



## **Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church**

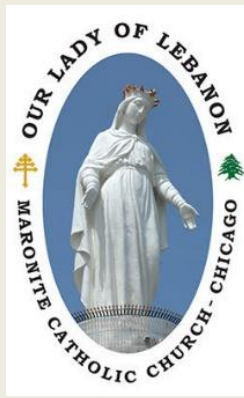
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### **Season of Glorious Birth Finding the Lord in the Temple January 03, 2021**





## 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](http://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,



Father Pierre El Khoury MLM  
Pastor

## Readings for Sunday January 03

### الْمَرْمُورُ الْمِئَةُ وَالْخَمْسُونَ

هَلِّلُويَا! سَبِّحُوا اللَّهَ فِي هَيْكَلِ قُدْسِهِ. سَبِّحُوهُ فِي سَمَاءِ عِزَّتِهِ.  
سَبِّحُوهُ لِأَجْلِ جَبَرُوتِهِ. سَبِّحُوهُ لِأَجْلِ وَفَرَةِ عَظَمَتِهِ.  
سَبِّحُوهُ بِصَوْتِ الْبُوقِ. سَبِّحُوهُ بِالْعُودِ وَالْكِثَّارَةِ.  
سَبِّحُوهُ بِالذُّفِّ وَالرَّقْصِ. سَبِّحُوهُ بِالْأُوتَارِ وَالْمِزْمَارِ.  
سَبِّحُوهُ بِالصُّنُوجِ. سَبِّحُوهُ بِالْهُتَافِ.  
كُلَّ نَسَمَةٍ فَلْتَسَبِّحِ الرَّبَّ. هَلِّلُويَا!

### Hebrews 7

Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means “righteous king”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.” Without father, mother, or ancestry, without beginning of days or end of life, thus made to resemble the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

Just think how great he is: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the spoils! This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.

Because perfection could not have been attained through the old priesthood, so Christ came in the order of Melchizedek, and not in the order of Aaron. For it is written: “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.” And when the priesthood is changed, the law must be changed also. Because the Law was weak and useless and made nothing perfect, that’s why a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

وكان أبواه يذهبان كل سنة إلى أورشليم في عيد الفصح. فلما بلغ اثنتي عشرة سنة، صعدوا إليها جزيًا على السنة في العيد. فلما انقضت أيام العيد ورجعا، بقي الصبي يسوع في أورشليم، من غير أن يعلم أبواه. وكانا يظنان أنه في القافلة، فسارا مسيرة يوم، ثم أخذوا يبحثان عنه عند الأقارب والمعارف. فلما لم يجداه، رجعا إلى أورشليم يبحثان عنه. فوجداه بعد ثلاثة أيام في الهيكل، جالساً بين المعلمين، يستمع إليهم ويسألهم. وكان جميع سامعيه معجبين أشد الإعجاب بذكائه وجواباته. فلما أبصره دهشوا، فقالت له أمه: يا بُني، لِمَ صَنَعْتَ بِنا ذلِكَ؟ فأنا وأبوك نبحثُ عنكَ مُتلهفين. فقال لهما: ولِمَ بحثتما عني؟ ألم تعلمَا أَنَّهُ يَجِبُ عَلَيَّ أَن أَكونَ عند أبي؟ فلم يفهما ما قال لهما. ثم نزل معهما، وعادا إلى الناصرة، وكان طائعا لهما، وكانت أمه تحفظ تلك الأمور كلها في قلبها. وكان يسوع يتسامى في الحكمة والقامة والخطوة عند الله والناس.

#### 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.

**Mass Intentions for SUNDAY January 03, 2021**

**09:30 AM**

**Mona Zahrah Kfour** *(Margaret Budz)*

**11:30 AM**

**Farida Daniel** *(The Shaker 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

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

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**December 24, 25 & 27**

**Church Collection: \$ 6,147**

**By Mail: \$1,750**

**Online: \$2,550**

**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.**

### **Let us remember**

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

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