



Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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Church Clergy

Father Pierre ElKhoury, M.L.M., Pastor

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Mass Schedule

Sundays : 9:30 am (English) & 11:30 am (English & Arabic)

Confession

Contact the priest or the church office to arrange your confession during the week.

Baptism

Please call the Church office for arrangements one month prior to the celebration of the Sacrament.

Marriage

Please allow at least six months of preparation time. Date arrangements are made after the initial meet with pastor before any other commitments are made.

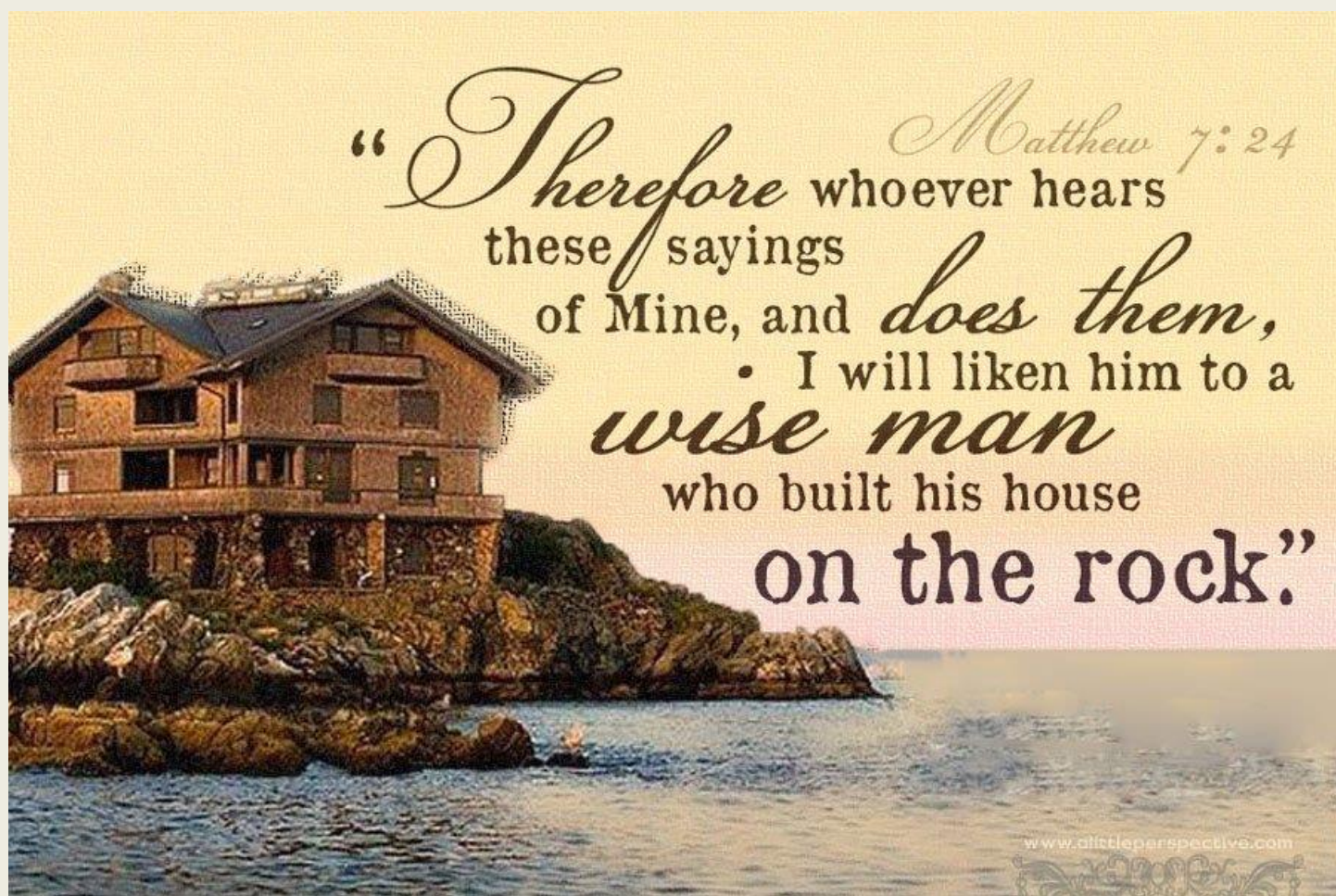
Ministry of the Sick

If any parishioner is seriously ill at home or in a hospital, please call the pastor or the Church office to arrange for Communion, Confession or Anointing of the Sick.

