

Sunday of the Righteous and Just

February 12, 2017

Sunday	February 12	<i>Sunday of the Righteous and Just</i> 9:00 am 40 day Liturgy for Laure and Elias Dib 11:30 am 40 Day Liturgy for Michel Bassil	Req. by: Their Children and Family Req. by: His Children and Family
Monday	February 13	NO LITURGY	
Tuesday	February 14	<i>Saints Cyril and Methodius - Confessor</i> <i>Saint Valentine- Martyr</i> 10:00 am Norma Halpin	Req. by: William Halpin
Wednesday	February 15	10:00 am Mary Ann Taddeo	Req. by: Mary Tremmel
Thursday	February 16	10:00 am Joseph and Marie Eid	Req. by: Family
Friday	February 17	10:00 am No Intention	
Saturday	February 18	<i>Pope Saint Leo the Great, Doctor of the Church - Confessor</i> 10:00 am No Intention	
Sunday	February 19	<i>Sunday of the Faithful Departed</i> 9:00 am for Vocations 11:30 am Alice George Deeb	Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Tom George

Weekly Offering

Collection:	\$ 2,907.00	
Candles:	\$ 206.00	
Cathedral Stipends:	\$ 100.00	
Debt Reduction:	\$ 325.00	
Rent:	\$20,000.00	
Total:		\$ 23,538.00

Readings

February 12, 2017	<i>Sunday of the Righteous and Just</i>
Reading:	Hebrews 12: 18 - 24
Gospel:	Matthew 25: 31 - 46
Lectors:	Raymond Gill - 9:00 am TBA - Arabic TBA - English
February 19, 2017	<i>Sunday of the Faithful Departed</i>
Reading:	I Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11
Gospel:	Luke 16: 19 - 31
Lectors:	Raymond Gill - 9:00 am TBA - Arabic TBA - English
February 26, 2017	<i>Sunday of the Entrance Into Lent</i> <i>Miracle at Cana in Galilee</i>
Reading:	Romans 14: 14 - 23
Gospel:	John 2: 1 - 11
Lectors:	Raymond Gill - 9:00 am TBA - Arabic TBA - English

Yearly Budget – 2017

<i>Annual Operating Budget:</i>	\$ 375,000.00
<i>Collections to Date:</i>	\$ 15,052.00
<i>Candles to Date:</i>	\$ 774.00
<i>Donations to Date:</i>	\$ 6,135.00
<i>Cathedral Stipends to Date:</i>	\$ 1,250.00
<i>Memorials to Date:</i>	\$
<i>Dividends to Date:</i>	\$ 130.68
<i>Rentals to Date:</i>	\$ 48,380.00
<i>Fund Raising/Advertising:</i>	\$ 285.00
<i>Debt Reduction to Date:</i>	\$ 485.00
<i>Easter /Christmas Flowers:</i>	\$
<i>Bishop's Appeal to Date:</i>	\$
<i>Altar Bread/Wine/Lamps:</i>	\$
<i>Bequests:</i>	\$
Total:	\$ 72,485.68 (-302,514.32)

Each Quarter we must generate \$93,750.00 in revenue to keep the Cathedral on budget.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

For years people have romanticized the name and legend of St. Valentine, and he is surely one of few saints who is known to both the religious and secular worlds. In this small amount of space, we're going to set the record straight!

During the reign of Claudius the Cruel, Rome was involved in many ugly and bloody campaigns for which the emperor needed to maintain a strong army. It was difficult to lure men to the legions especially if they had a particularly strong attachment to their wives and families, so Claudius addressed the difficulty by outlawing marriage and even engagement.

Realizing the injustice of the emperor's decree, Valentine, a holy priest of Rome, continued to perform marriages in secret, in defiance of the decree. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered his arrest. While in jail, Valentine converted 65 guards and their families, and for that he was condemned to death. He was beaten with clubs and eventually beheaded. This sentence was carried out on February 14, on or about the year 270 A.D.

Legend tells us that Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine." From a jail cell in Rome to every grade school classroom in America - that's some real influence!

Historically, there are three different Saint Valentines, all of them martyrs, but it's likely that the priest of Rome was the martyr that is commemorated. Also of historic fact is that February 14th was the Feast of Lupercal, a pagan festival of love. This may have had a bearing on the choice of date, especially if there was any doubt as to the actual date of execution.

May Saint Valentine continue to pray for those in love, all who live out their marriage vows, and all the rest of us who live in the love of our Lord.

Aboona James



Pre-Cana Course

We will hold an all day course for those wishing to be married this year between the months of April and October. These classes are mandatory for all couples wishing to be married in any Catholic Church.

We will offer the course on Saturday, March 18, 2017 beginning with Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am. There is no fee for this course. However, all couples preparing for marriage must make an appointment with Msgr. James before signing up for the course.

Mega Raffle Winners

If anyone would still like to purchase a Mega Raffle Ticket you may do so. The winners thus far are as follows:

January 1, 2017	<i>Msgr. James #192</i>
January 8, 2017	<i>Denise Abou Chrouh #289</i>
January 15, 2017	<i>Natalie Aflak #081</i>
January 22, 2017	<i>Abe Fallah #58</i>
January 29, 2017	<i>Tony Dekki #229</i>
February 5, 2017	<i>John Shaia #007</i>

Congratulations to all the winners!

MYO

The MYO will meet today in the Chapel at 1:15 pm. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the MYO and their chaperones for doing a wonderful act of mercy by feeding the homeless on Saturday, February 4th in Manhattan. Your love for Christ and His Church does not go unnoticed.

Youth Choir

It is time to begin rehearsals for Sh'aneene. If any youth between the ages of 8 and 18 are interested please see Paula Aschkar for details.

Knights of Saint Maron

The Knights will hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, February 19, 2017 following the Coffee Hour in the Rectory.

Adoration for Vocations

this month we will hold our monthly Adoration for Vocations on Sunday, February 26, 2017 from 1:15 to 2:15. Please pray for Vocations.

Saint Sharbel Devotions

We will have monthly Devotions to Saint Sharbel on Thursday, February 22, 2017 beginning at 7:30 pm. We welcome all interested parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral. In addition to the Divine Liturgy we will have the Anointing of the Sick with the Relics and blessed oil of Saint Sharbel.

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Friday at 10:00 AM

Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Holy Days at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month from

10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.

Reconciliation

10:15 AM to 10:45 Sunday

11:00 AM to 11:45 AM First Friday and
upon Request.

Initiation Rites (Baptism—Chrismation)

Parents and Godparents must meet
with the Rector for Instructions and
then a time will be set for the Baptism
and Chrismation of the child.

Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)

Rector must be notified at least six
months in advance to set up
instructions.

Hospital and Sick Calls

Notify the Rector as soon as possible.

New Parishioners

All are welcome at Our Lady of
Lebanon Cathedral. Please notify the
Rector as soon as possible.

