



# Our Lady of Lebanon

## Maronite Catholic Church

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### Church Clergy

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

Deacon John Sfire

Subdeacon Thomas Podraza

Subdeacon George Roumanos

### 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 Glorious Birth**  
**Finding the Lord in the Temple**  
December 30, 2018



The celebration of Passover required a pilgrimage once a year to the Temple in Jerusalem to offer sacrifices. This was a 3 day journey from Nazareth to Jerusalem. Jesus was twelve years old and He went with his parents, Joseph and Mary, to celebrate the feast of Passover in Jerusalem.

After the Feast was over, while His parents were returning home, the Boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. For three days (death and resurrection of Christ), Jesus was lost. But Jesus was not lost! Jesus was with His heavenly Father.

Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus, and found him on the third day. This is no mere coincidence or useless detail – the Child Jesus should only be found after the third day - and that He should be found in His Father's house while accomplishing His Father's work.

“Why were you searching for Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?”  
These words are the very first words of our Lord which have been preserved for us.

## 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.*

We pray for those who are hospitalized or homebound, including:  
**Bobbi Sfire, Julia Parkinson**

## Mass Intentions for Christmas, January 06, 2018

09:30 AM

**Betty Shaker** *(The Shaker Family)*  
**George Antoon** *(Paul and Cheryl Ghassan)*  
**Jackie Haddad** *(Michael and Michelle Haddad)*

11:30 AM

**40 days Loucine Kassis** *(The Kassis Family)*  
**Betty Shaker** *(The Shaker Family)*

## Bible Verse

**“Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”**

**LUKE 2:48**

## **Psalm 148**

**Alleluia!** Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

Praise the LORD from the earth, mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted.

And the glory and the LORD is above earth and heaven. **Alleluia!**

## **From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians 1:9-19**

we do not cease praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding to live in a manner worthy of the Lord, so as to be fully pleasing, in every good work bearing fruit and growing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with every power, in accord with his glorious might.

For He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

## **From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 2:41-52**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

# OUR LADY OF LEBANON NEW YEAR'S EVE 2019

## Live Entertainment

Lebanese Star  
**Rawad Saab**

Limited Seating  
Please **RSVP**



## Program

7:30 Cocktail  
8:30 Dinner  
**Cash Bar**




## Ticket Price

Adult \$65  
Children \$35\*  
**Cash Bar**



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	<b>Mass Celebration</b>	
	<b>Finding of the Lord: P. 87</b> <b>Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774</b>	
	<b>Sunday Readings</b>	
	<b>Psalm 148</b> <b>Reading: Colossians 1:9-19</b> <b>Holy Gospel: Luke 2:41-52</b>	
	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	
	<p><b><u>09:30 AM</u></b></p> <b>George Antoon</b> ( <i>Bill and Cheryl Blum</i> ) <p><b><u>11:30 AM</u></b></p> <b>40 days - Pierre Mounsef</b> ( <i>Amira Mounsef &amp; Family</i> ) <b>Miladi Katar</b> ( <i>Aunt of Sami Tabet</i> ) <b>George Antoon</b> ( <i>Jeanette Struven</i> ) <b>Edgar Merjane</b> ( <i>Merjane Family</i> )	
<b>Schedules</b>	<b>Sunday 9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 11:30 am</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Stephanie and Leila Nehra Gaby & Elias Tamer	Christy, Reem and Fadi Hattar Jason Bendok, Ramez Sayegh
<b>Readers</b>	Anthony Shaker	Bechara Serour (Arabic) Jessica Mounsef (English)
<b>Ushers</b>	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Elie Masud, Nakhoul Nehra, Amir Geha

## Announcements

### \* **New Year's Party**

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, in the Shaker Hall from 7 PM to 1 AM with live music, entertainment, Dj, and a holiday raffle. Tickets \$65 and \$35 for children 10 years and under. Contact Elie Masud.

\* **Epiphany:** Saturday, January 05, 2019 - Mass at 6 pm with Blessing of the Water followed by cheese and wine and playing cards. Please sign up your name.

### Let us remember

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

George Antoon - Sophia Abraham - Genevieve Abraham - Virginia Nimer - Helen Botwin –  
Emil Haddad – Sophie Fahel - Samir Rizkallah - Chukri Daniel - Karim El Tenn - Jamile Maalouf -  
Hattie Yorecki - Emil Aya - Michelle York - George Bohakel - Jeannette Youssef - Eugene D.  
Bodan - Helen Cordell - George L. George - Safa Ghandour - Rose Halowi – George Hanna -  
Gerges Hattar - Michael Ibrahim - Anton Kassis - Patrick O'Shea – Genevieve Salem - Nicola  
Shahwan - Alice C. Thomas

### COLLECTION

**Christmas, December 25, 2018: \$11,902.00**

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

**2 Corinthians 9:7**