



Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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Church Clergy

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

Deacon John Sfire

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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.

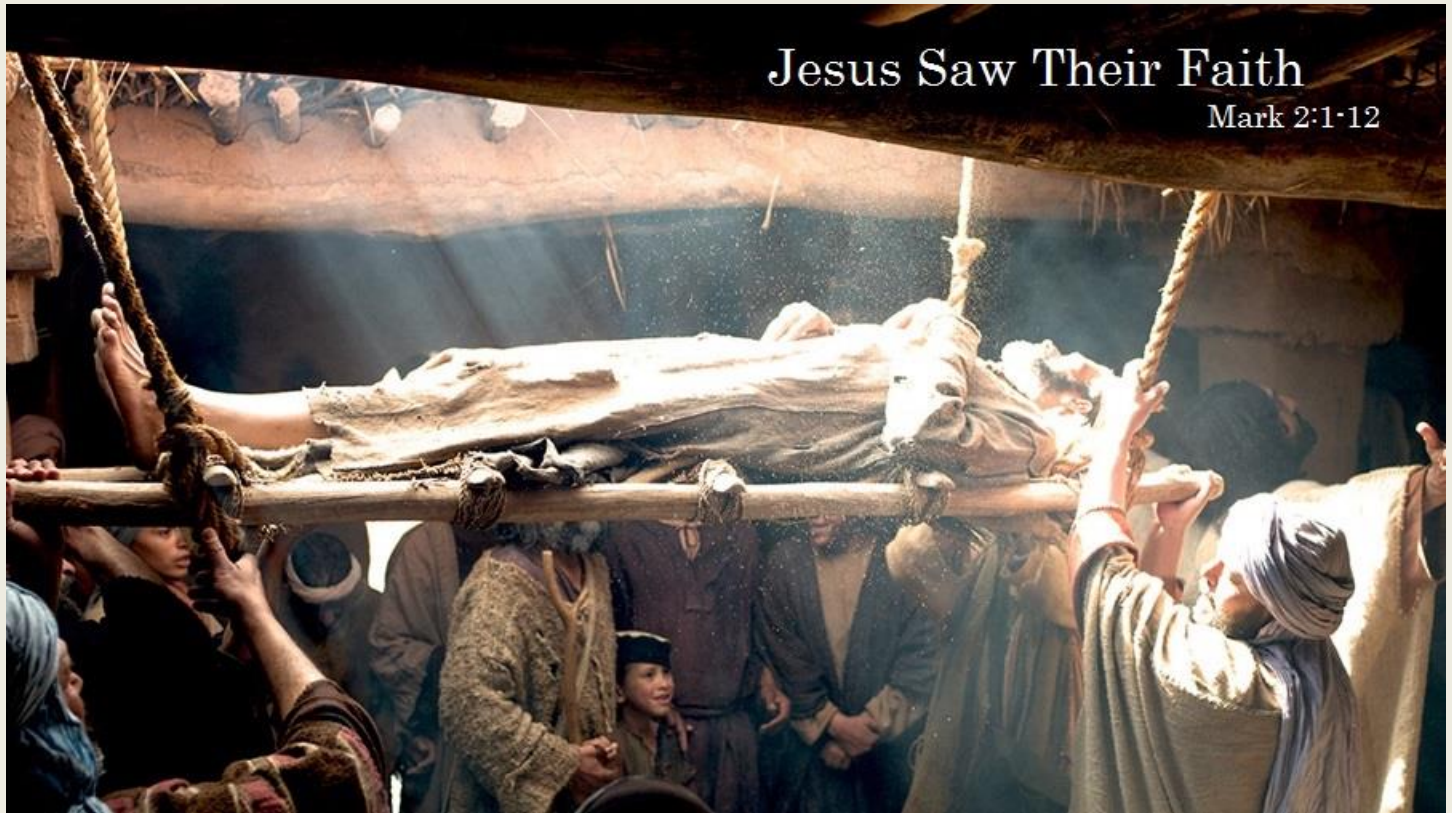
Ministry of the Sick

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 Great Lent
The Paralyzed man
March 31, 2019



A picture of hospitality.

Jesus opened His home to friends and strangers. The effect was twofold. **First**, Jesus welcomed all, regardless of social status or immoral past. **Second**, the "open house" atmosphere allowed the enemies of Jesus on His own turf. Jesus and His followers would suffer for their openness. Nonetheless, suffering was necessary to proclaim the Kingdom.

“They removed the roof above Him”

This scripture has to make you wonder “How much faith do I really have?” Our faith isn’t tested when we are at peace and everything is so wonderful. Our faith is tested when our very breath is being taken from us. We are tested when we are down and usually at our worst. That is when we must turn to Jesus, but that can’t be the only time we turn to Him.

