ.
لَأَنَّهُ قَدْ انْفَجَرَتْ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ مِيَاهُ الرَّبِّ، أَنهَارًا فِي الْقَفْرِ.
وَيَفْتَحُ لَنَا الرَّبُّ الطَّرِيقَ الْمُقَدَّسَ. وَيَسِيرُ فِيهِ الْمُخَلَّصُونَ.
وَالَّذِينَ فَدَاهُمُ الرَّبُّ يَأْتُونَ بِهَتَافٍ وَفَرَحٍ أَبَدِيٍِّّ.
وَتَنْهَزُمُ عَنْهُمْ الْحَسْرَةُ وَيَهْرَبُ عَنْهُمْ النَّحِيبُ. هَلَلُويَا!

1 Timothy 6

Faith with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. Those who want to be rich are falling into temptation and into a trap, for the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

And you, man of God, pursue holiness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called by God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is Holy and immortal, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ لِلْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

عَادَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى كَفَرْنَاهُومَ. وَسَمِعَ النَّاسُ أَنَّهُ فِي الْبَيْتِ. فَتَجَمَّعَ عَدَدٌ كَبِيرٌ مِنْهُمْ حَتَّى غَصَّ بِهِمِ الْمَكَانَ، وَلَمْ يَبْقَ مَوْضِعٌ لِأَحَدٍ وَلَا عِنْدَ الْبَابِ. وَكَانَ يُخَاطِبُهُمْ بِكَلِمَةِ اللَّهِ. فَاتَّوَهُ بِمُخْلَعٍ يَحْمِلُهُ أَرْبَعَةُ رِجَالٍ. وَبِسَبَبِ الْجَمْعِ لَمْ يَسْتَطِيعُوا الْوُضُوعَ بِهِ إِلَى يَسُوعَ، فَكَشَفُوا السَّقْفَ فَوْقَ يَسُوعَ، وَنَبَشُوهُ، وَدَلَّوْا الْفِرَاشَ الَّذِي كَانَ الْمُخْلَعُ مَطْرُوحًا عَلَيْهِ. وَرَأَى يَسُوعُ إِيمَانَهُمْ، فَقَالَ لِلْمُخْلَعِ: «يَا ابْنِي، مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ!». وَكَانَ بَعْضُ الْكَتَبَةِ جَالِسِينَ هُنَاكَ يُفَكِّرُونَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ: «لِمَاذَا يَتَكَلَّمُ هَذَا الرَّجُلُ هَكَذَا؟ إِنَّهُ يُجَدِّفُ! مَنْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ؟». وَفِي الْحَالِ عَرَفَ يَسُوعُ بِرُوحِهِ أَنَّهُمْ يُفَكِّرُونَ هَكَذَا فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «لِمَاذَا تُفَكِّرُونَ بِهَذَا فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ؟ مَا هُوَ الْأَسْهَلُ؟ أَنْ يُقَالَ لِلْمُخْلَعِ: مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ؟ أَمْ أَنْ يُقَالَ: قُمْ وَاحْمِلِ فِرَاشَكَ وَامْشِ؟ وَلِكِي تَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ لَابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ سُلْطَانًا أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ»، قَالَ لِلْمُخْلَعِ: «لَكَ أَقُولُ: قُمْ، إِحْمِلِ فِرَاشَكَ، وَأَذْهَبْ إِلَى بَيْتِكَ!». فَقَامَ فِي الْحَالِ وَحَمَلَ فِرَاشَهُ، وَخَرَجَ أَمَامَ الْجَمِيعِ، حَتَّى دَهَشُوا كُلُّهُمْ وَمَجَّدُوا اللَّهَ قَائِلِينَ: «مَا رَأَيْنَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الْبَتَّةِ!».

Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth"-- he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

Mass Intentions for SUNDAY March 14, 2021

09:30 AM

**Fr Dr William Nijm – Joseph Dacloush
and Nazmieh Joubran (*Ghada Nijm*)
Speedy Recovery of Jeanette Struven**

11:30 AM

**Yacoub Al Zakhem (*William, Mona, Bachir and Mabel Harb*)
Living and Deceased of the Chartouni Family:
Shafic, Amira, Tamam George,
Elaine and Raymond Chartouni (*Elie Chartouni*)**

Mass Intentions for NEXT SUNDAY March 21, 2021

09:30 AM

**1 Year Memorial for Andrew Sullivan
Hank Yario**

11:30 AM

40 days Memorial Marta Esper Moussa (*Micheline Hanna and Family*)

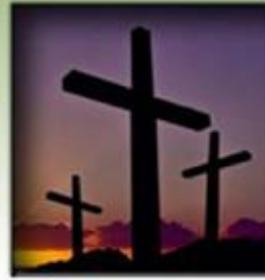
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Readers	Dany Tabet	Subdeacon George Romanos
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Sami Tabet Eddy Moinnes	Ed Kneip, William Harb Henry Abboud, Elie Masud Naji Abiad, John Albani

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

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday <i>March 28</i>	Holy Wednesday <i>March 31</i>	Holy Thursday <i>April 01</i>	Good Friday <i>April 02</i>	Easter Sunday <i>April 04</i>
<i>Blessing Of Plams & Procession</i>	<i>Healing Mass: Blessing of oil & anointing</i>	<i>The Lord's Supper & Adoration of the Sacrament</i>	<i>Adoration of the Cross & Procession</i>	<i>Glorious Resurrection of the Lord Happy Easter!</i>
09:30 AM 11:30 AM	7 PM	7 PM	3 PM 7 PM	Midnight 09:30 AM 11:30 AM

Easter Lilies that decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday are generously donated in memory of loved ones.

If you would like to donate one or more flowers in memory of someone, please send a check made out to *Our Lady of Lebanon* and labeled "Easter Lilies" in the memo or use one of the envelopes in the church lobby. Write the name/s of your beloved ones and place your donation in the offering basket.

The cost is \$20 per plant.





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?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 MARCH 07, 2021

Collection: \$1,604

Mail In: \$1,070

Online: \$725

**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.