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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday May 28, 2006 – Sunday June 4, 2006

Bishop Robert Shaheen and Bishop Gregory Mansour have invited His Beatitude Nasrallah Peter Sfeir to Detroit. The Patriarch will be here July 10th through the 12th. He will celebrate Ramsho (Maronite Evening Prayer) at St. Rafka Mission the evening of Monday, July 10th. The main function will be a Pontifical Liturgy at St. Maron Church at 5:30pm. A banquet will be held on the same day at St. Sharbel beginning at 8:30pm. Tickets are \$50 per person and will be sold on a first come first served basis. You are encouraged to purchase your tickets as soon as possible. They will be holding 5 tables for our Parish. If you are interested in attending and would like to purchase a ticket please see Pam in the office. Tickets may be purchased up to June 15th.

In conjunction with the extraordinary visit there will be a commemorative book printed. This will not be an ad book but rather a book containing useful information about the Maronite Church, the Patriarchate, the history of the Maronite Church in the United States. The commemorative book needs your assistance. We will need pictures for this book. Please send them directly to Chorbishop Kail at St. Sharbel. The will be scanned and returned to you in a timely fashion. We are also looking for donors and sponsors for the book. Page sponsorship is \$1000 per page other sponsorships (which will be listed alphabetically on several back pages) can be increments of \$100 and up. The purpose of this commemorative book is to help offset the costs of this visit, which will be substantial. If you are able to participate in its sponsorship, forms are available for each of the three Maronite churches in the metro area and in Flint. Please see insert for more information.

A nun was going to Chicago...

She went to the airport and sat down, waiting for her flight. She looked over in the corner and saw one of those weight machines that tells your fortune, so she thought to her self, "I'll give it a try and see what it tells me."

She went over to the machine, put a nickel in and out came a card that said, "You're a nun, you weigh 128 pounds and you're going to Chicago." She sat back down and thought about it. She told herself, it probably tells everyone the same thing, but she decided to try it again.

She went back to the machine and put another nickel in and out came a card. This time the card said, "You're a nun, you weigh 128 pounds, you're going to Chicago, you're going to play a fiddle." The nun said to her self, "I know that's wrong, I've never played a musical instrument in my life." She sat back down. From nowhere a cowboy came in and set his fiddle case down next to her. The nun picked up the fiddle and just started playing beautiful music. Startled, she looked back at the machine and said, "This is incredible, I've got to try this again!"

Back to the machine, put her nickel in and out came the card. It said "You're a nun, you weigh 128 pounds, you're going to Chicago and you're going to break wind." Now the nun knows the machine is wrong, "I've never broken wind in my life," Well as she stepped off the machine she tripped and fell and broke wind. Stunned, she sat back down, looked at the machine, and said to herself, "This is unbelievable! I've got to try this again."

She went back to the machine, put her nickel in and collected the card. The card said, "You're a nun, you weigh 128 pounds, you have fiddled and farted around and missed your flight to Chicago."

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:



Joe Rachid
Jeannie Rossie
Charlie Rossie
Woody Mattar

Sarah Marshall
Mike Rizik
Hanneh Chammas
Betty Mansour
Doris Beck
Eddie Rashid
Rose Johnson
Dorothy Mattar
Ferris Adado
Beth Garner

Marge Okal
Joe Faris



Prayer for the sick

Loving God, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear our prayers for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, disease, and the frailty of old age realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 28: 7th Sunday of Resurrection

10A.M.: (Eph 1:15-23; Jn 13:31-35) Reader: Earl Matte

- Rep. Bernadette Roy by Mayford
- Intentions Kyle Knight by Hearsch Family

MONDAY 29: Memorial Day

Office Closed today – Mass at 9am

- Rep. Winston Walterhouse by Josie Knight

TUESDAY 30:

- NO MASS TODAY

WEDNESDAY 31:

- NO MASS TODAY

THURSDAY June 1: St. Justin, Martyr

- NO MASS TODAY

FRIDAY 2: The Four Evangelists

12NOON

- Rep. Ann Smithingell by Bob & Sharon Griffiths

SATURDAY 3: St. Autel, Confessor

8:30A.M.

