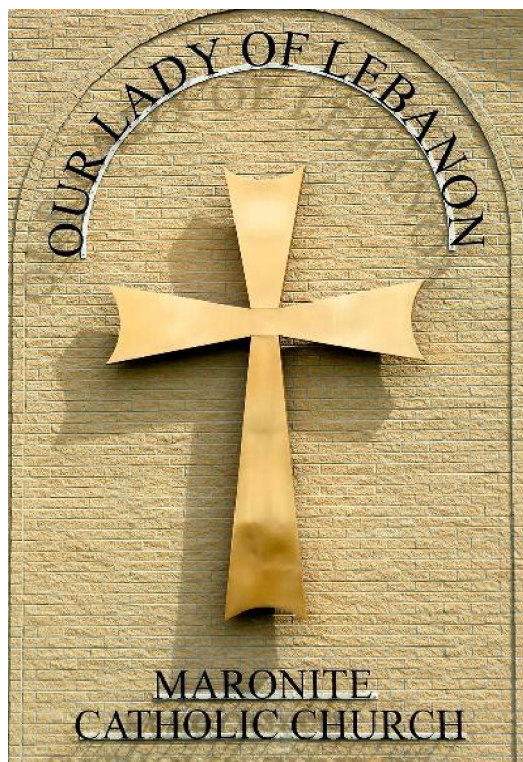


FUNERAL POLICY



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Introduction

The sadness of death should give way in our liturgy to the promise of resurrected life. Our celebration of a person's life should reflect our conviction that in Jesus Christ we have life beyond life. Although there is nothing which can compensate for our loss, it is important that we turn to our faith and our community for support. Our Lady of Lebanon Church wishes to offer you that support in your time of grief.

Guidelines for Funerals

1. All funerals will be according to the Canons of the Maronite Catholic Church.
2. A date shall be set for the funeral in consultation with the Pastor.
3. Before any Priest other than the resident Pastor is engaged, the resident Pastor must be consulted. All expenses of the visiting Priest(s), travel, lodging, food and whatever gift or stipend one would like to give, is borne by the family having the funeral.
4. All music for the funeral Liturgy must be appropriate for liturgical use. While popular songs are inappropriate during the Liturgy celebration, your favorite secular songs may be performed or played at the funeral home.
5. Parishioners may request a luncheon in Shaker Hall following a funeral liturgy for your loved one(s). Food suppliers must be licensed by the state of IL and be able to provide a Health Certificate prior to the funeral by contacting the church. Luncheon contracts are the family's responsibility.
6. We welcome flowers and wreaths as part of the funeral celebration, however, flowers must be taken by the funeral director following the service.
7. The customary donation to the Church is \$200 - \$300 for the expenses incurred by the facilities operation.
8. Other fees include a \$100 charge by the organist and a \$100 fee paid to the cantor.
9. If you should choose to donate a personal gratuity to the pastor by check, please write "stipend" in the notation area.

Note: One may give more than the suggested fee if he/she wishes. Donations assist in continuing this ministry and are gratefully accepted. However, if it is financially prohibitive, please contact the Pastor.

Memorial Gifts

You may wish to encourage friends and family to make memorial gifts to Our Lady of Lebanon Church. These gifts are received in the name of the one who has died, and the immediate family is notified of them. Memorial gifts may be used for Mass stipend, the general needs of the church, or may be designated for a specific purpose, such as the Memorial Tree of Life.

Wakes

Upon the recommendations of our Pastor, IL Health Department, Mutual Catholic Group Insurance Policy and the Board of Trustees, we conform to the laws of no further wakes in our church. We may be allowed to permit viewing for a brief time prior to a funeral mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Church. Thank you for your understanding in this sensitive matter.