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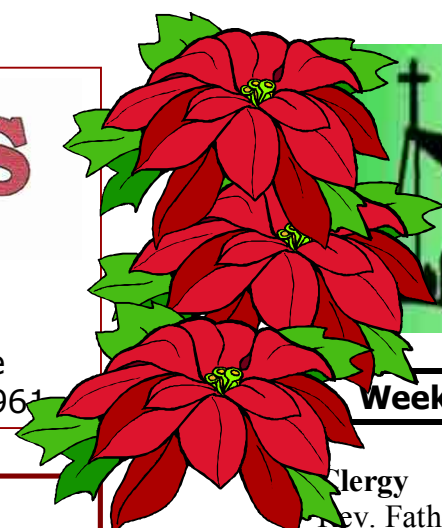
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER

25 Christmas
31 New Year's Eve Party

JANUARY

20 MYO Spaghetti Dinner

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
Freda Hearsch – Religious Education
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar
Rob Kowalk – Spiritual Growth Coordinator



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.
2nd 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.



PARISH UPDATE

Please help us to update our parish records. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church or place it in the collection basket. Also if you know of any family members or friends as well as any local Maronites who are not attending please provide us with names and any other information you can. Thank You!

LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: home: (____) _____ work: (____) _____ cell: (____) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

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:



Hap Maroun
Jeannie Rossie
Charlie Rossie
Marge Okal

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

Sharon Griffiths
Osama Abou Shakra
Woody Mattar



Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

Monday 9am – 5pm
Tuesday 9am – 5pm
Wednesday 9am – 5pm
Thursday 9am – 5pm
Friday 9am – 5pm



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 24: Genealogy Sunday

10A.M.: (Rom 1:1-12; Mt 1:1-17) Reader: Clergy
- Rep. Tammy Bawardi
4th Anniversary by Naim Bawardi & Family

6P.M.: (Heb 1:1-12; Lk 2:1-20) Reader: Clergy
- Intentions of Parishioners

MONDAY 25: CHRISTMAS

10 A.M.: (Heb 1:1-12; Lk 2:1-20) Reader: Clergy
- Intentions of Parishioners

TUESDAY 26: Praises to the Mother of God

- Rep. Gloria Mansour by Family

WEDNESDAY 27: St Stephen, first martyr

- Rep. John Solomon by Jason and Joumana Klanssek

THURSDAY 28: Adoration of the Magi

- Rep. Richard Sedlacek by Altar Society

FRIDAY 29: Killing of the infants of Bethlehem

12NOON

- Rep. Baby Saverimuthu by Teresa Manoharan

SATURDAY 30:

8:30A.M.

- Special Intentions

5P.M.

- Rep. Lewis Kelush by Mayford

SUNDAY 31: Finding in the Temple

10A.M.: (Heb 7:11-19; Lk 2:41-52) Reader: Earl Matte

- Rep. Abraham & Albina Manssur by Mayford

- Rep. Mary Maroun Bou Sauder by Maroun Family

SUNDAY 7:

10A.M.: (2Cor 10:1-11; Jn 1:29-34) Reader: Mary Matte

- Rep. Mayford Penhaligon by Duane and Dee Gardner

Weekly Contributions

November 26: \$2551
December 3: \$3453
December 10: \$3419
December 17: \$2387



Altar Servers Schedule for:

Sunday, December 24: Team 1
Sunday, December 31: Team 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The New Year's Eve Party will be held on Sunday, December 31, 2006 following 5:30pm Liturgy. Doors open at 6:30pm the cost is \$35 per person 13 years and older. Children 12 to 5 years \$10 and under 5 are free. Tickets are available from any Parish Council member or the church office.

Please don't forget about our food drive. As you know these baskets are for families who have children sick with cancer at Hurley. If you would like to contribute please put your food donations in the box in the Narthex and donations of money go to Deacon Marty.

Contribution envelopes are now available in the Narthex. If you do not see a box of envelopes with your name on it please call the church office. If you have contribution envelopes that you are behind on please consider catching them up soon. Sometime around the middle of January the printing of yearly contribution statements will take place. If anyone has any questions please call the office.

Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday 25th and 26th of December for Christmas.

The MYO will be having a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, January 20th from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. They will also be raffling off a ring. More information will be coming soon.

Parish council elected members

Al Zerka
Scott Shaheen
Johnny Solomon
Joanne Potts
Nahida Hanna



The Magi



The Gospel narrative omits to mention the number of the Magi, and there is no certain tradition in this matter. Some Fathers speak of three Magi; they are very likely influenced by the number of gifts. In the Orient, tradition favors twelve. Early Christian art is no consistent witness:

- a painting in the cemetery of Sts. Peter and Marcellinus shows two;
- one in the Lateran Museum, three;
- one in the cemetery of Domitilla, four;
- a vase in the Kircher Museum, eight

The names of the Magi are as uncertain as is their number. Among the Latins, from the seventh century, we find slight variants of the names, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar; the Martyrology mentions St. Gaspar, on the first, St. Melchior, on the sixth, and St. Balthasar, on the eleventh of January (Acta SS., I, 8, 323, 664). The Syrians have Larvandad, Hormisdas, Gushnasaph, etc.; the

Armenians, Kagba, Badadilma, etc. (Cf. Acta Sanctorum, May, I, 1780). Passing over the purely legendary notion that they represented the three families which are descended from Noah, it appears they all came from "the east" (Matthew 2:1, 2, 9). East of Palestine, only ancient Media, Persia, Assyria, and Babylonia had a Magian priesthood at the time of the birth of Christ. From some such part of the Parthian Empire the Magi came. They probably crossed the Syrian Desert, lying between the Euphrates and Syria, reached either Haleb (Aleppo) or Tudmor (Palmyra), and journeyed on to Damascus and southward, by what is now the great Mecca route (*darb elhaj*, "the pilgrim's way"), keeping the Sea of Galilee and the Jordan to their west till they crossed the ford near Jericho. We have no tradition of the precise land meant by "the east". It is Babylon, according to St. Maximus (Homil. xviii in Epiph.); and Theodotus of Ancyra (Homil. de Nativitate, I, x); Persia, according to Clement of Alexandria (Strom., I xv) and St. Cyril of Alexandria (In Is., xlix, 12); Aribia, according to St. Justin (Cont. Tryphon., lxxvii), Tertullian (Adv. Jud., ix), and St. Epiphanius (Expos. fidei, viii).

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Every year we take this beautiful time to remember God's love to us and to wish to each other the warmest wishes.

In this Christmas I wish you all a time full of happiness a heart full of peace and a life full of love through the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ God became man

Merry Christmas

St. Silhad Vannes

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