Restoration

Forgiveness is meant to be a restoration. (His place in the community). More important, Jesus call the men "Child," He gave the man a place in God's Kingdom.

“Rise”= a reference to resurrection. **Pick up your mat** = a sign of power over his helplessness. **Go to your house** = a reference to family, his place in community.

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 April 07, 2019

09:30 AM

Joseph Shaker, Sr. *(The Shaker Family) 13TH YEAR MEMORIAL*

11:30 AM

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Souad Ghasoub

Bible Verse

*When Jesus saw their faith, He said,
"Child, your sins are forgiven."*

Luke 15:32

Prophet Isaiah 43

But now, this is what the Lord says: he who created you, he who formed you:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.
For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One, your Savior;
you are precious and honored in my sight, and I love you.
Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

From the First Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 6:6-19

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 get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. 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. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, 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.

From the Gospel of our Lord according to 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.

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EASTER BAKE SALE - Sunday, April 14, 2019

ITEM	PACKAGE SIZE	PRICE PER PACKAGE	QUANTITY	TOTAL PRICE
Manakeesh with Za'atar	1/2 Dozen	\$ 8.00		
Manakeesh with Cheese	1/2 Dozen	\$10.00		
Spinach Pies	1 Dozen	\$13.00		
Meat Pies	1 Dozen	\$15.00		
Kibbe Meatballs	1 Dozen	\$18.00		
Veggie Kibbe	1 Dozen	\$18.00		
Shishbarak (pre-order only)	2 Dozen	\$15.00		
Kibbe Sayniye (pre-order only)	Half Tray	\$30.00		
Grape Leaves (pre-order only)	2 Dozens	\$15.00		
Sha'aybiyet (pre-order only)	1 Dozen	\$10.00		
Ma'amoul w/Walnuts	1 Dozen	\$15.00		
Ma'amoul w/Pistachios	1 Dozen	\$16.00		
Ma'amoul w/Dates	1 Dozen	\$15.00		
Sablet Cookies	1 Dozen	\$12.00		
Ka'ak Bhalib	16 oz./ 1 pound	\$12.00		
WINE: Ksara / Adayar	1 Bottle	\$25		
ARAK: Ksara / Brun	1 Bottle	\$30		
TOTAL				

This price is only for Pre-order.

*Kindly pay and place your order no later than April 10th, 2019.
All items pre-orders to be picked up at the church on Sunday April 14th, 2019.*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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Mass Celebration		
	Prodigal Son: P. 217 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
Sunday Readings		
	PSALM 41 Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:5-13 Holy Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	
Mass Intentions for THIS SUNDAY		
	<u>09:30 AM</u> Jackie Haddad <i>(The Shaker Family)</i> <u>11:30 AM</u> 40 days Genevieve Elias ElKhoury <i>(Mother of Sam Ajram & Patricia Jasser)</i> Reverend Father Joseph Mikhael Ziadé <i>(The Ziade Family)</i> Souad Ghasoub	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Readers	Margaret Budz	Fadia Gharib (Arabic) Diala Chahoud (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Joe Gharib Henry Abboud, Albert Dakhoul

Announcements

✳ **Wednesday prayer and discussion – Theme: Culture Change**

✳ **Stations of the Cross:** Friday at 7 pm followed by a potluck dinner in the Shaker Hall

✳ **Easter Bake Sale** Easter Bake Sale is on April 14, 2019. Please place your pre- orders ASAP. For more info contact Madeleine Malek. You can make your order and pay online at ollchicago.org

✳ **40 Days Of Glory: Spiritual Retreat:** Saturday, April 6th, from 9 am till 7 pm at Our Lady of Lebanon. Subdeacon George – Jean D’arc Yasmin or Gisele Mulcahey.

✳ **Holy Week Schedule**

- Palm Sunday April 14th: 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM and procession
- Monday April 15th – Tuesday April 16th @ 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- Wednesday April 17th @ 7:30 PM: Healing Mass and Blessing of the oil
- Thursday April 18th at @ 7:30 PM: Mass with Washing of the feet and adoration
- Good Friday April 19th: Liturgy at 7:30 PM
- Saturday April 20th: 10:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt
- Easter Sunday April 21st: Midnight Mass – 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Let us remember

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

Megan Shaker - Jim Abraham - Bertha Derzy - Stasia Abraham - Cris Crispin - Dixie Haddad - Peter Dumit - Robert Basil - James Bomrad - Louis Haddad - Fredia Saige - Nabiha Farris - Mary Bouzide - Maurice Zayek.

COLLECTION

March 24, 2019: \$4,541.00

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

2 Corinthians 9:7