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Organ Concert
Friday, December 12, 2008
7pm

A reception will be held in the hall following the concert.



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Mark Your Calendar

October

14 Business Luncheon \$10
19 Breakfast with St. George at St. George
** Please note date change.
19 Halloween Party 3pm – 5pm
26 Harvest Dinner
31 Halloween


November

27 Thanksgiving Day




Weekly Contributions

September 14: \$2323
September 21: \$1948
September 28: \$3037
October 5: \$2750



Church cleaning for October:
Joanne Potts

Altar Server Schedule


October 19	Team 3	
October 26	Team 1	

Weekly Bulletin Sunday October 12, 2008 – Sunday October 19, 2008

Clergy
Rev. Hanna Tayar
Deacon Martin Rachid
Subdeacon Earl Matte

Parish Staff
Pam Aziz – Parish Secretary
Darrell Frye – Maintenance
Pat Haley – Caterer

Parish Leaders
Chuck Solomon – Parish Council
Dee Gardner – Choir Director
Dottie Byrnes – Organist
Freda Hearsch – Religious Education
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar Society



Liturgy Schedule

Monday	9a.m.
Tuesday	9a.m.
Wednesday	9a.m.
Thursday	9a.m.
Friday	12noon
Saturday	5p.m.
Sunday	10a.m.

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.

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Pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Sue Stubbert
Ferris Anthony
Rose Khoury
Michelle Garey

Sarah Marshall
Hanneh Chammas
Hap Maroun
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Dorothy Mattar
Wanda Maroun
Joe Pavlovich
Phillip Shaker
Amy Burke



Our Lady of Lebanon
Office Hours

Monday 10am – 3pm
Tuesday 10am – 3pm
Wednesday 10am – 3pm
Thursday 10am – 3pm
Friday 10am – 3pm



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 12: 4th Sunday after the Holy Cross St. Edno

10A.M. (1Thes 5:1-11; Mt 24:45-51) Reader: Earl Matte
- Deceased Members of Old & New Calvary Cemetery
- Deceased & Living Members of Maroun & Sauder Families

MONDAY 13: Columbus Day

- Rep. Lewis Shaker by Mon & Elsie Shaheen
- Rep. Mary Alice Felt by Mary Ann Sheehan

TUESDAY 14: St. Isaiah the Monk

- Rep. Mr. & Mrs. Solomon James by James & Theresa

WEDNESDAY 15: St. Theresa of Avila

- Rep. Charlie Rossie by Rose Wilkins

THURSDAY 16: St. Longinus

- Rep. Alex Ricci by Mary Ann Sheehan

FRIDAY 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch

12NOON

- Rep. David Matte by Scott & Cindy Shaheen

SATURDAY 18: St. Luke the Evangelist

- Rep. Eddie Rashid by George & Louise Faris

SUNDAY 19: 5th Sunday after the Holy Cross

10A.M. (Phil 2:12-18; Mt 25:1-13) Reader: Mary Matte

- Rep. Mary Faris by Family
- Rep. Wagih Khazaal by Duane & Dee Gardner

SUNDAY 26: 6th Sunday after the Holy Cross

10A.M. (Gal 6:1-10; Mt 25:14-30) Reader: Bob Pollack

- Rep. Diab & Karime Rizk and Lorance Abou Diwan by George & Virginia Rizk
- Rep. Sam Marino by Yvonne Weissert

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Julie Bird and Robert Kowalk.



There are two ways to live your life; as if nothing is a miracle and as if everything is.

Albert Einstein



Announcements

* A Business Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 from 11am to 2pm. The cost of the luncheon will be \$10.

* There has been a change of date for the breakfast with St. George Church. It will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2008. Please mark your calendars.

* MYO will be having a Halloween Party for the children. The party will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2008 from 3pm to 5pm.



* MYO is asking for donations of candy for the Halloween Party. If you would like to make a donation please drop your donation off to our parish office.

* Our Morningstar Society will be having a meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 7pm. The meeting will be held here at the church.

* A meeting is being held on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 7pm to discuss next year's festival. Everyone is invited to attend.

* The Ladies Altar Society's having their Annual Harvest Dinner on Sunday, October 26, 2008 from 4pm to 6pm. Tickets are adults \$9 and children 10 and under \$5. You may purchase tickets from any Altar Society member.

