

Our Lady *of Lebanon*

Maronite Catholic Church

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March 8, 2026

Parable of the Prodigal Son





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

40 Day Memorial Mounir Nammoura
(Brother- in -law of Jihad Elkareh)
(Jihad Elkareh & Family)

Samuel Antoun Ibrahim (Nicolas & Nadia Yanaki)



Mass Intentions
Sunday, March 15

[Click Here](#)
For Mass Requests

9:30 AM

Samuel Antoun Ibrahim (Madeleine Malek)
Lucille & Victor Wertz, Tammer & Mary Caleel,
Maria Louise Caleel (Caleel Family)

11:30 AM

40 Day Memorial Samuel Ibrahim (Ibrahim Family)

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 8, 2026**. Thank you for living Lent and sharing your goods for the glory of God.

MYA Bible Study

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
@ 7PM**



Stations of the Cross

Fridays @ 7 pm



Join us for
Potluck on Fridays
after Stations of the Cross

FALAFEL FUNDRAISER

OLL MYO Fundraiser

March 8, 2026 After 11:30 Mass

\$15 for a Sandwich | **\$20** for a Plate



Join us for
fresh & delicious
falafel! 🍷🍷

LENTEN RETREAT

Theme: Open my Eyes



SATURDAY MARCH 21

FROM 10AM TO 2PM

Lunch Included

Child Care Provided

*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:					
TOTAL					

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

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

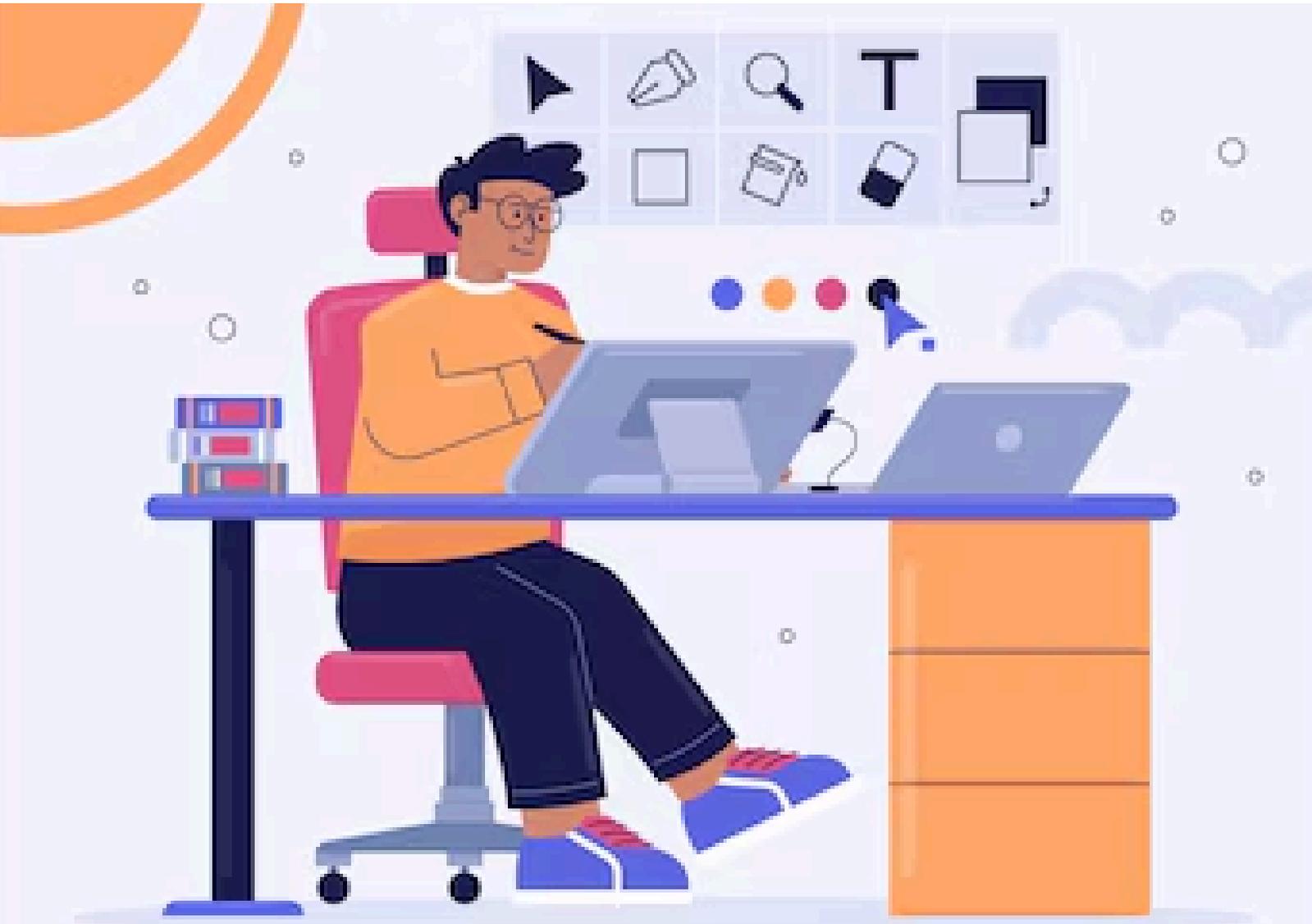
Name: _____ Phone: _____

Make checks payable to: **Our Lady of Lebanon Church**

Online ordering: www.ollchicago.org

Call Madeleine with any questions: 847.533.5698

VOLUNTEER GRAPHIC DESIGNER NEEDED



Our parish is looking for a talented and creative **Volunteer Graphic Designer** to help support our church communications.

