

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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The Glorious Resurrection

Rev. Assaad ElBasha, M.L.M., Pastor Deacon George Elandary Mass Schedule	
Sunday	8:30 A.M. English
	11:00 A.M. Bilingual; English/Lebanese
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday—Friday	9:00 A.M. English
Saturday	5:30 P.M. English
Reconciliation	Saturday: 3:30–5:00 P.M.
Eucharistic Adoration	Sunday: 2:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M.
	Monday—Friday: 9:00 A.M.–7:00 P.M.
	Saturday: 9:00 A.M.–5:30 P.M.

Altar Boys: Joseph Marincel	817.491.0763	Adoration: Sheila Hughes	817.430.3066
Choir: 8:30 A.M. Mary Marincel	817.491.0763	Library: Sharon Wood	214.497.0783
Choir: 11:00 A.M. Roula Vasquez	972.832.8507	Youth Ministry: Sue Marincel	817.491.0763
RCIA: Sue Marincel	817.491.0763	Religious Ed / SE: Sue Marincel	817.491.0763
Lectors: 8:30 AM Joe Marincel	817.491.0763	Ushers Robert Kramer	214.488.5635
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From an Ancient Homily on Holy Saturday

Something strange is happening — there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and Hell trembles with fear. He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, He who is both God and the Son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the Cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone, 'My Lord be with you all.' Christ answered him: 'And with your spirit.' He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: 'Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.'

I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in Hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I in you; together we form one person and cannot be separated.

For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden. See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree.

I slept on the Cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in Paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in Hell. The sword that pierced Me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly Paradise. I will not restore you to that Paradise, but will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The Bridal Chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The Kingdom of Heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

The Catechism on the Resurrection

648 Christ's Resurrection is an object of faith in that it is a transcendent intervention of God himself in creation and history. In it the three divine persons act together as one, and manifest their own proper characteristics. The Father's power "raised up" Christ his Son and by doing so perfectly introduced his Son's humanity, including his body, into the Trinity. Jesus is conclusively revealed as 'Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his Resurrection from the dead'. St. Paul insists on the manifestation of God's power through the working of the Spirit who gave life to Jesus' dead humanity and called it to the glorious state of Lordship.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Tuesday, 4/6:	For God's will upon CMS Hospital; †Margaret O'Flaherty; Healing for David Solis
Wednesday, 4/7:	For God's will upon CMS Hospital
Thursday, 4/8:	Alphonsus & Cecilia Idigo & Family; For God's will upon CMS Hospital
Friday, 4/9:	Blessings for Onoh & Agada Family; †Lawrence & Catherine Agada; For God's will upon CMS Hospital
Saturday, 4/10:	5 Year Birthday Blessings for Irene O'Flaherty; For God's will upon CMS Hospital
Sunday, 4/11:	†Hugo Antonio Capdevila; †Scott Fitzgerald; For God's will upon CMS Hospital

Easter Prayer of St. Hippolytus of Rome

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate.
 Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen.
 Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing.
 Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty.
 Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,
 the first of the sleepers,
 Glory and power are his forever and ever.
 Amen.

Surrexit Dominus Vere, Alleluia!

Daily Scripture Readings April 4th through April 10th

Sunday, 4/4:	1 Cor. 15:12-26	Mk. 16:1-8
Monday, 4/5:	1 Cor. 15:1-11	Mk. 16:9-14
Tuesday, 4/6:	Rom. 6:3-11	Jn. 21:1-14
Wednesday 4/7:	Col. 3:1-11	Jn. 21:15-25
Thursday, 4/8:	Eph. 2:1-10	Mk. 16:15-18
Friday, 4/9:	Rom. 10:4-12	Lk. 24:336-45
Saturday, 4/10:	Col. 2:8-15	Jn. 20:19-25

An Easter Letter from Fr. Assaad

My Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Happy Easter! What a blessing it is to celebrate together after last year's COVID cancellation. We are now celebrating the most Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord. He has come to redeem us of our sins and save us from the eternal suffering of Hell. Christ's humility and willingness to become man conquered the darkness of sin and opened the gates of Heaven for all of mankind to strive towards.

I wish you all the best wishes for a joyous Easter season. We will have many opportunities to celebrate, as the Easter season is fifty days long.

I would like to thank Fr. Mitch Pacwa for his Holy Week mission and for making this Easter special. I also would like to thank all of our lectors, choir members, and ushers for making our liturgy beautiful this year.

I also extend a warm welcome to our visitors this year. I am grateful that you chose to celebrate Easter with us. Please feel free to come back and become more involved in our parish.

In Christ's Love,
Fr. Assaad ElBasha



Thank you to Fr. Mitch Pacwa

We would like to thank Fr. Mitch Pacwa for coming out for Easter this year, even amidst the pandemic. We hope that you had a chance to meet him and purchase one of his few signed books. We hope to see him again during Christmas!

Assistance with Taxes

Taxes are due in the next few weeks. Mike Powell, our parish's accountant, is available to assist anyone who needs Certified Public Accountant (CPA) assistance. You can call him at (469) 235-7863.

Diocese Lenten Appeal

Our Bishop is asking us to raise \$7,000 for the Annual Diocese Appeal. We have already raised \$3,150. Please continue to give generously so that we may meet our parish's goal. Please Make sure to write your check to:

Our Lady of Lebanon

and deliver it to us, not the diocese, via mail or the collection baskets. We will send one collective check the week after Easter.

Thank you for your generosity!



Modesty Reveals Holiness

Modesty in dress reveals a modesty and godliness of the heart, attitudes that should be the desire of all men and women who live to please and honor God. We ask all members of Our Lady of Lebanon to dress modestly when they step into God's house. Please no shorts, sleeveless shirts, short dresses, miniskirts, or t-shirts. Thank you for your consideration of this reminder.

Due to an early bulletin deadline with our publisher, we were not able to record last week's collection numbers. Please continue to give generously.

Divine Mercy Sunday—11th April 2021

Fr. Assaad will lead the parish in the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 10:00 AM on Divine Mercy Sunday—between the two Sunday Masses.

The Divine Mercy chaplet devotion comes from St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. Christ spoke to her on many occasions and made many powerful remarks regarding devotion to His Most Sacred Heart. This devotion is worth looking into.

Confessions

You are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 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 holds confessions every Saturday from 3:30pm—5:00pm in the sacristy. The line is formed on the benches in the hallway.

Join Bishop Edward J. Burns! 28th Annual Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner Saturday, 10th April 2021

At the Renaissance Hotel Addison.

The program will feature the incredible singer Francesca Battistelli and Special Guest Christina Bennet.

**Ballroom will be limited to 650 guests.
For more info, call 972-267-LIFE.**

Requesting a Mass Intention

Masses are offered for the living or departed as a means of mercy to their souls. If possible, Masses are scheduled on the date you request, otherwise the nearest date that is open. Please schedule your Mass intentions by contacting Michael in the Church Office at 972.436.7617 or LadyofL719@gmail.com.

MYO Virtual Youth Conference



Maronite Youth Organization

Join the Maronite Youth Organization on Zoom for "Rollin' Stones," a virtual Easter Event.

Date: 9 April 2021

Time: 7 PM Central

Duration: 2 Hours

Register at: www.maroniteyouth.org

"Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."

—Ven. Fulton Sheen

North Texas Catholic Men's Conference, "Come to the Table: Where Grace Begins"

For all men 18 and older, or 15 and older with an adult

Saturday, April 10th: 8 AM—4 PM
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church—Frisco, TX

\$25/person. Register: www.ntxcmc.org



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