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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday July 8, 2007 – Sunday July 15, 2007

This Pastor has guts!!

Thought you might enjoy this interesting prayer given in Kansas at the opening session of their Senate. It seems prayer still upsets some people. When Pastor Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

"Heavenly Father, We come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!"

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In 6 short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Reverend Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa and Korea. Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, "The Rest of the Story," and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired. With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called "One Nation under God." If possible, please pass this prayer on to your friends.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JULY

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

WHAT IF???

God couldn't take the time to bless us today because we could not take the time to thank Him yesterday...



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.
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.

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 8: 7th Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M: (2Cor 3:1-6; Lk 10:1-7) Reader: Mary Matte
 - Rep. Jacob, Mary & Louie Zerka by George & Virginia Rizk
 - Rep. Gloria Mansour by Family

ARABIC MASS 12NOON

MONDAY 9:

- Special Intentions by Rob Kowalk

TUESDAY 10: The Massabki Brothers, Martyrs

- Rep. Mayford Penhaligon by Julia Shaker

WEDNESDAY 11: St. Benedict, Abbot

- Rep. Betty Mansour by Brian & Denise Mansour

THURSDAY 12:

- Rep. Elias Deibis by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

FRIDAY 13: Joel the Prophet

12NOON

- Rep. Boutros & Mariam Hasrouni by Hector & Rose Khoury

SATURDAY 14: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Confessor

5P.M.

- Rep. Zahran Deibis by Violet Deibis

SUNDAY 15: 8th Sunday of Pentecost

St. Sharbel (observed)

St. Kyriakos & St. Yolitits, Martyrs

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

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

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

Weekly Contributions

June 10:	\$1324
June 17:	\$1593
June 24:	\$2851
July 1:	\$2466



Announcements

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to Margaret LaBranch, Bob and Joanne Potts and their family. Joanne's dad Tom LaBranch passed away on Thursday, July 5, 2007.

O Lord in your grace grant rest to your servant Tom who sleeps in your hope. May Tom's soul rest in peace. Amen

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.

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.

There will be a Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, July 12, 2007 at 7pm.

There will be a Stewardship Committee meeting held on Thursday, July 12, 2007 at 6pm.

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
Month of July

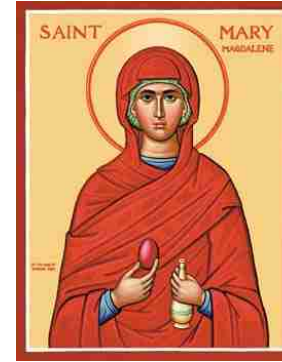
Elsie Shaheen
& Yvonne Weissert



Altar Server Schedule

July 15:	Team 2
July 22:	Team 3
July 29:	Team 4

Saint Mary Magdalene



Mary Magdalene, says the gospel of John, stood by the Cross of Calvary with Jesus' mother and Mary the wife of Clopas. Since the burial of Christ that evening had been hurried, Mary Magdalene, Mary Clopas and another brought spices before dawn on the following Sunday to finish the task. Much to their surprise, the stone of His tomb had been rolled away, and Jesus' body was no longer within.

The "Madeleine" at once ran back to the Cenacle to tell Peter and John of their discovery. The two apostles hurried over, saw the empty tomb, and left puzzled. Mary herself remained sadly at the sepulchre. When she looked into the tomb, she saw an angel, who asked her why she was crying. Then Jesus himself appeared to her outside. Thinking Him to be the gardener, she asked where the body was. Then He greeted her, "Mary!" When she heard that well known voice she recognized Him. But He sent her back to tell His disciples that she had seen Him, and He was indeed risen. It has been conjectured that Our Lord first appeared to his own mother, but Mary Magdalene was the first public witness to His rising.

There are three women mentioned in the gospels who had a very special rapport with Jesus. One is the sinful woman of Galilee who washed His feet with her tears and anointed Him with perfume. A second is Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, who loved to hear Him talk, and also anointed His head and feet during His last visit to Bethany. The third is Mary of Magdala, one of those who accompanied the apostles and served them. Since she is at one point described as one from whom Jesus expelled seven devils, many Christians have thought that she was the nameless sinful woman, and Mary of Bethany, too.

The perhaps natural confusion of the three devoted women was further complicated by divergent legends of what later became of the Magdalene. The Eastern Church said, rather plausibly, that she had gone to Ephesus to live, when St. John took Our Lady there to live with him. The Western Church, or at least the French Church, cherished the story that Mary of Magdalene-Bethany set sail with her brother Lazarus, her sister Martha, and other Christian friends, in a boat without oars, which carried them to the coast of southern France. There they became the first spokesmen of Christianity. In her last years, says the tale, Mary lived as a hermitess in an Alpine cave. Her body was eventually enshrined in the church of St. Madeline, Vezelay, France. However, ancient and popular in France, this narrative is now considered to be without foundation.

The Mary we venerate, then, on July 22, is that fortunate, affectionate person whom Jesus rewarded by commissioning her to be the first to announce to the world the Good News of His rising. The Church puts on her lips today the words of St. Paul: "He died for all so that those live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who for their sakes died and was raised up."

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Saint Mary Magdalene by your conversion you became the beloved of Jesus, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love.

You, who already possesses eternal happiness in His glorious presence, please intercede for me, so that someday I may share in the same everlasting joy.
Amen.

