

Our Lady of Lebanon



Maronite Catholic Church

April 18, 2021

Emmaus Sunday





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Luke 24:13-35

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him.

17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem

who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

19 "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body.

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Luke 24:13-35

They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.

31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.



*Jesus himself came up
and walked along
with them;*

Luke 24:15



Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, the Maronite Church celebrates the Emmaus Sunday. The heart of this gospel is about walking with the risen Lord. Jesus is seen in the word of God, in the compassion of a friend, in the stranger that we welcome into our home, in the breaking of the bread, and in the community.

The truth is, we need each other to live our faith and walk together the road of life. Thank you for all the members of our community who out of the goodness of their hearts, are assisting and sponsoring families in Lebanon.

On May 22nd, one year since the pandemic, we will have the celebration of the First Communion Mass. I invite all parents to continue to play this vital role in their homes. I'd also like to thank all the teachers who dedicated themselves to share their faith with our children.

May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Pierre El Khoury, pastor

S. Narwade

Family Profile & Parish History

The Beginning: Tom Dumit's Family

WRITTEN BY TOM DUMIT

First let me say that I have no specific records of any other source than my memory for the information here. I know that, by the mid-20th century, the Lebanese Maronite Catholic community in Chicago was small but strong in its faith and its commitment to keep St. Maron and the Lebanese traditions alive in the hearts and minds of the immigrants, their American-born children, and their progeny. While Lebanon was hardly known in the U.S. at the time, it exerted a strong pull on those who had to leave to escape the tyranny of the Ottoman Turks and avoid the war that would become The Great War, WWI, throughout Europe and vast swatches of the Middle East. That was the case with my father's family, the Dumits, and my mother's family, the Basils.

Unknown to each other in the "old country," the families became neighbors and fast friends while living in gentle immigrant poverty on the South Side of Chicago.



Peter & Suzenne Dumit

My grandfathers "bootlegged" aarak (ouzo) together and the families more closely coalesced when Joseph Dumit and Agnes Basil married – my parents.



**My parents:
Joe & Agnes Dumit**



Bertha and Shacry Basil

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As the Maronite community increased, there also grew a desire to reestablish their Maronite heritage. To that end that small community came together, raised money and bought a small house on the South Side. The basement became the church, upstairs the rectory. I believe this occurred in the late 1940's. Beside the Dumits and Basils other contributing families included Hannas, Bodens, Mattreys, Shakers, Haddads, Josephs, Simons, Shababys; the list goes on and, sadly, my memory does not. Father Webbe, a Lebanese Maronite priest, was our first pastor. I may have been his first altar boy.



**Hillside Church:
Tom Dumit as altar boy**

After a very few years the little Our Lady of Lebanon Church building was inadequate to contain the growing congregation. A larger facility was found on Chicago's West Side in the mid-1950's. The men and some of us boys pitched in to demolish the old interior and help rebuild it to a church to inspire pride in the community and a smile from Our Lord. Our long-time pastor was Father John Naffah. His brothers Peter and Paul settled in our community. Father John married Barb and me and baptized our children.



Church in Midway

By the mid-1970s the West Side neighborhood had changed and our Maronite community had again outgrown our church building. I had recently joined a Chicago law firm and I was proud to handle the real estate transactions. A local African American Protestant congregation was interested in buying our old church and we found a new facility in the Western suburb of Hillside. The Servite Fathers, a missionary order of priests, were selling their seminary, which consisted of a good-sized church, a school building and dormitory on several well-tended acres. Negotiations at both ends went well, but the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago became a sticking point in the sale of the old facility.



Hillside Church

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Technically, our old church building was owned by the Archbishop of Chicago and the sale required his approval and signature. Unfortunately, the Archdiocesan real estate department had no sense of urgency and both transactions were jeopardized by the delay.

