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February 20, 2022, Sunday of the Faithful Departed

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

Labib Beggiani (Msgr Beggiani's brother)

Friday, March 11, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

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

George Franjie (40 Day Anniversary)

Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy and Holy Hour

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 27, 2022

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

Ushers for Sunday, March 6, 2022

Halim Younes, Gebrann Fattouch, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

Altar Servers for Sunday, February 27, 2022

George Beasley and Mateo Aboujaoude

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, February 13, 2022**

Regular Collection \$ 2307

Donation by mail \$ 25

Pledge \$ 300

St. Maron Collection \$ 442

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.

Marriage Banns

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

Scripture Readings

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

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

Monday, February 28, 2022, Ash Monday

2 Cor5:20 - 6:7; Mt 6:16-21

Sunday, March 6, 2022, Sunday of the Healing of the Leper

Rom 6:14-23; Mark 1:35- 45

Meeting

Saturday, March 5, 2022, there will be a meeting for the Pastoral Council at 10 o'clock in the Church's office.



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

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 Faithful Departed

Today the Maronite Church commemorates all the faithful Christians who have departed this life in the faith. This feast is the Syriac Church's equivalent to the feast of All Souls in the Latin Church.



We ask our Lord Jesus Christ to welcome all our deceased brothers and sisters, who have been nourished with his body and blood, into his kingdom of light. Not knowing the state of perfection they have achieved in their lives, we commend them to the mercy of God with hope and expectation.

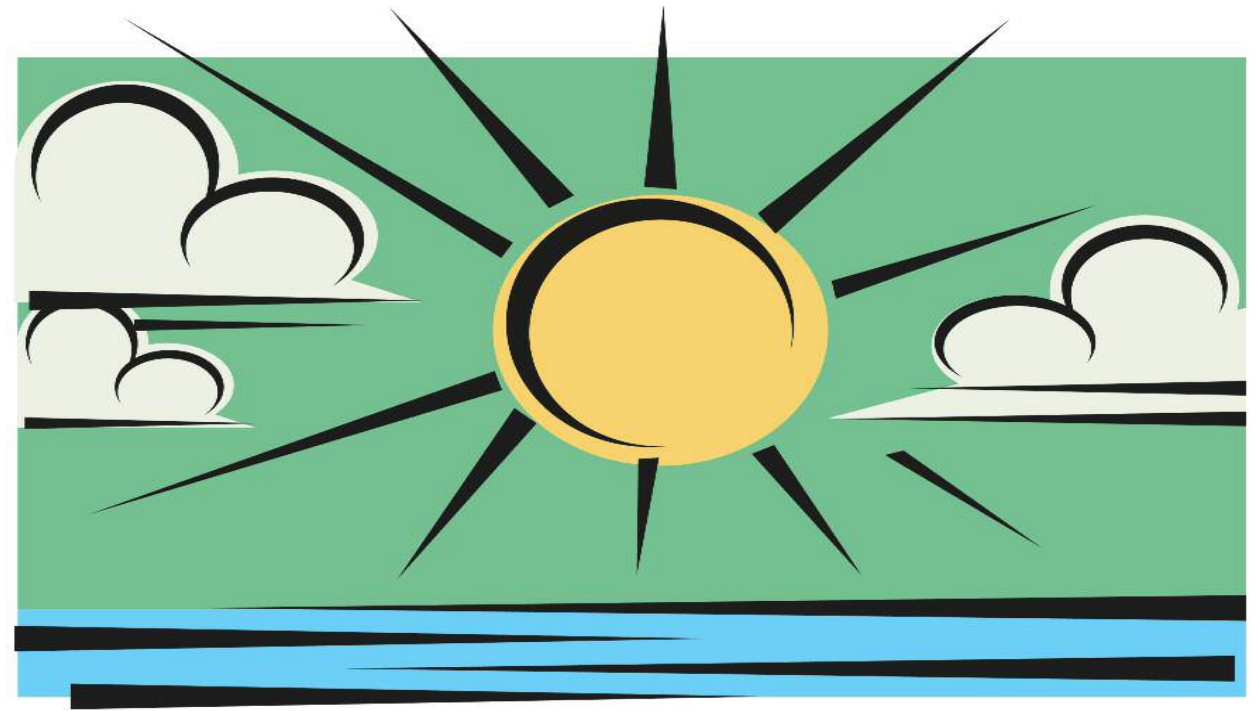
It is a Christian obligation for us to help our brothers and sisters through our prayers and the offering of the Divine Mysteries for their salvation. For though they have not yet reached the joy of the righteous and the just, they are called to ultimately enter the kingdom of light and peace. Our intercession can bring them nearer to the day of eternal happiness.

We should pray in a special way for those who have been near us, our relatives, friends and benefactors who have died. At the same time

we should pray for the deceased members of our parish and for all the departed who have no one to pray for them.

We commend the faithful departed to the Lord that by His cross He may lead them into the eternal wedding feast, and as newly arrived in God's kingdom may they intercede before Him on our behalf.

(Maronite Prayer of the Faithful, Volume 1)



COMMEMORATION
of the

FAITHFUL
DEPARTED



Our Lady of Lebanon Parish Lenten Retreat

Theme: Spiritual Commitment

Retreat Master: Chorbishop Seely Beggiani



Saturday, March 12, 2022



9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



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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.