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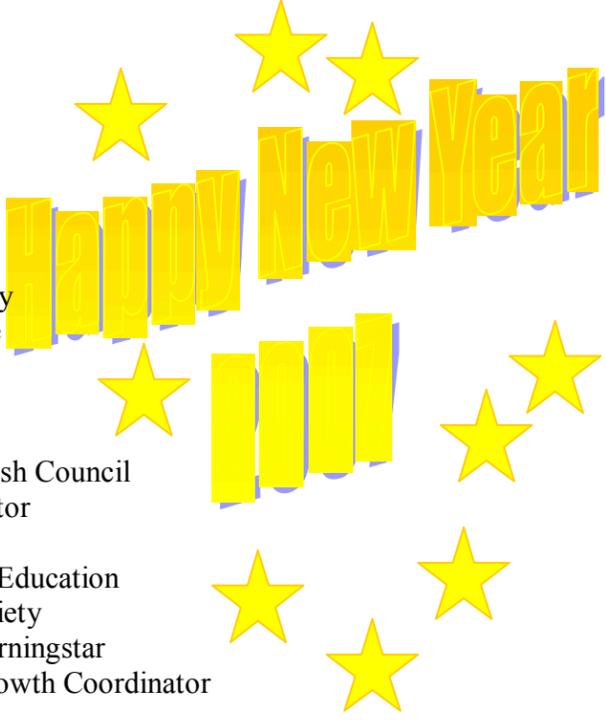
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER
31 New Year's Eve Party

JANUARY
6 Epiphany
20 MYO Spaghetti Dinner

FEBRUARY
3 St Maron's Dinner and Hafli
9 St Maron's Feast Day



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	9a.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:



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
Pam Aziz



Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

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



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: _____



MASS INTENTIONS

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 Famil

5:30P.M.: NEW YEAR'S EVE

- Intention of American troops.

MONDAY 1: NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Circumcision

World Day of Peace

12 NOON.: (Heb 1:1-12; Lk 2:1-20) Reader: Clergy

- Intention of Peace in the world.

TUESDAY 2:

- Intentions of Maroun & Marie Younes

WEDNESDAY 3:

- Rep. Sue Adado by Mike and Madeleine Zerka

THURSDAY 4: St Elizabeth Ann Seton

- Rep. Winston Walterhouse by Robert and Jacqueline Bowles

FRIDAY 5: St Paul the first hermit

12NOON

- Rep. Milia Gebrael by Mr and Mrs George Rizk

SATURDAY 6: Glorious Epiphany

9A.M.: (Tit 2:11-3:7; Lk 3:15-22)

- Intentions of Parishioners

5P.M.

- Rep. Elias Deibis by Altar Society

SUNDAY 7: First Sunday after Epiphany

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

- Rep. Mayford Penhaligon by Duane and Dee Gardner

SUNDAY 14: Second Sunday after Epiphany

10A.M.: (2Cor 4:5-15; Jn 1:35-42) Reader: Mary Matte

- Rep. George Faris by Josie and Family
- Rep. Jerry Knight (4th anniversary) by Josie and Family

Weekly Contributions

December 3: \$3453
 December 10: \$3419
 December 17: \$2387
 November 24-25: \$5008



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.

Office will be closed Monday January 1st. But liturgy will be celebrated at Noon for the New Year.

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.

Don't forget your contribution envelopes

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.

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.

During the Divine Liturgy the gifts (bread and wine) are transferred from the side altar to the main altar as a symbol of offering the fruit of our work to Almighty God who will come and unite His Divinity with our Humanity. We need to have gift bearers every Sunday to help in this part of Liturgy. A sign up sheet is put on the bulletin board for you to choose the date when you want to be the gift bearer. Please sign your name and don't forget we need TWO people every Sunday.



Church cleaning for the
Month of November:

Mary Matte

"THE HUMAN PERSON, THE HEART OF PEACE"

"The human person, the heart of peace" is the title of Pope Benedict XVI's message in the occasion of the celebration of the World Day of Peace on January 1, 2007. His Holiness is "convinced that respect for the person promotes peace and that, in building peace, the foundations are laid for an authentic integral humanism. In this way a serene future is prepared for coming generations." The Pope invites and encourages us to reflect on this theme. In his message, he gives a deep insight of the relationship between the human person and peace. The message, although it refers to the Bible, Christian writings, and Papal documents, can be helpful to anybody from any denomination in the search of common points to build peace among people. The following is an extract from the message.

The natural equality of all persons

6. At the origin of many tensions that threaten peace are surely the many unjust inequalities still tragically present in our world. Particularly insidious among these are, on the one hand, inequality in access to essential goods like food, water, shelter, health; on the other hand, there are persistent inequalities between men and women in the exercise of basic human rights. A fundamental element of building peace is the recognition of the essential equality of human

persons springing from their common transcendental dignity. Equality on this level is a good belonging to all, inscribed in that natural "grammar" which is deducible from the divine plan of creation; it is a good that cannot be ignored or scorned without causing serious repercussions which put peace at risk. The extremely grave deprivation afflicting many peoples, especially in Africa, lies at the root of violent reactions and thus inflicts a terrible wound on peace.

7. Similarly, inadequate consideration for the condition of women helps to create instability in the fabric of society. I think of the exploitation of women who are treated as objects, and of the many ways that a lack of respect is shown for their dignity; I also think—in a different context—of the mindset persisting in some cultures, where women are still firmly subordinated to the arbitrary decisions of men, with grave consequences for their personal dignity and for the exercise of their fundamental freedoms. There can be no illusion of a secure peace until these forms of discrimination are also overcome, since they injure the personal dignity impressed by the Creator upon every human being.

You can find the whole message on the Vatican's website: www.vatican.va

**From the Clergy, staff, and Parish Leaders of
Our Lady of Lebanon**

**We wish you a very happy new year 2007
full of God's love and peace.**

Attention

Liturgy for Saturday morning will be moved from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM Beginning Saturday January 6th Feast of the Epiphany

Car Raffle

We had a Car raffle this year in October and we thank all who worked for this raffle, hafli, and memorial book in any way to make it a successful event and to bring in more than \$23,000 for our building fund.