

Our Lady of Lebanon



Maronite Catholic Church

April 25, 2021

The Miraculous Catch

Feast of Saint George (April 23rd)



Appearance by the Sea

John 21:1-14



Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 3 “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

5 He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

6 He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say,

“It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. 8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. 9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

10 Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.”

11 So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.

12 Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

14 This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.



Fish - a symbol of Christianity

Jesus first called his disciples at the seashore of Galilee. After his resurrection, the last appearance recorded in the bible was also on the shore of Galilee. They were fishermen and he promised them to become fishers of men. Fish from the beginning, was a symbol for Jesus' mission and for Jesus' followers.

The Greek word for fish is "ichthys" (Ik-tous). So, the Christians of the first century made a word puzzle of the letters of the word "ichthys":

Iesous (Jesus) **Ch**ristos (Christ)

Theou (God) **Y**ios (Son of) **S**oter (Saviour),

Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.

The fish also remind us of Jesus' miracle of when he fed the 5,000 with 5 loaves and 2 fishes.

Finally, the early church made a parallel between fish and converts in the baptism of water: "**We, little fishes, after the image of our Ichthys, Jesus Christ, are born in the water.**" - (Tertullian)

Family Profile & Parish History

The Beginning: The Guttas Family

WRITTEN BY MARGARET BUDZ

Meet my aunt and uncle, Peter and Libby Guttas, two pioneers of the Our Lady of Lebanon committee, devoted to the dream of establishing a Maronite Church on the near west side of Chicago. Peter was the first Treasurer of the small group of Maronites who met weekly to plan and organize fund raisers to raise money for the church.



Aunt Libby & Uncle Peter

Libby and the legion of women willing and able to cook and bake to do their part to realize this dream. (Not unlike the Ladies of our current parish.) The Ladies inaugurated an annual Dinner Dance, held at the Marshall Square Ballroom – a hall above the Marshall Square Theatre. These Dinner Dances became a huge success and a cash flow toward the purchase

of a building to house the first in the progression of sites to house the church.

The first building purchased by the Church Committee was a small bungalow on Tallman & 15th St. in Chicago. The church was situated in the basement of the building and the Priest's residence on the first floor. A very humble beginning but to Peter and Libby and their fellow parishioners it was a place for Maronites to worship together at long last. Whenever I think of this first church I think of "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20).



Mass in the first church



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Peter and Libby raised three children, two of them were able to witness this dream, their oldest was already married and living in Michigan. Their youngest Sandra made her First Communion in that little basement church. Libby and her friend Della George taught the CCD class. The parishioners wore many hats, cooks, teachers, carpenters, janitors, etc. No task was too much because the reward was their church.



**Sandra's Communion
in First Church**

Peter and Libby witnessed the next phase of Our Lady of Lebanon, a Church on Midway Park further west but still in Chicago. By this time many of the parishioners had moved out of the old neighborhood and The Guttas's moved to the far south side. This did not deter them from attending their church even though they had to take three busses to get there.

I remember Father Naffah telling the story of a very snowy Sunday with few parishioners able to get the church seeing two little snow people walking through the snow to get to church, it was Pete and Libby. They shared many memories of this church; they saw their son Fred get married in this new church. The journey continues to Hillside to where they shared many happy memories, their 50th anniversary, Libby's 80th birthday and many more.

While it was the final church for my Aunt Libby and Uncle Pete it was not the final church for the parish. Our Lady of Lebanon now has its own Beautiful Church in Lombard, IL. And I am certain that Pete and Libby are looking down with pride and love for all the Maronite Community has achieved. From their humble beginning to our Glorious Church, thank you Uncle Pete and Aunt Libby, your DREAM has become our reality.