Maronite Catholic Education

Catechism Classes for children are on Sundays from 10:20 am – 11:20 am.

Season of the Holy Cross
SEPTEMBER 29, 2019



During His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told a story about two men; one who built his house upon a rock and another who built his house upon sand. The house built upon a rock weathered the storm, and the builder is called wise; but the house built on the sand collapsed during the storm, and the builder is called foolish.

The meaning of this parable is quite obvious; a proper foundation is necessary. With a literal house, it is unwise to build on sand, because the foundation will be unsteady and the house will eventually suffer great damage. Building this kind of house is a waste of time and resources because it will eventually collapse. In contrast, it is wise to build one's house on a sure foundation, because anchoring it to bedrock makes a house withstand the test of the storm.

What about our lives? When Satan brings temptations and trials to us it may feel like we are being overcome by a flood! Do you fall like that foolish man or do you stand like the wise man: "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Pray For

Please call the parish office to inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a parishioner or family member. If you would like to add or remove your name or a relative's name from our prayer list, please contact us.

Mass Intentions for NEXT SUNDAY, October 06, 2019

09:30 AM

Salim Saaid *(The Kardoush Family)*

11:30 AM

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Bible Verse

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.”

Matthew 7:24

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be shaken,
And mountains quake in the depths of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its surging.
The LORD of hosts is with us; God is our stronghold and our refuge.
Come and see the works of the LORD, who has done fearsome deeds on earth;
He makes wars cease, breaks the bow, and shatters the spear.
"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, exalted on the earth."
The LORD of hosts is with us; God is our stronghold and our refuge. **Alleluia!**




From the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 3:5:13

What is Apollos, after all, and what is Paul? Ministers of Christ through whom you come to believe, just as the Lord assigned each one. For we are God's co-workers; and you are God's field, and God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But each one must be careful how he builds upon it, for no one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, the work of each will come to light, for the Day will disclose it. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each one's work.

From the Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew 7:21-27

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven,* but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?' Then I will declare to them solemnly, 'I never knew you.* Depart from me, you evildoers.'

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined."

	Mass Celebration	
	Exaltation of the Holy Cross: Page 606 Anaphora of Saint Peter: P. 774	
	Sunday Readings	
	Psalm 46 Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:5-13 Holy Gospel: Matthew 7: 21-27	
	Mass Intentions for THIS SUNDAY	
	<p><u>09:30 AM</u> Pierre Naffah <i>(Naffah Family)</i></p> <p><u>11:30 AM</u> Dr Roland Yammine <i>(Nadia Yammine & family)</i></p>	
Schedules	Sunday 11:30 am	
Readers	Lillian Hanna	Rania Lutfallah (Arabic) Mona Akouri (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Joe Gharib, George Zakhem, Albert Dakhoul

Announcements

✳ **MRE Registration**

Maronite Religious education MRE will begin on September 15th. Registration is open after mass - to register please see Diala Chahoud in the hall. MRE is scheduled every Sunday from 10:20 am to 11:20 am. We look forward to another great year.

✳ **Bible study and Spiritual Discussion**

Starting from October, every Friday at 7:30 pm will meet to have Spiritual discussion (Bible, Spiritual, Theological, and Moral topics). Everyone is invited to attend and you may bring with you a small plate of food to share together in a potluck dinner afterward.

And on the Last Friday of the Month will gather together in the church around the Blessed Sacrament listening to Jesus and pouring our hearts out to him.

✳ **25th Annual Silver Anniversary St. Jude Fashion Show**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10th - Fashion Show. Inspiration program. Amazing raffle. Be inspired and proud of our legacy. To attend, go to: stjude.org/fashionshow Or contact cathy.breit@shaker.com

✳ **Lebanon Independence Party:** Shaker Hall. Saturday November 16. Singer Danny Achkar. Mesa, food and Cash Bar. Ticket \$65 for Adults. \$35 for Children.

✳ **Halloween Party (All Saints): Saturday October 29, 2019 @ 6 pm**

Let us remember

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

Msgr. John Naffah - Fr. Dr. William Nijm - Ruth Bourjaily - Caesar Tabet - Camile Tabet - Christo Yasmine - Samir Salame - Thomas F. Nelly - Carrie Lynn Pavlousky - Dennis Toland - Alfred Abdo - Bahjat Yousif - Fada Nemeh - Dr. Roland Yammine - Nouha Assaf - Ida Yousif - James Hanna

COLLECTION

September 22, 2019: \$ 2,294.00

"Each one must give from his heart, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7