



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.

Finding the Lord in the Temple

DECEMBER 29, 2019



Finding the Lord in the Temple marks the final public appearance of Jesus from the time He was twelve until He reached thirty. Jesus is visiting the temple. He is the high priest. He is The Passover Lamb. And he is the Teacher-Prophet. He is the Son of God.

First, it tells us that God tries those He loves. The mystery of the Finding in the Temple should teach us is that God's ways are not our ways.

Secondly, God has a purpose in everything He does. God's purpose is not to see us suffer. His purpose is always good, and His designs are always just;

Thirdly, the deepest understanding of our faith will not come from books. It will come from experience and prayer. One of the striking features of Mary's life, as told especially by the Evangelist Saint Luke, is the frequent entrance of God into her life

**Congratulations on
Receiving the sacrament of Baptism**

Nakhoul son of Elias and Ashley Nehra

Arianna Jo Daughter of Eric and Ashley Slot

Owen son of George and Alicia Ghassan

Mass Intentions for NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 05, 2019

09:30 AM

Deceased of Shaker and Abraham families *(The Shaker Family)*

11:30 AM

Anthony Abraham *(Louis and Rita Bourjaily)*

Bible Verse

“Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

LUKE 2:48

Psalm 148

Alleluia! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

Praise the LORD from the earth, mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted.

And the glory of the LORD is above earth and heaven. **Alleluia!**

From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians 1:9-19

we do not cease praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding to live in a manner worthy of the Lord, so as to be fully pleasing, in every good work bearing fruit and growing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with every power, in accord with his glorious might.

For He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint 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.

Upcoming Events at Our Lady of Lebanon

October (2019)

Monday 21	Relics of St. Veronica Giuliani
Saturday 26	All Saints Party (Halloween)

November (2019)

Sunday 3	Mass for all souls followed by potluck lunch
Sunday 10	Start of Christmas Toy Drive
Saturday 16	Lebanese Independence Party
Sunday 17	Deadline for Thanksgiving Food Drive

December (2019)

Saturday 7	Christmas Retreat
Sunday 8	Children's Christmas Party
Sunday 15	Christmas Bake Sale
Saturday 21	Deadline for Christmas Toy Drive
Sunday 22	Christmas Recital followed by potluck lunch

Christmas Celebration (2019)

Tuesday 24	5pm: Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday 25	12am: Christmas Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25	11:30am: Christmas Day Mass
Sunday 29	Feast of the Holy Family
Tuesday 31	New Year's Party

January (2020)

Wednesday 1	5pm: Mass – beginning of Year 2020
Sunday 5	Feast of Epiphany (End of season)

Weekly/Monthly Events

Tuesdays	7pm: Choir Practice
Fridays	7:30pm: Bible Study and gathering
1st Saturday of the month	3pm: Rosary with Oumouna Mariam

OUR LADY OF LEBANON NEW YEAR'S EVE 2020

Entertainment:
DJ - Ibrahim

7:30 Cocktail
8:00 Dinner
Cash Bar

Ticket Price:

Adult \$60
Children \$35 (10 & under)
Cash Bar

Limited Seating
Please RSVP

HAPPY
NEW YEAR



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE @ (630) 932-9640
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	Mass Celebration	
	Finding the Lord in the Temple: Page 89 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Psalm 148 Reading: Colossians 1:9-19 Holy Gospel: Luke 2:41-52	
	Mass Intentions for THIS SUNDAY	
	<u>09:30 AM</u> Anthony Abraham (<i>Louis and Rita Bourjaily</i>) For all the Families in our Parish Community <u>11:30 AM</u> 1 week memorials for Victoria El-Hashem Abboud and Aida Abboud (<i>Tony and Therese Abboud</i>) Mjali and Afifeh Sayegh (<i>Their children</i>) For all the Families in our Parish Community	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Readers	Anita Zodo	Gisele Mulcahey (<i>Arabic</i>) Tony kozaili (<i>English</i>)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Henry Abboud Sami Tabet, Naji Abiad

Announcements

✳ **New Year's Party:** Our Lady of Lebanon will host a New Year's Eve Party on Tuesday, December 31st in the Shaker Hall from 7:30 PM to 1 AM with DJ music Entertainment and holiday raffle. Contact Elie Masud.

✳ **Wednesday January 1st, beginning of the Year - Mass at 5 pm.**

✳ **Sunday January 5, Epiphany and baptism of the Lord with the blessing of Water**

Let us remember

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

George Antoon - Sophia Abraham - Genevieve Abraham - Virginia Nimer - Helen Botwin – Emil Haddad, Sr. – Sophie Fahel - Samir Rizkallah - Chukri Daniel - Karim El Tenn - Jamile Maalouf - Hattie Yorecki - Emil Aya - Michelle York - George Bohakel - Jeannette Youssef - Eugene D. Bodan - Helen Cordell - George L. George - Safa Ghandour - Rose Halowi – George Hanna - Gerges Hattar - Michael Ibrahim - Anton Kassis - Patrick O'Shea – Genevieve Salem - Nicola Shahwan - Alice C. Thomas

COLLECTION

CHRISTMAS 2019: \$ 8,723.00

"Each one must give from his heart, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7