



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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March 28, 2021

Hosanna Sunday



Next Sunday

Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection

1 Cor 15:12-26 (Results of Denial/Christ the Firstfruits)

MK 16:1-8 (The Resurrection of Jesus)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for March 14th - 20th

Online.....\$650.00

Collection.....\$370.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,020.00

YTD Total.....\$22,170.47

YTD Goal.....\$22,152.00

YTD Difference.....\$18.47

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, March 28th, 10:30am

Available

Monday, March 29th

+Merritt Swing

Tuesday, March 30th

Anthony Allam

Wednesday, March 31st

Richard Allam

Thursday, April 1st

Available

Friday, April 2nd

Available

Saturday, April 3rd

Available

Sunday, April 4th

Available

Adoration/Exposition every Sunday at 9:30 am before the morning Liturgy.

Confession every Sunday at 9:45 am before the morning Liturgy.

Also join us to pray the Rosary on Sundays at 10:00 am before the Liturgy begins.

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, March 28th

Available

Sunday, April 4th

Thad and Juliann Rask

Parish / Community Events

Parish Council

- +Bruce Ashford (Treasurer)
- Charlie Ashou
- Gus Bekahi
- Nick El Hajj
- Agopos Ghossein
- Adib Karam
- +Claude Karam
- Anne Marentette (Secretary)
- +Doug Raab
- +Thaddeus Rask
- Nadia Redmond
- Mitch Siekmann

- Ex Officio
- +Deacon Tony
- +Deacon Wadih
- +Finance Committee



YOUTH GROUP
Calling All Youth ages 13-18!!

The Cedars of Saint Sharbel is a "family" of young people who will meet in virtual meetings to discuss real life and how it relates to our faith in God and His tremendous love for humankind. We'll dig deep to answer some of life's greatest questions while developing friendships and having fun at the same time.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, April 10, @ 1pm on ZOOM
Watch for invitation in your inbox

Please email Gennifer Karam for questions or to sign up for the email list:

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 28 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Hosanna Sunday (Shaneenee) — 10:30am <i>Procession to follow with the distribution of Palms</i> <i>Confessions will be heard before Mass Only</i>
March 31 <i>Wednesday</i>	Rite of the Lamp, (Mass/Qurbono) — 7:00pm <i>Confessions will be heard before/after the Holy Mysteries</i>
April 1 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	Institution of the Eucharist - Mass/Qurbono — 7:00pm <i>Washing of the Apostles Feet</i> <i>Confessions will be heard before/after the Holy Mysteries</i>
April 2 <i>Great Friday</i>	Signing of the Chalice - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy — 12:00pm (noon) <i>Confessions available before or after <u>by request</u></i> Burial Procession (Zeeyeh) — No Eucharist — 7pm** <i>Commemoration of the Burial of our Lord</i> <i>No Confessions available in the evening</i>
April 3 <i>Saturday of Holy Week</i>	Morning Service — 10:30am Rite of Forgiveness (General Absolution) <i>No individual Confessions available</i> Night Vigil of Easter: Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord (Mass/Qurbono) — 7:00pm** <i>Followed by Rite of Peace and Procession</i> <i>No individual Confessions available</i>
April 4 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord — 10:30am** <i>No Procession, Mass Only</i>

****These masses will have a sign up through Sign Up Genius — See More Below**

Attending Mass During Covid



HOLY WEEK MASS SIGN UP

The following masses will have sign ups through Sign Up Genius

FRIDAY 7:00pm

SATURDAY 7:00pm

SUNDAY 10:30am

The Sign Up will be available Wednesday 3/31

In-Person Mass Sign Ups

We are switching over to using Sign-Up Genius for our weekly in person sign ups. The system will allow you to access at any time and register or alter a reservation. It is able to update in real-time, where as I am not. The sign up sheet is emailed every Wednesday, prior to the week's masses.

