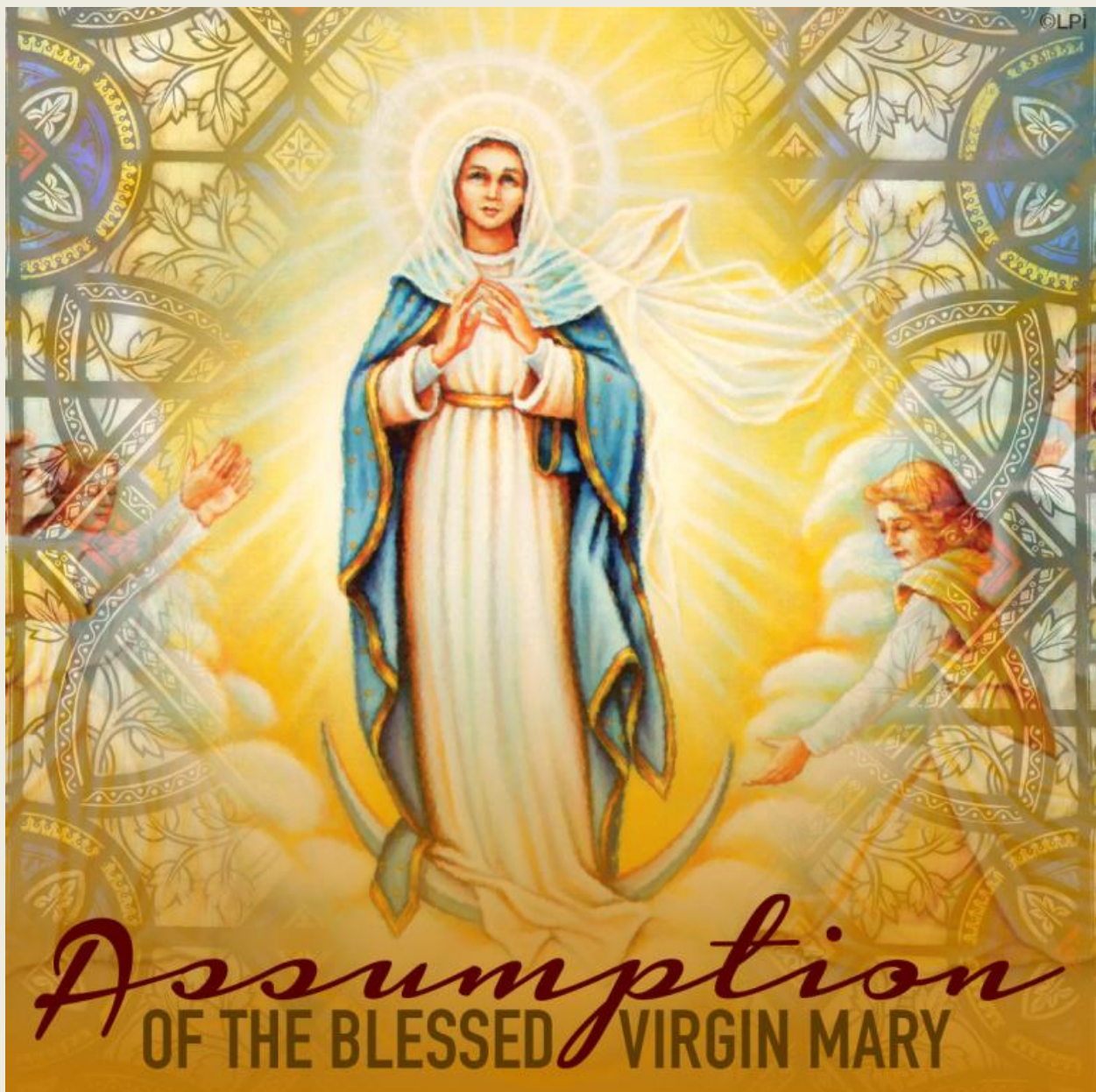




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Season of Pentecost Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2020





