

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church
Growing In Grace and Wisdom

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Administrator: Rev. Charles Khachan, MLM
Deacon : John Sfire
Deacon : William Nijm

Sunday, January 29, 2012
Sunday of the Priests

Reading: 1Tim 4:6-16

Gospel: Lk 12:42-48

Schedule of Masses

Tuesday thru Friday
Sunday

9:00 AM
9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Choir

Choir practice Tuesday 7:30 PM

New Parishioners

Please register at the office

Shaker Hall

For all your special occasions and family celebrations, consider OLL Shaker Hall. For more information, please call the parish office. **Remember that active parishioners may use the hall for 25% off the regular rental fee.**

Wedding Anniversaries

If you're **Silver or Golden Anniversary** is approaching and you would like to receive a special recognition from the Pope, please inform Fr. Khachan at least four months in advance.

Mass Intentions

When asking that a loved one be remembered during weekend liturgies, please contact the Church office at least two weeks in advance of the requested date.

Bringing up the Gifts/Ushers Needed

People are invited to bring up the gifts (the bread and wine elements for the sacrifice) at Mass. If interested, please tell the deacons or usher (s) before Mass and take your seat on the left side of the church. Also volunteers are needed to serve as ushers at the weekend Liturgies - see Tom or call the parish office.

Website News: We encourage all of you to visit our parish website at www.ollchicago.org. Much information can be found there. Please share this website with your friends.

Birth Announcements

Please contact the church office with any recent birth so we can note in the bulletin.

Remember: Please Use Your Envelopes: A friendly reminder to please use Church envelopes, located in the foyer.

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, January 29

9:30 AM For Ted Jage, req. by Margaret Budz

11:30 AM For the parishioners' intentions

Sunday, February 5

9:30 AM For the parishioners' intentions

11:30 AM For the parishioners' intentions

Ministries Schedule

Altar Servers Schedule

Sunday, January 29

9:30 AM Kennedy Williams, Mark Tarabey, Victor Karam, Nicholas Ripamonti

11:30 AM Michael Bendok, Nicholas Hanna, Salina Zakhem, Bashir Zakem, Jackie Zakhem

Sunday, February 5

9:30 AM Elias & John Sharshar, Joseph and George Estephan

11:30 AM Jennifer Yamin, Laudy Allam, Isabella Akouri, Jacob Haddad

Ushers Schedule

Sunday, January 29

9:30 AM Elias Sharshar, Imad Estephan

11:30 AM Anwar Azzo, William Harb, Doug Haddad, Fadi Tabet

Sunday, February 5

9:30 AM Imad Estephan, Frank Kermed

11:30 AM Tom Podraza, Fadi Tabet, Ed Kneip, Doug Haddad

Readers Schedule

Sunday, January 29

9:30 AM Margaret Budz

11:30 AM Pierrette Malek

Sunday, February 5

9:30 AM Robert Antoon

11:30 AM Joe Shaker



Please take a moment to pray for:

Cecilia Couri

Eleanor Haddad

Chris Daniel

Please remember to inform the office of any changes or updates to our sick list so we can stay current. Thank You!



Prayer Requests

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 22, 2012 \$ 3,413

Income Budgeted Each Week \$3,000

We thank you all for your continued generosity, which allows our parish to continue to do the work of the Lord.

The 2012 Church Offering Envelopes are now available for pick up in the Foyer.

Please call the office if you don't find your box and we will make sure we get them to you. 630-932-0640.

2011 Annual Parish Contributions...due to cost, statements will only be sent out to the parishioners filling out the form below and returning it in the collection basket. Place them in a SEPARATE envelope marked Contribution Statement. ENVELOPE NUMBER MUST BE INCLUDED, PLEASE!

NAME _____ ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

* ST. MARON'S FEAST DAY

Join us to celebrate the feast of the Father and Patron of our Maronite Church, St. Maron, on Sunday February 12, 2012. A light meal will be served after both liturgies in the Shaker hall. There will be a charge of \$5.00 per person. More information will follow.

