

Our Lady of Lebanon



Maronite Catholic Church

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March 23, 2025

Parable of the Prodigal Son





7 Facts About Lent In The Maronite Church

- 1. Lent starts on Ash Monday (not Ash Wednesday)**
- 2. It lasts seven weeks (40 Days) from Ash Monday until the Saturday before Palm Sunday.**
- 3. The 40 Days of Lent prepare the believers for the Holy week of Jesus suffering, Death, and Resurrection.**
- 4. During Lent, we abstain & fast from food & water (meat, milk, eggs, ...) from midnight until noon.**
- 5. People should do good works of mercy and receive, at least once, the Sacrament of Confession.**
- 6. Lent is a penitential season for repentance, reflection & renewal of our commitment to Jesus & our Faith.**
- 7. Purple is the liturgical color during Mass.**



Mass Intentions
Sunday, March 23

[Click Here](#)
For Mass Requests

9:30 AM

Andrew Sullivan (Sullivan Family)

Mary & Bert Trapani and
Ann & Joseph Kermend (Kermend Family)

Ferris Shadid (Madeleine Malek)

Deceased members of Shaker
& Abraham Families (Joseph & Terry Shaker)

11:30 AM

Jeanette Karam Abou Elias (Ibrahim Family)

Lara Rezko (Madeleine Malek)



Mass Intentions
Sunday, March 30

[Click Here](#)
For Mass Requests

9:30 AM

Ferris Shadid (Madeleine Malek)

11:30 AM

40 day Memorial Lara Rezko (Rezko Family)

Rev. Fr. Joseph Michael Ziadé (Ziadé Family)

Stations of the Cross

Fridays @ 7 pm



Join us for
Potluck on Fridays
after Stations of the Cross

Saint Joseph Fish Fry

Sunday March 23



\$30 Fried or Baked / \$15 Kids Menu

Deadline for reservation March 16.

LENT

Second Collection



The Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon is currently underway. We encourage every family to take part in the Appeal.

A Second Collection will be taken at our Parish on **Sunday March 30, 2025.**

Thank you for living Lent and sharing your goods for the glory of God.

Easter Lily Dedications



**Remember your deceased
Honor & pray for your loved one(s)**

Write your name and the names of those whom you like to honor or remember on the envelope. Make your donation and put the envelope in the offering plate or turn it in to Mrs. Edma Masud.

The list of names will be published in the church bulletin & it will be printed and placed on the Altar during Easter Masses. Please submit your information by Sunday, April 13.



Save The Date

BAKE SALE

Sunday April 13

**Contact Madeleine Malek
847-533-5698**



OLL MRE Newsletter

Spring 2025

Upcoming Events - At a Glance

Mar 2 – Class; Season of Lent-3/3
Mar 9 – Class; Spiritual Talk with Abouna
Mar 16 – Class; 2nd Grade Confession
Mar 23–Class; 5th/6th / Confirmation Confession
Mar 30 – Class; 3rd/4th Grade Confession
Apr 4 – Friday - MRE Stations of the Cross
Apr 6 – Class; First Communion Robe Fitting
Apr 13 – Palm Sunday – NO CLASSES
Apr 20 – Easter Sunday – NO CLASSES
Apr 26 – Saturday – First Communion Rehearsal
Apr 27 – MRE Graduation Celebration
May 3 – Saturday – First Holy Communion
May 18 – Confirmation

CLASS TIME

When: Sunday Mornings (Refer to 2024 / 2025 schedule)

10:20 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

Note: Attendance is **REQUIRED** for students in First Communion and Confirmation. Three (3) tardies are excused for the school year. Please reach out to Anita if you'll be absent more days.

Prayer Before Meals

This short prayer is said before each meal.

Bless us, Oh Lord,
and these, Thy gifts,
which we are about to receive,
from Thy bounty,
through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



5 Simple Steps: Teaching Your Kids to Pray

Teaching your child to pray takes time and practice. Here are five steps to help you in this worthwhile endeavor.

1. Pray with your child.

The best way to teach your kids how to pray is to pray with them. Family prayer time is a great way to do this. Gather together as a family and pray together. You can each take turns saying your prayers out loud. For example, you can thank God for your day and pray for your intentions. When you pray aloud together, your kids will not only see you praying, but will hear your prayers. This will give them an idea of what to pray for and how to pray.

2. Pray over your children.

You can pray over your children each night as well. Make the sign of the cross on their forehead and offer a prayer for them aloud. You can pray for God's guidance and protection, for them to grow to know and love God, for help in any struggles they are going through, and in thanksgiving for them.

3. Talk about prayer and what it means.

Prayer is an important part of a life of faith. Talking about it with your kids helps them to understand this. It also keeps an open line of communication with them about the faith. As they continue to grow, they will have more questions, so having conversations about prayer now will help pave the way for more and deeper conversations with them as they grow.

4. Help them to memorize prayers.

There are beautiful prayers that are part of the Catholic faith. Help your children to memorize them. Some of these prayers include The Our Father, Hail Mary, Prayer Before Meals, The Rosary, The Sign of The Cross and Glory Be. Simply saying these prayers during your daily family prayer time can help them to memorize them.