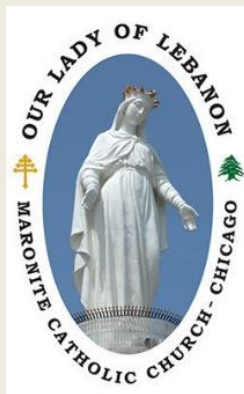
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Subject: Reopening guidelines for Our Lady of Lebanon Church amid COVID-19

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I pray that you and your loved ones are enjoying good health and continuing to join us in prayer via the Facebook Livestream. I look forward to being able to pray together again.

- Our Lady of Lebanon Church has developed a reopening plan under the guidance of the Diocese of Joliet and the State of Illinois.
- These guidelines have been created to keep everyone safe and healthy, while maintaining due respect and reverence for the sacraments and liturgical norms of our faith. These instructions will be under evaluation and are subject to change.
- Although public Masses are resuming, please note, as per our bishop, a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will continue until further notice.
- We will continue to livestream Mass and prayers on our Facebook page: **Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church.**

Mass will be celebrated at:

- **9:30 am and**
- **11:30 am.**
- Because of social distancing requirements, seating will be limited to every other pew with social distancing between those attending. We will have an **online reservation system at our website ollchicago.org** where you can reserve a seat at Mass. **Unreserved attendance will be turned away.**
- Please instruct those who do not have access to a computer to call the Parish Office at **630-932-9640**. The office is checking messages daily.

The following guidelines have been put in place for the safety of all attending:

- If you are sick or vulnerable to infection, or care for someone who is vulnerable, we ask that you please do not attend.
- **Plan to arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to the Mass you have signed up for.**
- All attendees must wear face masks inside the Church premises **AT ALL TIMES.**

- To ensure the safety and health of all our parish family and friends, we ask that you **do not congregate or meet up before or after Mass.**
- Please comply with the instructions of the ushers.
- **PLEASE NOTE** - you will be escorted to a pew.
- All attendees must use hand sanitizers, which is available at the entrance.
- All attendees will have their temperature taken before entering Church.
- Collection baskets will be placed at the main entrance of the Church. However, we encourage online donations at our website.
- The crying room and the Shaker Hall will be temporarily closed. Devotional candles will not be available. Please do not bring any strollers into the Church.
- To avoid cross contamination, Mass books will not be provided.
- You will notice that there are no Holy Water fonts. However, you should make the sign of the Cross when entering the Church.
- Instructions for receiving Holy Communion will be announced during each Mass. Please note that the consecrated Host will be distributed **IN THE HAND ONLY until further notice.**
- The Church will be sanitized and disinfected after each Mass.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we come together for Mass with measures in place to minimize risks during this time. It is good to note that we do this together as we learn from the Bible that we indeed are “our brother’s keeper” (**Genesis 4:9**). Our collective patience, willingness to help, and the care we take to reopen are demonstrations of our strong faith, unity and love for one another.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 713-972-2990. May God protect you and grant you His grace during this difficult time.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Fr. Pierre El Khoury". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Father Pierre El Khoury MLM
Pastor

