



## **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 Romanos

#### **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.

# GLORIOUS EPIPHANY

## Jesus and Nicodemus

### JANUARY 26, 2019



Jesus is visited by Nicodemus, a Pharisee. It is an interesting encounter. Nicodemus is curious about Jesus and the works which are pointing to His divinity. It is also interesting that Nicodemus came to Jesus at night, perhaps out of fear from his fellow Pharisees.

The focus of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus is on how one may enter the kingdom of God. Jesus says one must be born again (Jn 3:3). This puzzles Nicodemus, just as it puzzles many today. "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, they cannot enter the Kingdom of heaven (Jn 3:5).

Born carries the idea of a new life. "Born" gives the impression not only of "life" but also of "beginning." Jesus is talking about baptism: When we are baptized we die to our sins just as Christ died for us, and as Christ rose from the dead, we rise from the water to a new life free from sins. It is a new life with a new identity as we were once without Christ, now we are in Christ.

**We pray for all the sick in our Parish**

“Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed;  
save me and I will be saved,  
for you are the one I praise”

**Jeremiah 17:14**

**Mass Intentions for NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 02, 2019**

**09:30 AM**

**Eleanor Haddad** *(Richard and Mariana Bohakel)*

**11:30 AM**

**Leila Saadeh Sweilem** *(Sweilem Family)*

***Bible Verse***

***No one can see the kingdom of God  
Without being born from above.***

***JOHN 3:3***

## **Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

**Alleluia!**

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## **From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians 3:23-29**

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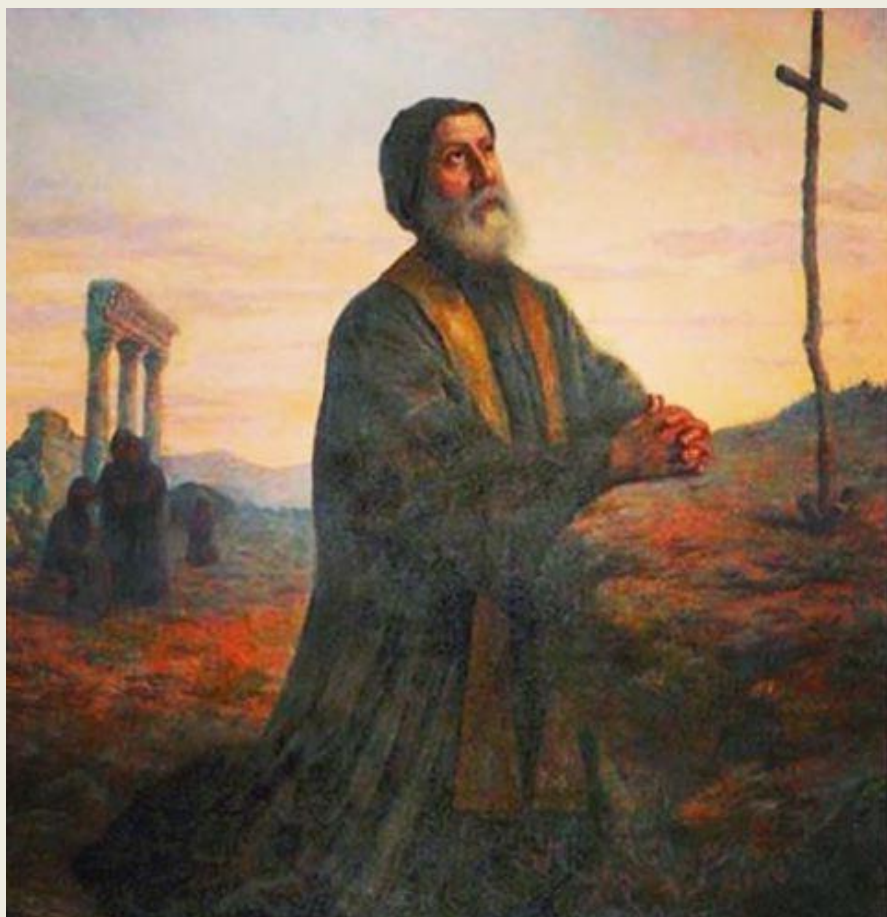
Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave[g] nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

## **From the Holy Gospel according to Saint John 3:1-16**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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*Our Lady of Lebanon  
Church Celebrates*

*The Feast of  
Saint Maron*

*Sunday Feb 9*

*After 11:30 Mass*

*Recital Performance  
By Nizar Fares*

*Followed by a Luncheon*



# DISCOVERING THEIR POTENTIAL

*Visit us and see how.*

## SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Pre-K through 8th Grade

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.



*RSVP (optional, recommended)*




[evite.me/wFtH6FADG6](https://evite.me/wFtH6FADG6)

*"Come and See"*



**St. Philip the Apostle  
Catholic School**



	<b>Mass Celebration</b>	
	<b>Glorious Epiphany of the Lord: Page 107</b> <b>Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774</b>	
	<b>Sunday Readings</b>	
	<b>Psalm 121</b> <b>Reading: Galatians 3:23-29</b> <b>Holy Gospel: JOHN 3:1-16</b>	
	<b>Mass Intentions for <b>THIS SUNDAY</b></b>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>09:30 AM</b></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Abdo Daou and Jeanette Mattar</b> <i>(Dr. Ray &amp; Mrs Laure Daou)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>11:30 AM</b></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Speedy Recovery of Lorene Kassis</b> <i>(Peter Kassis)</i></p>	
<b>Schedules</b>	<b>Sunday 9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 11:30 am</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Cheryl Blum	Laude tenn <i>(Arabic)</i> Rachel Tenn <i>(English)</i>
<b>Ushers</b>	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Nakhoul Nehra, Albert Dakhoul, Naji Abiad

## **Announcements**

- ✳ **MRE:** Classes begin at 10:20 sharp and end at 11:20. We are asking parents and teachers to please arrive at church by 10:15.
- ✳ **Feast of Saint MARON:** Our Parish will celebrate the feast of Saint Maron on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>, followed by a **recital with Nizar Fares** and a Luncheon.
- ✳ **VALENTINE French Crepes Night: Friday 14, 2020 at 7:30 pm**

### **Let us remember**

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

Helen Shaker – Betty Shaker – Fred Gilaty – Sophia Shaker - Sonny Abraham - Loretta Abraham – George Paul Doucette – Lynley M. Garvin – Albert Hopsy – Michael Jabour – Louise Lucchesi – Sarah Malouf – Barbra Nahra – Joseph V. O’Neil – Isabel Damuny Shahwan

### **COLLECTION**

**JANUARY 19, 2019: \$ 2,995**

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

**2 Corinthians 9:7**