Here is the link in case you need to check or alter your reservation.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EA9AF23A4FC1-inperson>

COVID MASS POLICIES

- You will need to come with a mask. Mask may be removed to receive Communion obviously. We don't have masks to give you so please bring one.
- I cannot give Communion outside of Mass – this means in your cars, on the sidewalk, etc. Communion for the homebound is suppressed also at this time.
- Sit only in spot marked on pews. Remain physically distant as you enter and exit the church through the basement entrance only.
- No lingering after Mass, you will need to leave directly.
- If your name is not of the sign up list the ushers cannot allow you to come in. We will need to be strict about this and apologize in advance for problems that might arise.
- I request you only use the downstairs entrance, below the main stairs, the other doors will be closed, this will help us to be able to clean commonly touched surfaces.
- We will not allow use of missals, or other books in the pews. Do your best with the responses.
- Only people who are members of the parish are eligible at this point to attend our limited Masses. If you have been coming regularly, and are not registered elsewhere but have not registered with us, now is the time to do this. Archbishop has asked that we keep people going to the parishes they are registered as a way to respect fair and equitable access to all.

Sunday, March 28, 2021, 10:30am

Youtube Channel Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi8CEQIEEnX-VeERKBMqhKRA>

We'll be using this same link every week since it connects to St. Sharbel's Youtube Channel. Once there click on the appropriate date for mass.



*Virtual Meeting with
His Eminence and Beatitude
Patriarch Bechara
Cardinal Peter Rai*

THE EPARCHY OF OUR LADY OF
LEBANON OF LOS ANGELES

INVITES YOU TO A SPECIAL
GATHERING WITH OUR PATRIARCH

MARCH 27, 2021

8PM LEBANON TIME

10 AM PACIFIC

11 AM MOUNTAIN

12 PM CENTRAL

1PM EASTERN

VIA ZOOM
TO REGISTER VISIT OUR [PAGE](#)



The National Apostolate of Maronites Presents

The 29th Annual Spring Raffle - 2021

Only 450 Tickets are printed

Donation: \$100 per ticket

Last Chance!!!!

\$17,500.00 In Cash Prizes!!!

1st Prize — \$10,000.00

2nd Prize — \$3,000.00

3rd Prize — \$2,000.00

4th Prize — \$1,500.00

5th Prize — \$1,000.00

Only 450 Tickets Printed - \$100 Each

This year's drawing will be held on **May 2nd, 2021** at St. Maron, Youngstown (Ohio)

You can see the drawing live at [NAM FaceBook](#)

Thank you for your support in previous years for this raffle fund-raiser, as it is an important part of the NAM annual budget. We are counting on your generosity once again, to support our community projects.

Call Nadia Redmond at 503-671-0440 by April 11 if you would like to purchase a raffle ticket.

Reflection

In the Syriac calendar, the Sunday of Hosannas concludes Lent itself and begins Hasho – the Passion of our Lord. The Syriac tradition specifically calls it the Sunday of Hosannas, rather than Palm Sunday, emphasizing “Hosanna,” the phrase those welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem shouted. We stress this word, which is Hebrew for “Save us!” at Christ’s arrival to His Passion because we stress what His entrance into Jerusalem truly meant, and with the crowds shout “Save us!”

The entirety of Lent we have been preparing ourselves spiritually, by fasting, prayer and good works, so that we may fruitfully celebrate our Lord’s life-giving suffering, death and resurrection. Just as the people in Jerusalem greeted Him, so today we sing praises welcoming Him for He has come to save us in His love:

When our Lord descended from the Mount of Olives His disciples surrounded Him in great joy and exultation. They called out to their Lord and God in a sweet melody, “This day we rejoice and say You have saved us, Lord, for the feast has come to the horns of the altar.” Alleluia, Christ is sacrificed! (Transfer Hymn for the Sunday of Hosannas)

We see in the hymn that followers sing, “The feast has come to the horns of the altar.” What they mean can be explained by the Jewish Temple practices. Before the coming of Christ, every time the Jews needed to obtain the forgiveness of sins, they needed to make animal sacrifices in the Temple of Jerusalem. Once a year, the high priest would enter into the sanctuary alone with animal blood and make an offering for the sins of the people (Heb. 9:7) by putting blood on the horns (or corners) of the altar as God instructed Moses (Lev. 4:18). But this needed to be repeated as endlessly as man sins, and this was instructed only to foreshadow the true reality behind it. That true reality is that Jesus Christ, our God, the true High Priest, would enter into the perfect tabernacle “not made by human hands” – His Passion – and offer His own blood for the eternal redemption of His beloved people, mankind.

