

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

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Pastor: Monsignor Alfred Badawi
Deacon: John Sfire
Subdeacon: William Nijm

Sunday, February 28, 2010

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

2 Cor 7:4-11 Lk 8:40-56

Schedule of Masses

Tuesday thru Friday 9:00 AM
Sunday 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Choir

Tuesday practices 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 your **Silver or Golden Anniversary** is approaching and you would like to receive a special recognition from the Pope, please inform Msgr. Alfred at least four months in advance.

Mass Intentions

When asking that a loved one be remembered during weekend Liturgy, 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 announce yourself to the deacon or subdeacon or to the usher (s) before Mass and take your seat on the left side of the church. One must be appropriately dressed. Also, volunteers are needed to serve as ushers at the weekend Liturgies. If you are interested in helping, please see Tom on Sunday or call the parish office.

Website News

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

Birth Announcements

If anyone in the parish has recently had a new-born, please contact the church office. We will happily make the announcements in the bulletin.

Remember: Please Use Your Envelopes

Just a friendly reminder; using your weekly envelopes is helpful to us in many ways. Please put them to good use. Thank you!

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, February 28

9:30 AM Youssef Abboud, by M/M Sam Ibrahim, Sr.

Gerard Eli Haig, by Eli & Paula Haig

Bernice Simon, by M/M Joe Boden

11:30 AM Anthony (Sonny) Abraham Memorial Mass,
by Honorable & Mrs. William Haddad

Mehrez Mattar Anniv. Rembr.,
by M/M Tony Hanna & family

Mimi Roukoz Mattar 1 Year Anniv. Rembr.,
by M/M Tony Hanna & family

Maurice Zayek 2nd Anniv. Rembr.,
by wife Laure & family

Monday, March 1

11:30 AM Tammer & Mary Caleel, by the Caleel family

Tuesday, March 2 Feast of John Maron

7:00 PM Joseph Shaker, Sr., by Dr. Robert & Mrs. Cathy Breit

Wednesday, March 3

11:30 AM Russell Abbatte, by Dr. Pierre & Mrs. Abi Mansour

Thursday, March 4

11:30 AM Adelle Nassif, by Mrs. Shaker & family

Friday, March 5

6:45 PM Antonios Faddoul Khoury, by Laurice Joseph

Sunday, March 7

9:30 AM Ralph Lutfy 40 Day Liturgy Rembr.,
by Joanna Bischof

Fouad Zeidan, by Shaker & Breit Families

Glenn Ridgway, by Maureen Carr

11:30 AM Gerard Eli Haig, by Eli & Paula Haig

Joseph Shaker, Sr., by M/M Eli Haig

Halim, Michael & Chibli Feghali,
by brother Joseph Feghali
Caesar Tabet, Sr. by M/M Sam Ibrahim, Jr.

Courtesy During The Divine Liturgy

There are times during the Divine Liturgy that no one should be leaving their seats. These times are during the scripture readings and consecration.

Please Do Not Leave Church bulletins in the pews or books racks when you leave church on Sunday morning Masses. The church is the house of God. Help keep it neat and clean. If you bring a bulletin into Church, then take it home with you.

Recent Birth...we rejoice with Jason & Maya Estephan Halack on the birth of their daughter, **Sophia Belle Halack** (2-17-2010). May the Lord God bless her parents and grant Sophia a happy and healthy life.

Altar Servers Schedule

Sunday, February 28

9:30 AM Faris Zahrah, Margaret Zahrah, Mark Tarabey

11:30 AM Sara Masud, Mary Mulcahey, Yasmeeen Yousif,
Giji Haddad

Sunday, March 7

9:30 AM Maria Antoon, Bobby Antoon, Mia Khoury

11:30 AM Bashir Zakhem, Remon Nahra, Laith Yousif,
Jacob Haddad

Ushers Schedule

Sunday, February 28

9:30 AM Fred Guttas, Mitchell Gattas

11:30 AM Sami Daou, George Zakhem, Joseph Naddaf, Tony Boumitri

Sunday, March 7

9:30 AM Nabil Zahrah, Frank Kermend

11:30 AM Sami Daou, Henri Abboud, Tony Boumitri, George Zakhem

Readers Schedule

Sunday, February 28

9:30 AM Robert Antoon

11:30 AM Anthony Shaker, Christelle Chedrawy

Sunday, March 7

9:30 AM Margaret Budz

11:30 AM Patricia Tabet, Bernard Bendok

Weekly Collections

Sunday, February 21 \$2,975

Thank You

Again this weekend: we want to take the opportunity to thank you for your support and attendance.