5. Be an example.

If you want your children to understand the importance of prayer and to make it part of their daily lives, set the example. Make time for prayer in your day in addition to your daily family prayer time. Pray during your day. If you are praying and your kids ask you what you are doing, tell them you are praying. Invite them to pray with you.

MYA Bible Study

**EVERY THURSDAY
@ 7PM**





Our Lady of Lebanon



Children Choir

Friday April 25 @ 6:30 pm



Our Lady of Lebanon



KIDS CLUB

Friday April 25 @ 7:00 pm

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



The Jubilee of 2025 began on December 24, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door and will last until January 6, 2026.

The Jubilee is a special year of grace when we renew our faith in Jesus “The Door”, to receive the forgiveness of sins for ourselves and for our deceased relatives and to connect the local Church with the broader Catholic Community worldwide.

Become a Pilgrim of Hope



THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

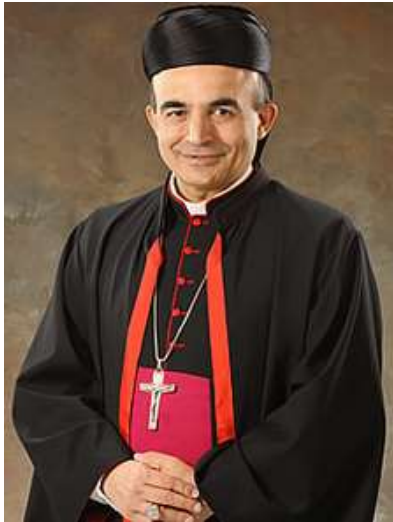
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Mark your calendar & Plan to attend



His Excellency, Bishop A. Elias Zaidan will be making a special visit to Our Lady of Lebanon Church - Lombard, ILLINOIS on Sunday April 6, 2025.

The Bishop will present his vision about the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles: "Vision for the future, Mission for Today". Your attendance is greatly recommended and appreciated. Reception after Mass will follow.



Eparchy Capital Campaign



Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles Capital Campaign



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Ministers

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\$15 Million Goal

For more information visit www.eparchy.org or email admin@eparchy.org



2025

LENTEN APPEAL

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As we approach the Lenten season, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of our cherished Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles. These times present us with numerous challenges, both locally and internationally, and yet your commitment remains steadfast.

Lent offers us a unique opportunity to deepen our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness. It invites us to reflect on the countless blessings bestowed upon us and encourages us to extend our hands to those who are in need.

This Lent, I reach out to you for your assistance in addressing our most pressing needs:

- Education and Formation for our Seminarians
- Support for Missions and Parishes
- Development of Ministries for our Children, Youth, and Young Adults
- Charitable Aid for our brothers and sisters both here in the USA and in Lebanon, Syria, and across the Middle East

The Annual Appeal details these urgent needs, as outlined in the enclosed brochure. Your generous contributions and prayers are invaluable and deeply appreciated. On behalf of those who will benefit from your kindness, I want to personally thank you for your thoughtful consideration and support.

Prayerfully yours in Christ,

+A. Elias Zaidan

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



Patrick Hachem

nephew of Juliette Zakhem



***17 yr Teen Fighting
Testicular Cancer
Since Age 15***

[Click here to Donate](#)



***Support Patrick
in his fight against this
relentless disease
by scanning the QR Code***



Palm Sunday Candles are available.
Contact Madeleine Malek 847-533-5698

The Phoenician Club of Chicago

Come Meet and Network with the Young and Experienced Professionals in our Community.

You, your family, and friends are cordially invited to a Networking Event and Social Gathering / Game Night



When *Saturday, March 22, 2025*

Where: Our Lady of Lebanon Church
 950 N. Grace St
 Lombard, IL 60148

Time: 6:30 pm (Dinner served at 7:00pm)

Cost: Sponsored by Phoenician Club of Chicago

Please reply indicating your wish to attend to:

Fahim Shadid, (630-835-7203)
Charlie Barbari (630-359-4131)
Paul Ghassan (630-5441871)
OR Email: fahimshadid@sbcglobal.net

RSVP: By March 15, 2025.

Menu: Kafta Kebob, Chicken Kebob, Rice, Hummus, Falafel
 & Salad, Dessert- fruits- Beverage-

NETWORK – SOCIALIZE – PLAY GAMES



SPONSORSHIP PACKET

Join us for an elegant evening of
celebration at the Scholarship Gala 2025.

