

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church
7142 Alaska Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20012
Phone (202) 291- 5153

www.ololdc.org

Email: OurLadyofLebanonchurchdc@gmail.com

Msgr. George M. Sebaali, Pastor

Pastor's personal Email: Gmsebaali@aol.com

Pastor's cell number: (804) 240-9820

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

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. (Eve of St. Joseph)

Mona Barrios

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

Simon Koweter (40 Day Anniversary)

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. (St. Rafka feast day)

Friday, March 25, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

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

George Salwan (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 13, 2022

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri and Mark Malkoun

Ushers for Sunday, March 20, 2022

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Rafah Elias and Salah Dagher

Altar Servers for Sunday, March 13, 2022

George Beasley and Mateo Abou Jaoude

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, February 27, 2022**

Regular Collection \$ 1428

Pledge \$ 200

Donation by mail \$ 450

Memorial Contribution \$ 300

Bishop's Appeal (online) \$ 450

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

Lenten Services



Every Friday of Lent, 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.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

The Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2022 started on **Ash Monday, February 28, 2022** and will last until **Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022.**

Scripture Readings

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

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

Sunday, March 13, 2022, Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

2 Cor 7:4-11; LK 8:40-56

Sunday, March 20, 2022, Parable of the Prodigal Son

2 Cor 13:5-13; LK 15:11-32

Please send in your contribution, earmarked **Bishop's Appeal**, before Easter Sunday. We depend on your generosity and cooperation to fulfil our obligation to the eparchy. You may send your contribution by mail or online at www.ololdc.org

Parish Retreat Schedule

Below is the Parish Retreat schedule for **Saturday March 12, 2022.**

Theme: Spiritual Commitment

Retreat Master: Chorbishop Seely Beggiani

Schedule:

9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
9:45 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:00 a.m.	Talk and discussion
10:45 a.m.	Coffee break
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

Attention All MYO

The MYO trip to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception National Shrine scheduled for **March 6, 2022** has been postponed until **Sunday March 20, 2022.** More information will be provided in future bulletin.

FYI

What does the virginal conception of Jesus mean?

The virginal conception of Jesus means that Jesus was conceived in the womb of the Virgin solely by the power of the Holy Spirit without the intervention of a man. He is the Son of the heavenly Father according to his divine nature and the Son of Mary according to his human nature. He is however, truly the Son of God in both natures since there is in him only one Person who is divine. (For further reading: Catechism of the Catholic Church 'CCC' 496-498, 503)

Reflection for the Sunday of the Cleansing of the Leper

If you wish, you can make me clean.

Now we begin the second week of Lent. God-willing, we are all carrying out our resolutions for Lent with joy. Perhaps we are driven by excitement. Let us not lose heart when things start to get more difficult. Excitement is not a virtue, but perseverance is. Let us pray for the grace to finish Lent strong, for he who endures to the end shall be saved (Matthew 24:13).

In this week's gospel, we learn the following about our Lord Jesus: He was an early bird. He started His day with prayer. He prayed alone. When He went into towns, He both preached and cast out demons. That is, He combined preaching with works. In like manner, it is not sufficient for us Christians to preach the Gospel alone. Our preaching must be accompanied with good works in order that it not be fruitless: "let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

In the Old Testament, there was a process for dealing with lepers (Leviticus 13). Lepers were outcasts. To contract leprosy made one ritually unclean, and anyone who contacted a leper was likewise made unclean. Besides the physical discomforts of the disease, the leper also had to suffer separation from the community. In light of this, let us take note of the action of the Lord Jesus, Who had no such fear of the leper, nor did He become unclean when He touched the leper. Rather, His touch made the leper clean.

Lastly, let us focus on the words the leper spoke to Jesus: If you wish, you can make me clean. We might rightfully conclude that the leper's faith healed Him. We might, then, ask ourselves if we truly believe that Jesus can heal us from any of our afflictions. Do we really believe that Jesus has power over all things and can free us from all things? Do we really believe that no matter how sinful or depraved we are, Jesus has the power to bring us back from the depths of the abyss? Do we really believe that no matter how many times we've committed a sin in the past, Jesus is ready to forgive each and every one of those sins, and to love us as though they never happened? More importantly, do we wish it? Perhaps Jesus is repeating these words to us in the depths of our heart, but He turns them around and says: If you wish, I can make you clean. This Lent, let us be bold in imploring the Lord's grace. Let us truly examine what is keeping us from loving God with all of our hearts, and then asking the Lord to cleanse us of these things. And, if we have not the desire to do so, let us pray for that as well!

Seminarian Alejandro Landin

