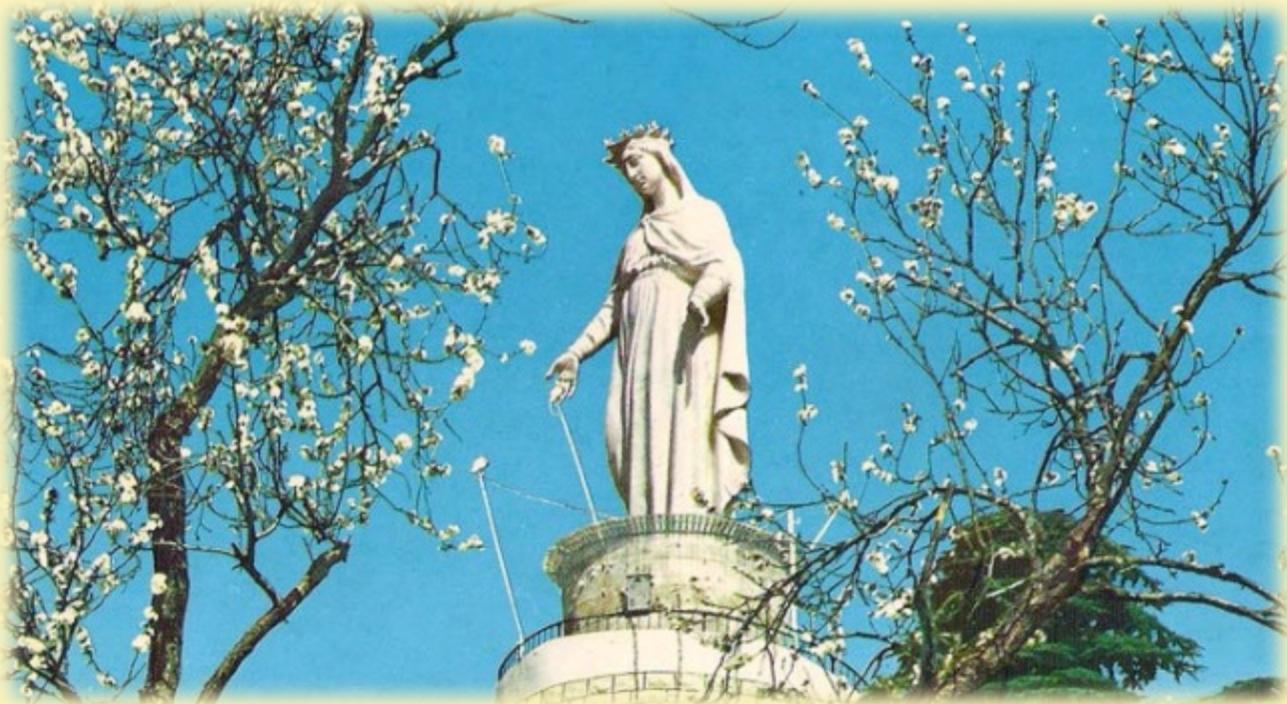


Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection

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| 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. |

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| 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 |
| Lectors: 11:00 AM Trevor Rask | 503.701.2236 | Legion of Mary Rose Onoh | 214.289.4300 |
| Parish Council Mouhib Helou | 817.845.9953 | | |

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From a Sermon by St. Maximus of Turin, Bishop

Christ is risen! He has burst open the gates of hell and let the dead go free; he has renewed the earth through the members of his Church now born again in baptism, and has made it blossom afresh with men brought back to life. His Holy Spirit has unlocked the doors of heaven, which stand wide open to receive those who rise up from the earth. Because of Christ's resurrection the thief ascends to paradise, the bodies of the blessed enter the holy city, and the dead are restored to the company of the living. There is an upward movement in the whole of creation, each element raising itself to something higher. We see hell restoring its victims to the upper regions, earth sending its buried dead to heaven, and heaven presenting the new arrivals to the Lord. In one and the same movement, our Savior's passion raises men from the depths, lifts them up from the earth, and sets them in the heights.

