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### SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD

A group of students studied the “Seven Wonders of the Modern World.” At the end of the lesson, the students were asked to list what they considered to be the seven wonders.

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student, a quiet girl, hadn’t turned in her paper yet. She asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, “Yes, a little. I couldn’t quite make up my mind because there were so many!” The teacher said, “Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help.” The girl hesitated, then read, “I think the ‘Seven Wonders of the World’ are:

1. to touch
2. to taste
3. to see
4. to hear
5. to run
6. to laugh
7. to love



It is far too easy for us to look at the exploits of man and refer to them as “wonders” while we overlook all God has done, regarding them as merely “ordinary.” May you be reminded today of those things which are truly wondrous.

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### Lent

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 of **fasting**.

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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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### MARCH

- 18 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 31 Easter Church Cleaning
- 31 Lenten Bake Sale

#### APRIL

- 1 Lenten Bake Sale
- 6 Good Friday
- 6 Great Friday Supper




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### Weekly Bulletin

Sunday March 4, 2007 – Sunday March 11, 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	9a.m.
	5p.m.
Sunday	10a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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  
Ann Faris



### Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

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



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY 4: Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman

10A.M.: (2 Cor 7:4-11; Lk 8:40-56) Reader: Robert Pollack

- Rep. Sister Helen Maroun by Sam
- Rep. Woody Mattar

40 Day Memorial by Family

- Living & Deceased Members of Allen Family by David & Gabrielle Allen & Family

### MONDAY 5:

- Rep. Sue Adado by Phil & Marie Faris

### TUESDAY 6:

- Rep. Joan Kennedy by Mary Ann Sheehan

### WEDNESDAY 7: The Seven Young Men of Ephesus, Martyrs

- Rep. Woody Mattar by Violet Deibis

### THURSDAY 8:

- Rep Frank Khosho by Sabah Hermiz Osi

### FRIDAY 9: The Forty Martyrs

12NOON

- Rep. Adebek Zaknoen by Ahlam Solomon & Family

### SATURDAY 10:

9A.M.:

- Special Intentions

5P.M.

- Rep. Winston Walterhouse by George & Louise Faris
- Rep. Nejme & Charlie Khalil by Moussa & Jamal Barnaba & Family

### SUNDAY 11: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

10A.M.: (2Cor 13:5-13; Lk 15:11-32) Reader: David Allen

- Rep. Norman Weissert by Yvonne
- Rep. John & Jeanne Shaheen by Daughters

### ARABIC MASS 12 NOON

- Rep. Antoine Massoud by Josef & Mona Massoud & Massoud Family

### SUNDAY 18:

10A.M.: (1Tim 5:24-6:5- Mk 2:1-12) Reader: Anthony Ferris

- Rep. Lopu Saverimuthu by Theresa Manoharan

#### Weekly Contributions

February 4: \$2013  
 February 11: \$2236  
 February 18: \$2106  
 February 25: \$2415



## Announcements

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Massoud Family in the passing of Antoine, Joe's brother and Jaber's father.

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

The Ladies Altar Society will be having a meeting on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This meeting will be held at the rectory.

There will be a Stewardship Committee meeting held on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 6pm.

There will be a Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 7pm.

Every Friday during the Lenten Season there will be no Adoration at 11am. Mass will still be celebrated at noon. There will be Adoration of the Cross every Friday at 6pm. Please spend some time with our Lord in prayer.

Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> begins daylight savings time. Remember spring forward and fall back. Don't forget to set your clocks. Happy Spring!

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of our parish we have helped feed families who are really in need. Unfortunately the shelves are a little bare. If you would like to contribute food items please place them in the food box in the Narthex. If you would like to give a monetary donation please see Deacon Marty.

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 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 March:

Cindy Shaheen

## The Seven Men of Ephesus

"The seven sleepers were natives of Ephesus. The Emperor Decius, who persecuted the Christians, having come to Ephesus, ordered the erection of temples in the city, that all might come and sacrifice before him; and he commanded that the Christians should be sought out and given their choice, either to worship the idols, or to die. So great was the consternation in the city, that the friend denounced his friend, the father his son, and the son his father.

"Now there were in Ephesus seven Christians, Maximian, Malchus, Marcian, Dionysius, John, Serapion, and Constantine by name. These refused to sacrifice to the idols, and remained in their houses praying and fasting. They were accused before Decius, and they confessed themselves to be Christians. However, the Emperor gave them a little time to consider what line they would adopt. They took advantage of this reprieve to dispense their goods among the poor, and they retired, all seven, to Mount Celion, where they determined to conceal themselves.

