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February 9, 2020, Sunday of Righteous and the Just

Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 11:00 o'clock
For the Parish

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 11:00 o'clock
Amal Boudib (40 Day Anniversary)

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 11: 00 o'clock

Ash Monday, February 24, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy, Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
No evening Liturgy

Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 11:00 o'clock
Emile, Antoine and Charbel Touma

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

Scripture Readings

Sunday, February 16, 2020, Sunday of the Faithful Departed
1Thes. 5:1-11; LK 16:19-31

Let us Pray the Rosary

Please join fellow parishioners as we pray the Holy Rosary every **Sunday at 10:15 a.m.** in preparation for the Divine Liturgy and in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Ushers

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Gebran Fattouch, Elie Malkoun, Rafah Elias and Halim Younes

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, February 2, 2020**

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 1296
Pledges	\$ 500
Donations by mail:	\$ 175
Tuesday:	\$ 60
Second Collection	\$ 343

Attention All Youth

The **annual regional youth retreat** for young people ages 13 to 18 years old will take place the weekend of **March 27, 28, 29, 2020 at St. Anthony Church in Richmond, Va.** This is a great opportunity for our youth to get together in both religious and social activities. The deadline for registration is **February 27.** If you would like for your child to attend, please let me know by email at ourladyoflebanonchurchdc@gmail.com or by calling the office at (202) 2 91-5153.

Meeting

Saturday, February 15, 2020, the Pastoral and the Finance councils will have their meeting in the office at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. Please confirm your attendance **to me directly.**

Parish's Email

Please note the Parish's email is:

OurLadyofLebanonChurchDC@Gmail.com

Lenten Observances 2020

For us Maronites, Lent begins on **Ash Monday, February 24, 2020** and lasts until **Holy Saturday (April 11) at noon.** The following Lenten guidelines



are observed in the Eparchy of Saint Maron.

- ★ All Maronites who are physically capable are to **abstain from meat** on Ash Monday (**February 24**) and all Fridays of Lent.
- ★ Ash Monday and the Great Friday of the Crucifixion are also days of **fasting.** Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable are to fast on these two days.

Ash Monday

The Liturgy for **Ash Monday [February 24]** will be at **7:30 p.m.** Blessing of Ashes will take place at the **ASH Monday** Liturgy. Ash Monday is a day of complete fast and abstinence.

Every Life Matters

“You are precious in my eyes and honored, and I love you” (Isaiah 43:4) is a powerful message of love and life for all of us. God loves you personally; He knitted you together in your mother's womb (Psalm 139:13). Don't buy into the lies that say you don't matter. You matter; Your life matters. Every life matters and is precious, whether in the womb or aged. Check our Sanctity of Life page (<https://www.familyandsanctityoflife.org/sanctity-of-life.html>) to help in creating a world where the beauty and dignity of every human life are valued and protected.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

The Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2020 will start on **Ash Monday, February 24, 2020** and will last until **Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020.** Please send in your contribution, earmarked **Bishop's Appeal,** before Easter Sunday. More information will be emailed to you in the very near future. Thank you for your generosity.

When we confess our sins with humility and sincerity, we receive forgiveness and are united with God and our brothers and sisters.

Pope Francis, February 14, 2018

Sunday of the Righteous and the Just

Today the Maronite Church celebrates the Sunday of the Righteous and Just. This is actually the traditional Maronite feast in honor of all the saints. Whereas the Latin Church celebrates the feast of All Saints on November 1st, the Maronite Church, following its ancient tradition dedicates this Sunday to their memory.

On this day we call to mind all the men and women, children of the Church, who have followed the path of justice and righteousness. We remember the prophets, apostles and martyrs, the hermits, ascetics, men and women religious, as well as all Christians who have lead holy lives.

As our Liturgy so often reminds us, they are just in the sight of God because they have patterned their lives on Jesus Christ, the Just One.

The saints are our models; their prayers and fasting have taught us to fight against sin and temptation and so gain the reward of righteousness.

The saints are our intercessors; by their prayers we obtain the pardon of our sins and are strengthened in the Christian virtues.

They were the salt of the earth and the light of the world, they call us to follow their path. Through their intercession may we one day merit eternal life with God. □

