

# *Our Lady* *of Lebanon*

Maronite Catholic Church

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March 1, 2026

## **Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman**





**Mass Intentions**  
**Sunday, March 1**

[Click Here](#)  
For Mass Requests

9:30 AM

Samuel Antoun Ibrahim (Dandan Family)  
George & Awatif Ishac (Ishac Family)

11:30 AM

Samuel Antoun Ibrahim (Sami Daou & Family)  
Antoine Gemayel (Micheline Hanna & Family)



**Mass Intentions**  
**Sunday, March 8**

[Click Here](#)  
For Mass Requests

9:30 AM

Samuel Antoun Ibrahim (Paul Chartouni & Family)  
Peace In Lebanon & Gaza (Joe & Terry Shaker)

11:30 AM

Samuel Antoun Ibrahim (Nicolas & Nadia Yanaki)

# MYA Bible Study

**EVERY WEDNESDAY  
@ 7PM**



# Stations of the Cross

Fridays @ 7 pm



Join us for  
Potluck on Fridays  
after Stations of the Cross



**Our Lady of Lebanon**



# **Children Choir**

**Ages 5-12**

**Saturday February 28 @ 5pm**





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# **KIDS CLUB**

**Saturday February 28  
@ 5:30pm**

**Sign up With Rania Lutfallah**

# FALAFEL FUNDRAISER

**OLL MYO Fundraiser**

**March 8, 2026 After 11:30 Mass**



Join us for  
fresh & delicious  
*falafel!*



# LENTEN RETREAT



**SATURDAY MARCH 21**

**FROM 10AM TO 2PM**

*Details to follow*

*Yes, my soul, find rest in God;  
my hope comes from him.*

*Psalm 62:5*

# Saint Joseph Fish Fry

Sunday March 22



**\$35 Fried or Baked**

**\$15 Kids Menu**

**Deadline for reservation March 15.**



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church  
**Annual Easter Bake Sale**  
 Palm Sunday March 29, 2026



ITEM	Description	PACKAGE SIZE	PRICE PER PACKAGE	QTY	TOTAL PRICE
Mana'eesh with Za'atar	Pizza w.oregano & sesame seeds	½ Dozen	\$ 15.00		
Mana'eesh with Cheese	Pizza w.cheese	½ Dozen	\$15.00		
Fatayer	Spinach Pies	1 Dozen	\$25.00		
Sfiha	Open face meat pie	1 Dozen	\$25.00		
Sambousek	Fried meat pie	1 Dozen	\$25.00		
Shishbarak	Meat ravioli	2 Dozen	\$25.00		
Kibbe 'Rass	Crushed wheat w.meat mixture in balls	1 Dozen	\$30.00		
Kibbe Sayniye	Crushed wheat w.meat mix in tray	½ Tray	\$50.00		
Veggie Kibbe 'Rass	Crushed wheat & pumpkin, w.spinach, onions, chickpeas, sumac in balls ('Rass)	1 Dozen	\$30.00		
Veggie Kibbe Sayniye		½ Tray	\$50.00		
Sha'aybiyet	Phyllo dough w.custard stuffing	1 Dozen	\$15.00		
Ma'amoul w/Walnuts	semolina+farina stuffed w.walnuts	1 Dozen	\$25.00		
Ma'amoul w/Pistachios	semolina+farina w.pistachios	1 Dozen	\$25.00		
Ma'amoul w/Dates	semolina+farina stuffed w.dates	1 Dozen	\$25.00		
Ka'ak bi Tamer	Cookies with dates	1 Dozen	\$25.00		
Ka'ak bhalib	Milk-based cookies	1 Dozen	\$15.00		
Ka'ak Yansoon	Yansoon (anise) based cookies	1 Dozen	\$20.00		
Arak Brun			\$35.00		
Wine Ksara			\$25.00		
Add your item, here:					
<b>TOTAL</b>					

*Kindly pay and place your order no later than **March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026.***

*All orders to be picked up at the church on Palm Sunday: **Sunday March 29, 2026 - 9:30am-1:00pm***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Our Lady of Lebanon Church**  
 Online ordering: [www.ollchicago.org](http://www.ollchicago.org)  
 Call Madeleine with any questions: 847.533.5698



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

2025 Donation letter

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Parishioners,

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank you for your generous donations and steadfast support throughout the year 2025. Your kindness and commitment continue to strengthen our parish community, and we are truly thankful for all you do.

If you would like to receive a letter acknowledging your donation for the year 2025 for your records or tax return purposes, please send your request to:

[olofficechicago@gmail.com](mailto:olofficechicago@gmail.com).



# 2026 LENTEN APPEAL

## BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As we approach the Lenten season, I would like to once again express my sincere gratitude for your steadfast and generous support of our beloved Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles. In a time marked by many challenges, both at home and around the world, your faithfulness and commitment continue to be a true source of strength and hope.