Their son's wedding



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Their son's wedding at Church in Midway Park

**Please share with us your family involvement in
Our Lady of Lebanon, please email us:**

> Email Margaret Budz margebudz@sbcglobal.net

- or email the office:

ollofficechicago@gmail.com

Mass Intentions for Sunday, April 25



*He is Risen!
Al Massih Qam!*

9:30 AM

Mariam Zodo

(Jean Zodo)

George Paul Antoon

(Bill and Cheryl Blum)

11:30 AM

**Lucile and Victor Wertz
Tammer and Mary Caleel**

Maria Louise Caleel

(The Caleel Family)

9:30 AM

Easter in Orthodox Church

We pray for Unity of the Church
and for a true witness to the Lord

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Mass Intentions for Sunday, May 2



*He is Risen!
Al Massih Qam!*

Lebanese Families to be sponsored for 1 year, through Caritas Lebanon & The Eparchy of Our Lady Of Lebanon, L.A.

Yerwant K.: \$100

Family Members: 7

#161, Bekaa Center, CLF032

Father is 54 years old, his wife and 2 children (boy and girl). Both are married and live with parents (son + wife have a 5 year old daughter).

The father suffers from chronic heart disease + diabetes.
Medical needs: 400,000 LBP/Month.

A year ago, the father stopped working (bus driver). He lives in the care of his 2 married children, but they manage to help him as much as possible but that is not enough.



Therese B.: \$100

Family Members: 7

#162, Bekaa Center, CLF032

Father is 59 years old, his wife suffers from back problems and 4 children: 2 in university & 2 in school.

Father-in-law is 79 years old, they live in Anjar in their own modest house. Before the economic crisis, the father worked at the school as a driver but now he is at home.

The father in law is elderly, disabled and needs medication + diapers.

Nawak S.: \$50

Family Members: 2

#163, Bekaa Center, CLF130

A widowed 48 year old woman works as a cleaner in a school for a half salary of 300,000 LBP/Month and her 18-year old son stopped his secondary education in order to look for work.

This low income family lives in Qabb Elias, and they are in debt.
Rental needs: 400,000 LBP/month.



Mikael K.: \$100


Family Members: 5

#164, Bekaa Center, CLF014

Father is a 56 years old taxi driver, mother is a housekeeper with a 12-year old daughter. They live with the father's single brother + sister in their parents' home.

The father suffers from diabetes, blood pressure and heart problems, & had several back surgeries. Requires permanent medication for his health problems.

Father's health issues prevented him from working. His sister was let go from work, 6 months ago. Their financial condition is bad.



Widowed 41-year old woman has health problems with her eyes and feet and has a 13-year old daughter. They live with her parents (5 members in a house of 3 rooms), where they own the home. The daughter studies at Deir Taanayel, and the school helps with the tuition. She works for a half 400,000 LBP/Month.

Therese K.: \$50

Family Members: 2

#165, Bekaa Center, CLF039

Her parents' financials and health are bad: the father works in a factory and receives a half salary of 500,000 LBP/Month and the mother is a housewife but has chronic health problems.

Georges A.: \$100

Family Members: 5

Father earns a half salary and the mother is a housewife. The kids are small and they also have a baby that needs milk + diapers which they can't secure.

They also have a lot of debt to pay to their relatives. The family is vulnerable, and needs financial assistance to provide for their basic needs.

#166, Littoral Metn, CLF059

Miled Abou M.: \$50

Family Members: 1

An unaccompanied widow needs someone to take care of her. She has epilepsy and cannot secure her medicines because of their expensive prices.

She works as a cleaner for a very small salary.

#169, Littoral Metn, CLF144

Anne A.: \$50

Family Members: 1

Elderly woman lives alone in a rented apartment, with no relatives by her side. Sometimes she cleans buildings in order to provide for her basic needs; no fixed income.

She also has medical needs for doctor's visits, and medicines; she is a diabetic.

#167, Littoral Metn, CLF139

Elias K.: \$75

Family Members: 4

Father works for a very low salary and the wife is at home with the kids. The family has to pay rent expenses and milk and diapers for their kids.

They need financial support in order to provide for their daily and basic needs in addition to rent expenses.