* I wish to thank my parish family for all their prayers, masses and remembrances sent to me. It is a very humbling experience to know so many care. Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Violet Deibis

* Please keep in mind the families that we help feed at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Both of these holidays are fast approaching. Our food pantry is a yearly ongoing donation for those in need.

* We have received a couple more donations toward our organ. The new balance on our organ is \$9,100. If you would like to make a donation please see the church office.

Saint Ignatius of Antioch



Sometime around the year 107 A.D., a short, sharp persecution of the Church of Christ resulted in the arrest of the bishop of Antioch in Syria. His name was Ignatius. According to one of the harsh penal practices of the Roman Empire of the day, the good bishop was condemned to be delivered up to wild beasts in the arena in the capital city. The insatiable public appetite for bloody spectacles meant a chronically short supply of victims; prisoners were thus sent off to Rome to help fill the need.

So the second bishop of Antioch was sent to Rome as a condemned prisoner. According to Church historian Eusebius, Ignatius had been bishop in Antioch for nearly forty years at the time of his arrest. This means that he had been bishop there while some of the original apostles were almost certainly still alive and preaching.

St. Ignatius of Antioch was conducted first by land from Syria across Asia Minor (modern Turkey). He was escorted by a detachment of Roman soldiers. In a letter he sent ahead to the Church of Christ in Rome, this bishop described his ardent wish to imitate the passion of Christ through his own coming martyrdom in the Roman Coliseum. He warned the Christians in Rome not to try to save him. He also spoke of his conflicts with his military escort and of their casual cruelties, describing his guards as "ten leopards". The discipline of the march cannot have been unrelieved, however, since Ignatius was permitted to receive delegations of visitors from local Churches in the cities of Asia Minor through which the escorts and Ignatius passed along the way

In Smyrna, St. Ignatius met, not only with the bishop of that city, St. Polycarp, but also with delegations from the neighboring cities of Ephesus, Magnesia, and Tralles. Each delegation was headed by a local bishop. Ignatius wrote thank-you letters to the Christians in each of these cities who had visited the notable but shackled bishop-prisoner. Chiefly through these letters, St. Ignatius of Antioch is known to us today.

Establishing these letters, written in Greek, as authentic and genuinely from the first decade of the second century was one of the triumphs of nineteenth-century British scholarship. Without them, this bishop of Antioch might have remained no more than a name, as obscure as many another early Christian bishops.

Escorted on to the Greek city of Troas on the Aegean Sea, Ignatius wrote yet another letter to the Church at Smyrna, through which he had passed. He also wrote personally to Bishop Polycarp of that city. Finally, from Troas he wrote still another letter to the Philadelphians; the local Church of Philadelphia had dispatched two deacons who overtook his party at Troas.

Shortly after writing these seven letters to Churches in Asia Minor, St. Ignatius of Antioch was taken aboard ship. The remainder of his journey to Italy was by sea. Tradition holds that he won his longed-for martyrdom in the Roman amphitheater during the reign of Emperor Trajan.

But the letters he left behind afford us a precious and remarkable picture of what that Church was like not even two full generations after issuing from the side of Jesus Christ on the Cross.

The adult life of St. Ignatius of Antioch as a second-generation Church leader almost exactly spanned the period of transition between the end of the first Christian generation and the beginning of the third. Thus, his witness about the nature of the Church of his day is of the most profound and fundamental importance.

What was the Church like around the year 107 A.D.? The Church had already spread far and wide since the days of the apostles. St. Ignatius was conducted over a good part of what, today, is Turkey, encountering local Churches in most major towns. At the head of each of these Churches was a principal leader, a bishop. The geographical spread of individual local Churches, each headed by a bishop, is obvious from the fact that Ignatius was met by delegations headed by bishops from each sizeable town along the route.

That St. Ignatius was met by these "official" delegations indicates that local Churches were in close touch with one another. They did not see themselves as independent, self-selected, self-governing congregations of like-minded people; they saw themselves as linked together in the one body of Christ according to an already firmly established, well-understood system, even though they happened to be geographically separated.

The solidarity with which they all turned out to honor a prisoner being led to martyrdom, who also happened to be the bishop of Antioch, tells us something about their respect for the incumbent of that office. Antioch was to become one of the great patriarchal bishoprics of the Church of antiquity, along with Alexandria and Rome--and, later, Constantinople.

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