"One of their number, Malchus, in the disguise of a physician, went to the town to obtain victuals. Decius, who had been absent from Ephesus for a little while, returned, and gave orders for the seven to be sought. Malchus, having escaped from the town, fled, full of fear, to his comrades, and told them of the Emperor's fury. They were alarmed; and Malchus handed them the loaves he had bought, bidding them eat, that, fortified by the food, they might have courage in the time of trial. They ate, and then, as they sat weeping and speaking to one another, by the will of God they fell asleep.

"The pagans sought everywhere, but could not find them, and Decius was greatly irritated at their escape. He had their parents brought before him, and threatened them with death if they did not reveal the place of concealment; but they could only answer that the seven young men had distributed their goods to the poor, and that they were quite ignorant as to their whereabouts.

"Decius, thinking they might be hiding in a cave, blocked up the mouth with stones that they might perish of hunger."

"Three hundred and sixty years passed, and in the thirtieth year of the reign of Theodosius, there broke forth a heresy denying the resurrection of the dead.

"Now, it happened that an Ephesian was building a stable on the side of Mount Celion, and finding a pile of stones handy, he took them and thus opened the mouth of the cave. Then the seven sleepers awoke, and it was to them as if they had slept but a single night. They began to ask Malchus what decision Decius had given concerning them.

"He is going to hunt us down, and force us to sacrifice to the idols and 'God knows, we shall never do that.' Then they urged Malchus to go back to town to buy some more bread, and to obtain fresh information. Malchus took five coins and left the cave. On seeing the stones he was filled with astonishment; however, he went on toward the city; but what was his bewilderment, on approaching the gate, to see over it a cross! He went to another gate, and there he beheld the same sacred sign; and so he observed it over each gate of the city. He believed that he was suffering from the effects of a dream. He entered Ephesus, rubbing his eyes, and he walked to a baker's

shop. He heard people using our Lord's name, and he was more perplexed. 'Yesterday, no one dared pronounce the name of Jesus, and now it is on every one's lips. Now he entered a baker's shop, and laid down his money. The baker, examining the coin, inquired whether he had found a treasure. Thinking that he was discovered, and that they were about to give him to the emperor, implored them to let him alone, offering to leave loaves and money if they would allow him to escape. But the shop-men seizing him, said, 'Whoever you are, you have found a treasure; show us where it is, that we may share it with you, and then we will hide you.' Malchus was too frightened to answer. So they put a rope round his neck, and dragged him through the streets. The news soon spread that the young man had discovered a great treasure, and there crowd about him. He protested his innocence. No one recognised him, and his eyes, ranging over the faces which surrounded him, could not see one which he had known, or which was in the slightest degree familiar to him.

"St. Martin, the bishop, and Antipater, the governor ordered the young man to be brought before them, along with the bakers.

"The bishop and the governor asked him where he had found the treasure, and he replied that he had found none, and the few coins were his own. They was next asked where he came. He replied that he was a native of Ephesus. 'Send for your relations—your parents, if they live here,' 'They live here certainly,' replied the youth; and he spoke their names. No such names were known in the town. Then the governor exclaimed, 'How dare you say that this money belonged to your parents when it dates back three hundred and seventy-seven years, and is as old as the beginning of the reign of Decius, and it is utterly unlike our modern coinage? I shall make you suffer the severities of the law till you show where you made the discovery.'

"I implore you,' cried Malchus, 'in the name of God, answer me a few questions, and then I will answer yours. Where is the Emperor Decius gone to?'

"The bishop answered, 'My son, there is no emperor of that name; he died long ago.'

"Malchus replied, 'All I hear perplexes me more and more. Follow me, and I will show you my comrades who fled with me into the cave of Mount Celion, only yesterday, to escape the cruelty of Decius'

"The bishop turned to the governor. 'The hand of God is here,' he said. Malchus entered first into the cave and the bishop after him. And there they saw the martyrs seated in the cave, with their faces fresh and blooming as roses; so glorified God. As soon as the saints beheld the Emperor, their faces shone like the sun, and the Emperor gave thanks unto God, and embraced them, and said, 'I see you, as though I saw the Savior restoring Lazarus.' Maximian replied, 'Believe us! for the faith's sake, God has resuscitated us before the great resurrection day, in order that you may believe firmly in the resurrection of the dead. For as the child is in its mother's womb living and not suffering, so have we lived without suffering, fast asleep.' And having thus spoken, they bowed their heads, and their souls returned to their Maker.