Christ is risen. His rising brings life to the dead, forgiveness to sinners, and glory to the saints. And so David the prophet summons all creation to join in celebrating the Easter festival: *Rejoice and be glad*, he cries, *on this day which the Lord has made*.

The light of Christ is an endless day that knows no night. Christ is this day, says the Apostle; such is the meaning of his words: *Night is almost over; day is at hand*. He tells us that night is almost over, not that it is about to fall. By this we are meant to understand that the coming of Christ's light puts Satan's darkness to flight, leaving no place for any shadow of sin. His everlasting radiance dispels the dark clouds of the past and checks the hidden growth of vice. The Son is that day to whom the day, which is the Father, communicates the mystery of his divinity. He is the day who says through the mouth of Solomon: *I have caused an unfailing light to rise in heaven*. And as in heaven no night can follow day, so no sin can overshadow the justice of Christ. The celestial day is perpetually bright and shining with brilliant light; clouds can never darken its skies. In the same way, the light of Christ is eternally glowing with luminous radiance and can never be extinguished by the darkness of sin. This is why John the evangelist says: *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to overpower it*.

And so, my brothers, each of us ought surely to rejoice on this holy day. Let no one, conscious of his sinfulness, withdraw from our common celebration, nor let anyone be kept away from our public prayer by the burden of his guilt. Sinner he may indeed be, but he must not despair of pardon on this day which is so highly privileged; for if a thief could receive the grace of paradise, how could a Christian be refused forgiveness?

The Catechism on Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

971 "All generations will call me blessed": "The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship."⁵¹⁵ The Church rightly honors "the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs. . . . This very special devotion . . . differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration."⁵¹⁶ The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, an "epitome of the whole Gospel," express this devotion to the Virgin Mary.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Tuesday, 5/4: For God's will upon CMS Hospital; Stephen & Celina Ugochukwu & All Family; †Thomas Lily
 Wednesday, 5/5: For God's will upon CMS Hospital; Birthday Blessings for Gracie Black; For Protection & Blessings of Sabin, Tobin, & Geobin Ramapuram & their Families
 Thursday, 5/6: For God's will upon CMS Hospital; Protection for Sunny & Davina Ugochukwu & All Ugochukwu Family; for Dennis H. Bozinowski
 Friday, 5/7: For God's will upon CMS Hospital; for Dennis H. Bozinowski; †Jim Pagels
 Saturday, 5/8: For God's will upon CMS Hospital; Birthday Blessings for Pierce O'Flaherty
 Sunday, 5/9: For God's will upon CMS Hospital

Prayer to St. Monica

Dear St. Monica, troubled wife and mother,
 Many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime.
 Yet you never despaired or lost faith.

With confidence, persistence and profound faith,
 you prayed daily for the conversion
 of your beloved husband, Patricius,
 and your beloved son, Augustine.
 Grant me that same fortitude, patience and trust in the Lord.

Daily Scripture Readings May 2nd through May 8th

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| Sunday, 5/2: | Eph. 2:1-10 | Jn. 21:15-19 |
| Monday, 5/3: | Phil. 1:1-10 | Lk. 22:28-34 |
| Tuesday, 5/4: | Phil. 1:12-20 | Jn. 1:35-42 |
| Wednesday, 5/5: | Phil. 1:121-30 | Mt. 16:21-28 |
| Thursday, 5/6: | Phil. 2:1-11 | Mt. 16:11-20 |
| Friday, 5/7: | Phil. 2:12-18 | Mt. 18:18-22 |
| Saturday, 5/8: | Phil. 2:19-30 | Mt. 17:24-27 |

Intercede for me, dear St. Monica, for (mention your petition here) and grant me the grace to accept his will in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.
 Amen.