*PROJECT ROOTS

-The Eparchies of St. Maron and Our Lady of Lebanon are joining together to help people reconnect with their Christian spiritual roots in Lebanon and the Middle East. An office has been established in Los Angeles to assist those in obtaining dual Lebanese citizenship, if desired, and obtaining those necessary documents needed to register. Registration offers many benefits, such as the right to own property, the right to inheritance in Lebanon, and more.

Antoine Abboud is the regional coordinator for project roots. For more information you may contact him with your questions or you can visit www.projectroots.net or www.registerlebnani.com

* ATTENTION PLEASE

Please, please, please be very careful in the parking lot. Winter weather makes dropping off and picking up children a real challenge. Remember your children are precious; let's all strive to insure their safety.

* KEEP INFORMED

Keep informed of our church activities and events and get involved by visiting Our Lady of Lebanon Parish Website: www.ollchicago.org

Also, send us your name & email address so we can stay in touch and put you on our e-mail list. You can e-mail us at office@ollchicago.org

* MASS INTENTIONS

In addition to the prayers said just after death, and the prayers of the funeral Mass, it is Catholic practice to have Masses said for the departed ones. Masses for the dead can be offered at almost any time.

Masses for the dead have infinite value, in the objective order, for the souls of the departed. They also have great subjective value for those who survive in that it is comforting to know that Masses are being offered for one's departed loved ones. So, while the bereaved can arrange such Masses, others, even non-Catholics, can arrange with a priest to have such Masses said, too, which would be a great gift of comfort to survivors.

Most importantly, though, aside from the "gift" aspect of offering Masses for a friend's dead relatives, the soul of the departed would receive the benefits of the greatest prayers of the Church and the infinite value of the offering of the Son to the Father for the remission of sins.

Please note that if you wish to have a Mass said for a loved one, a “Mass Request Form” must be filled out and returned to the church office. The form is located at the church entrance. You may also call the church office at 630-932-9640 or email us at office@ollchicago.org

* SUNDAY OF THE PRIESTS

Today the maronite church begins a series of three Sundays dedicated To prayer for the dead. This first Sunday is set aside as a commemoration of all the deceased priests of the church.

Christ has established the priesthood for his church and entrusted it with great responsibilities. The priest is given the task of caring for the spiritual needs of the people of his parish. The bishop, however, is responsible for not only all the people of the diocese, but also for his priests and other ministers.

The more the lord gives to the church, the more he asks from it. The gift of the priesthood calls the people of god, the church, to pray for those who were entrusted with the divine mysteries and carried on the work of Christ. The bishop and priest are called to be the salt of the earth and the light and presence of Christ among us. All these responsibilities have been given to men who possess human weakness and frailty.

The gospel today speaks of the "faithful servant" which is, of course, the role of the priest and bishop. They are to be like the wise virgins always ready to serve the lord, and like the faithful servant, eager to multiply the talents god has given them. Because the priest and bishop have been given so much responsibility over the church of God, they must know, not only God's will, but must also constantly strive to be examples of fidelity and prudent action.

The church's ministers always must seek to be strong in virtue, persevering in willingness and humble and constant in action. If not, they may delay the master's coming.

Because of the dangers and temptations that assail the bishop and priest, we must pray for them. This is our Christian duty and it arises out of our gratitude for the service they have rendered God in his Church. We pray that all god's priests and bishops enter into the house of the lord and reap the rewards of the faithful servant.

May the lord entrust them with even greater things!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER ALL THE DECEASED PRIESTS ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE EPARCHY OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON

*** HELP US KEEP OUR RECORDS UPDATED**

Please help us keep our church records up-to-date by filling out the attached registration/update sheet. You can also find this form in the church foyer.

Our Lady of Lebanon Church Registration/Parishioner Update Sheet

For more information, visit www.ollchicago.org or call 630-932-9640

PLEASE PRINT

Yourself: _____
 First Name Middle Name Last Name

Spouse: _____
 First Name Middle Name Last Name

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Children (Please use back page if needed)

First Name Middle Last Name Date of Birth M or F

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Are you Catholic? Yes No

➤ If yes, circle one:

Maronite Roman/Latin Melkite Byzantine Armenian

Chaldean Coptic Other _____

➤ If no, please indicate the church of your baptism:

Orthodox Other: _____