Christ, in His love for us to remove our sin, entered into Jerusalem knowing that this would be the entrance into the sacrifice of His own life. Christ is the feast brought to the horns of the altar, and this is why the hymn concludes, “Alleluia, Christ is sacrificed!” By Christ’s self-sacrifice, death is slain. In His love for mankind, He humbled Himself to enter Jerusalem and His Passion, not with legions of His angels, but upon a lowly donkey just as He entered His Incarnation like a poor child in a lowly manger. The Lord today enters Jerusalem, the holy city where His Temple was established for His worship, so that He, the true priest, could offer the perfect sacrifice, Himself. By His blood, Christ grants us the means to wash away our sin forever.

The Passion of the Lord, into which we enter today, is a harbor of life and place of refuge from the destruction of sin. We greet our loving Lord, Life Himself, Who has come to offer Himself for love of us. With joy we cry out:

Glory be to the Lord! The passion of the Son of God is a harbor for us for in it our souls rest from the work of the world. In it the entirety of fasting is completed and with it all good things are brought about. In it may churches and monasteries exult together. The Fountain of Life rejoices in the second baptism. (Trans. from the Coming to the Harbor)

Please make your gift to the Lenten Appeal through your local parish. Place your gift in an envelope noted "Bishop's Appeal", or note "Bishop's Appeal" on your check. You may also make a gift online at www.eparchy.org.

Additional Ways to Help

Make a Bequest. A bequest is naming the Eparchy (or your parish) in your will. This can be for a specific amount of money, or a percentage of your estate. To do this, include this language in your will:

"I give and bequeath to the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles _____% of the residue of my estate [or: the sum of \$_____]."

Give from your IRA. Generally speaking, taxpayers who are age 70½ years old and older may give up to \$100,000 each year from their IRA to the Eparchy without paying the mandatory tax on IRA distributions. This is a significant benefit because taxes on an IRA are normally very high. The practical effect of this is that you can give more, tax free, from your IRA – and this makes it a very effective way to support the Church. Contact your broker or the Eparchy for more information about this.

Make the Eparchy a Beneficiary of Your Retirement Plan. Another way to help the Church is to name the Eparchy as the beneficiary of your retirement plan. This avoids estate taxes (which are often very high on retirement plans) – and can be tremendously helpful to the Church.

Make a Gift of Life Insurance. Naming the Eparchy as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy is a way to help the Church in the future while not impacting your income or lifestyle today. Ask your insurance agent or contact the Eparchy for more information about this.

"God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)



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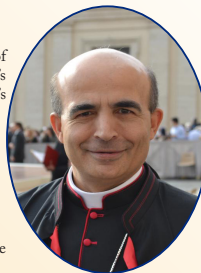
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EPARCHY OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON OF LOS ANGELES

2021 Lenten Appeal

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I sincerely thank you for your support of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles, especially in light of the challenges of the past year. The Eparchy's mission is to serve the People of God and proclaim the Gospel message in today's world. We can only continue to do this with your prayers and financial support.



The past year was filled with adversity, including the pandemic and difficulties at home and abroad. But we are a people of hope, and God helps us through all adversity to get to a brighter future.

Today, I would like to ask for your help with our Annual Lenten Appeal, to address the Eparchy's most important and immediate needs. The proceeds of the Lenten Appeal will contribute to three especially key areas:

- **Opening New Parishes and Missions:** There are many areas across the country where Maronite communities are unable to have Maronite services due to the lack of parishes and priests. Our goal is to strengthen existing parishes and build new missions so that our people can celebrate their faith and heritage.
- **Expanding Services:** In light of the economic and emotional hardships of the past year, it is more imperative than ever to offer our support to young people, families, and those with the greatest need.
- **Helping our brothers and sisters in Lebanon and the Middle East:** Lebanon has been especially affected after the Beirut explosion in August of 2020. Many people were displaced; and homes, hospitals, schools, and businesses suffered extreme damage. We need to give our support to our brothers and sisters as they go through these trying times.

