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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday April 29, 2007 – Sunday May 6, 2007

**Our Lady of Lebanon
Altar Society's
Annual Salad Supper Bingo**



Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Doors open at 4:30
Supper Served at 6:00

Tickets \$10

Tickets are available from any Altar Society Member or the church office.

No one under 18 years of age will be permitted

Fr. Jihad has forms from the Consulate of Lebanon for passport renewals, marriage & birth registrations. If you are in need any of these forms please see Fr. Jihad.

Altar Server Schedule

May 6: Team 4
May 13: Team 1
May 20: Team 2



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

Albert Zerka – 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:



Sarah Marshall
Hanneh Chammas
Hap Maroun
Joe Faris
Doris Beck
Ann Faris
Dorothy Mattar
Sharon Griffiths



Tom & Margaret LaBranch

**Our Lady of Lebanon
Office Hours**

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



MASS INTENTIONS



**SUNDAY 29: 4th Sunday of Resurrection
St. Catherine of Sienna**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

10A.M.: (Heb 13:18-25; Jn 21:1-14) Reader: Earl Matte

- Rep. Wajdi Badr by Family

40 Day Memorial

- Rep. Woody Mattar by Joe & Marylin Faris

MONDAY 30: St. James the Apostle

- Rep. Winston Walterhouse by Fred & Paula Faris

TUESDAY May 1: Jeremiah the Prophet

- Rep. Betty Mansour by Louise Shaheen

WEDNESDAY 2: St. Athanasius, Bishop

- Rep. Joe Nemer by Altar Society

THURSDAY 3: National Day of Prayer

- Intentions of Ann Faris by Aziz Family

FRIDAY 4: St. Monica, Confessor

12NOON

- Rep. Regina James by James Manoharan

SATURDAY 5:

9A.M.

- Special Intentions

5P.M.

- Rep. Ferris Adado by Family

40 Day Memorial

SUNDAY May 6: 5th Sunday of Resurrection

Our Lady of Lebanon

St. Dominic Savio

10A.M.: (Eph 2:1-10; Jn 21:15-19) Reader: Mary Matte

- Intentions of the First Holy Communion Children and their Families

SUNDAY May 13: 6th Sunday of Resurrection

Mother's Day

10A.M.: (Rom 10: 1-13; Lk 24:36-48) Reader: Karl Moon

- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Family

40 Day Memorial

- Rep. Glen & Ann Smithingell by Family

- Rep. Wajdi Badr by Mike & Madeline Zerka

Weekly Contributions

April 1: \$3778
April 8: \$4621
April 15: \$2604
April 22: \$2371



Announcements

The Ladies Altar Society is looking for donations of water and can pop for the salad supper bingo. Please drop your donation off at the church office.

If anyone is interested this year in donating prizes or money to the Salad Supper Bingo please see Mary Matte or Joanne Potts. Items can also be dropped off at the church office.

They are also looking for donations of salads. If you would like to make a salad please see Pat Pollack.

The Altar Society will be having a meeting on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 7pm at the Rectory.

There will be a Prayer Service for all Altar Society members on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 5:30pm. Following the Prayer Service the ladies will be setting up for the Salad Supper Bingo.

First Holy Communion Sunday is always a special day here in our parish. We are happy to announce that this year the Most Reverend Robert J. Shaheen and Chorbishop Faouzi Elia will be here to celebrate this special occasion with us.

There will be a parish council meeting on Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 7pm.

Church cleaning for the Month of May:



Hala Kaspar, Eliane Zerka & Georgette Zerka

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY

5 & 6 Bishop Robert Shaheen Visit
6 First Holy Communion & May Crowning
9 Altar Society Salad Supper Bingo
17 Ascension Thursday – Holy Day of Obligation
20 Altar Society Sunday

JUNE

24 Picnic in Honor of Our Mothers

Saint Athanasius



Saint Athanasius was born in Alexandria, Egypt, towards the end of the third century, and from his youth was pious, learned, and deeply versed in the sacred writings. He left the paternal home to be raised by the bishop of Alexandria like a new Samuel in the Lord's temple, as befitted one whom God had chosen to be the champion and defender of His Church against the Arian heresy, which denied the Divinity of Christ.

While still a deacon, he was chosen by Saint Alexander, his bishop, to go with him to the Council of Nicea, A.D. 325. There he attracted the attention of all the prelates by the learning and ability with which he defended the Faith. Five months later, as Saint Alexander was dying, he recommended Athanasius for his successor as Patriarch of Alexandria, and in that office for forty-six years the new Patriarch bore the whole brunt of the Arian assault, often virtually alone and undefended.

When the invincible Athanasius refused to restore Arius to Catholic communion, he was exiled to Treves in France, and the Emperor ordered the Catholic Patriarch of Constantinople to receive the heresiarch. The end of that man of error is very instructive. He took an oath that he had always believed as the Church believes, though he taught that there was a time when the Word of God WAS NOT. Thereupon the Catholic Patriarch of Constantinople, with Saint James of Nisibe, who was in Constantinople at that time, Saint Athanasius in France and the Catholics everywhere, had recourse to fasting and prayer, that God would avert from the Church the frightful sacrilege. The day came for the solemn entrance of Arius into the great church of Saint Sophia. The heresiarch and his party set out, elated, in triumph. But before he reached the church, death smote

him in an exemplary, swift and terrible way, and the dreaded sacrilege was averted.

Saint Athanasius stood unmoved against four Roman emperors, was banished five times, was the butt of every insult, calumny and wrong the Arians could devise, and lived in constant peril of death. Though strong as diamond in defense of the Faith, he was meek and humble, pleasant and winning in conversation, beloved by his flock, unwearied in labors, prayer and mortifications, eloquent in speech, and unsurpassed in zeal for souls. From his places of exile he wrote many great works for the instruction and strengthening of his flock, writings rich in thought and learning, clear, keen and stately in expression. He is honored as one of the greatest of the Doctors of the Church.

His admirers told the story of his response to a search party pursuing him downstream, as he retreated by boat. Knowing of their approach, he ordered the captain to change direction and return. When he crossed the search party on the river, they hailed him and asked whether he had seen the bishop of Alexandria pass by. He replied, "Continue; he is not far from here." Restored to his see by the emperor Valens for fear of a popular uprising, the stormy life of the Saint closed in peace on May 2nd of the year 373.

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Prayer to Saint Athanasius

Father, you raised up Saint Athanasius to be an outstanding defender of the truth of Christ's divinity. By his teaching and protection may we grow in your knowledge and love, Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

