

Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that the souls of Thy servants and handmaidens, the memory of whom we keep with special reverence, and for whom we are bidden and are bound to pray, and the souls of all our benefactors, relatives and connections, and all the faithful, may rest in the bosom of Thy saints; and hereafter, in the resurrection from the dead, may please Thee in the land of the living. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Rev. Assaad ElBasha, M.L.M., Pastor
Deacon George Elandary
Mass Schedule

Sunday	8:30 A.M. English	Altar Boys: Joseph Marincel	817-491-0763	Adoration: Sheila Hughes	817-430-3066
	11:00 A.M. Bilingual; English/Lebanese	Choir: 8:30 A.M. Helen Marincel	817-491-0763	Library: Sharon Wood	214-497-0783
Monday	No Mass	Choir: 11:00 A.M. Roula Vasquez	972-832-8507	Respect Life: Sheri Josefsberg	940-566-0585
Tuesday - Friday	9:00 A.M. English	RCIA: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763	Youth Ministry: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763
Saturday	5:30 P.M. English	Lectors: 8:30 AM Mark Caputo	469-230-1533	Religious Ed / SE: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763
Reconciliation	Saturday - 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.	Lectors: 11 AM Trevor Rask	503-701-2236	Ushers Robert Kramer	214-488-5635
Eucharistic Adoration	Sunday: 2:00 P.M - 7:00 P.M.	Parish Council Mouhib Helou	817-845-9953	Legion of Mary Rose Onoh	214-289-4300
	Monday - Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.				
	Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.				

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The Rich Man & Lazarus

The Gospel for the week is the rich man and Lazarus and we are being reminded and also warned that one day we will be one of the faithful departed. The comparative fates of Lazarus and the rich man present us with a choice about where we are headed. This Gospel is perfectly positioned in the Maronite liturgical season to remind us that if we have lost our way, Great Lent is the time when we can commit and repent. The fate of Lazarus and the rich man are tied to their experiences of wealth and poverty in this life. The rich man has no name. Lazarus is the only name given to anyone in Jesus' parables. It means El-azar, "God has helped." There does not seem to be a connection between this Lazarus and the Lazarus in John 11:1-44, except that they are both in their own way are raised from the dead. Lazarus was a very popular name in ancient Israel.

The rich man had beautiful clothes and lavish feasts. Lazarus was covered with sores, was hungry, and had only dogs to lick his sores. After his death, Lazarus is in an honored place beside Abraham. The rich man is in Hades, a place of torment and eternal punishment. The rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to ease his pain in Hades, but Abraham responds that this cannot be done. A distance exists between the two which cannot be crossed. The rich man begs Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his five brothers about Hades. Abraham replies that they already had Moses and the prophets to warn them. The rich man believes his brothers will change their ways if someone comes to them from the dead. Abraham replies if they have not listened to Moses and the prophets, they definitely will not be convinced by someone being raised from the dead. This is perhaps a foreshadowing of Jesus' resurrection and the failure to believe.

The Gospel of Luke stresses the way the status of the rich and the poor is reversed in the kingdom of God. When Jesus is conceived in Mary's womb, she exults that the hungry have been filled and the rich sent away empty. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the poor that God favors them and that the kingdom of God belongs to them. We also see this theme throughout Great Lent when the kingdom of God is compared to a wedding banquet where the invitation will be extended to "the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind" (Luke 14:21). The story of the rich man and Lazarus challenges us. Our lifestyles are in contrast with people in the world who live on much less. But this is about how we use our wealth in this life and whether we help those less fortunate than us. Like the rich man's five brothers, we are all being warned. We do not need people who claim private revelations about the after life to tell us, if we do not heed the warning of the Gospel, like the five brothers, we will not heed any. The Scriptures and the Church provide the guide, but only those willing to accept the guidance will enter. We are either moving closer to sitting next to Abraham or towards Hades with the rich man. This Gospel is a serious warning. Lent will soon be here. This is the time to reflect and meditate on our life's journey and which side we are headed for. Written by: Theresa Simon

25th Anniversary of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

The year 2019 marked a year of celebration for our Diocese, as we are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of our Eparchy. With the papal proclamation *Omnium Catholicorum* dated February 19th, 1994 Pope Saint John Paul II established the second Eparchy for Maronites in the United States. As Maronites of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles, and indeed as all baptized Christians, we have a mission given to us by Jesus Himself. "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20). Our ancestors took the Faith throughout the Middle East and ultimately to the mountains of Lebanon. But not just to Lebanon. Strong and vibrant communities of Maronites existed and continue to exist in Syria, Jordan, Egypt, Cyprus, and the Holy Land. In recent centuries, we have taken the Gospel to North, Central, and South American to Africa and to Australia. The Good News of Salvation which we proclaim is for all people, in all places, and in all times.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 2/15: John Anastasio Torres
Sunday, 2/16: +Tony Cucinotta
Tuesday, 2/18: Sr. Maria Bernadette, Michael Marincel, Anna Marincel, Rose Onoh, Sunny & Alphonsine Ugochukwu,
Wednesday, 2/19: Teresa Marincel, Sunny & Alphonsine Ugochukwu, Bob & Gwen Kramer, +Tomas Luna & Maria Galvan
Thursday, 2/20: Michael Marincel, Jim & Elizabeth Ashmore, Camille Gama, Mikayla Villareal, Joseph Medina
Friday, 2/21: Camille Gama
 + Repose of the Soul

