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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday April 9, 2006 – Sunday April 16, 2006**

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 sponsors receive a copy of their own book. 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.

**Did You Know?????**

Americans on average eat 18 acres of pizza every day.

The average person has over 1,460 dreams a year.

Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from blowing sand.

Smiling uses only 17 muscles while it takes 43 muscles to frown.

**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 \$2245 that leaves a balance of \$4155. We have 2 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.





**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

**MONDAY 10: The Miracle of the Icon in Beirut**

- Rep. Sue Adado by Hilda & Alberta  
Kelush

**TUESDAY 11:**

- Intentions of Lucille Faris by Ralph &  
Helen Burgess

**WEDNESDAY 12:**

- Intentions of Mayssoon by Juliet Hermiz

**THURSDAY 13: Thursday of the Mysteries**

- Living and Deceased Priests of the  
Eparchy

**FRIDAY 14: Great Friday**

**SATURDAY 15: Great Saturday of the Light**

8:30A.M.  
- Special Intentions  
5P.M.

**NO LITURGY**

**SUNDAY April 16: The Glorious Resurrection**

10A.M.: (1 Cor 15:12-26; Mk 16:1-8) Reader: Clergy  
- Intentions of Parishioners

**SUNDAY April 23: Divine Mercy Sunday  
St. George, Martyr**

10A.M.: (2Cor 5:11-21; Jn 20:26-31) Reader: Ferris Anthony  
- Rep. Jim Maroun by Sam  
- Rep. Rose Skolnik by Lindhurst Family

*An Easter Prayer*

Glory and praise to You, Risen Savior, for You bring light to our darkness, joy to our sorrow, and the fullness of love to our reluctant hearts.

Once and for all You have conquered sin and evil. In the glory of Your Resurrection we have been set free from all that keeps us from following You.

In this Easter season, fill our hearts with Your Light and Grace that we might joyfully echo the words of Your Holy Angels:

He is not here in the tomb  
He is risen!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!



**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)

Confessions will be available on Thursday after mass. On Saturday we will have the Prayer of Forgiveness with confession at 12noon.

**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 9: Team 2  
Sunday, April 16: Team 1



Church cleaning for the month of April:

Cindy Shaheen

**Weekly Contributions**

March 12: \$3296  
March 19: \$2734  
March 26: \$2965  
April 2: \$2330



**The Miracle of the Icon of Beirut**

At the fourth session of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (year 787) Sainted Peter, Bishop of Nicomedia, in evidence of the necessity of icon-veneration, presented an account of Saint Athanasias and about a miracle, which occurred in the city of Berit (now Beirut).

In this city lived a Christian near the Jewish synagogue. Having moved off to another place, he left behind at the house an icon of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Jew, who moved into the house, paid no attention to the icon. One time his friend took note of the image of Jesus Christ on the wall, and said to the homeowner: "Why dost thou, a Jew, have in thy house an icon?" He then went to the synagogue and reported about this transgression of Jewish law. The Jews cast out from the synagogue the owner of the house, and they took the icon from the wall and began to scoff over it: "As once our fathers mocked at Him, so we also mock at Him". They spit at the face of the Lord, lashed at the icon, hurling abuses; they thrust thorns about the head, and put a sponge with vinegar to the mouth. Finally, they took a spear, and one of the Jews thrust with it into the side of the Savior. Suddenly from the opening, pierced by the spear in the icon, flowed blood and water. The Jewish rabbis, seeing the miracle, decided: "The followers of Jesus Christ affirm, that He could heal the sick. We shall take this blood and water into the synagogue and we shall anoint those afflicted with infirmities, and then we shall see, whether this be spoken truly of Him".

A vessel with the blood was put in the synagogue. Having learned about the miracle, the inhabitants of Beirut began to bring and to lead into the synagogue those suffering from various illnesses, and they all were healed, having been anointed with the blood from the icon of the Savior. All the high priests, priests and Jewish people believed in Christ and exclaimed: "Glory to Thee, O Christ, Whom our fathers crucified, whom we also crucified in the guise of Thine icon. Glory to Thee, O Son of God, for having worked such a miracle! We believe in Thee, wherefore be Thou merciful to us and receive us!" The Jews went to the bishop of Berit and, having shown him the wonderworking icon, the blood and water having flowed from it, they told about their misdeed. The bishop, seeing their sincere repentance, accepted them, catechized them for many days and then baptized them, and then consecrated the synagogue into the church of our Savior Jesus Christ. At the request of the Jews, he consecrated also other synagogues into churches, dedicated to the holy martyrs. And "there became great joy in that city, not only that many people were healed and quickened, but that many souls passed from the kingdom of the dead unto life eternal".

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**Resurrection Saturday**



Today the Church and her children rejoice because our Lord and Savior has risen from the dead. The resurrection of the Lord is the central event of our salvation, the one that gives meaning to who we are and what

we do. Every celebration of the Eucharist and the other mysteries refers to it as the source of inspiration and meaning.

The resurrection is the feast of feasts, the queen of all feasts. Originally, the Church celebrated only one feast, the resurrection itself, which was recalled and renewed each Sunday at the celebration of the Divine Mysteries. Soon, however, it began to recall the Passover of the Lord and his victorious resurrection in a special way once a year, in addition to the weekly commemoration of the resurrection. Eventually this annual celebration of the Lord's resurrection was prepared for by a season of prayer, fasting and penance -- Lent, and the feast itself was extended for fifty days.

The Church, thus, now celebrates the resurrection of the Lord for a week of weeks (fifty days): from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday (the fiftieth day).

Today's feast is one of joy and peace:

Peace to those who are far and good hope to those who are near.

For Christ has risen from the grave and has gathered those who were scattered and given them joy.

The rite of peace, which follows the gospel in the Divine Mysteries, expresses the joy and peace that flows from the Lord's resurrection today. The cross is removed from the tomb where it has rested since Great Friday and is draped in white. It is carried through the Church accompanied by hymns of praise and joy. The priest solemnly blesses the congregation with the glorious cross and then presents it to them that they might adore it.

By his living cross Christ has saved us from going astray and given us a way to heaven. Through the

cross -- peace and harmony reign among God's  
people, and we are led to perfection.

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