



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 10:20 am – 11:20 am.

Season of the Holy Cross
Exaltation of the Holy Cross
SEPTEMBER 16, 2018



The Cross is the universal symbol that identifies us as Christians. In the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we remember the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine; and the recovery of the relics by Emperor Heraclius II after had fallen into the hands of the Persian on 625.

More important than the relics is what the Cross of Christ means to each one of us. It recalls the great “kenosis”: How Jesus emptied himself and poured out his life for us in a humiliating scene of public derision. It recalls how, even knowing his fate the Lord accepted God’s plan and became the healing sacrifice that saved all of God’s adopted sons and daughters. It recalls that each day, in the Eucharistic Sacrifice at Holy Mass, his salvation is reiterated and demonstrated as he offers his Body and Blood for our sins.

We proudly embrace the cross and wearing it with both pride and humility since upon it hung the one whose “...name is above every name and at whose name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father.”

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:
George Antoun, Eva Sassine, Jackie Haddad, Bobby Sfire, Julia Parkinson.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday September 23, 2018

09:30 AM

Ruth Bourjaily *(By the Shaker Family)*

11:30 AM

Nabil Karam *(By The Shaker Family)*

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

Bible Verse

*When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself.*

John 12:32

Psalm 33

Rejoice in the LORD and Praise him. Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;
Sing to him a new song; for He brings justice and peace. And his mercy is upon us.
By the LORD's word and by the breath of his mouth, the heavens were made.
Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all who dwell in the world show him reverence.
Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people chosen as his inheritance.
A king is not saved by a great army, nor a warrior delivered by great strength.
Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, those who count on his mercy.
Our soul waits for the LORD, he is our help and shield. In him our hearts rejoice.
In you we trust, O Lord. May your mercy, be upon us; as we put our hope in you. **Alleluia**

From the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 1:18-25

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the learning of the learned I will set aside." Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish? For since in the wisdom of God the world did not come to know God through wisdom, it was the will of God through the foolishness of the proclamation to save those who have faith. For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

From the Holy Gospel according to Saint John 12:20-32

Now there were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."

Lebanese Festival

Expense:

Setting	\$ 12,370
Entertainment	\$ 10,650
Cleaning Crew	\$ 4,550
Beer/Wine	\$ 4,500
Kitchen/Supplies	\$ 3,500
Security	\$ 1,000
Artisanal	\$ 2,290
Raffle	\$ 4,000
Advertisement	\$ 1,100
<u>Total Expense:</u>	\$ 43,960
<u>Total income:</u>	\$ 84,530
<u>Net Income:</u>	<u>\$ 40,570</u>

	Mass Celebration	
	Sunday A: 606 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Psalm 33 Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Holy Gospel: John 12:20-32	
	Mass Intentions	
	<u>09:30 AM</u> Fr. Dr. William Nijm <i>(By the Nijm Family)</i> For Our Catechists, Religion Teachers, Parents and Students <u>11:30 AM</u> Boulos Mikhayel Ziade <i>(By the Ziade Family)</i> Rev. Gabriel Brakhia <i>(By Henry and Mirna Abboud)</i> For Our Catechists, Religion Teachers, Parents and Students	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers	Andres Ballines, Mauricio Saad Anthony and Isabella Jazarlian	Miriam Dandan, Michael Kokaly, Yousif, Reem & Fadi Hattar,
Readers	Anita Zodo	Laude Tenn (Arabic) Marybeth Rezey (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Elie Masud John Albani, Naji Abiad

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 18th: 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 Or contact cathy.breit@shaker.com

✳ MYO kickoff

MYO kickoff date has been changed to Friday, September 21st at 6:30 pm in the church. MYO and their parents are invited to start off the new year with a meeting with some religious and fun activities followed by a dinner that night. We hope to see all of you

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 09, 2018: \$ 2,847.00

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

Mother Theresa