

*Our Lady*



*of Lebanon*

Maronite Catholic Church

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February 22, 2026

**Healing of the Leper**





**Mass Intentions**  
**Sunday, February 22**

[Click Here](#)  
For Mass Requests

9:30 AM

Samuel Antoun Ibrahim (Phil & Maggie Ernst)  
Lucille & Victor Wertz, Tammer & Mary Caleel,  
Maria Louise Caleel (Caleel Family)  
Ferris Shadid (Shadid Family)  
Marie Mansour (Charbel & Rita Mansour)

11:30 AM

40 Day Memorial Antoine Gemayel  
(Gemayel Family)  
Samuel Antoun Ibrahim (Daisy Shadid & Family)  
Ferris Shadid (Shadid Family)



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

[Click Here](#)  
For Mass Requests

9:30 AM

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

11:30 AM

Samuel Antoun Ibrahim (Sami Daou & Family)

# MYA Bible Study

**EVERY THURSDAY  
@ 7PM**



# Stations of the Cross

Fridays @ 7 pm



Join us for  
Potluck on Fridays  
after Stations of the Cross



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# **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**

# 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*

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:

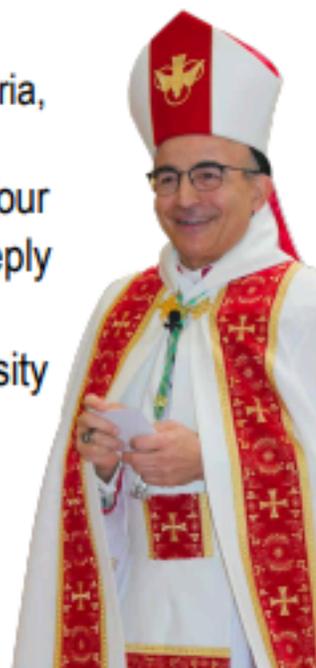
- Education and formation of our seminarians
- Care for our Retired Priests
- Support for our missions and parishes
- Development of ministries for our children, youth, and young adults
- Charitable assistance for our brothers and sisters in the U.S., Lebanon, Syria, and throughout the Middle East

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

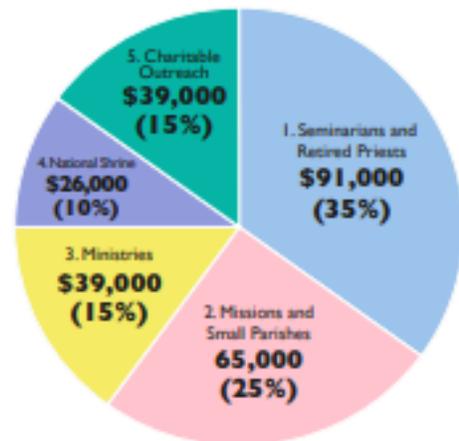


# ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

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

Stephanie Nehra  
Pamela Nassif

### Ushers

Nabil Zahra  
Francis Kermend  
Joe Kermend

2 Kings 5,1-3.9-14.

Romans 6,12-23.

Mark 1,35-45.



## Mass 11:30 am

### Readers

Mirna Abboud  
Joseph Gemayel

### Ushers

Ed Kneip  
Elie Masud  
John Albani

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

George Rantisi

Anton Kattany

Leila S. Sweilem

Elsie Be-Hanneseey

Antoine Khoury

Edward Parkinson

George Albert

David Gage

Libby Hajje

Sarah Thomas

Eva Wintergeast

Jack Torossian

Abraham Rayyan

Margaret Tamer

Jorge Ruiz

George Owen

Angelina Lombardo

Samuel A. Ibrahim

Jacob P. Schuck

Monroe Bouzide

John S. Nemeh

Ralph J. Lutfy

Eleanor Haddad

## Weekly Collection

February 15, 2026

9:30 Mass: \$1,488

11:30 Mass: \$1,467

Online: \$1,210

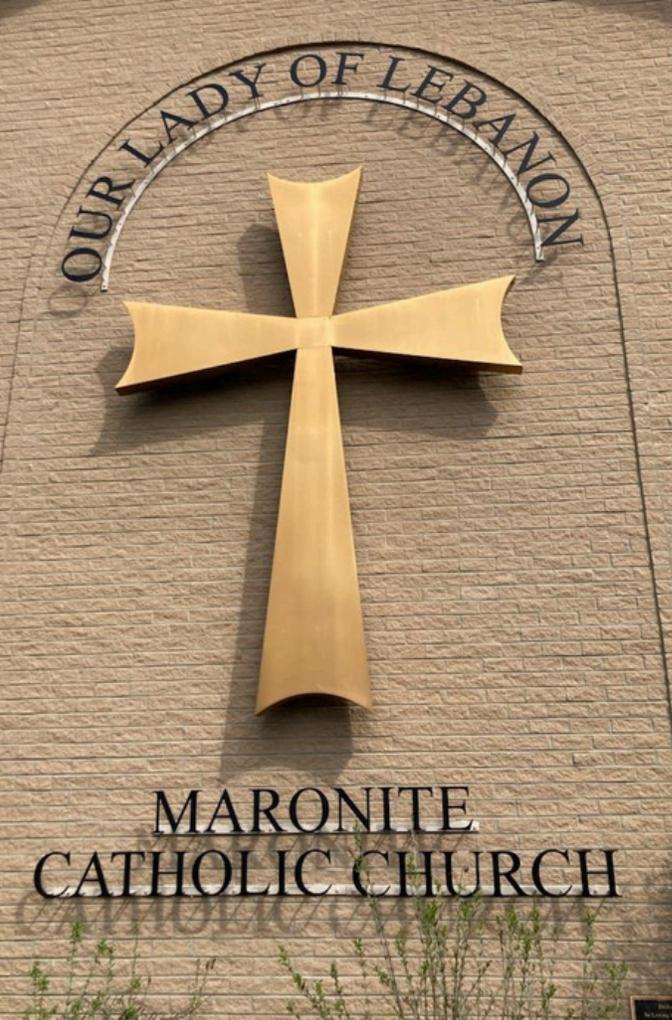
Candles: \$91

**Total Collection: \$4,256**

*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

