

# Our Lady of Lebanon

## Maronite Catholic Church

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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 4:00-5:00 P.M.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Sunday	2:00-7:00 P.M.
Monday-Friday	9:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.
Saturday	9:00 A.M.-5:30 P.M.

*Come Holy Spirit;  
come by means of the  
powerful intercession of the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
Your well-beloved spouse.*

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# Coming Persecutions

*6th Sunday of Pentecost : Matthew 10:16-25*

- 1. The Challenge of Following Jesus:** Jesus's words in this Gospel do not seem very encouraging. Who wants to be a sheep among wolves, handed over to pagans, or put to death by one's own relative?! Jesus's use of imagery speaks prophetically to all who wish to follow him in spirit and truth. Living one's deepest convictions requires both humility and courage. Humility is needed to follow Jesus, so that we follow him without pharisaical self-righteousness, condemning all who do not seem to be following Jesus according to our personal standards. Courage is needed to maintain the course of one's convictions, always discerning what is implied to obey the Lord's call in my day-to-day circumstance as a disciple of Christ.
- 2. Sent:** With our baptism, and especially with the seal of confirmation, we are sent as disciples into the world. Our identity as Jesus's disciples is one that matures as we discover the heart of Jesus. We go with innocence and wisdom among the wolves, and we are not sent without resources. Our resource is the Lord himself who accompanies us with his Eucharist, his grace, his Spirit. How often do we turn to him in trust when we are faced with an opportunity to witness in word or deed? How often do we recognize that we are "sent" to a world in need of Jesus's message of repentance, forgiveness, mercy, and love?
- 3. The Wolves:** What and who are the wolves in our lives? The secularity of culture that drowns out God's voice? The media when it creates anxiety, fear, and despair over disunity among peoples? The voice of ridicule among friends or family that do not see the purpose of a relationship with God? Where we find wolves, we also find wounds. One who is injured interiorly lashes out without understanding and persecutes those who want to do good to them. Are we capable of seeing beyond the wolf to the wound? The Lord calls us to be a witness in whatever circumstance we find ourselves. We can always try to bring balm to the wounded. But if we are rejected, the Lord invites us to look for those who will receive Him. We leave the closed, wounded wolves to the mercy of God.

**Conversing with Christ:** Lord Jesus, I want to participate in building Your kingdom by my witness of love for you. Send me your Spirit to guide my thoughts, words, and actions so that I may truly be a balm among the "wolves" of this world.

**Resolution:** Lord, today by your grace I will intentionally pray for people in my life who are far from you, asking the Holy Spirit to open their hearts.

Abridged from the Internet

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday 7/12: Estefanía Pabón†, Blaise

Wednesday 7/13: Jacob†, Cindy Beachley†, Maryellen Smith, Eva Simpson, Val Dubrouskis

Thursday 7/14: Nick Cvetovich†, Blaise

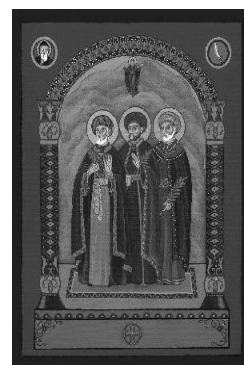
Friday 7/15: Maryellen Smith

† **Repose of Soul**

## Prayer Corner The Massabki Brothers

The Massabki brothers, Francis, Abdel Moati and Raphael, were Maronite martyrs, slain in Damascus in 1860 in part of a dramatic anti-Christian uprising in Syria and Lebanon from April to July of that year, when more than sixty villages were destroyed in the Shouf and the Matn.

*Blessed Massabki Brothers, Abdal-Moati, Francis and Raphael, pray to the Lord our God for me, for my family and for the Church. Graciously beseech of Him that, like you, I may persevere in love and courage until the destined end, whatever that may be, should find me. May I fear only that which kills the soul, never that which only afflicts the body. May I always have the courage to confess my faith before the world. Amen.*



## Daily Scripture Readings July 10th- to July 16th

<b>Sunday, 7/10:</b>	1Cor 12:12-13,27-30	Mt 10:16-25
<b>Monday, 7/11:</b>	Acts 12:1-11	Mt 24:3-14
<b>Tuesday, 7/12:</b>	Acts 12:12-24	Mt 15:21-28
<b>Wednesday 7/13:</b>	Acts 12:25-13,12	Mt 15:21-28
<b>Thursday, 7/14:</b>	Acts 13:13-25	Mt 16:1-4
<b>Friday, 7/15:</b>	Acts 13:26-39	Mt 16:5-12
<b>Saturday, 7/16:</b>	Acts 13:44-52	Jn 3:31-36

**ADORATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST IS AVAILABLE  
TO YOU EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK AT  
OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH:**

Monday thru Friday 9:00am—7:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am—5:30pm  
Sunday 1:00pm—7:00pm



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**May God bless you Abundantly!!!**

**Don't stay in the boat  
when God's calling you  
to step out on the water.**

**Be silent in the LORD's presence and wait patiently for Him.**

**Don't be angry because of the one whose way  
prosper or the one who implements evil  
schemes.**

(Psalms 37:7):

Be Reverent at all times in the Church,  
the Chapel, and in the Lobby



Man was created to praise, reverence, and serve God our Lord and  
in this way to save his soul.

**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. The  
catechism teaches, "From the beginning the Church has  
honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in  
suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that,  
thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God."  
Therefore, 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 purifica-  
tion, and no better prayer could be offered than that of the  
holy sacrifice of the Mass. **PLEASE schedule your Mass Inten-  
tions by contacting Sara in the Church Office (NOT Father because  
he does not have the datebook) at: 972-436-7617, or via email at  
LadyofL719@gmail.com**

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*Due to the July 4th Holiday, we are unable to print  
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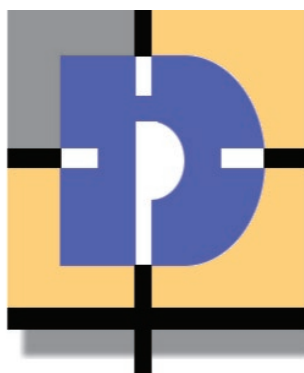
**Modesty Flows From a Humble Heart:** *Modesty is a  
way of practicing outgoing love for others. We must remember that how  
we dress and carry ourselves will be connected to the message we  
represent as members of God's Church. We ask all members of Our  
Lady of Lebanon to dress their best when they step into God's house.  
Please no shorts, sleeveless dresses, miniskirts, or T-shirts. Thank you  
for your consideration of this friendly reminder.*

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