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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday February 12, 2006 – Sunday February 19, 2006

Clergy

Rev. Father Jihad Younes
Deacon Martin Rachid
Subdeacon Earl Matte
Subdeacon Charles Rossie

Parish Staff

Pam Aziz – Parish Secretary
Darrell Frye – Maintenance
Pat Haley – Caterer

Parish Leaders

Lewis Walterhouse II– Parish Council
Dee Gardner – Choir Director
Dottie Byrnes – Organist
Erik Lindhurst – Religious Education
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar



Liturgy Schedule

Monday	9a.m.
Tuesday	9a.m.
Wednesday	9a.m.
Thursday	9a.m.
Friday	12noon
Saturday	8:30a.m. 5p.m.
Sunday	10a.m.
2 nd Sunday of the month	10a.m. (English) 12noon (Arabic)

Adoration

Friday 11a.m.

Confessions

½ hour before liturgy on Saturday and Sunday and by appointment.

The Patriarch, Nasrallah Peter Sfeir is coming to the states!

We have been notified that His Eminence, Nasrallah Peter Cardinal Sfeir will be attending the Clergy Conference and Maronite Convention in Chicago this summer. As you know, 2006 marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Maronite Hierarchy here in the United States of America.

The bishop is asking that each parish have some representation. You can obtain more information on the NAM Convention at www.nam2006chicago.com.

Help Wanted

If anyone is interested in donating a gift to be used as a prize at our May Salad Supper Bingo the Altar Society would be deeply grateful.

This is our BIG fundraiser of the year. We are helping to pay for new upholstery on the Temple pews and the choir has also asked us to procure new choir robes. So we need lots of money.

If you would like to participate, sign up on the Bulletin Board sheet in the narthex to pledge a donation. We will need all donations by April 15th. They may be dropped off at the office at any time...or contact a member of the Altar Society.



Religious Articles from the Holy Land

Because of all the turmoil in the Holy Land, tourism has almost completely ended and many of our Christian brothers and sisters are suffering terribly. A great number of them made their living by selling their handcrafted religious articles to tourists. Without tourists buying their goods, they have a very difficult time making a living. On the weekend of February 11/12, 2006 after all the masses, the Alshomali family who represent 150 Bethlehem & Jerusalem Christian Families in Holy Land, will have on display in the back hallway those religious articles from the Holy Land for purchase. If you are in need of a gift for someone, or would simply like to help the cause, please stop and take a look. All profits are returned directly to the Christian families in the Holy Land.

Sacrament of Baptism, please contact the priest at least **1 month** before the intended date for the baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage, please contact the priest at least **6 months** before the intended date for the wedding.

Sick calls, please notify the Church office as soon as possible if you want communion for your sick. We usually do sick calls on Wednesdays.

Pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Sarah Marshall
Mike Rizik
Hanneh Chammas
Doris Beck
Lu Lu Williams
Rose Johnson
Dorothy Matta
Winston Walterhouse
Beth Garner

Quote of the Week

Doubt is a pain too lonely to know that faith is his twin brother.

Kahlil Gibran





MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 12: Sunday of the Righteous & Just St. Melatius of Antioch, Confessor

10A.M.: (Heb 12:18-24; Mt 25:31-46) Reader: Diane Massad
- Rep. Joseph Faris Jr. by Family
- Rep. George Faris by Family

ARABIC MASS

12:00NOON

- Rep. Habib, Michael & Walid Asmar
- Rep. Toma, Regina & Hanna Dakki
by Fahima Asmar

MONDAY 13:

- Rep. Eldon Frye by Darrell

TUESDAY 14: St. Valentine's Day

Saints Cyril & Methodius, Confessors

- Intentions of Vicki Linden by Pam

WEDNESDAY 15:

- Rep. Milia Gebrael by Barhoun & Collette Rizk

THURSDAY 16:

- Rep. Sue Adado by Bob & Joanne Potts & Family

FRIDAY 17:

12 NOON

- Rep. Mary Ann BoSauder by Yvonne Weissert

SATURDAY 18: Pope St. Leo the Great, Confessor

8:30A.M.

- Special Intentions

5P.M.

- Rep. Nazeer Zerka by Shirley & Family
9th Anniversary

SUNDAY 19: Sunday of the Faithful Departed The 500 Martyrs of Tyre

10A.M.: (Ithas 5:1-11; Lk 16:19-31) Reader: Tony Massad
- Rep. Mary Ann Maroun BoSauder
40 Day by Family

SUNDAY 26: Cana Sunday

10A.M.: (Rom 14:14-23; Jn 2:1-11) Reader: Earl Matte
- Living & Deceased Members of the
Deibis Family by Sue Deibis

Weekly Contributions

January 15: \$2860
January 22: \$1781
January 29: \$2332
February 5: \$2475



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office will be closed every Thursday and Fr. Jihad will be out of town. If you have an emergency please call Deacon Marty. (232-9713)

The Great Season of Lent begins Monday, February 27, 2006.