Please take a moment to pray for:

Cecilia Couri
Glenna Koehler

James Koehler
Marie Belle Badawi

Antonios Abdallah

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

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Feb. 28 2nd Recon. First Holy Communion Class 10:30AM

Feb. 28 MYO Meeting 12:30 PM

Mar. 5 Senior Gathering 12:00 PM

Mar. 5 & 12 Potluck Dinner 8:00 PM

Mar. 11 Parish Pastoral Council 7:30 PM

Mar. 19 & 26 Potluck Dinner 8:00 PM

Mar. 13 Ladies Spiritual Retreat 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Mar. 14 Second Grade Parent Meeting 10:30 AM

Mar. 28 Palm Sunday Bake Sale

April 4 Easter Bunny

Parish Lenten Mission, Stations and Benediction of the Cross will be conducted every Friday of Lent at 7:30 p.m. Please join us!

Online Contributions

This is an easy way to give to your church on a weekly, monthly or yearly basis. You are highly encouraged to consider using this online bill payment system from your bank.

Wish List

Commercial Refrigerator \$3,000

Received Thus Far: \$100 donated by Father Alfred

Potluck Suppers

Bring a covered dish, salad or dessert to share for the dinner that takes place on Friday of Lent after the service of the Holy Cross: February 19 & 26.

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

This is a wonderful opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Our Lady of Lebanon Parish. Confessions are heard every Friday of Lent either before or after the service. Be sure to bring your family.

NAM

You are all invited to attend the NAM Mid-America Regional Convention from March 12-14, hosted by Saint Maron Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota, 602 University Ave. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413. Please join us for this enriching weekend. Get-together on Friday night, workshops Saturday morning, trips to the Mall of America & indoor water park, and Hafli/Dinner on Saturday night featuring Amin Sultan & Band. For more information, please call your pastor or log on to www.namnews.com or www.stmaron.com Come, let us celebrate.

Parents Of All Second Graders Preparing For Eucharist please mark your calendar for the parent meeting on Sunday, March 14, at 10:30 a.m. in the church.

Lenten Retreat

The Ladies Auxiliary is proud to sponsor Living Beyond Your Horizon, a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 13, at our parish. Deacon Philip Marrow will incorporate the Ignatius approach to life with an inspirational lecture and interactive discussion followed by lunch, prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The spiritual retreat is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register for this workshop, please pick up your flyer in the lobby of the church.

Choir

Voices of the Spirit Choir, which is comprised of people between the ages of 8 and 80, is looking for help to continue our mission of inspiring the congregation to sing at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. If you are willing to give up a little time to play an instrument or just sing in our choir, we would love to have you. We need you and your voice! We practice every Tuesday, 7:30-9:30 p.m., in the church. See Julie on Sunday.

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because of Your just punishments, but most of all because they offended You, my God, who are all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

Property Insurance & Catholic Mutual \$15,407/yr
Paid to date \$14,407
Clergy Health Benefits & Retirement \$15,000/yr
Diocesan Monthly Assessment \$20,000/yr
Diocesan Appeal Drive (collect during Lent) \$10,800
Snow Removal Expense as of today \$3,997.00
Gas Bill Expense as of today \$4,420.82

Candles

It is obvious to me that the presence of "real" candles in front of our beloved Mother is something you as a parish appreciate. I include myself in that sense of appreciation. I would like to remind you that the candles burn for (six) full days. The cost of the candles is \$2.00 each. We can not afford to offer this devotional without cost. Thank you in advance for making sure that you make the required offering of \$2.00.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS

JUNE 19, 2009 - JUNE 19, 2010

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a "Year for Priests" beginning with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 19, 2009. The year will conclude in Rome with an international gathering of priests with the Holy Father on June 19, 2010. With the [announcement of this Year for Priests](#), the Pope has declared St. John Vianney the Universal Patron of Priests on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of the Curé d'Ars.

Please pray for our priests that they might always be faithful to their sacred calling.

Meetings

The MYO will meet today, Sunday, February 28th, after the 11:30 a.m., Liturgy. Please attend. (Mandatory)

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. Parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Maronite Youth

Welcome to the new youth members: Joseph Karam & Lukazs Karam. It's great to have some new faces, and I am sure your friends will enjoy having you around. Welcome on board, guys. We are glad to have you!
Fr. Alfred

Youth Mass Age 13-18

Mark your calendars for every fourth Sunday of the month to join us and our youth in celebrating the Divine Liturgy at 11:30 a.m. This Sunday, February 28, is the last Sunday of the month. All the youth are encouraged to participate.