Some people have asked about the Eparchy's long-term Capital Campaign – Vision for the Future, Mission for Today. Unfortunately, the Campaign was temporarily suspended due to the pandemic, but we hope to re-start it at an appropriate time in the future.

In the meantime, I ask for your help through this Annual Lenten Appeal with the important and immediate needs described more fully in this short brochure. Please review it and prayerfully consider how you may help, and please be generous.

May God bless you and keep you!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

A.E. Zaidan

+A. Elias Zaidan

Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles



1. Seminarians and Retired Priests

The Eparchy educates and prepares men (called "seminarians") for the priesthood, so that there will be enough priests to serve in our parishes and missions in the future. The Eparchy currently has 6 seminarians and 8 married men in formation. The average cost of educating and supporting a seminarian is \$45,000 per year (our seminarians cost \$471,000 last year). When a priest retires, he receives a modest pension from the Eparchy, along with basic health insurance coverage. The Eparchy now has seven retired priests who served for over 224 years in parishes. The total cost of supporting them is estimated to be \$210,000 in 2021. **35% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will support Seminarians and Retired Priests.**

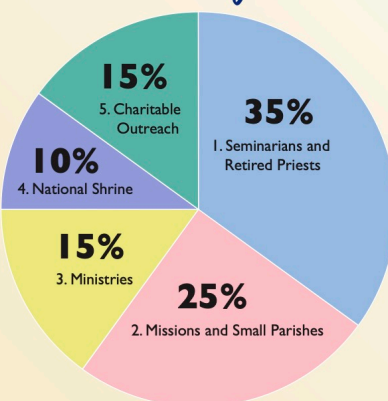


2. Missions and Small Parishes

The Eparchy consists of thirty-two [32] parishes and ten [10] missions with over 46,800 Catholics across 34 states of the Eparchy. Missions (new parishes) were opened in recent years in places like Milwaukee (WI), Riverside (CA) and Stockton (CA). Some missions and parishes are very small and need additional financial support with basic expenses such as insurance and utilities. It is a priority to strengthen our parishes and missions so that they may better serve the Maronite faithful. **25% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will support Missions and Small Parishes.**

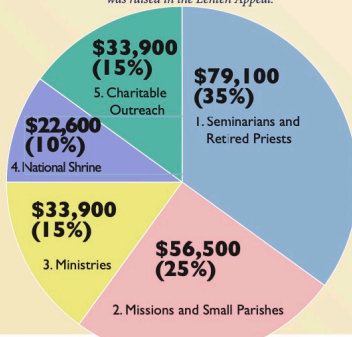


2021 Lenten Appeal Allocation of Funds



Report on 2020 Lenten Appeal Use of Funds (\$164,797)

*Due to the pandemic, the Eparchy was not able to raise the full Eparchial Appeal amount of \$226,000, so the Eparchy paid for the difference of \$61,203. The Eparchy has also paid more to each objective than was raised in the Lenten Appeal.



3. Ministries

The Eparchy maintains several ministries to serve Maronites, including Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Young Adults Ministry, Family Life Ministry, and Catholic Social Teaching. The Eparchy needs to increase the number and scope of its ministries to better serve the faithful in the Eparchy, especially when crises arise. **15% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will assist the Eparchy's Ministries.**



4. National Maronite Shrine

Our Lady of Lebanon National Shrine, located in North Jackson, Ohio, was founded over 50 years ago to invoke Our Lady's protection over all Maronites in the United States. It is a place of pilgrimage for the faithful 365 days a year. Due to the pandemic, the Shrine has experienced an increased need for support due to the restrictions on gatherings and pilgrimages. **10% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will assist the National Shrine.**



5. Charitable Outreach

As the Eparchy asks the faithful to be generous to it, the Eparchy strives to be generous to those in need. With your support, the Eparchy helps the less fortunate in the United States, and abroad in Lebanon and the Middle East. With your help, we are able to lend a helping hand to those suffering and in need. **15% of this year's Annual Appeal proceeds will go to charity, especially to help the needy in Lebanon.**



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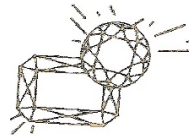
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