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Program

Welcome

Mrs. Jackie Haddad-Tamer

National Anthem

American - Ms. Marie Antoon

&

Lebanese - Mrs. Julie Kozaili

Opening Prayer

Sub-Deacon George Romanos

Our Lady of Lebanon Church

Remarks and Award

Father Pierre El Khoury

Our Lady of Lebanon Church Pastor

Remarks

His Excellency A. Elias Zaidan

Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon

Entertainment

Arab Blues, Dinner Music

Doris Farhat

Rami Badr



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

Dear Parishioners & friends,

What a blessing to come together and celebrate our parish community. Through the grace of our Lord, we have endured and grown, united in faith by our Maronite tradition.

A critical base for a thriving church is its people. Over the years, our vitality has been directly linked to the gift of a caring and devoted church community; and, for this, I thank you all.

On the evening of this gala, it is important to take a moment to honor the contributions of our parish founders and our many benefactors who worked tirelessly over the years to give our church its foundational strength. At the same time, we must recognize the energetic efforts of those who today strive for an even brighter future at Our Lady of Lebanon.

I am grateful to Bishop Zaidan for sharing in our celebration. The embrace and stewardship of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon provides meaningful guidance to our community here in Chicago. I am also thankful for the efforts of The Cedar Gala Committee for leading preparations for this special evening.

I pray that the joy of this gathering sustains throughout the year ahead, and wish you all the blessings of faith, happiness, health, and continued prosperity. May our Lord and Savior bless you all.

Yours in faith,

Fr. Pierre El Khoury, Pastor

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Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

January 2023

Community of Our Lady of Lebanon Church
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Dear Friends,

Greetings and peace!

How beautiful for the members of the community to come gather under one roof. You come together to express your faith and cherish your culture. In that perspective, with Father Pierre El Khoury's guidance, you have all been working diligently over the years to build a wonderful and vibrant community.

We come together now for a very special purpose, to continue the mission of the Church and to better serve the community. With that aim in mind, Father Pierre and his team have organized several fundraising events that are critical for the future of the parish. I know you will all be supportive of these efforts and take part in ensuring the community continues to grow and thrive.

For his years of service, I am sincerely grateful to Father Pierre for shepherding the people. He has worked alongside you and dedicated himself to ministering to all of you. I am also deeply grateful for all those in the community who give of their Time, Talent, and Treasure for God and their fellow parishioners. Without your support, it would be impossible for us to continue our work.

I sincerely wish you all a blessed New Year 2023. May it be a year of new opportunities and abundant blessings given to us by our merciful and loving God.

With best wishes and prayers, I remain

Yours in Christ,

+A. Elias Zaidan

Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

Committee Letter

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for supporting the "Our Lady of Lebanon Cedars Gala" 2023!

It has been an absolute pleasure to be part of the committee coordinating this year's in-person event. We came together as a community and a team and have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate our Church together.

A very special thank you to all of our incredible sponsors whose amazing generosity has allowed us to celebrate in this beautiful venue with all of the trimmings - we couldn't have done it without you. Our sincerest gratitude to you all.

Best regards,

Mrs. Beverly Abi-Antoon, Co-Chair

Mrs. Mireille Awad, Co-Chair

Mrs. Chantal Bendok, Co-Chair

Mrs. Ghada Dibs, Co-Chair

Mrs. Jackie Haddad-Tamer, Co-Chair

Mrs. Daisy Malek-Shadid, Co-Chair

Mrs. Catherine Youssef, Co-Chair

Committee Members

Listed by alphabetic order

Thank You

Mrs. Mirna Abboud

Mr. Farid Abboud

Mrs. Beverly Abi-Antoon

Mrs. Mireille Awad

Mrs. Chantal Bendok

Mr. Mark Bendok

Dr. Raymond Daou

Mrs. Ghada Dibs

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American National Anthem

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



Lebanese National Anthem

I
Kullunā li-l-waṭan, li-l-'ulā li-l-'alam
Mi'l'u 'ayn iz-zaman, sayfunā wa-l-qalam
Sahlunā wa-l-jabal, manbitun li-r-rijāl
Qawlunā wa-l-'amal fī sabīli l-kamāl

