Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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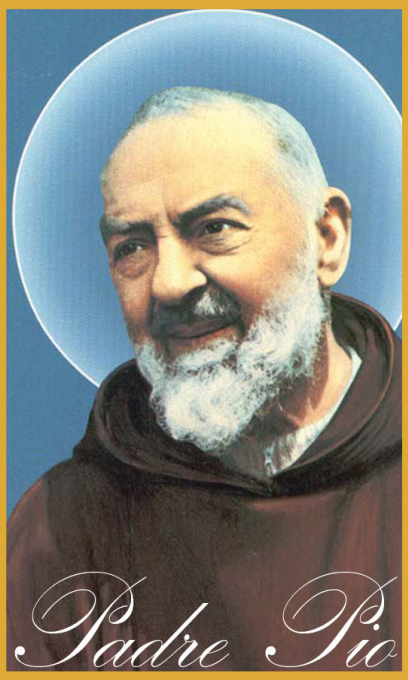
"Our Lord sends the crosses; we do not have to invent them."



2nd Sunday After Holy Cross

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 - 4:00 - 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. Helen Marincel	**817-491-0763**	**Library:** Sharon Wood	**214-497-0783**
Choir: 11:00 A.M. Roula Vasquez	**972-832-8507**	**Respect Life:** Sheri Josefsberg	**940-566-0585**
RCIA: Sue Marincel	**817-491-0763**	**Youth Ministry:** Sean Widmer	**469-323-5865**
Lectors: 8:30 AM Mark Caputo	**469-230-1533**	**Religious Ed / SE:** Sue Marincel	**817-491-0763**
Lectors: 11 AM Trevor Rask	**503-701-2236**	**Ushers** Robert Kramer	**214-488-5635**
Parish Council Mouhib Helou	**817-845-9953**	**Legion of Mary** Rose Onoh	**214-289-4300**

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ST. THECLA: SEPTEMBER 24TH

Much of what we know of St. Thecla is based on a popular second century tale. According to this legend, Thecla's mother and father were responsible for her death sentence. They were not at all pleased that their daughter had converted to Christianity after meeting St. Paul in Iconium during the 1st A.D. She had made a pledge of virginity and refused to marry the rich and handsome nobleman whom Thecla's parents had chosen for her to marry. They disowned Thecla and reported her as a Christian. She was sentenced to death by burning.

As the flames began to burn higher and inched toward the delicate feet of the courageous maiden, a sudden storm appeared on the horizon. A torrent of rain quickly extinguished the fire, leaving St. Thecla unharmed. Temporarily freed, Thecla disguised herself as a boy and quietly left Iconium to follow St. Paul. When safely far from home, she abandoned her disguise and continued to travel with the Apostle.

When they reached Antioch, a nobleman relentlessly pursued Thecla despite her refusals of his attention. The rejected suitor lay in wait and attempted to assault her. Determined to keep her virginity intact, St. Thecla fought so hard that she ended up assaulting him, greatly amusing the residents of Antioch. The humiliated young man brought charges against Thecla, and she found herself facing yet another death sentence. This time her fate was even more brutal—death by wild beasts.

Thecla walked bravely into the arena. The crowd held its breath as the animals stealthily approached her, then gasped as the savage beasts quietly laid down by her feet and began licking them gently. The frustrated officials tried one last time to bring about St. Thecla's death by lowering her into a snake pit. Predictably, they pulled her out hours later completely unharmed. An astonished official had the young virgin brought before him and asked, "Who are you, that you are always saved?"

Proudly, Thecla replied, "I am a daughter of Christ, Son of the living God. He alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life; He is the one who protects me. To Him be glory and power for ever and ever." The officials had no choice but to simply set her free. The beautiful virgin's bravery and the miracles worked on her behalf did not go unnoticed and resulted in many conversions to Christianity. Thecla quickly rejoined St. Paul's group, committed to spreading the Good News of the gospels. At some point, she left the group to dwell in a cave, living a monastic life and dying peacefully at the age of 90.

