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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday February 5, 2006 – Sunday February 12, 2006

Clergy

Rev. Father Jihad Younes
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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.

Great news to share with you concerning Noursat! Now people can subscribe to Noursat (Telelumiere) even on the old dish. In mid January, the FCC has allowed Dish Network to use a new satellite slot at the orbital location of 118.7 degrees west. That gives Dish Network new satellite capacity that it did not have before. Given the huge success of the telethon, dish Network realized that there is a great demand for the Noursat channel, thus made the decision to move the channel to the 61.5 and 148 slots, where the rest of the Arabic channels (LBC and others) are now. This technical help took place because of the hard work of many. We thank God that it finally happened. **So now, anyone who has Dish Network can subscribe for only \$4.99 a month by calling 1-800-984-3388 (refer to Noursat).** If you have any question, please call reach media at 1-888-458-1278. Please, help us pass the word around and encourage people to subscribe, especially with this very easy way, which we wish that we had from the beginning, but it was beyond our power. Thank you for supporting the mission of Evangelization and may the Lord God bless you abundantly.

Good Clean Humor

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "Honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

A Sunday school teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: "They couldn't get a baby-sitter."



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
Joe Faris
Lu Lu Williams
Rose Johnson
Dorothy Mattar
Jamal Barnaba
Winston Walterhouse
Beth Garner

Quote of the Week

If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

Mother Teresa





MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 5: Sunday of the Priests St. Agatha, Martyr

10A.M.: (Itim 4:6-16; Lk 12:42-48) Reader: Erik Lindhurst
- Rep. Francis Moss by Mac & Sue MacLean

MONDAY 6:

- Intentions of Ignatius Saverimuthu by James & Theresa Manoharan

TUESDAY 7:

- Rep. Sue Adado by John Nickola

WEDNESDAY 8:

- All Souls in Purgatory by Rob Kowalk

THURSDAY 9: St. Maron, Confessor Holy Day of Obligation

- Rep. Ann Smithingell by Stacey Shaheen

FRIDAY 10:

12 NOON

- Rep. Sylvia Lira by Family
- Rep. Maroun, Mounira & Antoine Hasrouni by Hector & Rose Khoury

SATURDAY 11: Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30A.M.

- Special Intentions

5P.M.

- Intentions of Dottie Mattar by Vince Harrison

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

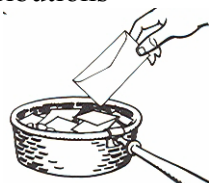
- Rep. Habib, Michael & Walid Asmar
- Rep. Toma, Regina & Hanna Dakki by Fahima Asmar

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

Weekly Contributions

January 8: \$2858
January 15: \$2860
January 22: \$1781
January 29: \$2332



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)

Thursday, February 9, 2006 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9am and also at 6pm.

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

MYA is going to be putting together a cookbook and are asking if anyone would like to contribute by sending them your favorite recipe(s). If you would like to help them out please bring your recipe(s) to the office or see Pam.

Thank you for all the cards and prayers during my surgery and illness. God Bless You. John Abdella

Adult religious education class will be discussing Marriage. If you are interested class begins at 6:30pm.

CNEWA has called and informed us that one of the children we sponsor will be returning to their family. In place of this child we will now be sponsoring a seminarian from Lebanon. Rayan Chamoun Denha is in Ghazir, Lebanon. Rayan is Syrian Catholic and is from the Diocese of Mosul. Rayan's father is a teacher, his mother is a housewife and he has five brothers and three sisters. Rayan expects to be ordained to the priesthood in June 2010. His hobbies are reading and he enjoys music.



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

Altar Servers for Sunday, February 5, 2006

Sharbel Massoud Matthew Lindurst
George Allen Joseph Dakki

Altar Servers for Sunday,
February 12, 2006

David Allen Daniel Allen
Sam Kadadu Chris Gebrael



Saint Agatha, Martyr



A beautiful Christian girl named Agatha lived in Sicily in the third century. The governor heard of Agatha's beauty and brought her to his palace. He wanted to make her commit sins against purity, but she was brave and would not give in. "My Lord Jesus Christ," she prayed, "you see my heart and you know my desire. You alone must have me, because I am all yours. Save me from this evil man. Make me worthy of winning out over the devil."

The governor tried sending Agatha to the house of a wicked woman. Perhaps the girl would change for the worse. But Agatha had great trust in God and prayed all the time. She kept herself pure. She would not listen to the evil suggestions of the woman and her daughters. After a month, she was brought back to the governor. He tried again to win her. "You are a noblewoman," he said kindly. "Why have you lowered yourself to be a humble Christian?" "Even though I am a noble," answered Agatha, "I am a slave of Jesus Christ." "Then what does it really mean to be noble?" the governor asked. Agatha answered, "It means to serve God." When he realized that she would not sin, the governor became angry. He had Agatha whipped and tortured. As she was being carried back to prison she whispered, "Lord, my Creator, you have protected me from the cradle. You have taken me from the love of the world and given me patience to suffer. Now receive my soul." Agatha died a martyr at Catania, Sicily, in the year 250.

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Prayer for Priests

Fathers, I say to you, we love you, we need you, we care about you. Turn your hearts to Jesus and His Blessed Mother in a real and personal way and He, along with His Beloved Mother, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, will guide you along the right path, giving you the grace, strength and courage to continue doing His work as His beloved Priests.

Amen

St. Maron, Confessor



Saint Maron, born in the middle of the 4th century was a priest who later became a hermit, retiring to a mountain of Taurus near Antioch. His holiness and miracles attracted many followers, and drew attention throughout the empire. St John Chrysostom sent him a letter around 405 AD expressing his great love and respect asking St Maron to pray for him.

St Maron is considered the Father of the spiritual and monastic life now called the Maronite Church. He had a profound influence on Northern Syria and Lebanon. Saint Maron spent all of his life on a mountain in the region of Cyrrhus in Syria. It is believed that the place was called "Kefar-Nabo" on the mountain of Ol-Yambos, making it the cradle of the Maronite movement.

The Maronites reached Lebanon when St Maron's first disciple Abraham of Cyrrhus who was called the Apostle of Lebanon, realised that paganism was thriving in Lebanon, so he set out to convert the pagans to Christians by introducing them to the way of St Maron. The followers of St Maron, both monks and laity, always remained faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

St Maron's way was deeply monastic with emphasis on the spiritual and ascetic aspects of living. For Saint Maron, all was connected to God and God was connected to all. He did not separate the physical and spiritual world and actually used the physical world to deepen his faith and spiritual experience with God.

St Maron embraced the quiet solitude of the mountain life. He lived his life in open air exposed to the forces of nature such as sun, rain, hail and snow. His extraordinary desire to come to know God's presence in all things, allowed St Maron to transcend such forces and discover intimate union with God. He was able to free himself from the physical world by his passion and fervour for prayer and was drawn into a mystical relationship of love with God.

St Maron was a mystic who started this new ascetic-spiritual method that attracted many people in Syria and Lebanon to become his disciples. Accompanying his deeply spiritual and ascetic life, he was a zealous with a passion to spread the message of Christ by preaching it to all he met. He sought not only to cure the physical ailments that people suffered, but had a great quest for nurturing and healing the "lost souls" of both pagans and Christians of his time.

This work came to fruition when in the mountains of Syria, St Maron was able to convert a pagan temple into a Christian Church. This was to be the beginning of the conversion of Paganism to Christianity in Syria which would then influence and spread to Lebanon. After his death in the year 410 AD, his spirit and teachings lived on through his disciples.

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