

### ***Differences and Similarities Between Churches***

*“What does the Maronite Church have in common with the Latin Church and how does it differ?”*

In discussing the Catholic Church of Jesus Christ, it is important to keep in mind that the Church is **One**: meaning united in faith and morals; **Holy**: meaning the sacrament of encounter with God; **Catholic**: meaning universal; and **Apostolic**: meaning founded upon the apostles.

This Church is made up of 22 churches (1 Western and 21 Eastern) which have three significant elements shared in common: **1) Faith**; **2) The Seven Sacraments** (called mysteries in the Maronite Church); **3) The Unity** of all the bishops and patriarchs with the Bishop-Patriarch-Pope of Rome.

These three elements make all the Churches from the patriarchates of Antioch, Alexandria, Armenia, Constantinople and Rome One and Catholic.

There are four elements that make each of the 22 Churches unique and autonomous: **1) Theology**, the manner in which we reflect on the Mystery of God; **2) Spirituality**, the way in which we express our relationship with God; **3) Liturgy**, the way in which we worship God; **4) Canon Law**, the manner in which we maintain order in the Church.

As the Church of Jesus developed and grew outside of Jerusalem the apostles and disciples planted the seeds of the three basic elements with different peoples throughout the world. Therefore, Maronite and Latin as well as Byzantine, Alexandrian and Armenian Catholics believe in and profess the same Creed, celebrate the seven Mysteries and are united with the Holy Father. However, when they planted these three elements they used the traditions and cultures of the respective people to allow for a unique expression of these three elements. Therefore, people in the Syriac empire used the language (Aramaic), architecture, art, music, clothing, culture, etc. to proclaim and live their faith in Jesus.

Therefore, Maronites differ from Latins, Byzantines, Armenians, Alexandrians, etc. in their thinking about, speaking about, praying to and living in society for God whom we name as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

(Eparchy of Saint Maron)



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### **March 1, 2020, Sunday of the Cleansing of the Leper**

**Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 11:00 o'clock**

Emile, Antoine and Charbel Touma

**Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**

Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Tuesday, March 10, 21020 at 7:30 p.m.**

Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 11:00 o'clock**

Alec Aoun

Joseph ElHallal

**Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 11:00 o'clock**

**Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**

**No Evening Liturgy**

**Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 11:00 o'clock**

Claude Jabalie (40 Day Anniversary)

### **Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, March 8, 2020, Hemorrhaging Woman**

2 Cor. 7: 4- 11; Lk 8:40-56

### **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**

**Sunday, March 8, 2020**

Maroun Mezher, Alain Khoury and Chris Khoury

### **Thank you for your generosity**

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, February 23, 2020**

Regular Sunday Collection \$ 1629

Pledges \$ 1000

Donation by mail \$ 225

Tuesday: \$ 80

Bishop's Appeal \$ 750

### **Parish's Email**

Please note the Parish's email is:

[OurLadyofLebanonChurchDC@Gmail.com](mailto:OurLadyofLebanonChurchDC@Gmail.com). Besides the pastor's personal email, no other email is to be used for parish business.

### **Bishop's Annual Appeal**

The Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2020 will start on **Ash Monday, February 24, 2020** and will last until **Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020**. Please send in your contribution, earmarked **Bishop's Appeal**, before Easter Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Are You Interested in Serving as a Lector?**

We are looking for people to form teams and serve as lectors (read the Epistles in Arabic or English) during the Liturgy. **Please let me know** if you would like to be a lector and what language you prefer. Once we have a few volunteers, teams will be formed and the schedule will be announced in the weekly bulletin. The assigned readers will have to be present in the church at least 10 minutes before liturgy starts for last minute preparation and be dressed appropriately. Thank you for your willingness to serve in this ministry.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

English: \_\_\_\_\_ Arabic: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parish Lenten Luncheon**

**On Sunday, March 22, 2020**, Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Parish invites you to a Parish Lenten Luncheon (meatless meal) following the Divine Liturgy in the Social Hall. Although there is no cost for the luncheon, voluntary contribution is much appreciated. The luncheon is prepared by a group of the ladies. All are welcome.

### **Christianity**

In the home it is kindness;

In the business, it is honesty;

In society it is courtesy;

In work it is fairness;

Toward the unfortunate it is sympathy;

Toward the weak it is help;

Toward the strong it is trust;

Toward the penitent it is forgiveness;

Toward the successful it is congratulations;

And toward God it is reverence and obedience.

(Author unknown)

### **FYI**

#### **What is original sin?**

Original sin, in which all human beings are born, is the state of deprivation of original holiness and justice. It is a sin "contracted" by us not "committed"; it is a state of birth and not a personal act. Because of the original unity of all human beings, it is transmitted to the descendants of Adam "not by imitation, but by propagation". This transmission remains a mystery which we cannot fully understand. (For further reading: Catechism of the Catholic Church 404, 419).

#### **After the first sin, what did God do?**

After the first sin the world was inundated with sin but God did not abandon man to the power of death. Rather, he foretold in a mysterious way in the "*Protoevangelium*" (Genesis 3:15) that evil would be conquered and that man would be lifted up from his fall. This was the first proclamation of the Messiah and Redeemer. Therefore, the fall would be called in the future a "happy fault" because it "gained for us so great a Redeemer" (Liturgy of the Easter Vigil). (For further reading: CCC 410-412, 420)