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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday July 15, 2007 – Sunday July 22, 2007

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	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.

*Our Lady of Lebanon
Annual Parish Picnic*

Sunday, July 22, 2007
Following Sunday Liturgy

Bring a dish to pass



Popcorn

Lots of Food

Root beer floats

Snowcones

Games and inflatable for the kids



Fun for all!!!

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:



Eddie Rashid
Nadia Sob
Margaret LaBranch

Marge Okal
Sarah Marshall
Hanneh Chammas
Hap Maroun
Joe Faris
Doris Beck
Ann Faris



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



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 15: 8th Sunday of Pentecost St. Sharbel (observed)

St. Kyriakos & St. Yolitts, Martyrs

10A.M: (Rom 8:28-39; Mt 13:36-43) Reader: Karl Moon

- Rep. Diab Rizk, Lorance Abou Diwan by George & Virginia Rizk

MONDAY 16: The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

- Special Intentions by Rob Kowalk
- Intentions of Bob & Patty Pollack
- 47th Wedding Anniversary

TUESDAY 17: St. Marina, Nun of Qannubine, Confessor

- Rep. Nazeer Zerka by Jim & Vicky Linden & Family

WEDNESDAY 18:

- Amira, Erica, Jon Paul and Anna Vicari by Mom

THURSDAY 19:

- Rep. Betty Mansour by Brian & Denise Mansour

FRIDAY 20: Elias, the Prophet

12NOON

- Rep. Hanna & Hanneh Khoury by Hector & Rose Khoury

SATURDAY 21:

5P.M.

- Rep. Mike Rizik by Lewis & Jeanette Walterhouse

SUNDAY 22: 9th Sunday of Pentecost

St. Nora, Martyr

St. Mary of Magdala

St. Ignatius of Loyola

10A.M: (2Cpr 5:20-6:10; Lk 4:14-21) Reader: Robert Pollack

- Rep. Georges & Nazeera Zerka & Kamel Assaf by Andre & Denise Zerka

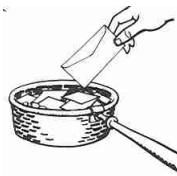
SUNDAY 29: 10th Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M: (1 Cor 12:1-11; Mt 12:22-32) Reader: David Allen

- Rep. John & Cecilia Wild by Earl & Mary Matte
- Rep. Peter Joubran
- 40 Day Memorial by Family

Weekly Contributions

June 17: \$1593
 June 24: \$2851
 July 1: \$2466
 July 8: \$1815



Announcements

The Parish Council will be having a Cruise Raffle on September 12, 2007. They would also like to have a Silent Auction. They are looking for donations of goods and services. If you have any questions please see Al Zerka. Ticket are available from any council member or the church office.

The children's bible school will be held Monday, July 16 thru Friday, July 20, 2007 from 1pm to 3pm. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions please see Natalie Zerka or Tony Massad.

The Ladies Cedar Club is hosting a fundraiser featuring Silpada Designs Fine Sterling Silver Jewelry on Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at 6pm at Our Lady of Lebanon Reception Center. Jewelry will be available to look at and try on. All funds raised will go to charity.



Church cleaning for the Month of July:

Elsie Shaheen,
& Yvonne Weissert

Altar Server Schedule

July 22: Team 3
 July 29: Team 4
 August 5: Team 1



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JULY

16-20 Children's Bible School
 22 Parish Picnic
 25-29 NAM Convention in Richmond Virginia

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

Saint Sharbel



On May 8, 1828 in a mountain village of Beka'kafra, the highest village in the near-east, Sharbel was born to a poor Maronite family. From childhood his life revealed a calling to **"bear fruit as a noble Cedar of Lebanon"**. Sharbel grew

in age and wisdom before God and men. At 23 years old he entered the monastery of Our Lady of Mayfouk (north of Byblos) where he became a novice. After two years of novitiate, in 1853, he was sent to St. Maron monastery where he pronounced the monastic vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Sharbel was then transferred to the monastery of Kfeifan where he studied philosophy and theology. His ordination to the priesthood took place in 1859, after which he was sent back to St. Maron monastery. His teachers provided him with good education and nurtured within him a deep love for monastic life.

During his 19 years at St. Maron monastery, Sharbel performed his priestly ministry and his monastic duties in an edifying way. He totally dedicated himself to Christ with undivided heart to live in silence before Nameless One. In 1875 Sharbel was granted permission to live as a hermit nearby the monastery at St. Peter and Paul hermitage. His 23 years of solitary life were lived in a spirit of total abandonment to God.

Sharbel's companions in the hermitage were the Sons of God, as encountered in the Scriptures and in the Eucharist, and the Blessed Mother. The Eucharist became the center of his life. He consumed the Bread of his Life and was consumed by it. Though this hermit did not have a place in the world, the world had a great place in his heart. Through prayer and penance he offered himself as a sacrifice so that the world would return to God. It is in this light that we see the importance of the following Eucharistic prayer in his life:

"Father of Truth, behold Your Son a sacrifice pleasing to You, accept this offering of Him who died for me..."

On December 16, 1898 while reciting the "Father of Truth" prayer at the Holy Liturgy Sharbel suffered a stroke. He died on Christmas Eve at the age of 70. Through faith this hermit received the Word of God and through love he continued the Ministry of Incarnation.

On the evening of his funeral, his superior wrote: *"Because of what he will do after his death, I need not talk about his behavior"*. A few months after his death, a bright light was seen surrounding his tomb. The superiors opened it to find his body still intact. Since that day ablood-like liquid flows from his body Experts and doctors are unable to give medical explanations for the incorruptibility and flexibility. In the years 1950 and 1952 his tomb was opened and his body still had the appearance of a living one.

The spirit of Sharbel still lives in many people. His miracles include numerous healings of the body and of the spirit. Thomas Merton, the American Hermit, wrote in his journal: "Sharbel lived as a hermit in Lebanon--he was a Maronite. He died. Everyone forgot about him.

Fifty years later, his body was found incorrupt and in short time he worked over 600 miracles.

At the closing of the Second Vatican Council, on December 5, 1965 Sharbel was beatified by Pope Paul VI who said:

"...a hermit of the Lebanese mountain is inscribed in the number of the blessed...a new eminent member of monastic sanctity is enriching, by his example and his intercession, the entire Christian people...May he make us understand, in a world largely fascinated by wealth and comfort, the paramount value of poverty, penance, and asceticism, to liberate the soul in its ascent to God..."

On October 9, 1977 during the World Synod of Bishops, Pope Paul VI canonized Blessed Sharbel among the ranks of the Saints.

"The just will flourish like the palm tree, like the Cedar of Lebanon shall he grow."
(Psalm 92:13)