Palm Sunday/Bake Sale

We are very grateful to Eva Moinnes, Mirna Abboud and Rima Hanna for accepting to coordinate the bake sale. They will be calling on the ladies of the parish for help. Pre-order will be published in our parish website as well as in our weekly bulletin. Thanks in advance.

1600 Years Jubilee February 9, 2010/March 2, 2011

St. Maron - Witness of Faith and A people's journey"

Thank You Note

I want to thank Sam Sweilem for sharing his technological knowledge for OLOL. God bless.

Pastor Corner

It is hard to believe that is the third week of Lent. Our New Year's resolutions may have already been broken and now it is time to make another one. Hopefully, our resolution for Lent isn't just something that we do for the short season of Lent, but something that will make a difference in our spiritual life throughout the year. In order to help make a lasting change in our life, start thinking now what commitment or sacrifice you can make during Lent to offer back in Thanksgiving to God for the new life given to us through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ.

One thing that I would like to invite all us to try to focus on this Lent is providing a more prayerful atmosphere in the church – especially before and after Mass during the season of Lent.

One of the great things about Our Lady of Lebanon Parish is the tremendous sense of family and community that we share. I don't want to do anything to hinder that community connection, but would invite you to consider making those connections, catching up with each other, sharing joys and woes out in the narthex instead of in the church proper. This will allow those who want to spend some extra time in prayer before or after Mass during Lent the opportunity to do so without a lot of distraction. Another thing that I would invite those of you who regularly attend Mass from the narthex to do is to make a commitment to move into church. You will find that we are very nice people in there and don't bite (well not usually anyway)! You will also find that it will be a much more meaningful experience to be surrounded by a community of faith and actively participating with them in prayer and song during Mass. It amazes me the amount of people of who come late to Mass and stake out a spot in the narthex or the hall where they can neither hear nor see Mass yet feel they have met their obligation. Please enter into the church and join in the liturgical celebration. If you need help finding a seat, ask one of the ushers and they will be happy to help you find a spot. May God bless you and your families this week!

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Easter Flower Memorial

Easter Lilies can be donated in memory of a loved one. Their names will be noted on a scroll. Look for the table in the Shaker Hall after all Sunday Liturgies. Donation is \$20. All plants will be used in the Easter altar decorations. Please help make our Easter decorations beautiful and uplifting! Thanks to Cathy and Saja of the Liturgical Committee for their hard work in keeping our altar and sanctuary decorated.

Liturgically Speaking

On this Third Sunday of Lent, the Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman, the necessity of faith and the power and compassion of Jesus shines forth. The poor woman who was lost in the crowd thought no one would notice her, not even the Master Himself. Yet Jesus stopped to speak to the woman. Although the woman thought she was unimportant, she was very important to Jesus. To Him, each of us is important and worthy of all His attention. It is encouraging to know that we are most valuable in the eyes of the Almighty. The Lenten question is whether our neighbors, our brothers and our sisters are as important to us as we are to Jesus? This period of Lent allows us to strive for holiness, as our Almighty Father is holy. Holiness is being whole, as God created us in His likeness and image. One of the readings from the weekday liturgy challenged us "to be Holy as our Heavenly Father is Holy." Make this a fruitful Lenten Period and strive to have a change of heart and return to the open and welcoming embrace of the Father. Jesus shows us the way!

Lent

The weekly readings during Lent speak about conversion. This conversion deals with life and death. Jesus points beyond behaviors to a conversion of heart, as was also commanded by St. Paul's reading "return to me with your whole heart." Mere self denial is not the goal of Lent; renewed relationship with God and each other is. This kind of conversion demands of us a unique self-giving – a forgetting about ourselves which places God at the very center of our lives. Behavior is important, to be sure; changed behaviors and habits are also a goal of Lent and often witness to a conversion of heart. But changed behaviors are worthless if they don't express something deeper, that conversion of heart which brings us closer to God and each other. Lent is an opportunity to change our behavior and come to conversion in both communal and individual ways. In either case, we surrender ourselves to God and seek mercy and forgiveness. The size or difficulty or quantity of our penance during Lent isn't the measure of a successful Lent; conversion of heart is. During Lent, we practice dying to self in new ways which brings us to a true celebration of Easter life. It's better to accomplish something small which makes a difference in our relationships with God and others than to tackle something large which may bring failure. The choice is ours.

+The conversion of heart that I seek for myself this Lent is...

+ My Lenten practices go beyond mere self-denial to renewing my relationships with God and others by...

+ The conversion of heart that I seek for our world and for our Church this Lent is...