Kūrāl:

Kullunā li-l-waṭan, li-l-'ulā li-l-'alam
Kullunā li-l-waṭan

II

Šayxunā wa-l-fatā, 'inda ṣawti l-waṭan
'Usdu ġābin matā, sāwaratnā l-fitan
Šarqunā qalbuḥu, 'abadan Lubnān
Šānahu rabbuḥu, li-madā l-'azmān

Kūrāl

III

Baḥruḥu barruḥu, durratu š-šarqayn
Rifduḥu birruḥu, māli'u l-quṭbayn
'Ismuḥu 'izzuḥu, munḡu kāna l-judūd
Majduḥu 'arzuḥu, ramzuḥu li-l-xulūd

Kūrāl

I
كلنا للوطن للعلی للعلم
ملء عين الزّمن سيفنا والقلم
سهلنا والجبل منبت للرجال
قولنا والعمل في سبيل الكمال

كورال:

كلنا للوطن للعلی للعلم
كلنا للوطن

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شيوخنا والفتى عند صوت الوطن
أسد غاب متى ساورتنا الفتن
شرقنا قلبه أبداً لبنان
صانه ربه لمدى الأزمان

كورال

٣

بحره برّه درّة الشرقين
رفدّه برّه مالى القطبين
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كورال





ENTERTAINMENT

Arab Blues



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Rami Badr



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In Memory of
Eli Haig

*You will never be forgotten
and will live on in our
hearts*



*"Say not in grief,
he is no more
but in
thankfulness that
he was"*

**In Memory of
Pierre Malek Sr.**

*Those we love
and
lose are always connected
by
heartstrings into infinity*



**In Memory of
Mariam El Khoury
Roger El Khoury**



"Say not in grief, 'he is no more' but in thankfulness that he was."



**In Loving Memory of
The Hattar Family**



*“I [Jesus] am the resurrection and the life.
Anyone who believes in me will live,
even after dying.”*



**In Loving Memory of
Younia Malek**



In Loving Memory of
Joseph Said Haddad
&
Saide Haddad

Pierre and Fadia Khoury
and Family



In Loving Memory of
Boulos Saab

With Love,
Ghazi and Marcelle Saab



In Loving Memory
of
Mary Mousa
and
Shamoon Zilfa

With Love,
Caroline Kazlauskas





**May Our Lady of Lebanon Church continue
to thrive.**

**In Loving Memory of
George Peter Antoon**

**His Loving wife,
Vera Antoon and family
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George and Janet Antoon Family
Patricia Antoon Family and Jerry Besco
Cheryl and Paul Ghassan Family
Robert and Rima Antoon Family**



**Congratulations Abouna Pierre
on the Cedar Gala. We are
blessed to have you shepherd
our Maronite community.**

Robert & Rima Antoon



**Dr. and Mrs. Pierre Abi-
Mansour and their family
wish to thank Father Pierre
and the Gala committee
for their hard work and
dedication! Happy 2023!**



**Many Congrats on
a Successful Cedar Gala!**

**Best Wishes,
Simon, Maya, Pierre and Lea**



Lovingly illustrated by Madeleine Hazkial (7)

**Thank you to Abouna
Pierre and the Cedar Gala
committee for your
dedication and hard work!**

The Hazkial Family



**May God continue to bless
our Church.**

**Joe and Tonia Khouri and
Family**



**May God Continue To
Shower
Our Lady of Lebanon Church
And Father Pierre
With Abundant Blessings.**

The Khazen Family

“The Lord will make us
prosperous, and our land will
produce rich harvests”



**Best wishes for a
successful gala!**

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**Jean Zodo
and
Alexandra Zodo
want to thank
Fr. Pierre El Khoury
and the parishioners of
Our Lady of Lebanon
on the success of
The 2023
Cedar Gala**



**His Reverence
Father Pierre El Khoury,
We want to express our
deep gratitude for the
dedicated work you do day
after day. You are a
blessing to our Church!
Sincerely,**

**The Abado, Cyran,
and Yanaki Families**



**Good Luck and Best Wishes to
Father Pierre El Khoury
And Our Community!**

**The Hanna Family
Simon, Dasha, Ayden and Alex**



**Thanks Fr Pierre for being the
good shepherd and for the Gala
committee for the incredibly
organized work. God bless you
all!**

**Rami, Nadia,
Jacob, Maria and Joseph
Haddad**



Dear Father Pierre,

The Ibrahim Family is proud and thankful to you for all you do to Our Lady of Lebanon, you bring strength and inspiration through your homily to your parishioners.