ST. PADRE PIO: SEPTEMBER 23RD

Born Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income. At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, 75 miles from the city of Bari on the Adriatic. On September 20, 1918, as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side. Life became more complicated after that. Medical doctors, Church authorities, and curiosity seekers came to see Padre Pio. In 1924, and again in 1931, the authenticity of the stigmata was questioned; Padre Pio was not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear confessions. He did not complain of these decisions, which were soon reversed. However, he wrote no letters after 1924. His only other writing, a pamphlet on the agony of Jesus, was done before 1924.

Padre Pio rarely left the friary after he received the stigmata, but busloads of people soon began coming to see him. Each morning after a 5 a.m. Mass in a crowded church, he heard confessions until noon. He took a mid-morning break to bless the sick and all who came to see him. Every afternoon he also heard confessions. In time his confessional ministry would take 10 hours a day; penitents had to take a number so that the situation could be handled. Many of them have said that Padre Pio knew details of their lives that they had never mentioned.

Padre Pio saw Jesus in all the sick and suffering. At his urging, a fine hospital was built on nearby Mount Gargano. The idea arose in 1940; a committee began to collect money. Ground was broken in 1946. Building the hospital was a technical wonder because of the difficulty of getting water there and of hauling up the building supplies. This "House for the Alleviation of Suffering" has 350 beds.. A number of people have reported cures they believe were received through the intercession of Padre Pio. Those who assisted at his Masses came away edified; several curiosity seekers were deeply moved. Like Saint Francis, Padre Pio sometimes had his habit torn or cut by souvenir hunters. He died on September 23, 1968, and was beatified in 1999.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 9/21:	**+**Joseph Chandy
Sunday, 9/22:	**+**Joseph Chandy, Roger Aboujaoude & Family
Tuesday, 9/24:	Sr. Maria Bernadette, Michael Marincel, Anna Marincel, Michael Swayden, Chris Swayden, **+**Joseph Chandy
Wednesday, 9/25:	Jessica Josefsberg, Jaden Ewing, **+**Joseph Chandy
Thursday, 9/26:	Michael Marincel, Candice Swayden, **+**Joseph Chandy
Friday, 9/27:	Bobby Swayden, **+**Joseph Chandy

+ Repose of the Soul

Prayer to St. Techla

You were enlightened by the words of Paul, O Bride of God, St. Techla
And your faith was confirmed by Paul, O Chosen One of God.
You became the first sufferer and martyr among women,
By entering into the flames as into a place of gladness.
For when you accepted the Cross of Christ,
The demonic powers were frightened away.
O all-praised One, intercede before Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Daily Scripture Readings Sept 22nd thru Sept 27th

Sunday, 9/22:	1Cor 15:19-34	Mt 24:1-14
Monday, 9/23:	Rev 3:1-6	Mt 10:16-22
Tuesday, 9/24:	Rev 3:7-13	Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday 9/25:	Rev 3:14-22	Mt 12:29-32
Thursday, 9/26:	Rev 4:1-11	Mt 12:33-37
Friday, 9/27:	Rev 5:1-10	Mt 12:38-42
Saturday, 9/28:	Rev 6:9-17	Mt 12:43-45

Next Week's Liturgical Roles

Saturday, September 28th @ 5:30 PM

Lector:	William Brown
Altar Servers:	Tarun Louis, Nicholas Anderson, Chidozie Ugochukwu
Ushers:	Antonio del Rincon, Mike Hanchette

Sunday, September 29th @ 8:30 AM

Lector:	Valentina Harmjanz
Altar Servers:	Andrew Wegendt, John Wegendt, John Paul Nwaiwu
Ushers:	Mario Garza, Chris Angus

Sunday, September 29th @ 11:00 AM

Lector:	Trevor Rask
Altar Servers:	Michael Chamoun, Tony Chamoun, John Fahoum
Ushers:	George Semaan, Hanna HajNasr

Our Lady of Lebanon Icon
This Week Goes to
11:00 AM ~ Ricky & Rania Karkabi
11:00 AM ~ Rania Adam

SIGN UP TO HOST ICON OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON: Each week two families can sign up to keep the Icon of the Virgin and Child Jesus in their home in honor of the 25th Anniversary of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Los Angeles. Don't miss out! Sign up now in the Church Lobby!