Lent is a sacred time to connect with our Almighty God and to renew ourselves through prayer, fasting, and works of charity. We are called to reflect on the many blessings we have received and to respond with compassion to those in need.

During this Lenten season, I humbly ask for your help in meeting our most urgent needs:

- Education and formation of our seminarians
- Care for our Retired Priests
- Support for our missions and parishes
- Development of ministries for our children, youth, and young adults
- Charitable assistance for our brothers and sisters in the U.S., Lebanon, Syria, and throughout the Middle East

These needs are outlined in the enclosed Annual Appeal brochure. Your prayers and generous support make a profound difference and are deeply appreciated. On behalf of all those whose lives will be touched by your kindness, please accept my heartfelt thanks for your continued generosity and support.

Prayerfully yours in Christ,

**+A. Elias Zaidan**

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

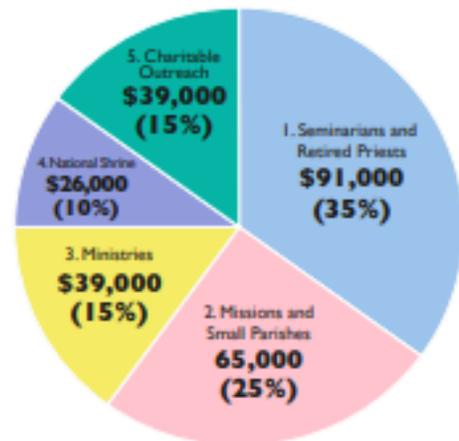


# ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Last year, we set a goal of **\$260,000**, which was allocated as outlined below. We raised a little over the goal amount, which helped defray the expenses of printing and mailing the Eparchial Appeal. We are truly grateful to all who generously contributed to support our Eparchy.

## REPORT ON 2025 LENTEN APPEAL USE OF FUNDS (\$260,000)

*\* The funds raised are not sufficient to fully cover the expenses in various areas. The Eparchy continues to provide subsidies and address additional costs as necessary.*



## 1. SEMINARIANS AND RETIRED PRIESTS



Our Eparchy is actively preparing two celibate seminarians and four married candidates for the Sacred Priesthood. Over the past year, the total expenses for their education, housing, formation, and living costs amounted to **\$283,618**. Additionally, we provide support for 10 retired priests, which incurs an annual cost of around **\$321,000**. **35% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will support Seminarians and Retired priests.**

## 2. MISSIONS AND AND SMALL PARISHES



Our Eparchy encompasses thirty-seven parishes and ten missions, serving over 46,000 Maronite Catholics across 34 states. Recently, we have established missions in New Orleans (LA) and Dallas (TX), as well as a plan to establish a new community in Mobile (AL). Many of these missions rely on financial assistance from the Eparchy to cover essential expenses. Your generous contributions will help us support these missions and connect with our cherished Maronite community throughout the country. **25% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will support Missions and Small Parishes.**

### 3. MINISTRIES



Our Eparchy plays a vital role in the lives of thousands of children, youth, and young adults, offering regional youth conferences and vibrant Catechism programs. Additionally, we have a thriving Family Life Ministry that works alongside our Subdiaconate and Diaconate Ministries. With these initiatives, the future of our Eparchy is looking very promising! **15% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will assist the Eparchy's Ministries.**

### 4. BASILICA AND NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON



Established over 60 years ago, our Eparchy takes pride in serving as a spiritual home of renewal and rejuvenation for the faithful across the nation. We warmly welcome pilgrims and visitors throughout the year, with a special emphasis on the Assumption Pilgrimage in August. **10% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will assist the National Maronite Shrine.**

### 5. CHARITABLE OUTREACH



As our Eparchy encourages the faithful to be generous, we also commit ourselves to supporting those in need. We provide assistance to the less fortunate in the United States, Lebanon, and the Middle East. Many religious institutions rely on our support to fulfill their basic needs and continue their ministries dedicated to helping the poor. **15% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will go to charity.**

# “GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER!”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

Lenten Appeal Gifts can be accepted through your local parish. Please **label your envelope/note/check “Bishop’s Appeal”**. You can also make a contribution online at [www.eparchy.org](http://www.eparchy.org)

## ADDITIONAL WAYS TO HELP

- Make a Bequest (naming the Eparchy) in your will. This can be for a specific amount of money or a percentage of your estate. Please include this language in your will:  
*“I give and bequeath to the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles \_\_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate [or the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_]*
- Give to the Eparchy from your IRA. Generally speaking, taxpayers who are age 70½ years old and older may give up to \$108,000 each year from their IRA to the Eparchy without paying the mandatory tax on IRA distributions. The practical effect of this is that you can give more, tax free, from your IRA – and this makes it a very effective way to support the Church. Contact your broker or the Eparchy for more information about this.
- Make the Eparchy a Beneficiary of Your Retirement Plan. We invite you to name the Eparchy as the beneficiary of your retirement plan. This avoids estate taxes (which are often very high on retirement plans) – and can be immensely helpful to the Eparchy.
- Share the Gift of Life Insurance. Naming the Eparchy as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy is a way to help the Eparchy in the future while not impacting your income or lifestyle today. Ask your insurance agent or contact the Eparchy for more information about this.