Your dedication and loyalty to Our Lady of Lebanon is aimed to transform the lives of the new generation.

Thank you to all the Gala's Committee members for Job well done.

We hope for peace and prosperity to Lebanon and the entire World.

Best Wishes,

Sam, Siham, and Family



**Thank you Our Lady of Lebanon
Church for your prayers,
love and support!**

The Masud Family



**Congratulations Dany
on your graduation
from Loyola
University. May the
Lord bless
your steps and watch
over you.**

**We are proud of you
Mary on Graduating
from Loyola University.
May the Lord be with
you and guide your
journey through life.**





**Thank you Father Pierre for all
the endurance and work you
have done for each one of us, we
are immensely grateful and
blessed always.**

**Love,
Micheline, Lindsey and William.**

**Good Luck and
Enjoy the Cedar Gala!**

Ronald Haddad and Family



**Best Wishes to
Our Lady of Lebanon Church!**

Ibrahim Majzoub and Family



**Best wishes to
Our Lady of Lebanon Church,
Father Pierre El Khoury
and the Gala Committee
on a Successful Gala.**

**Youssef and Leila Akl
and Family**

**Krystal,
Congratulations on
graduating Benet
Academy. We pray that
you will go on to what God
has already planned for
you; you have such an
awesome future when you
place it in God's hands.**



**Sarah,
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from Washington
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that God blesses you with
good luck, and that your
journey is filled with
happiness.**



*Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
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**Congratulations on your
well-deserved success!**



**May you always know the peace of Jesus,
the light of his love,
and the joy of his life with you**

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fall;
God will help her at break of
day"**



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Of Our Community!**

**“Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere; I
would rather be a doorkeeper in
the house of my God than dwell
in the tents of the wicked.”**



**Thank you to all the Ushers.
We are so blessed to have
incredibly dedicated people.**

**“If you are what you should be,
you will set the whole world
ablaze!”**



**MYA,
May God Continue to Bless
you, your Family, and
Teachers Abundantly.**

**“Your gates will always stand open,
they will never be shut, day or night,
so that people may bring you the
wealth of the nations – their kings led
in triumphal procession.”**



**MYO,
May God Continue to Bless
you, your Family, and
Teachers Abundantly.**

**“Life with Christ is a wonderful
adventure.”**



**Thank you for serving with
such dedication and love
at the Lord’s altar.**



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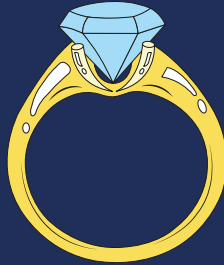


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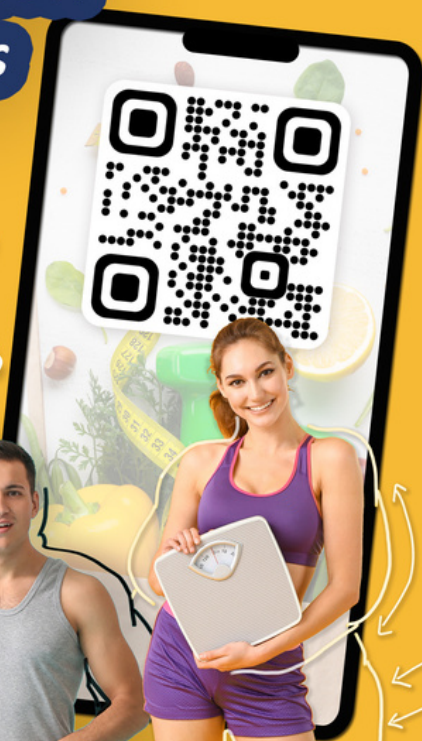
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