With deadlines approaching I called the boss himself – John Cardinal Cody, Archbishop of Chicago. I did this with some trepidation. Cody had a stern reputation and was not known for his friendliness. To my surprise I got through to him, explained the situation and asked if he would please emphasize to his underlings the need for action. Shortly thereafter I received a call from the Archdiocesan real estate department assuring me that the necessary paperwork was on the way. Of more interest was the fact that Cardinal Cody called me several times over the next year to talk. He said that his official duties kept him from socializing very much outside of church functions and he enjoyed chatting with a “bright young Catholic family man and lawyer.” It was a touching experience.

Thomas A Dumit
March 11, 2021

**Send us your family story
and their church involvement:**

**> Email Margaret Budz
margebudz@sbcglobal.net**

– or –

**> Email the office:
olofficechicago@gmail.com**



**Church on Midway (1966)
baptizes Joseph Dumit**



**Church on Midway (1967)
Baptism of Robert Dumit,
Grandson of Agnes & Joe Dumit**



**Church in Hillside (1974)
Baptism of Marina Dumit
Granddaughter of Agnes & Joe Dumit**

Mass Intentions for Sunday, April 18



*He is Risen!
Al Massih Qam!*

9:30 AM

Speedy recovery for Jeanette Struven
(Lynn Ridgeway)

11:30 AM

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

1 Year Anniversary for Mariam Elia-Elia
(Mother of Margot Abiad)

Yonia Dankha
(The Issa Family)

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)

Mass Intentions for Sunday, April 25



*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

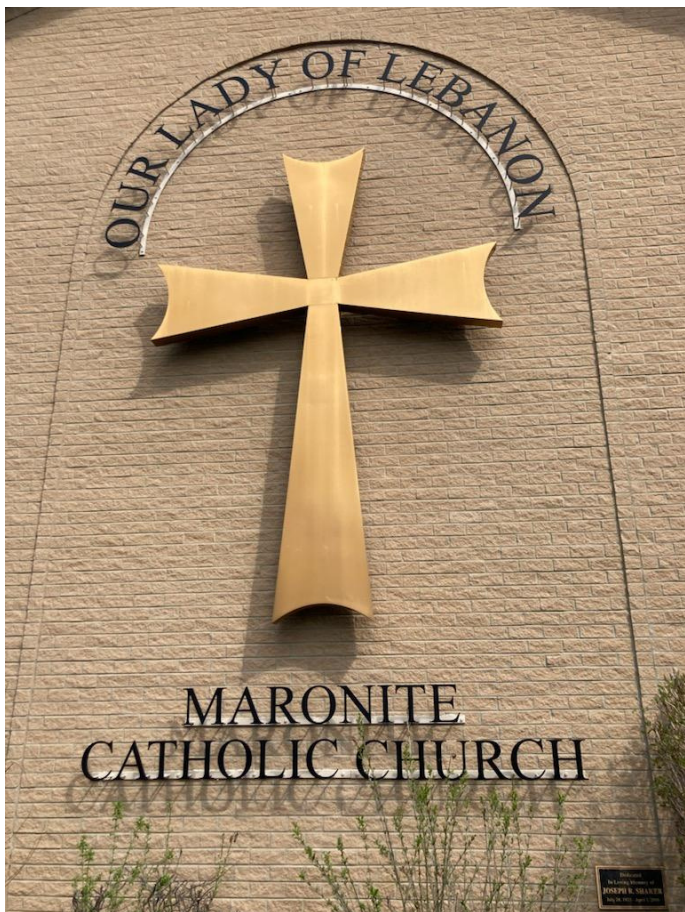
Ohan W.: \$100

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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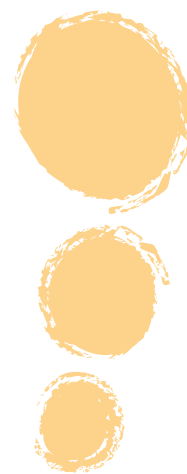
First Communion

at Our Lady of Lebanon

Will be held on Saturday, May 22nd

Many of us have at times
walked the Emmaus road,
wondering where God is...
when all along
He walks beside us.

Randy Alcorn



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



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Questions? Call 630/543-4130

Readers and Ushers

Mass 9:30 am

Readers

Cheryl Blum

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 11, 2021

Collection \$2,568

Mail In: \$ 780

Online: \$ 500

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