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*February 27, 2022, Cana Sunday*

**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.**

Salim and Yvonne Khater

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

Labib Beggiani (Msgr Beggiani's brother)

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

Salim and Yvonne Khater

**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

**Friday, March 18, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

Simon Koweter (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, March 6, 2022*

Halim Younes, Gebran Fattouch, Antoine Issa and Joseph Nasr

### *Ushers for Sunday, March 13, 2022*

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri and Mark Malkoun

### *Altar Servers for Sunday, March 6, 2022*

Jason Pitzer and Peter ElKhoueiry

### *Thank you for your generosity*

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, February 20, 2022**

Regular Collection \$ 1411

Pledge \$ 1000

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.

### *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 hall.

### *Ash Monday*

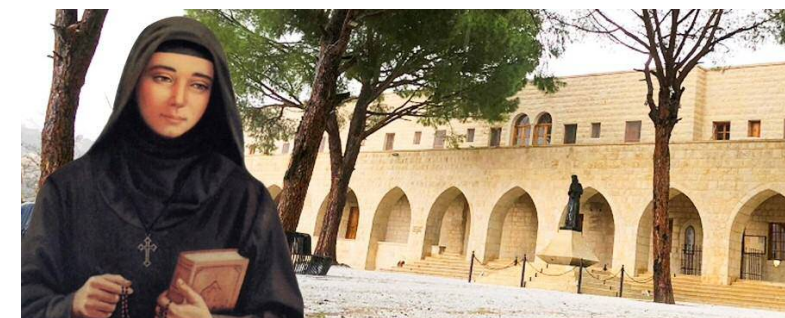
The Liturgy for **Ash Monday [February 28]** will be at **7:30 p.m.** Blessing of Ashes will take place at the Liturgy. Ash Monday is a day of complete fast and abstinence.

### *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.

### *FYI*

Some of you, after meeting Mother Raghida Antoun, Superior of Saint Joseph Monastery - Tomb of Sainte Rafqa in Jrabta, Lebanon, have asked what is the best way to help the Convent. Below are the different ways for your information. You may also make the check payable to Saint Joseph Monastery - Tomb of Saint Rafqa and mail it to the church office.



**Saint Joseph Monastery - Tomb of Saint Rafqa**  
*Service to God, Compassion for others*  
"Alone we can do so little, Together we can do so much"  
Thank you for your donation



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Saint Joseph Monastery - Tomb of Saint Rafqa is a nonprofit Organization in the United States. Knowing that we are in a time of financial instability, your donation is extra special to us. Thank you for your generous financial support during this tumultuous time. Because of your generosity, we are able to assist the Monastery, support its Humanitarian and educational ministries as well as its elderly care facility. The Monastery will hold a monthly prayer service for the intentions of all its benefactors and their families.



*Reflection on Cana Sunday: Entrance into the Season of Great Lent*  
by Deacon Chris Nohra

I can't believe we have already made it to Lent –time is just flying by. If you're like me then you probably have even thought about what you are going to give up for Lent this year. Every year, I say I'm going to give up chocolate or television or (dare I even say) coffee, however, each year Lent concludes, and I think to myself... so what did I accomplish or how did I change? Well, perhaps this year, the Season of Great Lent can be different for both you and me. Perhaps, this year, instead of striving to just endure our fasts, sacrifices, and extra prayers for 40 days, we thrive in our journey with God and ourselves where we encounter the true living God, Jesus Christ, who wishes to have a deep relationship with each and every one of us – no matter where we are in life.

Catherine Doherty, a Russian-Canadian Catholic social worker and founder of the Madonna House Apostolate, once said: "Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation." You see, brothers and sisters, Lent is a time of conversion, a time to journey with our Lord and with ourselves. This sacred season of Great Lent gives each of us in the Church an opportunity to look deep within themselves and discover where we need to grow. Many of us (including myself) sometimes treat Lent as a test of endurance thinking to ourselves: "how long can I go with giving up coffee." Then, when we break our fast, we become discouraged and try to restart again or simply give up. But there is SO much more to Lent than just endurance.

Lent is a daily journey rooted in our relationship with God and with others which does include our fasting, prayers, almsgiving, and sacrifices. During this season of Great Lent, we have the opportunity to spiritually join ourselves to all our Christian Catholic brothers and sisters across the world who are also journeying in Lent. Through our daily prayers, Scripture readings, and sacrifices, we begin to grow closer to Christ personally and as a whole Church. Lent is also a time when families can grow closer together. It's the small things that will make a difference such as gathering to pray before a meal or going to Sunday Divine Liturgy as a family. As a family, you could go on a pilgrimage to a Catholic Shrine and look for service opportunities in

your local parish and/or community. Lent is a time of spiritual reflection. Many individuals go on a weekend retreat or a one-day retreat to get away from the noisy world and calm their thoughts and minds in solitude with God. Lastly, Lent is also a time for fasting. However, I invite you not to just fast for the sake of fasting. Fast from things that draw you away from God and your vocation in life. For example, if you watch too much TV and it strips you away from your work and/or family, then give up TV (Netflix, TikTok, etc). Ultimately, we know ourselves best, and so this Lent is an opportunity to really discover what takes us away from God and from our mission in life.

