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**Special Thanks!**

The generosity of Scott & Cindy Shaheen, Mike & Tyl Rizik, Bob & Colette Rizk, Tom & Julia Joubran have made it possible for the choir to reach their goal of \$6700 to purchase new choir robes. God Bless you and many thanks.



Dee and Our Lady of Lebanon Choir

The 2006 National Maronite Convention will be held in Chicago at the Palmer House Hilton from July 5-9, 2006. The National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM) is sponsoring the 43rd convention. NAM is asking for your participation by encouraging you to place an ad in their commemorative program book. A supporting page honoring your family and loved ones would be a beautiful addition. NAM will also make sure that each sponsor receives a copy of their own. The deadline is April 30, 2006. You can find an ad form in the back of the church.

**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.

Without faith, nothing is possible.  
With it, nothing is impossible.

Mary McLeod Bethune  
1875-1955 Educator



**MYA 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

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail. Amen."



**Fear was knocking at the door**  
**Faith answered**  
**There was no one there.**



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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday April 2, 2006 – Sunday April 2, 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 <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:**



Jeannie Rossie  
Charlie Rossie  
John Abdella  
Hap Maroun

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 \$2045 that leaves a balance of \$4355. 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 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
- Rep. Rose Skolnik by Lindhurst Family

### MONDAY 3: The Prophets Isaiah & Ezekiel

- Rep. Sue Adado by Joyce Joubran

### TUESDAY 4:

- Rep. Therese Toma by Mansour & Juliet Hermiz

### WEDNESDAY 5:

- Intentions of James Manoraj by James Manoharan

### THURSDAY 6:

- Souls in Purgatory by Rob Kowalk

### FRIDAY 7: St. John Climacus, Confessor

- Rep. Eileen & Alexis Holland by Pam & Family

### SATURDAY 8: Lazarus Saturday

#### Commemoration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Nicea

8:30A.M.

- Special Intentions

5P.M.

- Rep. Ann Smithingell by John & Laurie Abdella
- Living & Deceased of the Deibis Family by Violet Deibis

### 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

### SUNDAY April 16: The Glorious Resurrection

10A.M.: () Reader: Clergy

- Intentions of Parishioners

#### Weekly Contributions

March 5: \$3174  
 March 12: \$3296  
 March 19: \$2734  
 March 26: \$2965



Church cleaning for the month of April:

Cindy Shaheen

## 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 Monastic Life. If you are interested class begins at 6:30pm.

There will be an Altar Society Meeting at 7pm on Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at the rectory.

There will be a Stewardship Committee Meeting at 6pm on Thursday, April 6, 2006

There will be a Parish Council Meeting at 7pm on Thursday, April 6, 2006

#### 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](mailto:abounag1@hotmail.com)

#### Altar Servers Schedule for:

Sunday, April 2: Team 1  
 Sunday, April 9: Team 2



## St. John Climacus



Saint John, whose national origin remains unknown, was called *Climacus* because of a treatise he wrote called *The Ladder (Climax) of Paradise*. He made such progress in learning as a disciple of Saint Gregory Nazianzen that while still young, he was called the Scholastic. At the age of sixteen he turned from the brilliant future, which lay before him, and retired to Mount Sinai, where he was placed under the direction of a holy monk named Martyrius. Once that religious journeyed to Antioch and took the young John with him; they visited Saint Anastasius, a future Patriarch of Antioch, and the Saint asked Martyrius who it was who had given the habit to this novice? Hearing that it was Martyrius himself, he replied, "And who would have said that you gave the habit to an Abbot of Mount Sinai?" Another religious, a solitary, made the same prediction on a similar visit, and washed the feet of the one who would some day be Abbot of Mount Sinai.

Never was there a novice more fervent, more unrelenting in his efforts for self-mastery. On the death of his director, when John was about thirty-five years old, he withdrew into a deeper solitude, where he studied the lives and writings of the Saints and was raised to an unusual height of contemplation. There he remained for forty years, making, however, a visit to the solitaries of Egypt for his instruction and inspiration. The fame of his holiness and practical wisdom drew crowds around him for advice and consolation.

In the year 600, when he had reached the age of seventy-five, he was chosen as Abbot of Mount Sinai by a unanimous vote of the Sinai religious, who said they had placed the light upon its lamp stand. On the day of his installation, six hundred pilgrims came to Saint Catherine's Monastery, and he performed all the offices of an excellent hotel-master; but at the hour of dinner, he could not be found to share the meal with them. For four years, said his biographer, a monk of the monastery of Raithe, "he dwelt on the mountain of God, and drew from the splendid treasure of his heart priceless riches of doctrine which he poured forth with wondrous abundance and benediction." He was induced by a brother abbot to write the rules by which he had guided his life; and the book which he had already begun, *The Ladder*, detailing thirty degrees of advancement in the pursuit of perfection, has been prized in all ages for its wisdom, clearness, and unction.

At the end of that time, he retired again to his solitude, where he died the following year, as he had foretold.

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## Lazarus Saturday



The Gospel of John (11.3) tells us that while Christ was preaching elsewhere, Mary and Martha, sent word that their brother Lazarus was sick. Jesus did not leave at once to go and visit His ailing friend, however, because through His divinity He knew that Lazarus' sickness would not result in permanent death. Christ knew that Lazarus would be brought back to life by Christ, an act that would bring glory to the Father and the Son. So Jesus waited two days before making the journey to Bethany to visit Martha and Mary and Lazarus, who by this point had been dead for four days.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming she went out to meet Him and immediately fell at His feet and worshipped Him saying "Lord had you been here then my brother would not have died." Christ then asks her to go and call her sister Mary and to show Him where they buried Lazarus.

When Martha called Mary she told her sister that the Lord was asking for her and they immediately left their home and went to the tomb. When Jesus saw the tears of the sisters and the sorrow of all those who had come to mourn Lazarus He felt a great deal of sorrow in His heart and wept (John 11:35).

Jesus then asked that the stone, which was placed in front of the tomb be removed. Martha immediately protested stating that her brother has been dead for four days and that his body will have a terrible smell, but Christ insisted and they rolled away the stone.

It is significant that Lazarus had been dead for four days. According to ancient Jewish Tradition, it is said that the soul remained near the body for three days but by the fourth day a person was truly considered to be dead.

Jesus, then lifts up His voice in prayer and cries out, "Lazarus come forth," and Lazarus exited the tomb still wrapped in the linen shroud. They immediately unbound him and offered glory to God. Everyone in attendance offered praise to God. It did not take long for word of what happened to spread throughout Jerusalem.

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