There will be a Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 7pm.

The Stewardship Committee will be meeting this Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 6pm.

Congratulations to Tony Massad in receiving the Faith of the Mountain Award and to Scott and Cindy Shaheen for receiving the Silver Massabki Award.

The 2006 Maronite Diocesan Convocation will be held in St. Louis on Wednesday, March 15 through Sunday, March 19, 2006. This meeting is open to the parishioners in all parishes. If you are interested in attending please see Father Jihad.

Adult religious education class this Monday will be discussing Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders. If you are interested class begins at 6:30pm.



Church cleaning for the month of February:
Nawal Gebrael & Mona Massoud

Altar Servers for Sunday, February 12, 2006

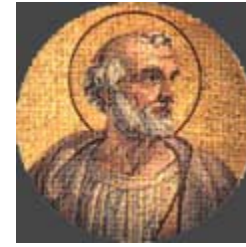
David Allen Daniel Allen
Sam Kadadu Chris Gebrael



Altar Servers for Sunday, February 19, 2006

Sharbel Massoud Matthew Lindurst
George Allen Joseph Dakki

Saint Leo the Great



St. Leo the Great was born in Tuscany. As deacon, he was dispatched to Gaul as a mediator by Emperor Valentinian III. He reigned as Pope between 440 and 461. He persuaded Emperor Valentinian to recognize the primacy of the Bishop of Rome in an edict in 445. The doctrine of the Incarnation was formed by him in a letter to the Patriarch of Constantinople, who had already condemned Eutyches. At the Council of Chalcedon this same letter was confirmed as the expression of Catholic Faith concerning the Person of Christ.

All secular historical treatises eulogize his efforts during the upheaval of the fifth century barbarian invasion. His encounter with Attila the Hun, at the very gates of Rome persuading him to turn back, remains a historical memorial to his great eloquence. When the Vandals under Genseric occupied the city of Rome, he persuaded the invaders to desist from pillaging the city and harming its inhabitants. He died in 461, leaving many letters and writings of great historical value. His feast day is November 10th.

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Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, Eternal Priest;
keep all Your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may harm them.
Keep unstained their anointed hands which daily touch Your Sacred Body.

Keep unsullied their lips purpled with Your Precious Blood.
Keep pure and unearthly their hearts sealed with the sublime marks of Your glorious priesthood.
Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion.

Bless their labors with abundant fruit,
and may the souls to whom they have ministered to be their joy and consolation
and in Heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown.

O Mary, Queen of the clergy, pray for us;
obtain for us many holy priests.

Amen.

St. Cyril and St. Methodius, Confessors



These two brothers were born in Thessalonica of a senatorial family. Saint Cyril was sent to Constantinople to study, where he became known as the Philosopher; but it was the Holy Church that he desired to serve, and he was ordained a priest. While Cyril was still young, the Patriarch of Constantinople recommended in the year 848 to the reigning Emperor to

place him at the head of a mission which was to be sent to the Khazars of the eastern Danube region. Their king desired to learn of Christianity and had requested missionaries. Cyril asked for the time to learn the Turkish language which this people spoke, and after only a short while was ready to preach. The prince of the Khazars received Baptism and the entire nation soon followed his example. Cyril founded churches and furnished them with excellent ministers, then returned to Constantinople, refusing all presents offered him by his converts.

He was next missioned to Bulgaria with his younger brother Methodius, who was a monk of eminent sanctity. This nation, which had migrated like the Khazars from the east, had settled in the Moldavian region and a part of Hungary; they had been exposed to Christianity by some Greek prisoners, and the sister of their king had become a Christian by the good offices of the empress Theodora. When Saint Methodius, an excellent artist, was delegated to paint in the palace for the king, as he requested, a scene which could frighten the beholders, he chose for subject the Last Judgment. The king was so impressed that after being instructed he was baptized, in 865, with forty-eight of his followers. The nation followed their leaders after a brief revolt had been promptly quieted.

The two brothers preached also in Moravia, invited there by the pious king of that nation, whom they baptized with most of his subjects. It was there that Saint Cyril invented a Slavonic alphabet, translating the Bible and other writings from Greek and Latin into the language of the Slavic peoples. In 867 the missionaries went to Rome, where Saint Cyril, who was ill, died soon afterwards.

Saint Methodius was named bishop of Moravia and Pannonia or Hungary. Difficulties were not lacking, but he remained there until 880, when he returned to Rome to justify his conduct, which certain enemies had accused to the Pope. The Pope cleared him before the adversaries, and settled some questions regarding the language to be used in worship. He permitted the Mass to be said in the Slavic language, not to the exclusion, however, of Latin. Saint Methodius also baptized the king of the Bohemians, and again many of the king's subjects followed his example. The Saint lived for about 20 years after his brother's decease; the exact date of his death is unknown.

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