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Second Sunday After Epiphany, January 17, 2021

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Milad Ghibril

Riyad Diab Dirani

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Sunday, February 7, 2021

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 (Feast of Saint Maron) at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Monday, February 15 (Ash Monday) at 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation (Confession) is available every Sunday between 10:15 and 10:45 a.m. before the Divine Liturgy.

The **last Sunday of every month**, a Holy Hour of Adoration will take place after the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, January 24, 2021, Sunday of the Priests

1 Tim 4:6-16; Luke 12:42-48

Sunday, January 31, 2021, Sunday of the Righteous and the Just

Heb 12: 18-24; Mt 25:31-46

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.

Second Collection

On Sunday, January 24, 2021, a second collection will be taken for the Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities (this collection combines the four USCCB collections: Central & Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Operation Rice Bowl which is a part of CRS). The total is divided evenly. All funds collected will be forwarded to the Chancery for transfer to the USCCB.

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, January 10, 2021**

Regular Sunday Collection \$825

Pledges \$200

Christmas Raffle

Mr. Pierre Khattar won the Our Lady of Lebanon Church Christmas Raffle. The drawing took place on Sunday, December 27, 2020 following the Divine Liturgy. Thank you for your participation and support.

End of the Year Statements

End of the year contribution statements were mailed this week. If you do not receive yours or if you find an error in your statement, please let the Pastor know ASAP. We thank you for your generosity and support.

To ensure our Church continues to be our favorite place for holy worship, the **automatic recurring** payment is an easy and secure way to contribute.

How to

You can send your contributions through your bank's "Bill Pay", the exact same way you pay any other online bill. It is the easiest way to make a recurrent monthly transfer and it is free.

Should you decide to do so, log into your bank's website and choose "bill pay" services and add "Our Lady of Lebanon Church" as a "payee" using the information below:

Payee Name: Our Lady of Lebanon Church

Payee Address: 7237 15th Place, NW, Washington, DC 20012

Amount: ___ \$500 per month
 ___ \$300 per month
 ___ \$200 per month
 ___ \$150 per month
 ___ \$100 per month
 ___ per month

Please check **recurrent** on the first of each month.

If you use the church envelop system, please include your envelope number.

Please fill out this form and mail it back to the church office address: **7237 15th Place, NW, Washington, DC 20012.**

May God Bless you and reward you abundantly

FYI

What does the word Church mean?

The word Church refers to the people whom God calls and gathers together from every part of the earth. They form the assembly of those who through faith and Baptism have become children of God, members of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit. (For further reading: Catechism of the Catholic Church # 751-752, 777, 804).

Food For Thought

"Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them - every day begin the task anew."

Saint Francis de Sales



*A Message from Bishop Gregory Mansour
Year of Saint Joseph*

13 January 2021

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Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis declared a "Year of Saint Joseph", so that we may reflect on the spiritual value of the Saint who is called "Patron of the Universal Church".

Our first Maronite parish in the United States, established in New York in 1890, came under the name of Saint Joseph. We have parishes named after Saint Joseph in Olean, New York; Atlanta, Georgia; and Waterville, Maine. Some of our parishes also have Saint Joseph Societies. Saint Joseph always has a place in every Maronite heart.

Saint Joseph, the "foster father" of Jesus and the "chaste spouse" of the Virgin, also has two feasts to his honor in the Maronite Church: the Fifth Sunday of the Season of the Glorious Birth, just before Christmas, as well as March 19th. These feasts bring attention to different aspects of Joseph's role as the "Virgin who cared for the Virgin", and the Patron of the Universal Church.

What a grace for us to honor Saint Joseph. The Holy Father has granted plenary indulgences for those who honor the Saint. On the website of the Diocese of Charlotte a description of this, as well as the Holy Father's Decree, can be found at <https://yearofstjoseph.org/indulgences/>

A visit to any one of our parishes named for Saint Joseph, as well as those parishes hosting a Saint Joseph Sodality, would be included in this indulgence.

There are so many treasures hidden in the person of Saint Joseph; we can only begin to explore. Who else could have loved and cared for the Virgin Mary and the Christ Child with such tender and masculine love, such obedience to the Heavenly Father, and such fidelity to his noble mission?

O Saint Joseph, foster father, faithful spouse, guide to the troubled, and true patron of believers, pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Gregory John Mansour

St. Anthony the Great

St. Anthony was born around 351 in *Coma*, [Egypt] today known as "*Kuma Al Arouss*." His father and mother died when he was eighteen years old, and he was left with a sister whom he loved very much. One day he entered a church and heard a voice saying: "*If you wish to be perfect, go sell all you have, give it to the poor and follow me.*" He felt that these words were directed to him, so he went and sold all that he had. He gave his sister her share and the rest he gave to the poor. At twenty years of age he went to a hermit and became his disciple. He spent his days and great part of the night in prayer and manual labor and ate only one meal a day. Anthony suffered a great deal from temptations. With prayer and penance, he overcame them all. For this reason, he became the patron saint of those who are tempted. He died on **January 17, 356**, at the age of 105.

The body of St. Anthony remained in his grave for 200 years. In 561, under the emperor Justinian, his bones were transferred solemnly to the Church of St. John the Baptist in *Alexandria* [Egypt] and later taken to Constantinople. Prince Jocelyn took Anthony's remains to France and interred them in the Benedictine Abbey of *La Motte St. Didices*. His remains were transferred to the city of Aries, where they rest today.



God speaks
in the silence of the heart.
Listening
is the beginning of prayer.

— Mother Teresa