

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 9 St Maron's Feast Day
- 19 Ash Monday – Holy Day of Obligation
- 19 President's Day
- 19 First day of Lent
- 27 Discussion Group meets at 6pm to 8pm

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Lent, the penitential season of the Church year, begins on Ash Monday, February 19, 2007 and lasts until Easter. Traditionally, the Lenten season is a time of sacrifices through out the Universal Church. The Most Reverend Bishops Robert Shaheen and Gregory Mansour have issued the following Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the United

States:

- All Maronites who are physically capable are to **Abstain from meat** on Ash Monday (February 19) and all Fridays of Lent.
- Ash Monday and the Great Friday of the Crucifixion are also days **offasting**.

Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable are to fast on these two days.

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Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console,
not so much to be understood as to understand,
not so much to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we awake to eternal life



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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday February 4, 2007 – Sunday February 11, 2007

Clergy

Rev. Father Jihad Younes
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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
Mike Rizik
Hanneh Chammas
Hap Maroun
Joe Faris
Doris Beck
Rose Johnson
Dorothy Mattar
Sharon Griffiths



Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

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



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VATICAN CITY, JAN 28, 2007 (VIS) - After praying the Angelus with thousands of faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square, the Pope launched an appeal for peace in Lebanon

"Over the last few days, Lebanon has again been bloodied by violence," he said. "It is unacceptable to use such methods to support a political position. I feel immense sadness for that dear people, and I know that many Lebanese feel the temptation to abandon all hope and are disoriented by what is happening.

"I make my own the powerful words pronounced by His Beatitude Cardinal Nasrallah Pierre Sfeir, patriarch of Antioch of the Maronites, denouncing those fratricidal clashes. Together with him and with other religious leaders, I invoke God's help so that all Lebanese without distinction may be able to, and want to, live together to make their country a real common home, overcoming all those self-seeking attitudes that are an impediment to true concern for the nation."

"To Christians in Lebanon," he concluded, "I repeat the exhortation to be promoters of real dialogue between the various communities, and upon everyone I invoke the protection of Our Lady of Lebanon."

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 4: Sunday of the Righteous and Just
10A.M.: (Heb 12:18-24; Mt 25:31-46) Reader: Diane Massad
- Rep. Betty Mansour by Altar Society

MONDAY 5: St. Agatha, Martyr
- Rep. Lola Williams by Leo & Diane Macksood

TUESDAY 6:
- Woody Mattar by Marge Okal

WEDNESDAY 7:
- Rep. Winston Walterhouse by Michael & Janet Panchula

THURSDAY February 8:
- Rep. Betty Mansour by Ed & Feryal Joubran

FRIDAY 9: St. Maron, Confessor
Holy Day of Obligation
12NOON
- Living & Deceased of the Aziz & Holland Families by Family
Mass at 6pm

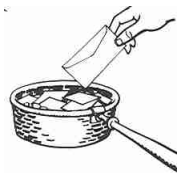
SATURDAY 10:
9A.M.:
- Special Intentions
5P.M.
- Rep. Marge Washum by Josie Knight
- Rep. Sylvia Lira by Family

SUNDAY 11: Sunday of the Faithful Departed
Our Lady of Lourdes
10A.M.: (1 Thes 5:1-11; Lk 16:19-31) Reader: Earl Matte
- Rep. George Faris & Joseph Faris Jr. by Family

SUNDAY 18: Cana Sunday
Entrance into Lent
10A.M.: (Rom 14:14-23; Jn 2:1-11) Reader: Mary Matte
- Rep. Elias Deibis by Sue & Family

Weekly Contributions

January 7: \$2272
January 14: \$2186
January 21: \$2213
January 28: \$1432



Church cleaning for the
Month of February:

Nawal Gebrael & Mona Massoud

Announcements

Friday, February 9, 2007 is the Feast of St. Maron. This is the actual feast day and is a holy day of obligation for all. Mass will be at 12noon and at 6pm.

We would like to thank those who joined us at the spaghetti dinner. We also would like to give a special thank you to Pat Haley for donating the spaghetti. Congratulations to Diane Massad who was the winner of the ring. Love MYO

The discussion group that was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2007 was a success. We would like to invite you to join the next discussion group that will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2007. The topic will be announced soon.

There will be a Altar Society- Potluck Meeting this Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 6pm and it will be held at the rectory.

There will be a Stewardship Committee Meeting this Thursday, February 8, 2007 at 6pm. If you are unable to attend please call the church office.

A Parish Council meeting will be held Thursday, February 8, 2007 at 7pm. If you are unable to attend please call the church office.

The Holy Season of Lent begins this year on February 19, 2006.

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.

Contribution statements for 2006 are available in the Narthex. If you have any questions regarding your statement please call the office.

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.

Saint Agatha, Martyr



The holy virgin Agatha was born in Sicily, of noble parents. The cities of Palermo and Catania both claim the honour of having been the place of her birth. She received the crown of a glorious Martyrdom at Catania, under the persecution of the Emperor Decius. Her beauty, which was as great as her chaste and innocent life was

praiseworthy, attracted the notice of Quintianus, the governor of Sicily. He spared no means whereby to compass his lustful designs upon the innocent virgin; but seeing that she scorned his offers, he had her apprehended as being guilty of the Christian superstition, and gave her in charge of a woman, named Aphrodisia, who was noted for her power of alluring to evil. But finding that her words and company had no effect on the holy maiden, and that she was immovable all her resolution to maintain both her faith and her virginity, Aphrodisia told Quintianus that she was but losing her time with Agatha. Whereupon, he ordered the virgin to be brought before him, and he said to her: 'Art not thou, that art so noble by birth, ashamed to lead the life of a base and slavish Christian?' She replied: Better by far is the baseness and slavery of a Christian than the wealth and pride of kings.'

Angered by her words, the governor bids her choose one of these two: adoration of the gods, or sharp tortures. On her refusal to deny her faith, he ordered her to be buffeted, and cast into prison. On the following day, she was again led to trial. Finding that she was still firm in her purpose, they hoisted her on the rack, and laid hot iron plates on her flesh, and cut off her breast. While suffering this last torture, she thus spoke to Quintianus: 'Cruel tyrant, art thou not ashamed to cut a woman's breast, who wast thyself fed at the breast of thy mother?' She was then sent back to prison, where, during the night, a venerable old man, who told her that he was the apostle of Christ, healed her. A third time she was summoned by the governor, and being still firm in confessing Christ, she was rolled upon sharp potsherds and burning coals.

Suddenly, the whole city was shaken by a violent earthquake, and two of the governor's intimate friends were killed by the falling of two walls. The people were in such a state of excitement that the governor began to fear a sedition, and therefore ordered the almost lifeless Agatha to be secretly conveyed back to her prison. She thus prayed to our Lord: 'O God! Who hast watched over me from my infancy, Who hast separated me from the love of this world, and hast given me strength to bear the tortures of my executioners, receive my soul!'

Her prayer being ended, her soul took its flight to Heaven, on February 5, and the Christians buried her body

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