Next Week's Liturgical Roles

Saturday, February 22nd @ 5:30 PM

Lector: Jerry Milam
 Altar Servers: Tarun Louis, Chidozie Ugochukwu, Nicholas Anderson
 Ushers: Mike Hanchette, Jason Tsakonias

Sunday, February 23rd @ 8:30 AM

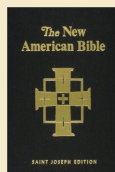
Lector: Marichu Varron
 Altar Servers: Andrew Wegendt, John Wegendt, John Paul Nwaiwu
 Ushers: Mario Garza, Chris Angus

Sunday, February 23rd @ 11:00 AM

Lector: Denise Helou
 Altar Servers: Steven Wood, Kevin Wood, Joseph Harb
 Ushers: Hanna HajNasr, George Semaan

Daily Scripture Readings Feb 16h thru Feb 22nd

Sunday, 2/16:	1Thes 5:1-11	Lk 16:19-31
Monday, 2/17:	1Thes 4:13-18	Lk 12:1-7
Tuesday, 2/18	2Thes 1:1-12	Lk 12:8-12
Wednesday 2/19:	2Thes 2:1-12	Lk 12:13-21
Thursday, 2/20:	2Thes 2:13-3:5	Lk 12:22-32
Friday, 2/21:	1Cor 15:35-44a	Lk 12:33-40
Saturday, 2/22:	1Cor 15:51-58	Lk 12:49-59



Prayer Corner

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of their sins, that, through pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.



**We Welcome Our
Beloved Bishop Elias Zaidan
As We Celebrate**

**25th Anniversary of Our Lady
of Lebanon of Los Angeles**

We are officially kicking off the *Vision for the Future - Mission for Today* campaign at our parish.

Everyone is invited to join Bishop Zaidan for Lunch after the 11:00 AM to learn more!

Healing Retreat & Memorial Mass

For parents who have experienced pregnancy and infant loss
Saturday, February 22
8:30 AM—1 PM
St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church
1897 West Main Street, Lewisville, TX 75067

Maronite & Roman Lenten Guidelines

Our Lent begins this year with Ash Monday, Feb 24th, 2020 and concludes with Easter Sunday, April 12th, 2020. Ash Monday liturgies will be observed at 6:30PM. Likewise, Ash Wednesday, for our Roman Rite parishioners, will be held on Wednesday, Feb 26th, 2020 at 6:30PM.

Maronite Lent Regulations:

All those who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Monday & on all Fridays of Lent. Fasting should be from midnight until noon.

Roman Lent Regulations:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own *sui iuris* Church.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus.

“Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.”

~ Pope Francis

Annual Respect Life Mass

The Annual Respect Life Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael F. Olson on **Tuesday, April 28th, 2020** at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Colleyville. Please join us at 6:00 p.m. to pray for mothers, fathers, families and babies. Center. Presentation by Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla and reception to follow.

Join Bishop Edward J Burns !

Saturday, April 28th, 2020

At the Renaissance Hotel Addison

The program will feature the incredible and inspiring story of Jennifer Bricker.

27TH ANNUAL
**BISHOP'S
PRO-LIFE
DINNER**
APRIL 18, 2020

https://www.prolifedallas.org/Bishops_Dinner_2020

What does the Church teach about Herself?

How to Understand: Lumen Gentium

**At Our Lady of Lebanon Chapel
Instructor: Dr. Eric W. Hendry, PhD**

Five Sessions: Class meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM—7:30 PM:

- 1st: March 4th—** LG 1 The Mystery of the Church
LG 2 The People of God
- 2nd: March 11th—** LG 3 The Hierarchy
LG 4 The Laity
- 3rd: March 18th—** LG 5 The Universal Call to Holiness
- 4th: March 25th—** LG 6 Religious Congregations
LG 7 Eschatological Character
- 5th: April 1st—** LG 8 Our Blessed Virgin Mary

The Benediction of the Cross

The Benediction (Stations) of the Cross will be offered every Friday during Lent beginning at 6:30PM starting on Feb 28th, 2020 and ending on April 3rd, 2020. *During Lent, please remember to abstain from meat on all Fridays, and to Fast & Abstain on Ash Monday (or Ash Wednesday) and on Great Friday.*



Confessions during Lent You are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season of Lent. Catholics MUST go to Confession at least once a year and as often as they need it in order to cleanse themselves of sins and be in a state of grace. Fr. Assaad is waiting for you every Saturday from 4:00pm—5:00pm in the Chapel.

ASH MONDAY LITURGY

MONDAY, FEB 24TH, 2019 ~ 6:30 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

WEDNESDAY, FEB 26TH ~ 6:30 PM