NAM Scholarships

The National Apostolate of Maronites is presenting their academic scholarships for the 2021-22 school year. The application deadline is May 28th of this year. For more information and applications, visit www.namnews.org, email namscholarships@gmail.com, or call NAM at 330.212.9207.

Needy Families of Lebanon

In coordination with Caritas Lebanon, the Eparchy is embarking on a project to sponsor needy Lebanese families in Lebanon. The sponsorship varies from \$50 to \$100 per month, depending on the size and need of the family. The need is great, and we already have some families sponsored, but we need to do much more. Any help you can give in this regard is greatly appreciated. For more information, contact the church office.

First Communicants 2021

Our First Communicants for 2021 are: Grace Andrea, Chloe Vazquez, Nicole Harb, Joseph Said, Racha Youseff, Joseph & Paul Hunter, Christian Rangel, Albert & Francis Hung, Lucius Marshi, Brandon Caceres, James & Jason Borgi, Paul O'Flaherty, Anthony Makary, Raphael Pachikara, Blaise Winter, Christina Farhat, Claire Crocco, Immanuel Ericson, Faye Doherty, Joshua & Andrew Baird, and Angelica Hana.

Requesting a Mass Intention

Masses are offered for the living or departed as a means of mercy to their souls. Masses are either scheduled on the date you request or on 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.

Assistance with Taxes

Taxes are due on June 15th this year. 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.

"Grace is when God gives us good things that we don't deserve. Mercy is when he spares us from bad things we deserve. Blessings are when he is generous with both. Truly, we can never run out of reasons to thank Him. God is good all the time." —Anonymous

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.

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church Educational Scholarship Program

The years leading up to high school and the 4 spent in high school are filled with moments that you'll continue to remember, for better or worse, years after you've graduated. We know the journey seems endless and can sometimes be very stressful. There's Homecoming and Prom, Marching Band and Sports, but there's also SATs, ACTs and college applications. The teenage years fly by, but their impact, lasts a lifetime. Graduation is near, you can almost taste it. Wouldn't a scholarship be a great way to kick off your college career?



Submission Deadline: 5/31/2021

Available to: High School Graduating Seniors intending to pursue an undergraduate degree (2 or 4 yr college), Registered members of the Our Lady of Lebanon Parish

Award Amount: 3 Awards of \$1,000 will be sent directly to the Applicant's Intended College.

How will points be awarded?

- **SAT / ACT Scores** (up to 15 pts) – Points to be given based on a scoring scale. The greater of the 2 scores will be considered.
- **GPA Scores** (up to 15 pts) – Points to be given based on a scoring scale. GPA as of December 31, 2020 will be considered.
- **High School Activities** (up to 10 pts) – Points given based on your involvement in HS activities, years of participation, leadership roles and hours of service.
- **Community Service/Activities/Work** (up to 10 pts) – Points awarded for your service and/or work involvement, years of participation, leadership roles and hours of service.
- **Our Lady of Lebanon Ministries/Activities/Events** (Up to 20 pts) - Points awarded for your direct and active participation in church ministries (<https://ourladylebanon.com/ministries>), years of participation, role / task.
- **Essay** (up to 30 pts) – Topic: Discuss an experience you had at church that has had an impact on you. Essays will be scored by 2-3 independent, certified, English teachers.
- **Special Consideration Factor** (up to 5 pts) – Think of something we should know as we consider your application? Tell us about it!

If you would like to submit an application to enter this scholarship program, please email the church office at ladyofl719@gmail.com. The submission deadline is noted above.

St. Joseph Image

This week the St. Joseph image is going to the Bigger family.

The Holy Father's Intentions for May

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Weekly Collections

April 25th, 2021

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| Cash | \$840 |
| Loose Checks | \$1,355 |
| Envelope Checks | \$2,445 |
| Total | \$4,640 |

Thank you for your support of the House of the Lord!

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