Saturday | April 26th, 2025
Marriott Oak Brook

A Toast to Tomorrow:
Investing in Legal Excellence

For more information : www.arabbar.org/scholarship





Annual Scholarship Gala
*A Toast to Tomorrow:
Investing in Legal Excellence*
Sponsorship Levels & Tickets

Sponsorship Packages



**GRAND
BENEFACTOR**
\$10,000



- 20 event tickets at VIP table
- Signage at door
- Individual recognition from podium
- Social media listing
- Program listing
- Website recognition before and after the event



**PLATINUM
SPONSORSHIP**
\$5,000



- 10 event tickets at premium table
- Signage at door
- Individual recognition from podium
- Social media listing
- Program listing
- Website recognition before and after the event



**GOLD
SPONSORSHIP**
\$2,500



- 6 event tickets, strategically located table
- Signage at door
- Individual recognition from podium
- Social media listing
- Program listing
- Website recognition before and after the event



**SILVER
SPONSORSHIP**
\$1,000



- 2 event tickets
- Signage at door
- Social media listing
- Program listing
- Website recognition before and after the event




**BRONZE
SPONSORSHIP**
\$500



- 1 event ticket
- Program listing
- Website recognition before and after the event

NAME LISTED ON ALL
EVENT MATERIALS:

 Other Amount: \$

DEADLINE FOR SPONSORSHIPS IS MARCH 31ST, 2025



Annual Scholarship Gala
*A Toast to Tomorrow:
Investing in Legal Excellence*
Sponsorship Levels & Tickets

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Via e-mail: Scholarship@arabbar.org

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT:

Scholarship@arabbar.org

Via mail: Arab American Bar Association Scholarship Foundation
53 W. Jackson – Suite 1142
Chicago, IL 60604

DONOR INFORMATION

ORGANIZATION NAME: _____
(Name to Appear on Marketing Materials)

CONTACT NAME: _____

BILLING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

LOGO: Please send your organization's logo (.png format) to Scholarship@arabbar.org by March 31st, 2025.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

aabarscholarshipfoundation2025.eventbrite.com



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Arab American Bar Scholarship Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, needs your support in its charitable mission. We are committed to ensuring that future generations have the opportunity to enrich the legal profession and serve our community. Contributions to the Arab American Bar Scholarship Foundation are deductible for income tax purposes to the extent permitted by law.

Readers and Ushers

Mass 9:30 am

Readers

Kermend Family

Ushers

Nabil Zahra
Francis Kermend
Joe Kermend



Mass 11:30 am

Readers

Subdeacon

Ushers

Ed Kneip
Elie Masud
John Albani

Let Us Remember our Beloved Ones who died during the month of March

Megan Shaker	Robert Basil	Louis Haddad	Maurice Zayek
Chris Crispin	James C. Bomrad	Fredia Saige	Albert Joseph
Jim Abraham	Mickey Haddad	Nabiha Farris	Bertha Derzy
Peter Dumit	Dixie Lee Haddad	Mary Bouzide	Roula Rezko

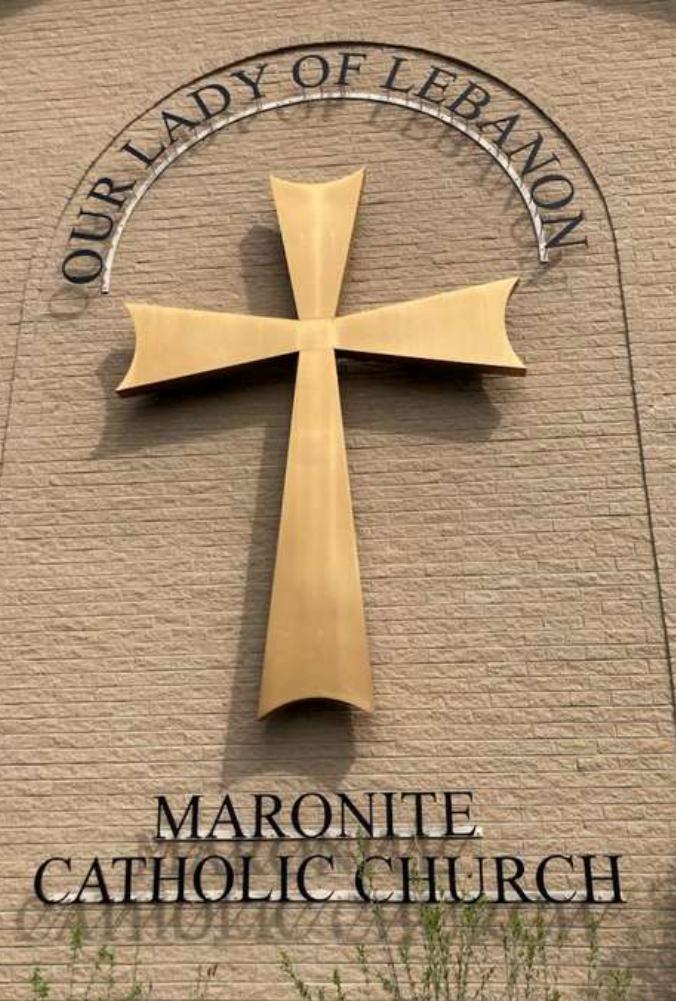
Weekly Collection

March 16, 2025 : \$4,812

May GOD accept your generous donations and sacrifices

Donate online: www.ollchicago.org

Or mail your check to Our Lady of Lebanon



MYO

(Maronite Youth Organization)

Meetings on Sundays - MRE.

For more information please contact
Gisele Mulcahey or Mary Mulcahey

MYA

(Maronite Young Adults)

Meetings on Thursdays, via Zoom.

For more information please contact:
Dr Nadia Haddad or Lindsey Dwyers

Church Forms