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# EPARCHIAL PILGRIMAGE

## 2026



## LAND TRIP TO FRANCE

Join Bishop A. Elias Zaidan to Lourdes and other important sites in France, including Paris, Lisieux, St. Michel, Normandie, and Bordeaux.

May 19-28,  
2026

*\*Flights to/from the United States to France need to be booked separately.*

# 10 Days 9 Nights

Double Occupancy

# \$4,000

/per person

Single Occupancy

Additional Supplement

\$1,000

### Price Includes:

- ✓ 4 Star Hotels Accommodations
- ✓ Entrance Fees to Various Sites
- ✓ English Speaking Guide
- ✓ Transportation between locations
- ✓ All Meals and Tips included

### To Reserve

Ivette Jackson: 323-336-3168

Jamileh Koury: 818-294-2901

Email: [info@eparchy.org](mailto:info@eparchy.org)

### Requirements

Reservation requires a deposit of \$2,000 per person. Full amount due on March 31, 2026.

# Beauty OF THE Rites

Lent in the  
Maronite Catholic Church



**BROADCAST ON**

**Sunday | March 1**  
**7:30 PM ET**



[shalomworld.org/lent-maronite](http://shalomworld.org/lent-maronite)



# Readers and Ushers

**Mass 9:30 am**

**Readers**

Anita Zodo

**Ushers**

Nabil Zahra  
Francis Kermend  
Joe Kermend

Book of Numbers 15,37-41.

Corinthians 7,4-11..

Luke 8,40-56.



**Mass 11:30 am**

**Readers**

MRE Students

**Ushers**

Ed Kneip  
Elie Masud  
John Albani

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

Megan Shaker

Chris Crispin

Jim Abraham

Peter Dumit

Robert Basil

James Bomrad

Mickey Haddad

Dixie Lee Haddad

Louis Haddad

Fredia Saige

Nabiha Farris

Mary Bouzide

Maurice Zayek

Albert Joseph

Bertha Derzy

Roula Rezko

Lara Rezko

## Weekly Collection

February 15, 2026

9:30 Mass: \$706

11:30 Mass: \$1,440

Online: \$570

Collection During the week: \$140

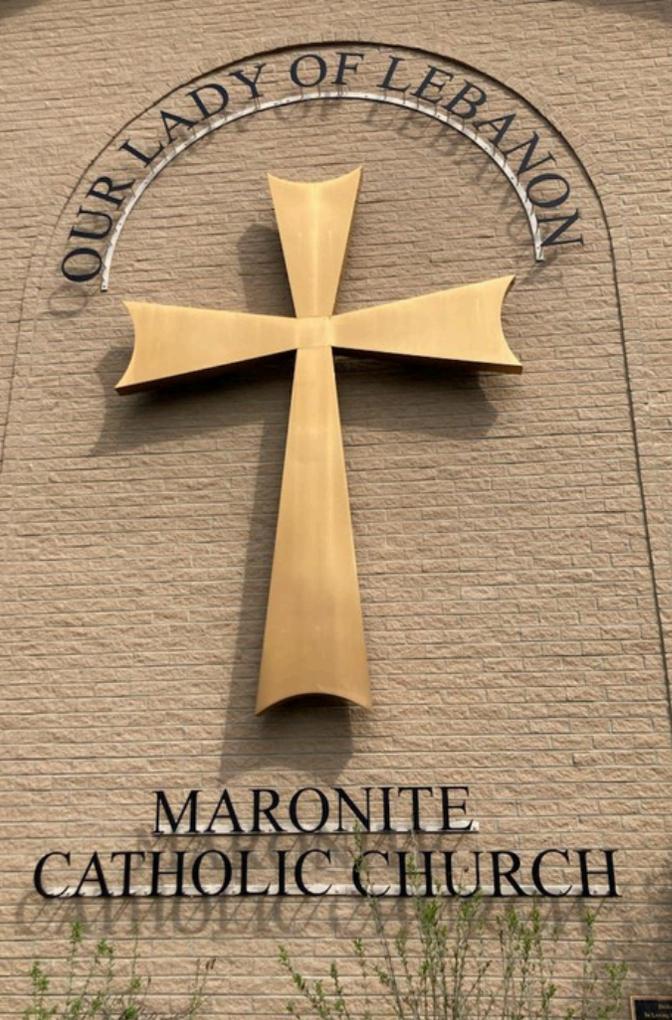
Candles: \$103

**Total Collection: \$2,959**

*May GOD accept your generous donations and sacrifices*

Donate online: [www.ollchicago.org](http://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 Rosy Sleiman**

## MYA

(Maronite Youth Adults)

Meetings on Thursdays.

For more information please contact:  
**Mary Mulcahey**

## Church Forms

