

Our Lady of Lebanon

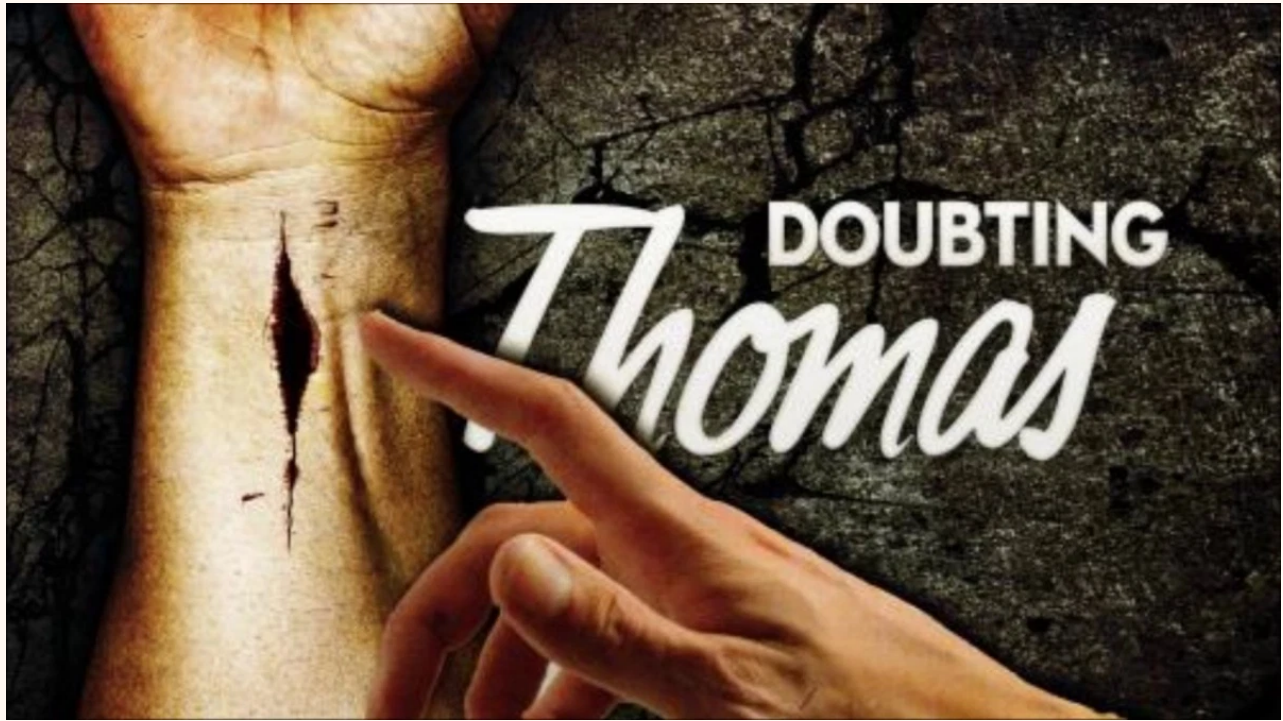


Maronite Catholic Church

April 11, 2021

New Sunday





Jesus Appears to Thomas *John 20:24-31*

24 Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands.

Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



Dear Parishioners,

The Maronite Church calls the first Sunday after Easter the New Sunday, since Christ's resurrection makes everything new. It is a new hope for a better life for all humanity.

The disciples said to Thomas, "**We have seen the Lord.**" (John 20:25) No doubt that the witnessing of faith is of great importance because it is the duty of each Christian to proclaim in their daily life that Jesus is truly risen. Also, no doubt that we see the risen Lord every time we take care of the needs of others and step in to help.

Our parish community is sponsoring 10 families from Lebanon through Caritas Lebanon and the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon, L.A. You'll find the list of family needs in this bulletin. Please take a moment, let the Lord guide you and give as you are led. Then proclaim your faith and say "I have seen the Lord!".

Also, I'd like to introduce you to a new section in our bulletin, which is the history of our church from inception till now. We'd like you to share with us the involvement of your family in the life of our community as we honor all our families and their vital roles in establishing our parish.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Pierre El Khoury, pastor

Family Profile & Parish History

The Beginning: Lillian Hanna's Family

WRITTEN BY LILLIAN HANNA

My parents James and Atena and I were among the original members of the committee that worked together to bring about the establishment of the first Maronite Church in the Chicago area.

Approximately twelve women met every other Sunday, appointing me as secretary, to plan how to raise money to build the church. The Maronite women decided that a Dinner Dance would be a good start. The Dinner Dance was a big success and became an annual affair.

Eventually the Maronite community purchased a bungalow on Talman and Washtenaw in Chicago,



small but a beginning. Eventually the church moved from the home on Talman to a beautiful church on Midway Park, on the far west side of Chicago.

My mother and father lived to see their dream come true as they witnessed the move from the basement church to the beautiful church on Midway Park. My father was the first parishioner to be buried from that church and my mother was the last to be buried from this church, that they helped establish, before the move onward to the beautiful church in Hillside.



I know all those women who worked so hard to help in the building of our church are (probably still cooking up in Heaven) smiling down on us now in our beautiful church.,

Mass Intentions for Sunday, April 11



*He is Risen!
Al Massih Qam!*

9:30 AM

Owen Petrzelka
Isaac Shaker
Megan Shaker
Abe Abraham
(The Shaker Family)

Fr. Dr. William Nijm
Joseph Dacloush
Nazmieh Joubran
(Ghada Nijm)

11:30 AM

Dr. Roland Yammine
(Nadia Yammine)

9:30 AM

Lucile & Victor Wertz
Tammer & Mary Caleel
Maria Louise Caleel
(The Caleel Family)

11:30 AM

Fouad Khalil Hattar
Najla Hattar
Kallil Fouad Hattar
Hymaan Fouad Hattar
*(Brother & Nephews
of Haidar Hattar)*

Mass Intentions for Sunday, April 18



*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

Danny: (847) 924-7806



Virtual Bible Study



**WEDNESDAYS
AT 7PM
VIA ZOOM
BY ABOUNA**

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Readers and Ushers

Mass 9:30 am

Readers

Dany Tabet

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 4, 2021

Collection \$8,247

Mail In: \$ 575

Online: \$1,875

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LOVE, GENEROSITY AND
SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH.
MAY GOD ACCEPT YOUR SACRIFICIES.

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