11th Annual Maronite Young Adults Conference

Topic: Can People Tell You're A Christian Without Saying So?

For: Young Adults Aged 18-35

When: October 4th—6th, 2019

Where: San Antonio

Register at www.maroniteyoungadults.org

DALLAS MINISTRY CONFERENCE
Caminando juntos en la fe | Cùng Đồng Hành Trong Đức Tin
Walking Together in Faith

Presented by the University of Dallas and co-sponsored by the Diocese of Dallas: Open to all Catholics and Featuring Over 90 Speakers Including Bishop Edward J. Burns

October 10—12, 2019
Irving Convention Center

To register or for more information, go to www.udallas.edu/dmc, email dmc@udallas.edu, or call 972-721-5105.

Requesting a Mass Intention at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church: The practice of offering the Holy Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased originates in the early church. Just as we pray for each other and share each other's burdens now, the faithful on earth can offer prayers and sacrifices to help the departed souls undergoing purification, and no better prayer could be offered than that of the holy sacrifice of the Mass. **PLEASE schedule your Mass Intentions by contacting *Sara* in the Church Office (*NOT Father because he does not have the datebook*)**

Feast Day for Saint Vincent de Paul
Friday, September 27, 2019

"We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God."

YOUR Many Hands ensure that our Festival is the abundantly successful event is has grown to become year after year! Our Festival simply would not BE without YOU. This **our** parish and we need **all parishioners** to do their part for this, OUR House of the Lord! Take pride in sharing our culture and our heritage.

Our sincere THANKS for your continued help.

Please Volunteer Your Help TODAY, We Need You!!!

Sign-Up sheets are available in the Lobby!!!

RAFFLE TICKETS:

We are still behind in Raffle Ticket Sales. So far, we've brought in $8,147. There is an added incentive this year, not only because of the great prizes, but because the money we make from raffle ticket sales will go towards sending 35 youth to the Ablaze retreat in November and our new scholarship program for students in our parish graduating from high school and going to college. You can return your raffle tickets to the lobby of the church during the weekend masses. And if you need more tickets to sell to neighbors, co-workers, and friends, please stop by and pick some more up! Tickets can be bought online at: https://ourladylebanon.com/raffle-tickets

The Success of Our Festival
Depends on ALL of Us

Important Message to Our Volunteers

Parking for Volunteers during the Festival - will be at Lakeland Baptist Church. Please save our parking lot for our guests, ride the shuttle from offsite parking back to the Church.

Morning Volunteers - Please arrive at 9:00 am to help with set-up before the Festival opens at 11:00 am.

Afternoon Volunteers - Please keep in mind that after the Festival closes in the evening, we will need you to help with clean-up and set up for the next day. Please do not expect Father and a few volunteers to do all of the work.

Food Volunteers: You must wear gloves, a hat or a hairnet when you are working with the food. This is a requirement of the City of Lewisville.

Volunteer Breaks - There will be water and soft drinks for the volunteers during their shift in the volunteer area between the buildings. Designated tables will be assigned for the volunteers to take their breaks and rest.

Communications: JoAnne Soueid is in charge of all Communications and Information to the Media while the Media is on Church Grounds. **No one should be talking to the Media except JoAnne.** Any and all questions by media personnel should be directed to JoAnne. Please be aware that we do not need to get into any political or personal discussions with the Media. Also, if you see someone who looks like a reporter trying to interview guests or taking video or photos, please contact JoAnne so she can manage their activities. Sometimes they will come in and not introduce themselves.

Food Coupons: Joseph Gama is in charge of our Festival Finances and Food Coupon sales. ***No one is allowed to take money instead of coupons***. Please refer all Festival Attendees to the Coupon booth

Raffle Tickets: We have so far reached $8,147 in Raffle Ticket sales of our $30,000.00 goal. Please continue to support this community effort.

Most Important, please be pleasant to our guests and show them smiling faces. If you have any questions from our guests that you do not know the answer, please ask any member of the Food Festival Committee or direct the guest to the Welcome/Information booth.

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