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**Weekly Bulletin**      **Sunday March 18, 2007 – Sunday March 25, 2007**



Knights of Columbus of the Maronite Churches of the Greater Detroit Area cordially invite you to join us at a dinner for the Benefit of the Christian Television Station

**Noursat / Tele-Lumiere**  
Under the patronage of their Excellencies

The Most Reverend **Robert Shaheen**, Bishop of the Eparchy Our Lady of Lebanon  
And  
The Most Reverend **Gregory John Mansour**, Bishop of the Eparchy of St. Maron  
Friday, April 13, 2007 @ 8:00PM

**SAN MARINO CLUB** • 1685 Big Beaver Rd, Troy Tel 248-689-4615  
LIVE MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT by Imad Batayeh & His Band • DINNER • PREMIUM OPEN BAR

**Donation: \$65.00**

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رعها لقناة نور سات الفضائية المسيحية التي تنشر الايمان المسيحي ومحبة الله في كافة انحاء العالم  
وذلك يوم الجمعة المصادف 13 نيسان 2007 على قاعة سان مارينو الواقعة على  
1685 E. BIG BEAVER RD. TROY TEL. 248-689-4615

يشترك معنا الفنان عماد بطايح وفرقته الموسيقية  
التبرع 65.00 دولار

من ضمنها العشاء الفاخر والمشروبات الروحية

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If you are interested in attending please see Fr. Jihad for tickets.

**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  
Sam Marino  
Dorothy Mattar  
Sharon Griffiths  
Ann Farish



**Our Lady of Lebanon  
Office Hours**

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



# MASS INTENTIONS

## SUNDAY 18: Sunday of the Blind Man The Annunciation

10A.M.: (2 Cor 10:1-7; Mk 10:46-52) Reader: Freda Hearsch  
- Rep. Yvonne, Elias & Youssef Najjar by  
Eva Joubran & Family

## MONDAY 19:

- Rep.

## TUESDAY 20:

- Rep.

## WEDNESDAY 21:

- Rep.

## THURSDAY 22:

- Rep.

## FRIDAY 23:

12NOON

- Rep.

## SATURDAY 24:

9A.M.:

- Special Intentions

5P.M.

- Rep.

## SUNDAY 25: Sunday of the Blind Man The Annunciation

10A.M.: (2 Cor 10:1-7; Mk 10:46-52) Reader: Freda Hearsch  
- Rep. Yvonne, Elias & Youssef Najjar by  
Eva Joubran & Family

## SUNDAY, April 1: Palm Sunday

10A.M.: () Reader: Clergy  
- Living & Deceased of Shaheen & Okal  
Families by Family

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### MARCH

31 Easter Church Cleaning

31 Lenten Bake Sale

#### APRIL

1 Lenten Bake Sale

6 Good Friday

6 Great Friday Supper

8 Easter



### Announcements

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to Caroline Badr, her children and the Badr Family in the loss of their loved one Wajdi.

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

Our deepest sympathy to Bob and Sharon Griffiths in the pass of Sharon's aunt Rose Johnson. Rose passed away Monday, March 12, 2006.

Lord, Grant rest to your servant Rose and may your perpetual light shine upon her. May Rose's soul rest in peace. Amen

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.

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

### Altar Server Schedule

March 25: Team 4  
April 1: Palm Sunday, All Altar Servers  
April 5: Holy Thursday, All Altar Servers  
April 6: Good Friday, All Altar Servers  
April 8: Easter Sunday, All Altar Servers



### Weekly Contributions

February 18: \$2106  
February 25: \$2415  
March 4: \$2022  
March 11: \$2264

St. Rafqa



It's not hard to find God's presence in Francis of Assisi, Vincent de Paul or Mother Teresa. These holy people touched many lives and are world figures. But God works also in the lowly and hidden, as God did in the little village of Himlaya, tucked in the cedar- rich mountains of Lebanon. There, Boutroussieh Ar-Rayês was born to poor, devout Maronite Catholics. Her mother died when Boutroussieh was seven. At 11, she already worked as a maid to help support the family. At 18, she entered a community of teaching sisters where she was called Sister Anissa. She lived a quiet life teaching young girls for 18 years. In 1871, her community merged with another that had a similar charisma. Each sister could choose to join the new community or enter a cloistered community. At 39, Anissa chose the cloistered Baladite Ordet She took the name of her deceased mother, Rafqa (Rebecca).

### Mid-life Changes

God writes in crooked lines and tosses us about until we are where God wants us to be. Rafqa was serenely happy in her new home. She did the daily chores of cloistered life with a joyful spirit. We are reminded of St. Thérèse of Lisieux and her little way, doing ordinary things extraordinarily well. One sister who lived with Rafqa at this time stated, "During my stay with her she was simple-hearted, happy in every situation; she had no temper...was never angry or disturbed. Nor did anyone become angry with her. We all agree she became a saint because of her good-heartedness." But what is the cost of loving in all the ordinary circumstances of life with its moments of coping with frustration, experiencing selfishness or holding back anger to show a kind face? Sanctity demands that loving price from all of us. Accomplishing the great things depends on the call of God.

### To Be Like Jesus

God was not finished with Rafqa. In 1885, the 53-year-old religious went to chapel to pray. In her own words, "Seeing that I was in good health and that I had never been sick all my life, I prayed to God in this way, 'Why, my God, are you so far from me? You have never visited me with sickness! Have you perhaps abandoned me?'" That very night she began to experience extremely severe pain in her head. The pain moved to her eyes and lasted 29 years. Doctors could find no cure. In time she became blind and crippled, having movement only in her wrists and hands.



Through it all, she remained joyful, even grateful to God for the gift of suffering. She said, "I have no right to complain." Most of us go kicking and screaming any time we feel a little pain or discomfort. What makes a person embrace suffering? Perhaps the answer lies in this: Rafqa was so in love with her Lord that she, like Francis of Assisi, wanted to identify with Jesus in all things, even in his suffering. While she didn't move physical mountains, she taught us the power of love in the midst of pain. Once more God raises up the lowly.

• June 29, 1832  
Born in Himlaya, Lebanon

• July 12, 1871  
Transferred to cloistered monastery in Aito, Lebanon, where she later prayed to be one with the sufferings of Jesus

• March 23, 1914  
Died in Gerabta, Batroun, Lebanon

• June 10, 2001  
Canonized by Pope John Paul II in Rome



'Passionate and Generous Love'

'In the sufferings which never left her for 29 years of her life, St. Rafqa always showed a passionate and generous love for the salvation of her brothers, drawing from her union with Christ, who died on the cross, the force to accept voluntarily and to love suffering....May St. Rafqa watch over those who know suffering particularly over the peoples of the Middle East who must face a destructive and sterile spiral of violence. Through her intercession, let us ask the Lord to open hearts to the patient quest for new ways to peace.'

—homily from the Mass of canonization