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*February 13, 2022, Sunday of the Righteous and the Just*

**Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

Linda Gemayel Sebaali (Mother of Msgr. George Sebaali)

**Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

Divine Liturgy and Holy Hour of Adoration

**Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

Joseph Fares Fayad

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

Habib Lahoud and Simon Touma

**Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

Alice Zoghbi Gebara (40 Day Anniversary)

**Monday, February 28, 2022 (Ash Monday) at 7:30 p.m.**

Antoine Emile Touma

**Friday, March 4, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

George Franjie (40 Day Anniversary)

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

***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 for Sunday, February 20, 2022***

**Halim Younes, Anthony Beasley, John Nadder & Fawzi Abouchabke**

***Ushers for Sunday, February 27, 2022***

**Roger Abou Jaoude, Elie Malkoun, Kevin Pitzer & George Choueiry**

***Altar Servers for Sunday, February 20, 2022***

Jason Pitzer and Peter ElKhoueiry

***Thank you for your generosity***

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, February 6, 2022**

Regular Collection \$ 1212

Donation by mail \$ 760

Pledge \$ 400

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you all.

***Mark your Calendar***

**Saturday, March 12, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church will hold a parish wide Lenten Retreat under the theme of **Spiritual Commitment**. Chorbishop Seely Beggiani is the retreat master. More information will be available in future bulletins.

***Lenten Services***



The Season of Great Lent begins on Ash Monday, February 28, 2022. **Starting on Friday, March 4, 2022** and every Friday of Lent thereafter, we will have a

***Scripture Readings***

**Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

1Tim 5:1-11; Lk 16-19 -31

**Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock**

Rom 14:14-23; Jn 2:1-11

Divine Liturgy followed by the Benediction with the Holy Cross. Following the Liturgy a simple lenten meal will be served in the social hall if the pandemic situation allows us.

***Marriage Banns***

The Marriage Banns are announced for the **second time** between **Halim Helou and Fiona Geiblin**. Anyone knowing why they should not be married in the Catholic Church is bound in conscience to make it known to the priest.



***Ash Monday***

The Liturgy for **Ash Monday [February 28]** will be at **7:30 p.m.** Blessing of Ashes will take place at the Liturgy. Ash Monday is a day of complete fast and abstinence.

***Lenten Observances 2022***

For us Maronites, Lent begins on **Ash Monday, February 28, 2022**, and lasts until

**Holy Saturday (April 16) 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 28**) 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.

***Bishop's Annual Appeal***

The Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2022 will start on **Ash Monday, February 28, 2022** and will last until **Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022**. Please send in your contribution, earmarked **Bishop's Appeal**, before Easter Sunday. For more information please see the Bishop's letter in the next page. Thank you for your generosity.

## *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 1<sup>st</sup>, the Maronite Church, following its ancient tradition dedicates this Sunday to their memory.

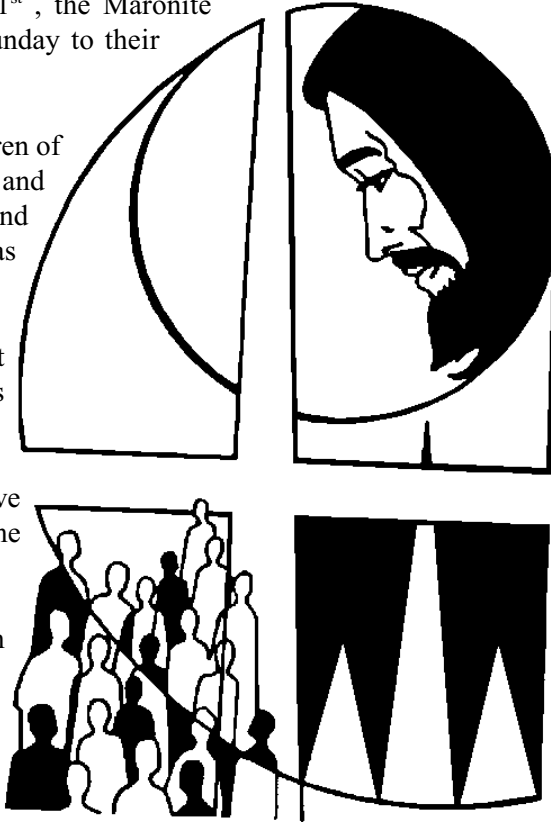
On this day we call to mind all the men and women, children of the Church, who have followed the path of justice and righteousness. We remember the prophets, apostles and martyrs, the hermits, ascetics, men and women religious, as well as all Christians who have lead holy lives.

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. ☐



*(Maronite Prayer of the Faithful, Volume 1)*

They have washed  
their robes  
and made them

white  
in the  
blood  
of the  
Lamb.

REVELATION 7:14



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year during Lent, I ask you to consider giving a gift to support the Eparchy of Saint Maron's Annual Lenten Appeal. The past year was challenging with the pandemic and unprecedented troubles here and around the world (especially in Lebanon). And yet, God always watches over his children and our Eparchy. We rely upon your help to give us the resources to serve the faithful throughout the Eparchy.

Please consider making a sacrificial gift to this year's Annual Lenten Appeal. Your gift will support:

- **Seminarians:** We currently have six men preparing for the priesthood. Our seminarians are our future priests, and we need to educate them well so that they can minister effectively to our faithful in the future. The costs of Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary are about \$450,000 per year. **40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal will go for Seminarians.**
- **Ministries:** Our outreach to young people, the elderly, families, and in defense of life from conception to natural death, helps people at the most crucial times in their lives. You can help ensure that the Eparchy continues this important work. **20% of your contribution will go to support Ministries.**
- **Retired Priests:** The Eparchy's 17 retired priests served the faithful with generosity. We help them with a modest pension that is helpful to them each month. **20% of your contribution will support Retired Priests.**
- **Help for Lebanon and the Middle East:** The Eparchy has provided an unprecedented amount of support to help in Lebanon and the Middle East over the past few years. We can never forget the homeland of our Maronite Church. **10% of your contribution will support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.**
- **Endowment:** The Eparchy's Endowment Fund supports today's needs and ensures the Eparchy will have resources in the future. **10% of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment.**

Please open your heart once again and make a gift. Your participation in this Appeal impacts the lives of many people, both inside the Eparchy, and in the Middle East. Any gift will be appreciated.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity! I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory J. Mansour

PS: Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.