Liturgy Readings for Sunday August 15, 2020

الْمَرْمُورُ الْخَامِسُ وَالْأَرْبَعُونَ

بِالْمَجْدِ تَدْخُلُ بِنْتُ الْمَلِكِ، فَمِنْ نَسِيجِ الذَّهَبِ مَلَابِسُهَا.
عَرَشُكَ يَا اللَّهُ سَيَبْقَى إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، صَوْلَجَانُ الْأَسْتِقَامَةِ صَوْلَجَانُ مُلْكِكَ.
تُحِبُّ الْحَقَّ وَتَكْرَهُ الشَّرَّ، لِذَلِكَ مَسَحَكَ اللَّهُ مَلِكًا بِزَيْتِ الْإِبْتِهَاجِ.
وَالْمَلِكَةُ، بِنْتُ الْمَلِكِ، عَنْ يَمِينِكَ، وَقَفَتْ فِي وَقَارٍ بِالذَّهَبِ مَزِينَةً.
أَسْمِعِي يَا ابْنَتِي أَنْظِرِي وَأَمِيلِي أُذُنَكَ، إِنْسِي شَعْبَكَ وَبَيْتَ أَبِيكَ،
فَيَسْتَهِيَ الْمَلِكُ جَمَالَكَ. هُوَ سَيُّدُكَ فَاسْجُدِي لَهُ.
بَثُوبٍ مُطَّرَزَةٍ تُزْفُ الْمَلِكَةُ إِلَى الْمَلِكِ، وَتَتَّبِعُهَا الْعِدَارَى وَصِيفَاتُهَا.
بِنْتُ صَوْرٍ، أَغْنَى مُدُنِ الْأَرْضِ، تَسْتَعْطِفُ وَجْهَكَ بِالْهَدَايَا.
بِالْمَجْدِ تَدْخُلُ بِنْتُ الْمَلِكِ، فَمِنْ نَسِيجِ الذَّهَبِ مَلَابِسُهَا. هَلِّلُويَا!

From the Book of Revelation 12.

I saw God's temple in heaven, it was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple. Then a great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and she was about to give birth.

Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns. The dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child. But she gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. And the woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One."

إنجيل لوقا البشير

قَالَتْ مَرْيَمُ: " تَعْظُمُ نَفْسِي الرَّبِّ، وَتَبْتَهِجُ رَوْحِي بِاللَّهِ مُخَلِّصِي،
لِأَنَّهُ نَظَرَ إِلَيَّ تَوَاضِعًا أُمَّتِهِ. فَهِيَ مِنْذُ الْآنَ تُطَوِّبُنِي جَمِيعُ الْأَجْيَالِ،
لِأَنَّ الْقَدِيرَ صَنَعَ بِي عَظَائِمَ، وَاسْمُهُ قُدُّوسٌ، وَرَحْمَتُهُ إِلَى أَجْيَالٍ لِلَّذِينَ يَتَّقُونَهُ.
صَنَعَ عِزًّا بِسَاعِدِهِ، وَشَدَّتْ الْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ بِأَفْكَارِ قُلُوبِهِمْ.
أَنْزَلَ الْمُقْتَدِرِينَ عَنِ الْعُرُوشِ، وَرَفَعَ الْمُتَوَاضِعِينَ.
أَشْبَعَ الْجِيَاعَ خَيْرَاتٍ، وَصَرَفَ الْأَغْنِيَاءَ فَارِغِينَ.
عَصَدَ إِسْرَائِيلَ فَتَاهُ ذَاكِرًا رَحْمَتَهُ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَنَسَلِهِ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، كَمَا كَلَّمَ آبَاءَنَا."

Gospel of Saint Luke Luke 1:46 -55

Then MARY said: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. He has shown might with his arm, and dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."



Mass Intentions for SUNDAY August 15-16, 2020

Saturday 7:00 pm

Elie Rantisi *(By George and Antoinette Estephan)*

09:30 AM

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11:30 AM

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Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Readers	Nina Shadid	Subdeacon George Romanos
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Sami Tabet Eddy Moinnes	Ed Kneip Elie Masud William Harb Henry Abboud Naji Abiad

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May God keep you safe and watch over you.

Let us remember

We pray for our Beloved Ones who died during the Month of August

Joseph Abraham - Mitchell Shaker - Haj Dandan - Nicholas Coury - Rose Joseph -
Norma Gattas – Elie Gossan - Carmen Tano - Margaret Gilaty - Hannie Haddad -
Helen Coury - Edward Georgies Khalaf - Tamino Kattan - Salma Haddad - May Jage -
Edward Witterson - Catherine Najehnton - John Paul Nemeh - Georgette Tarazi.