



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 Glorious Resurrection

Emmaus Sunday

APRIL 15, 2018



The story of Emmaus is about two of Christ's disciples, one named Cleopas, who encounter a mysterious stranger on the road to the town of Emmaus. They only recognize Him as Jesus when they break bread together at the evening meal. It is the joy in knowing the Lord and accepting the reality of the Lord's enduring Presence in the Eucharist.

What was true and real for the Apostles and disciples of the Lord 2000 years ago IS TRUE AND REAL for us today, right now. At least that's what I believe. The Emmaus event is not an abstract account but a true encounter with a clear direction and goal: knowing that the Lord Jesus, once crucified and now risen, is alive as He said.

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:
Jackie Haddad, Pierre Naffah, Bobby Sfire, Julia Parkinson.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday APRIL 22, 2018

9:30 AM

Deceased of the Shaker and Abraham Family *(By the Shaker Family)*

Mariam Habib Zodo *(By The Zodo Family)*

11:30 AM

Minnie Bohakel *(By Richard & Marianne Bohakel)*

BIBLE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

And he said to them, Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?




LUKE 24:26

From the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy 2:8-13

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself. **Praise be to God Always!**

From the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 24:13-35

Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning (within us) while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. **This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

	Mass Celebration	
	Glorious Resurrection: Page 315 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Holy Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35	
	Mass Intentions	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>09:30 AM</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fr. Dr. William Nijm <i>(By The Nijm Family)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11:30 AM</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lucille and Victor Wertz & Tammer and Mary Caleel – Maria Louise Caleel and Dr. George Caleel <i>(By The Caleel Family)</i></p>	
Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers	Gaby and Elias Tamer Stephanie Nehra, Dany Chlala	Miriam Dandan, Cassandra Chahoud, Estifan Azzo, Yousif and Reem Hattar,
Readers	Lillian Hanna	Andrew Basil (Arabic) Jennifer Yamin (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, William Harb George Zakhem, John Albani

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✳ **Month of May:** During the Month of May, the statue of our Lady will visit your homes to pray together the rosary. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.
- ✳ For the first time the Lebanese diaspora would be able to vote in the coming election. Location is Drake Hotel in Oakbrook on April 29th, 2018 - 6 am to 10 pm. Contact Tony Kozaili.
- ✳ His excellency Bishop Zaidan will visit our parish and Celebrate Mass on May 6th, 2018.

Let us remember

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

Joseph Shaker, Sr. - Joseph Allen - George Abraham - Abe Abraham - Minnie Bohakel - Joseph Basil - John Deeham - Atena Hanna - Gurken Israelian - Charles Jage - Dr. Issam Kaddourah - Jack Markwell - Julia A. Saad - Anice Anthony Shababy - Mary Ann Sirbeck

COLLECTION

April 08, 2018: \$ 2,531.00

And there are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward.

Khalil Gibran