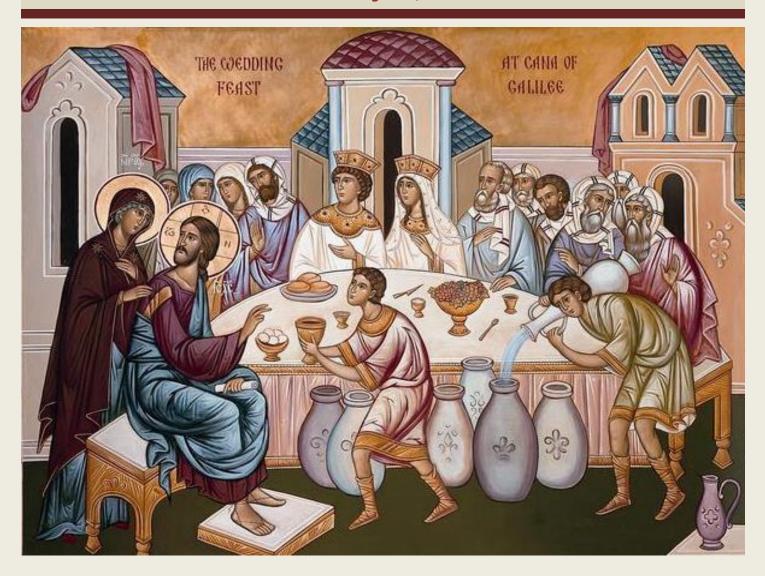


Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Season of Holy Lent The Wedding at Cana February 14, 2021



Jesus is more interested in transforming our character than our circumstances for God's will is always to make us more like Jesus.

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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 <u>ollchicago.org</u> 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 <u>not</u> 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,

F Priere & Khom

Father Pierre El Khoury MLM Pastor

Readings for Sunday February 14

مِنْ رُؤْيَا القدِّيسِ يوحَنَّا

هللويا! إِنَّ لِإِلَهِنَا الْخَلاَصَ وَالْمَجْدَ وَالْقُدْرَةَ، لأَنَّ أَحْكَامَهُ حَقُّ وَعَدْلُ. سَبِّحُوا إِلَهَنَا يَا جَمِيعَ عَبِادِهِ، والَّذينَ يَتَقُونَهُ صِغَارَهُمْ وَكِبَارَهُمْ. فَإِنَّ الرَّبَّ إِلَهَنَا الْقَدِيرَ قَدْ مَلَكَ. فَلْنَبْتَهِجْ وَنَفْرَحْ وَنَتَهَلَّلْ بِمَجْدَهِ. لأَنَّ عُرْسَ الْحَمَلِ قَدْ حَضَرَ، وَعرُوسَهُ قَدْ هَيَّأَتْ نَفْسَهَا. وَأُعْطِيَتْ أَنْ تَلْبَسَ حَرِيراً نَقِيّاً بَهِيّاً مِن أَعْمالِ القِدِيسِينَ. طوبَى لِلْمَدْعُوِّينَ إِلَى عَشَاء عُرْسِ الْحَمَلِ. هلُمُّوا إلى عَشَاءِ اللهِ العَظِيمْ. مُبَارَكُ مَنْ لَهُ نَصِيبٌ مَعَهُ فِي الْقِيَامَةِ. هللويا!

Romans 14;

Why then do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God. And each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

Then, let us no longer judge one another, but rather resolve never to put a stumbling block in the way of a brother. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit; Whoever serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God. Let us pursue what leads to peace and to building up one another.

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

إنجيل القدّيس يوحَنا

في اليَوْمِ التَّالِث، كَانَ عُرْسٌ في قَانَا الجَلِيل، وكَانَتْ أُمُّ يَسُوعَ هُنَاك. ودُعِيَ أَيْضًا يَسُوعُ وتَلامِيذُهُ إِلى العُرْس. ونَفَدَ الخَمْر، فَقَالَتْ لِيَسُوعَ أُمُّهُ: «لَيْسَ لَدَيْهِم خَمْر». فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوع: «مَا لِي ولَكِ، يَا آمْرَأَة؟ لَمْ تَأْتِ سَاعَتِي بَعْد!». فقَالَتْ أُمُّهُ لِلْخَدَم: «مَهْمَا يَقُلْ لَكُم فَآفْعَلُوه!».

وكَانَ هُنَاكَ سِتَّةُ أَجْرَانٍ مِنْ حَجَر، مُعَدَّةٌ لِتَطْهِيرِ اليَهُود، يَسَعُ كُلُّ مِنْهَا مِنْ ثَمَانِينَ إِلَى مِئَةٍ وعِشْرِينَ لِيترَا، فقَالَ يَسُوعُ لِلْخَدَم: «إِملأُوا الأَجْرَانَ مَاءَ». فَمَلأُوهَا إِلَى فَوْق. قَالَ لَهُم: «إِسْتَقُوا الآنَ، وقَدِّمُوا لِرَئِيسِ الوَلِيمَة». فَقَدَّمُوا. وذَاقَ الرَّئِيسُ المَاءَ، الَّذي صَارَ خَمْرًا - وكانَ لا يَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ هُوَ، والخَدَمُ الَّذينَ ٱسْتَقَوا يَعْلَمُون – فَدَعَا إِلَيْهِ العَرِيسَ وقَالَ لَهُ: «كُلُّ إِنْسَانٍ يُقَدِّمُ الخَمْرَ الجَيّدَ أَوَّلاً، حَتَّى إِذَا سَكِرَ المَدعُوُون، قَدَّمَ الأَقَلَّ جُودَة، أَمَّا أَنْتَ فَقَدْ أَبْقَيْتَ الخَمْرَ الجَيّدَ يَلْكَ كَانَتْ أُولَى آيَاتِ يَسُوعُ، صَنَعَهَا في قَانَا الجَلِيل، فَأَطْهَرَ مَجْدَهُ، وآمَنَ بِهِ تَلامِيدُهُ.

John 2:1-12 The Wedding at Cana

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (And) Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

Mass Intentions for SUNDAY February 14, 2021

<u>09:30 AM</u>

Mountaha Badawi (Mother of Chorbishop Alfred Badawi) Lucile and Victor Wertz - Tammer and Mary Caleel – Maria Louise Caleel (The Caleel Family)

<u>11:30 AM</u>

Mountaha Badawi (Mother of Chorbishop Alfred Badawi) Martha Esper Mousa (Sister of Rahife Hanna) Leila Saade Sweillem (Chukri Sweillem and Family) Elie Rantisi (The Estephan Family)

Mass Intentions for NEXT SUNDAY February 21, 2021

<u>09:30 AM</u>

George Paul Antoon (Jeanette Antoon and Family)

<u>11:30 AM</u>

40 days Memorial for Marcel Souri (The Souri Family)

Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Readers	Cheryl Blum	Subdeacon George Romanos
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Sami Tabet Eddy Moinnes	Ed Kneip, William Harb Henry Abboud, Elie Masud Naji Abiad, John Albani

Let us remember

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

Danny Thomas - George Khoury - Eleanor Haddad - Antoine Khoury - Leila Sweilem - Anton Kattany - Edward Parkinson - George Albert - Elsie Be-Hannesey - David Gage - Libby Hajje - Sarah Thomas - Eva Wintergeast -Abraham Rayyan - Margaret Tamer - Jorge Ruiz - George Owen - Angelina Lombardo - Jacob P. Schuck - Monroe Bouzide - John S. Nemeh - Ralph J. Lutfy

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Collection: \$1,643

Mail In: \$ 2,050

Online: \$ 280

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.