This is a wonderful opportunity to use your gifts to serve God and our parish community.

Please email us at: **olofficechicago@gmail.com**



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.



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

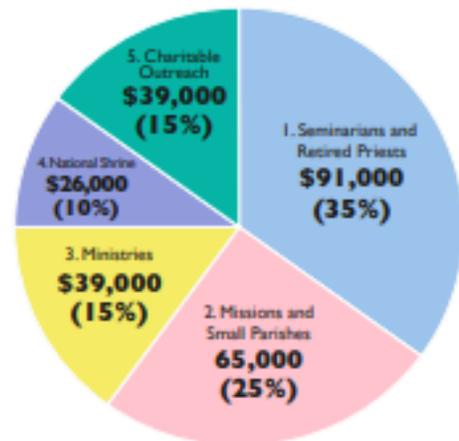


ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

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

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

Requirements

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



The Robert Atallah
Innovation Challenge

NAM PITCH DAY

startup

EVENT

ONE PITCH.
ONE WINNER.
\$20,000
GRAND PRIZE

NAM Pitch Day is your chance to showcase your business idea or startup to a panel of industry experts, investors, and community leaders — and compete for funding, visibility, and mentorship.



**JULY 4, 2026 AT THE 2026
MARONITE CONVENTION**

**WINNER WILL BE
ANNOUNCED AT THE
GRAND BANQUET**



Build valuable
business relationships



Share ideas and
exchange insights



Discover opportunities
& collaborations

Applicants Must Register for the
NAM Convention

pitchday@namaronites.org

Winner Must be Present at
the Grand Banquet



**Proudly Announces
2026 Scholarship Program**

High School Senior Scholarships

MYO – John A. Solomon
Two for High School Seniors \$2000

Massabki Brothers
One for High School Seniors \$2000

Naomi & Paul Kassouf
Two for High School Seniors \$3000

Abouna Sharbel
Five for High School Seniors \$1000

Undergraduate Scholarships

Chagoury Family Undergraduate
One for College Student \$2000

Thomas and Jennie Ayoub
One for College Student \$2000

Graduate & Professional Scholarship

Chagoury Family Graduate
One for Graduate Student \$2000

Study Abroad in Lebanon Opportunities

Notre Dame University-Louaize
Up to 10 scholarships for Fall 2026 or Spring 2027

The Holy Spirit University of Kaslik
Up to 12 scholarships for Summer 2026 Semester

For more information and application visit www.namaronites.org, e-mail scholarship@namaronites.org or call NAM at 440-821-6303

APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 31, 2026

Readers and Ushers

Mass 9:30 am

Readers

Lahood Family

Ushers

Nabil Zahra
Francis Kermend
Joe Kermend

Zechariah 3,1-7
Corinthians 13,5-13.
Saint Luke 15,11-32..



Mass 11:30 am

Readers

Nadia Yanaki
Estifan Azzo
Angelina Azzo

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

March 1, 2026

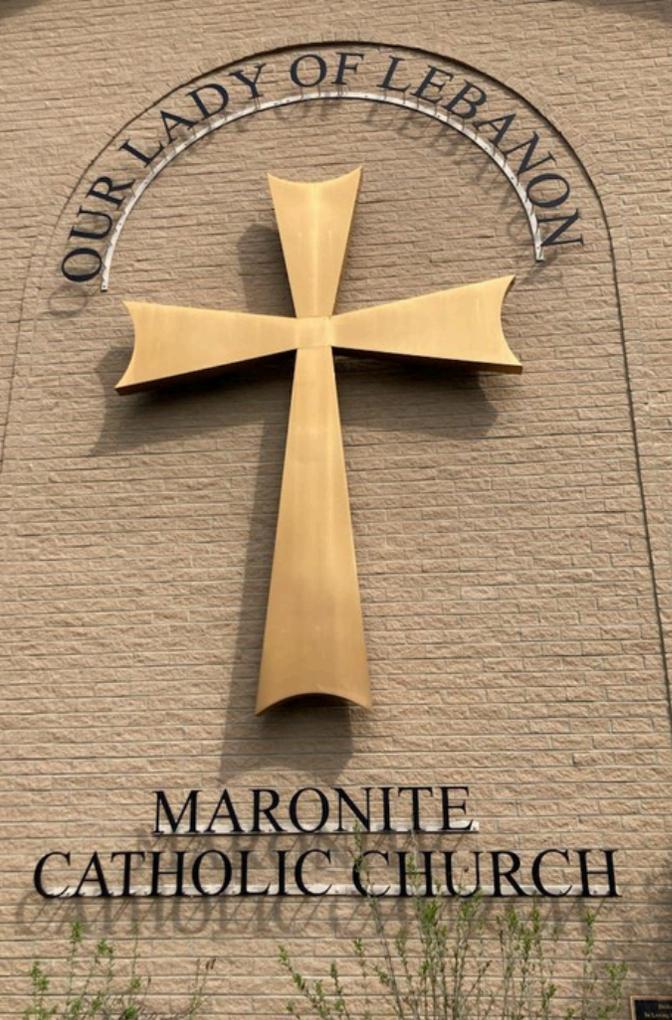
9:30 Mass: \$680
11:30 Mass: \$1,733
Online: \$1,185

Collection During the week: \$280
Candles: \$187
Total Collection: \$4,065

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 Rosy Sleiman

MYA

(Maronite Youth Adults)

Meetings on Thursdays.

For more information please contact:

Mary Mulcahey

Church Forms



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