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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday March 12, 2006 – Sunday March 19, 2006**

**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 40<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

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 15<sup>th</sup>. They may be dropped off at the office at any time...or contact a member of the Altar Society.

The choir is asking for donations to purchase new choir robes. If you are interested in helping the choir with this cost please see Dee Gardner or the church office.

NAM will be holding their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Retreat from March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, at Our Lady of Lebanon National Shrine in North Jackson, Ohio. This year's theme is "The Mystery of Love" in the Maronite Perspective, a look at the meaning of Life and a search for true meaning of Love. The cost for the complete weekend is \$65 for NAM members \$65 and \$75 for non-members. The pre-registration deadline is March 27, 2006. Informational pamphlets are available. If you would like further information you may contact the NAM Office at: 718-630-5868, fax: 718-630-5191, email: [nam@msiny.com](mailto:nam@msiny.com) or the NAM website: [www.namnewsorg](http://www.namnewsorg)

**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 <sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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:**



Faris Adado  
Mary Ann Sheehan

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

**Eparchial Appeal**

As you know every year we have the responsibility of paying our appeal. This years amount is the same as last year \$6400. This year's envelopes for the appeal were added to your contributions envelopes. So far we have collected \$1345 that leaves a balance of \$5055. We have 7 weeks to raise the balance. We ask that each family try to contribute \$50. If you don't have an envelope just use a standard envelope please write Eparchial Appeal and your contribution number on it.

**FUEL COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH: \$520**



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY 12: Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman

10A.M.: (2 Cor 7:4-11; Lk 8:40-56) Reader: Mary Matte

- Rep. Sister Helen Maroun by Sam
- Rep. Mary Ann BoSauder by Duane & Dee Gardner

### ARABIC MASS

#### 12NOON

- Rep. Youssef Shikrallah Krayyem by Aziz Massad Family

### MONDAY 13:

- Rep. Billy Okal by Mary Ursha

### TUESDAY 14:

- Rep. Norman Weissert by Yvonne

### WEDNESDAY 15: NO MASS

### THURSDAY 16: NO MASS

Commemoration of the 1<sup>st</sup> Council of Constantinople

### FRIDAY 17: NO ADORATION AND MASS AT NOON

St. Patrick, Confessor

Benediction of the Cross at 6pm as scheduled

### SATURDAY 18: NO MASS AT 8:30AM

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Confessor

5P.M.

- Deceased members of The Mattar Family by Woody and Dottie

### SUNDAY 19: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

10A.M.: (2 Cor 13:5-13; Lk 15:11-32) Reader: Karl Moon

- Rep. Kimberly Gardner by Duane & Dee
  - Rep. Frances Moss by Duane & Dee
- 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### SUNDAY 26: Sunday of the Paralytic

10A.M.: (1 Tim 5:24-6:5; Mk 2:1-12) Reader: Robert

- Pollack
- Rep. Mary Ann BoSauder by Josie Knight



## 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)

There will be no mass on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and in the morning on 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be mass at 5pm on the 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be Benediction of the Cross as scheduled. Father Jihad will be out of town. If you have an emergency please call Deacon Marty or the church office.

MYA will be having a meeting this Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the church hall.

The Benediction of the Cross will be prayed every Friday at 6pm during The Great Season of Lent. Please try to make time to spend in prayer with our Lord.

Adult religious education class this Monday, will be discussing prayer and relationship with God. If you are interested class begins at 6:30pm.

### WANTED: YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE(S)

Our Maronite Young Adults are preparing a new cookbook composed of recipes from parish members. Please take a moment and submit a few of your favorites. You may give them to any MYA member or to the church office.

### Altar Servers Schedule for:

Sunday, March 12: Team 2

Sunday, March 19: Team 1



Church cleaning for the month of March:

Louise Faris

### Weekly Contributions

February 12: \$1923

February 19: \$4006

February 26: \$3879

March 5: \$3174



## Turn Back to the Lord with All Your Heart

If we are conscious of mortal sin (yes, there is still such a thing) we are to go to confession as soon as possible. It's not something to put off until later because the ashes we receive remind us of our mortality. Eternity is at stake here. This concept has all but disappeared because of one of the current heresies active in the Church, which says, "God is love so everybody is automatically saved no matter what." Remember that of all the persons in the Bible, Our Lord speaks the most about eternal damnation. Today people will think nothing of deliberately missing Mass on Sunday (or for many Sundays) and upon returning walk up to receive Holy Communion without prior sacramental confession. St. Paul tells that people such as these bring condemnation upon themselves.

Maybe I haven't committed any mortal sins; do I still need to go? Absolutely! Do you know that our Holy Father Pope John Paul II went to confession once a week? Blessed Mother Theresa would also go once a week to confession. Saint Padre Pio would tell people, "If you want to imitate me, then go to confession every eight days." If people like that went to confession virtually every week then how much should you and I be going? Read the lives of the saints and you will see that all of them had great devotion to this sacrament. Again the catechism states, "Without being strictly necessary, confession of everyday faults (venial sins) is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church. Indeed the regular confession of our venial sins helps us form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit. By receiving more frequently through this sacrament the gift of the Father's mercy, we are spurred to be merciful as he is merciful." (CCC #1458)

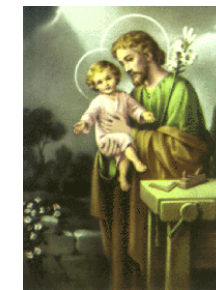
Not only do we have our sins forgiven by the authority of Christ Himself, but also He gives us graces to fight the good fight of ongoing daily conversion. Precisely because we are so weak we need to receive this sacrament frequently. And that's the beauty of it. We don't have to make a once in a lifetime pledge and spend the rest of our

lives wondering if God really forgives us (especially in view of St. Paul's above mentioned experience that we all share). The priest's words (really the words of Christ Himself) "I absolve you from your sins" send the very blood that Christ poured out on the cross for our sins washing away our sins. Much better to hear these words and Christ's assurance of forgiveness than paying a hundred dollars an hour to tell the same thing to a "counselor" who will give you some dubious theories of Freud and Jung. Incidentally, penance is the only sacrament where no collection is taken up nor a stipend asked for. Talk about a deal!

We here at Most Holy Trinity Monastery pray that you will take advantage of this Lenten season to "turn back to the Lord with all your heart." May you find forgiveness and peace in the Sacrament of Penance and continue with daily conversion and repentance. Be assured of the prayers of the monks and may you have a Blessed Lent to prepare for the glorious resurrection of our Savior.

[www.maronitemonks.org](http://www.maronitemonks.org)

## PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH PATRON OF FAMILIES



Saint Joseph, please obtain God's grace and protection for my family and for all families. Make our home safe and pure, the kingdom of Jesus and Mary – a sanctuary of peace, joy and love. Your protection is greatly needed today because God's enemies are trying to desecrate and

destroy the family. While on earth, you saved the Child and His Mother. So today protect our families and make our homes sanctuaries of prayer, love, patient sacrifice and work. May they be modeled after your own at Nazareth. Remain with us with Jesus and Mary, so that by your help we may obey the commandments of God and of the Church, live a life of prayer and foster religious instruction in our homes. Save us from the evil that surrounds us, and grant us the grace of going to Heaven to eternally live in the company of the Holy Family. Amen.