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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday March 26, 2006 – Sunday April 2, 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 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.

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.

MJA Dinner and Hafla



Saturday, April 29, 2006
Cocktails 7:30 – 8:00pm
Dinner 8:00 – 9:00pm
Party begins at 9:30pm

To purchase tickets please see Karim Damouni, Johnny Solomon, Noha Zerka or Nadia Zerka



A physician told this story about her four-year-old daughter. On the way to preschool, the doctor had left her stethoscope on the car seat, and her little girl picked it up and began playing with it. Be still, my heart, thought my friend, my daughter wants to follow in my footsteps!



Then the child spoke into the instrument:
"Welcome to McDonald's. May I take your order?"

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.

Clergy

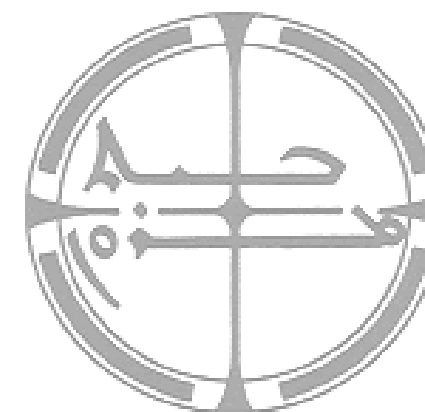
Rev. Father Jihad Younes
Deacon Martin Rachid
Subdeacon Earl Matte
Subdeacon Charles Rossie

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.

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:



John Abdella

Sarah Marshall
Mike Rizik
Hanneh Chammas
Joe Faris
Doris Beck
Lu Lu Williams
Rose Johnson
Dorothy Mattar
Bob Beck
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 contribution envelopes. So far we have collected \$1695 that leaves a balance of \$4705. We have 3 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.



MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY 27:

- Intentions of Mary Ann Sheehan by Josie Knight

TUESDAY 28:

- Rep. Sue Adado by M/M Jim Kelush

WEDNESDAY 29: St. Cyril of Baalbek, Martyr

- Rep. Said Kyriakosa by Juliet Hermiz

THURSDAY 30:

- Rep. Tammy Barwardi by MCO

FRIDAY 31:

- Rep. Julie Macksood by Chuck Solomon & Family

SATURDAY April 1: St. Mary the Egyptian, Confessor

8:30A.M.

- Special Intentions

5P.M.

- Rep. Jeri Rodriguez by Betty Mansour

SUNDAY April 2: Healing of the Blind Man

10A.M.: (2Cor 10:1-7; Mk10: 46-52) Reader: David Allen

- Rep. Mary Ann BoSauder by Choir

SUNDAY April 9: Hosanna Sunday

10A.M.: (Phil 1:1-13; JN 12:12-22) Reader: Clergy

- Rep. Abraham Manssur by Mayford

- Shaheen & Okal Family by Family

Weekly Contributions

February 26: \$3879

March 5: \$3174

March 12: \$3296

March 19: \$2734



The Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the blood He gave.

Green is for the grass He made.

Yellow is for the sun so bright.

Orange is for the edge of night.

Blue is for the sins we made.

White is for the grace He gave.

Purple is for His hour of sorrow.

Pink is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jellybeans colorful and sweet,
is a prayer, is a promise, is a special treat.



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)

We will be praying The Benediction of the Cross 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 Pro-Life. 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.

Maronite Youth Conference

The Maronite Youth Conference will take place July 19-23, 2006 at Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio. The cost for the conference is \$250 per person (double occupancy) or \$300 (single occupancy, adults only). No registration will be accepted without the pastor's signature. The deadline for the applications and the non-refundable deposit of \$150 is May 31, 2006. Late registrations will incur a \$50 per person late fee. However, no applications will be accepted after June 27, 2006. You may mail all applications to the Youth Office at 1555 S. Meridian Rd., Youngstown, Ohio 44511. For more information, please call Fr. Gary George, Youth Director, at (330) 792-2371 or by email at abounag1@hotmail.com

Altar Servers Schedule for:

Sunday, March 26: Team 2

Sunday, April 2: Team 1



Church cleaning for the month of April:

Cindy Shaheen

St. Mary of Egypt

(d. 378 or 437)



Mary an Egyptian woman who at the age of 12 went with her parents to live in Alexandria. As a young woman she became an actress there, and later a courtesan.

After 17 years in Alexandria, out of curiosity, she went to Jerusalem with a group of pilgrims to see the Holy Cross. Though everyone went into the church where it was kept, St. Mary felt a strong force that would not let her inside. She then went away and realized she must convert and make penance. When she went back to the church she could easily enter.

At the Holy Sepulchre she converted to the Christian faith and then fled into the desert beyond Jordan to live a life of penance. After 47 years she met a hermit called Zosimas and told him her life's story. She then begged him to give her the Holy Communion.

After a year, on Easter Thursday he did, and then went away. A year later he returned only to find St. Mary's dead body with a letter by it. It was addressed to him and said she had given up her spirit the very same day he gave her the Communion. She asked him to bury her body and pray for her, which he did.

www.in2greece.com/english/saints/mary

Constantly remember the pains of our crucified Love. Know that those great saints who now reign with divine love in heaven above reached the height of perfection by this very path

St Paul of the Cross



The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus



People in love have no trouble remembering all kinds of things about each other - the color of eyes, the distinctive tone of voice, the gifts which bring delight, and the other person's characteristic moods and preferences. People in love remember the sacrifices they have made for each other over the years.

People in love also know very well the sufferings that burden each other's heart. Indeed, being sure of a friend's supportive care makes it possible for us to bear with enormous difficulties in life. Keeping in mind each other's pain teaches us to share our gifts sensitively and generously.

When we remember the pain of Jesus Crucified, gratitude soon follows because we recall that he endured those sufferings on our behalf. He is no longer suffering for us: "He did that once for all when he offered himself." (Hebrews 7:28).

Christ does not need our strength now. But we give thanks for his love by sharing our compassion with those who suffer today. They are numberless and, too often, faceless and nameless. The path to holiness leads us to love our neighbor with the generosity of Jesus, who gave his life for us.

1 Peter 2:23-24

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness, by his wounds you have been healed

Blessed are you, Jesus, our Savior; you gladly suffered for us. You redeemed us with your own blood. On the cross, you asked your Father to forgive those who were tormenting you, inspire us to love those who dislike or oppose us. You made your cross into the tree of life. May all the baptized eat of its fruit.

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