#168, Littoral Metn, CLF139

Ohan W.: \$100

Family Members: 5

Father is unemployed as he recently lost his job and the mother is a house wife. The kids are small and they have a baby and are unable to purchase milk and diapers.

They also have a lot of debt to repay to their relatives. The family is vulnerable and needs financial assistance.

#170, Littoral Metn, CLF148



MYO

(Maronite Youth Organization)

Meetings on Saturdays @ 1pm, via Zoom.

For more information please contact:

Gisele: (630) 229-4216 or

MYA

(Maronite Youth Adults)

Meetings on Sundays @ 7pm, via Zoom.

For more information please contact:

Karen: (630) 597-8501 or

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Virtual Bible Study

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WEDNESDAYS
AT 7PM
VIA ZOOM
BY ABOUNA

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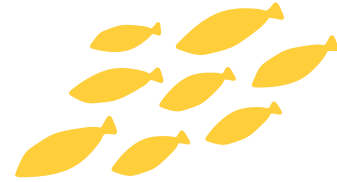
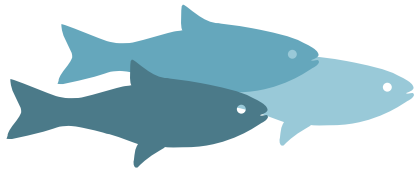
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First Holy Communion

at Our Lady of Lebanon

Will be held on Saturday, May 22nd
Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am



→ REGISTER BY APRIL 25 ←

St. Philip the Apostle School Virtual Preview Day

About our fourth through
eighth grade programs

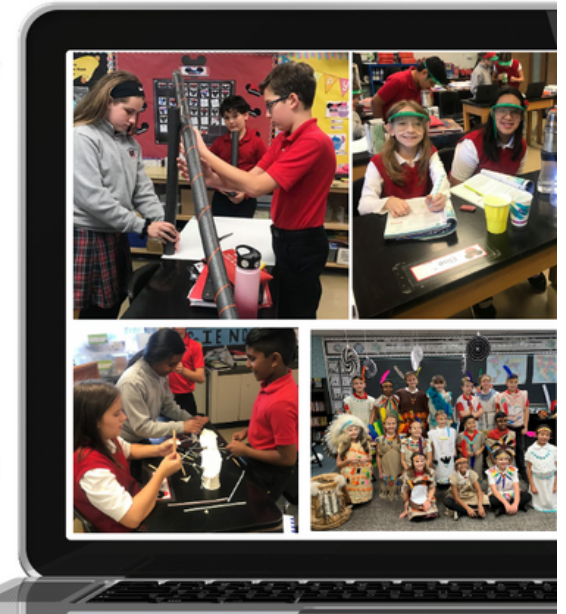
**Tuesday, April 27, 2021
6 pm**

- Learn about our programs
- Virtual school tour
- Current parent discussion
- "From the eyes of a student" -- student panel

Register at:
tinyurl.com/preview4-8



St. Philip the Apostle School
1233 W. Holtz Ave., Addison, IL 60101
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Questions? Call 630/543-4130

Readers and Ushers

Mass 9:30 am

Readers

Margaret Budz

Ushers

Nabil Zahra
Sami Tabet
Eddy Moinnes



Mass 11:30 am

Readers

Sub. George Romanos

Ushers

Ed Kneip, Henry Abboud,
William Harb, Elie Masud
Naji Abiad, John Albani



Let Us Remember our Beloved Ones who died during the **month of April**

Joseph Shaker, Sr.
Joseph Allen
George Abraham
Abe Abraham
Philip Conley
Mary Shaker
Dorothy Gilaty
Minnie Bohakel
Joseph Basil

John Deeham
Atena Hanna
Gurken Israelian
Charles Jage
Dr. Issam Kaddourah
Jack Markwell
Julia A. Saad
Anice A. Shababy
Mary Ann Sirbeck

Weekly Collection

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Collection \$1,732

Mail In: \$1,550

Online: \$ 500

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MAY GOD ACCEPT YOUR SACRIFICIES.

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