- Special Intentions

5P.M.

- Rep. Roger Mattar by Woody & Dottie Mattar

SUNDAY June 4: Pentecost Sunday

10A.M.: (Acts 2:1-21; Jn 14:15-20) Reader: Mary Matte

- Rep. Sue Adado by Potts Family
- Rep. John Solomon by Family
- Rep. Salem Zerka by Ahlam & Family

SUNDAY 11: 2nd Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M.: (Rom 11:25-36; Nt 28:16-20) Reader: Karl Moon

- Rep. Joe Faris Jr. by Dad & Family
- Rep. Saleem Sob by Keith, Freda & Family

Weekly Contributions

April 30: \$2766
 May 7: \$3370
 May 14: \$1700
 May 21: \$2197



Altar Servers Schedule for:

Sunday, May 28: Team 1
 Sunday, June 4: Team 2

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)

Father Jihad will be out of town beginning Tuesday, May 16, 2006 and will be back in the office on Friday, June 16, 2006. There will be no mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays during that time. We will have regular office hours.

Sunday, May 28th and Sunday, June 4th wood carvings on display to help families in the Holy Land.

Thank you to everyone who generously donated their time, money, prizes and salads for the 2006 Salad Supper Bingo. This year's event as a monumental success and all funds raised will go towards paying for recovering the church pews.

The Altar Society will be having a meeting on Wednesday, June 7th. This meeting will be held at Mr. Brown's Backyard Bar & Grill at 6pm. Please RSVP to Joanne Potts by June 1st. This also will be our last meeting until September.

If anyone is interested in ordering the video taken for First Holy Communion you can do so by contacting Jason Young at 810-210-8976 or you can pick up an order form in the back of the church.

We now have a new religious order of Maronite Sisters, Sisters of Christ the Light. We encourage everyone to help support through prayer this new order of Sisters. If any young lady is interested in this order you may contact Fr. Jim Root for additional information.

MYO is having a pop can drive. Empty cans can be dropped off at the church hall.



Church cleaning for the
 Month of June:
 Elsie Shaheen & Yvonne
 Weissert

Saint Justin, Martyr



St. Justin Martyr was born into a pagan family sometime between the years 100-110 at Flavia Neapolis in Palestinian Syria. Most of what we know about St. Justin's life comes from his own writings where he outlines numerous biographical details. Throughout his successful academic life, he was attracted to and influenced by a variety of philosophies including those of the Stoic, Peripatetic, Pythagorean, and Platonist schools.

An encounter with a mysterious old man during a seashore walk helped lead him to Christianity by convincing him that human knowledge alone cannot arrive at the true knowledge of God, but must be led by the Holy Spirit working through the Prophets. In addition, the examples of devout Christians and the Church martyrs convinced him that "it was impossible that they should be living in evil and in the love of pleasure." (2 Apol, xviii)

While teaching in Rome, St. Justin was denounced to the authorities for his Christian teachings. St. Justin, along with six companions, were scourged and beheaded under the order of the prefect of Rome (Rusticus) for upholding their Christian beliefs and refusing to sacrifice to the Roman gods.

Because of his extensive writings, his efforts to reconcile faith and reason, and his fervor for proclaiming and teaching Christian truths, St. Justin is regarded as the most important second century apologist. The Catholic Encyclopedia states: "The role of St. Justin may be summed up in one word: it is that of a witness. We behold in him one of the highest and purest pagan souls of his time in contact with Christianity, compelled to accept its irrefragable truth, its pure moral teaching, and to admire its superhuman constancy. He is also a witness of the second-century church, which he describes for us in its faith, its life, its worship, at a time when Christianity yet lacked the firm organization that it was soon to develop, but the larger outlines of whose constitution and doctrine are already luminously drawn by Justin. Finally, Justin was a witness for Christ unto death."

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The History of Memorial Day



Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers.

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11.)

Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Also, it is customary for the president or vice-president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.

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