



# 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 Great Lent  
**Sunday of THE PRODIGAL SON**  
MARCH 04, 2018



**The prodigal son is a perfect example (story, Parable) of both our own attitudes toward God and his towards us.**

It is about a father who loved his son and missed him when he was away - missing him like a piece of himself was gone along with him. And when he is finally home there is nothing inside that father but joy. So much joy that he can't help himself but to celebrate.

It is an incredible image of mercy, grace and repentance. A father running. A lost son found. A dead relationship mercifully brought back to life.

The prodigal son is about this magnificent, merciful father who leaves the party, goes outside and pleads with his older son to come and join the community in receiving their lost brother.

## **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:  
**Pierre Naffah, Bobby Sfire, Laure Zayeck, Julia Parkinson, Hank Yario.**

## **Mass Intentions for Next Sunday MARCH 11, 2018**

**09:30 am**

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

**11:30 am**

**Lucille and Victor Wertz & Tammer and Mary Caleel –  
Maria Louise Caleel and Dr. George Caleel** *(By The Caleel Family)*

## **BIBLE VERSE FOR THE WEEK**

*I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him,  
“Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.”*

**LUKE 15:18**

### **From the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Corinthians 13:5-13**

**Brothers and Sisters,** Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless, of course, you fail the test. I hope you will discover that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do evil, not that we may appear to have passed the test but that you may do what is right, even though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we are weak but you are strong. What we pray for is your improvement. I am writing this while I am away, so that when I come I may not have to be severe in virtue of the authority that the Lord has given me to build up and not to tear down. Finally, brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. **Praise be to God Always!**

### **From the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 15:11-32**

**The Evangelist Luke Said:** Then he said, "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began.

Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has ' have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found. '"**This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

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# RUMMAGE



## WHEN

Friday, April 6	10am-5pm
Saturday, April 7	10am-5pm
Sunday, April 8	1pm-5pm

## WHERE

Our Lady Of Lebanon - Shaker Hall  
950 N. Grace Street, Lombard, IL 60148

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED:** gently used household items such clothing, jewelry and accessories, bikes, toys, board games, holiday decorations, small appliances, books, sports items, small electronics, wall art, home decor, gardening items, etc.

[WWW.OLLCHICAGO.ORG](http://WWW.OLLCHICAGO.ORG)

## DROP OFF ITEMS:

Drop Off Times:

All items must be  
dropped off in advance  
by Wednesday, April  
4th

## CONTACT:

For more information,  
contact:

Our Lady of Lebanon  
Church  
630-932-9640

## BENEFITING:

All proceeds will be  
donated to St. Jude  
Children's Research  
Hospital



<b>Mass Celebration</b>		
	<p><b>The prodigal son: Page 217</b>  <b>Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774</b></p>	
<b>Sunday Readings</b>		
	<p><b>Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:5-13</b>  <b>Holy Gospel: Luke 15:11-32</b></p>	
<b>Mass Intentions</b>		
	<p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>09:30 am</u></b></p> <p><b>Jamal Hachem and Alidia Najjar</b> <i>(By Lillian Hanna)</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>11:30 am</u></b></p> <p><b>Tom &amp; Nabihah Basile – Chuck Basile –</b>  <b>Dr. Simon Basile</b> <i>(By Pierre &amp; Ann Naffah)</i></p>	
<b>Schedules</b>	<b>Sunday 9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 11:30 am</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Gabby Elias Tamer, Leila & Stephanie Nehra, Dany Chlala	Antonio & Marcelino Jaber, Fadi, Reem and Yousif Hattar, Ramez Sayegh
<b>Readers</b>	Anita Zodo	Simona Haddad (Arabic) Diala Chahoud (English)
<b>Ushers</b>	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Nakhoul Nehra, John Albani, Najji Abiad

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\* Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during the Season of Lent, Stations of the Cross at 7 pm followed by a potluck Dinner in the Shaker Hall.

### **\* Kids Club meets on Fridays at 7 pm**

### **\* Easter Bake Sale**

Easter Bake Sale is scheduled for March 25, 2018. Please place your pre-orders ASAP. For more info Contact Madeleine Malek.

### **\* Lenten Appeal**

The Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon is now taking place. A copy of a letter from Bishop Elias Zaidan is being sent to every family in the mail, along with a beautiful booklet of prayers. The Eparchy relies upon you to support our Maronite parishes, and train our future Maronite priests. Thank you for responding.

### **Let us remember**

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

Stasia Abraham - Peter Dumit - Robert Basil - Dixie Lee Haddad - Chris Crispin - James C. Bomrad - Louis Haddad - Fredia Saige - Nabiha Farris - Mary Bouzide - Maurice Zayek

### **COLLECTION**

February 25, 2018: \$ 3,570.00

*Those who have little and give it all are the believers in Life.  
And there are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward.*

**Khalil Gibran**