



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Church Clergy

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

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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
Sunday of the Leper
March 10, 2019



In the Old Testament, leprosy is depicted as punishment for disobedience of God's commands. LEPER is considered "unclean"—unfit to worship or live with people. Lepers are considered the living dead.

"Lord, if you will, You can make me clean". He falls on his face, which is at once a gesture of lowliness and of shame, to show that every man should blush for the stains of his life.

Jesus stretches out His hand as God. He stretches out His arm and perform mighty deeds to save. And His divine word is "Be made clean", like God's word "Let there be... light."

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 March 17, 2019

09:30 AM

Edward Jage *(Bill & Cheryl Blum)*

11:30 AM

Souad Ghasoub

Bible Verse

Jesus said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

Revelation 19:9

Psalm 25

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

For you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,

And of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

According to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his decrees! **Alleluia**

From the Letter of Saint Paul to Romans 6:12-23

Therefore, sin must not reign over your mortal bodies so that you obey their desires. And do not present the parts of your bodies to sin as weapons for wickedness, but present yourselves to God as raised from the dead to life and the parts of your bodies to God as weapons for righteousness. For sin is not to have any power over you, since you are not under the law but under grace.

For just as you presented the parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness for lawlessness, so now present them as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. But what profit did you get then from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

But now that you have been freed from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit that you have leads to sanctification, and its end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

From the Gospel of our Lord according to Mark 1:35-45

A leper came to him (and kneeling down) begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.

Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

	Mass Celebration	
	Cana Sunday: P. 196 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	PSALM 25 Reading: Romans 6:12-23 Holy Gospel: Mark 1:35-42	
	Mass Intentions	
	<p><u>09:30 AM</u></p> <p>40 days: Claire Shouchair Wakim <i>(The Wakim Family)</i></p> <p><u>11:30 AM</u></p> <p>40 days: Claire Shouchair Wakim <i>(The Wakim Family)</i></p> <p>Souad Ghasoub</p> <p>Youssef El Kartabani <i>(El Kartabani Family)</i></p> <p>Joseph, Claire & George Ghandour <i>(Nabil Ghandour)</i></p>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Readers	Andrea Chalouhi	Pierre Wakim (Arabic) Andrea Wakim (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Joe Gharib, Albert Dakhoul, Naji Abiad

Announcements

✳ **Sunday March 10, 2019 - Daylight Saving Time Starts (Forward 1 hour)**

✳ **Wednesday prayer and discussion:**

Jesus Said For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. Every Wednesday during Lent will meet at 7 pm to pray together and then at 7:30 discussion is on how to apply God's words in our daily troubles and problems. Discussion is guided by Dr. Dalloul, psychiatrist, and Father Pierre. Next Wednesday, discussion is about **Depression**.

✳ **Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday during the season of Lent, Stations of the Cross at 7 pm followed by a potluck dinner in the Shaker Hall.

✳ **Next Sunday, March 17, we will celebrate the feast of Saint Joseph:** After 11:30 am Mass the youth invites all the parish to enjoy together a Lenten Lunch – this lunch is a fundraising event for the youth group – MYO.

✳ **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.

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 03, 2019: \$5,180

"Each one must give from his heart, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7