



# **Our Lady of Lebanon**

## **Maronite Catholic Church**

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### **Church Clergy**

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

Deacon John Sfire

Subdeacon Thomas Podraza

### **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 10:20 am – 11:20 am.

Season of Pentecost  
Parable of the Vineyard Tenants  
SEPTEMBER 09, 2018



*'I tell you, then,  
that the kingdom  
of God will be  
taken from you  
and given to a  
people who will  
produce its fruit.'*

The Master of the vineyard repeatedly sends his servants to the tenants to collect what he is owed. Each time the tenants prevent the servants from fulfilling their duty either by beating them, stoning them, or killing them.

It's interesting to note that the Master, after the first incident, did not just immediately go there himself and deal with the tenants, but kept giving them chance after chance to repent and do what was required. Our Lord God has continually given us chance upon chance to repent and come to realization of our errors.

God has never "turned his back on us," sinners though we be. We have turned our back on Him. And every time we do turn our back on Him, He comes to meet us face to face. He has done this since the first sin in the garden.

Today, we are given even more chances to do the right thing, to give what is the Lord's. We are still in need of our Lord's Cross and Resurrection, for without it, there is no hope in our salvation.

## 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.*

We Pray for those who are hospitalized or homebound, including:  
**Eva Sassine, Jackie Haddad, Bobby Sfire, Julia Parkinson.**

## Mass Intentions for Next Sunday September 16, 2018

09:30 AM

**Fr. Dr. William Nijm** *(By the Nijm Family)*

**For our catechists, religion teachers and students**

11:30 AM

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## *Bible Verse*

*Blessed is the man who does  
NOT walk in the counsel of the wicked.*

*psalm 1:1*

## **Psalm 1**

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,  
Nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in company with scoffers.  
Rather, the law of the LORD is his joy; and on his law he meditates day and night.  
He is like a tree planted near streams of water, that yields its fruit in season;  
Its leaves never wither; whatever he does prospers.  
But not so are the wicked, not so! They are like chaff driven by the wind.  
The LORD knows the way of the just, but the way of the wicked leads to ruin. **Alleluia**

## **From the First Letter of Saint Peter 1:14-25**

As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires, but just as he who called you is holy, so be holy yourselves in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

Brethren, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Since you have purified yourselves by obedience to the truth for sincere mutual love, love one another intensely from a pure heart. You have been born anew, not from perishable but from imperishable seed, through the living and abiding word of God, for: "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of the field; the grass withers, and the flower wilts; but the word of the Lord remains forever." This is the word that has been proclaimed to you.

## **From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark 12:1-12**

He began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenant farmers and left on a journey. At the proper time he sent a servant to the tenants to obtain from them some of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. Again he sent them another servant. And that one they beat over the head and treated shamefully. He sent yet another whom they killed. So, too, many others; some they beat, others they killed. He had one other to send, a beloved son. He sent him to them last of all, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they seized him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What (then) will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come, put the tenants to death, and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this scripture passage: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes'?" They were seeking to arrest him, but they feared the crowd, for they realized that he had addressed the parable to them. So they left him and went away.

	<b>Mass Celebration</b>	
	<b>Sunday A: 425</b> <b>Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774</b>	
	<b>Sunday Readings</b>	
	<b>Psalm 1</b> <b>Reading: Peter 1:14-25</b> <b>Holy Gospel: Mark 12:1-12</b>	
	<b>Mass Intentions</b>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>09:30 AM</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Deceased of the Shaker and Abraham Family</b>  <i>(By the Shaker Family)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>11:30 AM</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>President Bashir El Gemayel</b></p>	
<b>Schedules</b>	<b>Sunday 9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 11:30 am</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Andres Ballines, Mauricio Saad Anthony and Isabella Jazarlian	Miriam Dandan, Michael Kokaly, Yousif, Reem & Fadi Hattar,
<b>Readers</b>	Margret Budz	Elias Borjas (Arabic) Tonia Khoury (English)
<b>Ushers</b>	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Henry Abboud William Harb, George Zakhem

## Announcements

### ✳ MRE Registration

Maronite Religious education MRE will begin on September 16th at 10:20 am in the hall with father Pierre. Registration is open after mass - to register please see Diala Chahoud in the hall. MRE is scheduled every Sunday from 10:20 am to 11:20 am, we look forward to seeing our returning students and new students. We welcome all of you to another great year.

### ✳ 24th Annual St. Jude Fashion Show

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>: Fashion Show. Inspiration program. Amazing raffle. Be inspired and proud of our legacy. Early bird tix \$125 each. To attend, go to [www.stjudefashionshow.com](http://www.stjudefashionshow.com) Or contact [cathy.breit@shaker.com](mailto:cathy.breit@shaker.com)

### **Let us remember**

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

Msgr. John Naffah - Fr. Dr. William Nijm - Ruth Bourjaily - Caesar Tabet - Camile Tabet – Christo Yasmine - Samir Salame - Thomas F. Nelly - Carrie Lynn Pavlousky - Dennis Toland - Alfred Abdo - Bahjat Yousif - Fada Nemeh - Dr. Roland Yammine - Nouha Assaf - Ida Yousif - James Hanna

### **COLLECTION**

**Sunday September 02, 2018: \$ 3,441.00**

*"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving."*

**Mother Theresa**