In conclusion, brothers and sisters, rejoice and be glad because the season of Great Lent is upon us which means, today, is the day to begin our journey with God and with ourselves. Do not be afraid to look deep within yourself and discover where you need to grow this Lent. It's not about endurance, it's about a journey. Walk with Christ each day and you will conclude Lent on Resurrection Sunday as a new person. Draw closer to your family and friends during Lent through prayer and service.

Fast from things that genuinely take you away from God and take some time to retreat from the busy and noisy world around us. Finally, remember that this season of Great Lent is about our relationship with God, the God who deeply desires to draw closer to each and every one of us. However, we must open wide the doors of our hearts to let Christ in. Never forget that Great Lent is truly a gift that "makes justice abound and holiness thrive" (Maronite Qurbono, 186).

**Scripture Readings**

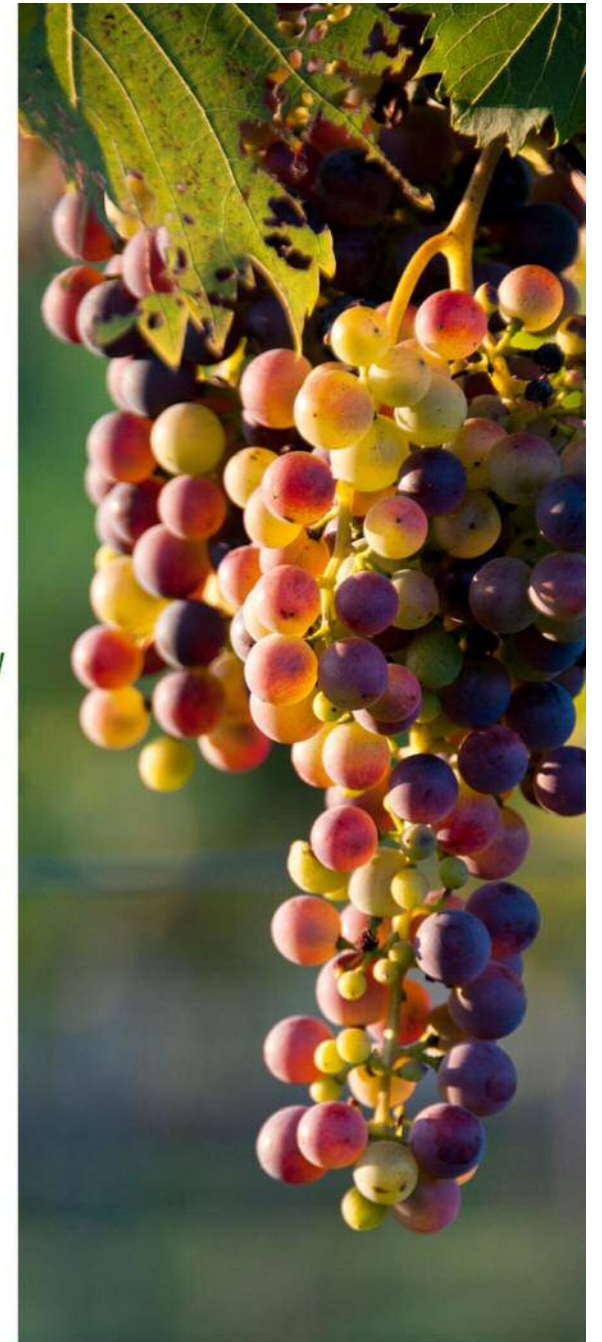
**Monday, February 28, 2022, Ash Monday**

2 Cor 5:20 - 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

The water now  
become  
**WINE**  
...the first of  
his signs.





# 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



Our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall



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## **Parish Lenten Retreat**

**Saturday, March 12, 2022**

**Theme**

***Spiritual Commitment***

**Chorbishop Seely Beggiani, Retreat Master**

### **Schedule:**

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| 9:00 a.m.  | Divine Liturgy                                 |
| 9:45 a.m.  | Coffee Break                                   |
| 10:00 a.m. | Talk and discussion                            |
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| 11:00 a.m. | Talk and discussion                            |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch break                                    |
| 1:00 p.m.  | Talk and Discussion                            |
| 2:00 p.m.  | Final Prayer and confession will be available. |



# **MYO TRIP TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE!**

**MARCH 6TH, AFTER MASS**

**RSVP By March 2nd Using Google  
Forms!**

**ANY QUESTIONS? EMAIL  
OURLADYOFFLEBANONCHURCHDC.MYO@GMAIL.COM  
OR CALL/TEXT ROBERT AYOUB OR JULIE PITZER AT  
248-872-2880 OR 443-616-9658**

# MYA BIBLE MUSEUM TRIP

March 13th, 2022



ADMISSION  
PRICE  
\$19.99

MYA Members, please join us while visiting the Bible Museum in DC. This is a fun interactive way to learn more about the Bible.

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