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Weekly Bulletin Sunday July 20, 2008 – Sunday July 27, 2008

Mark Your Calendar


August
15 Assumption of the Blessed Mother

September
17 Cruise Raffle



Weekly Contributions


| | |
|----------|--------|
| June 22: | \$2265 |
| June 29: | \$2208 |
| July 6: | \$2990 |
| July 13: | \$2592 |



Church cleaning for July:
Mary Matte

Altar Server Schedule

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| July 27: | Team 3 |
| August 3: | Team 1 |



Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar
Deacon Martin Rachid
Subdeacon Earl Matte

Parish Staff

Pam Aziz – Parish Secretary
Darrell Frye – Maintenance
Pat Haley – Caterer

Parish Leaders

Chuck Solomon – Parish Council
Dee Gardner – Choir Director
Dottie Byrnes – Organist
Freda Hearsch – Religious Education
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar Society



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

1/2 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
Hanneh Chammas
Hap Maroun
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Dorothy Mattar
Wanda Maroun
Phillip Shaker



**Our Lady of Lebanon
Office Hours**

Monday 10am – 3pm
Tuesday 10am – 3pm
Wednesday 10am – 3pm
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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 20: 11th Sunday of Pentecost The Feast of St. Sharbel Elias the Prophet

10A.M: (Eph 2:17-33; Lk 19:1-10) Reader: Diane Massad
- Rep. Karime Rizk by Mike & Madeleine Zerka
- Rep. Antoinette Assis by Family & Friends
40 Day Memorial

MONDAY 21:
- Rep. Milad Lahoud by Family
11am Funeral Mass

TUESDAY 22: St. Nohra
- Rep. Ferris Adado by Mary Ann Sheehan

WEDNESDAY 23: St. Sharbel
- Rep. Mike Rizik by Mathew & Lesa Faris

THURSDAY 24: St. Christina of Tyre
- Rep. Delores Grossi by Francis & Salwa Haddad

FRIDAY 25:
12NOON
- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Bob & Joanne Potts

SATURDAY 26:
- Rep. Nazeer Zerka by Jim & Vicky Linden & Family

**SUNDAY 27: 12th Sunday of Pentecost
St. Pantaleon**

10A.M: (Eph 3:1-13; Mt 15:21-28) Reader: Earl Matte
- Rep. Charlie Rossie by Family
- Rep. Karime Rizk by Louise Shaheen
- Rep. Wagih Khazaal by Mike & Madeleine Zerka & Family
40 Day Memorial

SUNDAY August 3: 13th Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M: (1Cor 3:1-11; Lk 8:1-15) Reader: MYO
- Rep. Wagih Khazaal by Najib & Siham Massad
- Rep. Karime Rizk by Francis & Salwa Haddad

**Live as though Christ died yesterday,
rose from the grave today, and is
coming back tomorrow.**

--Theodore Epp



Announcements

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Milad Lahoud who passed away on Thursday, July 17, 2008.

O Lord, Grant rest to your servernt
Milad, may your perpetual light
shine upon him. May his soul
rest in peace. Amen

If you have keys to the church, office or any where in our building will you please see Pam in the office or call her on the phone. Thank you, Fr. Hanna

We would like to thank all those who helped make our festival a great success. Everyone worked so hard and we really appreciate it. In the Narthex of the church you will find some forms for comments and suggestions. Please feel free to fill them out and return them to the comment/suggestion box. We would like to know what people thought and if you have any suggestions for next year. Again thanks so much to everyone for all your help.

Due to the lack of coordinators we will be unable to have Bible School this year.

If you shop at VG's or know anyone who does, please save your receipts and turn them in to the office or you can put them in the drop box in the Narthex.

During the summer months we realize that it gets hot, but please remember to dress appropriately. Keep in mind that you are in God's house.

The new organ is here! The choir has made two payments totaling \$30,000. There is a balance of \$15,000. If you would like to make a donation please see Dee Gardner.



Prayer for Personal Vocation

Lord, my God and my loving Father, You have made me to know You, to love You, to serve You, and thereby to find and to fulfill myself. I know that You are in all things, and that every path can lead me to You. But of them all, there is one especially by which You want me to come to You. Since I will do what You want of me, I pray You, send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what You want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all my strength right to the end.
Amen.

Saint Christina of Tyre



The Martyr Christina lived during the third century. She was born into a rich family, and her father was governor of Tyre. By the age of 11 the girl was exceptionally beautiful, and many wanted to marry her. Christina's father, however, envisioned that his daughter should become a pagan priestess. To this end he placed her in a special dwelling where he had set up many gold and silver idols, and he commanded his daughter to burn incense before them. Two servants attended Christina.

In her solitude, Christina began to wonder who had created this beautiful world. From her room she was delighted by the stars of the heavens and she constantly came back to the thought about the Creator of all the world. She was convinced, that the voiceless and inanimate idols in her room could not create anything, since they themselves were created by human hands. She began to pray to the One God with tears, entreating Him to reveal Himself. Her soul blazed with love for the Unknown God, and she intensified her prayer all the more, and combined it with fasting.

One time Christina was visited by an angel, who instructed her in the true faith in Christ, the Savior of the world. The angel called her a bride of Christ and told her about her future suffering. The holy virgin smashed all the idols standing in her room and threw them out the window. In visiting his daughter Christina's father, Urban, asked her where all the idols had disappeared. Christina was silent. Then, having summoned the servants, Urban learned the truth from them.

In a rage the father began to slap his daughter's face. At first, the holy virgin remained quiet, but then she told her father about her faith in the One True God, and that she had destroyed the idols with her own hands. Urban gave

orders to kill all the servants in attendance upon his daughter, and he gave Christina a fierce beating and threw her in prison. Having learned about what had happened, St Christina's mother came in tears, imploring her to renounce Christ and to return to her ancestral beliefs. But Christina remained unyielding. On another day, Urban brought his daughter to trial and urged her to offer worship to the gods, and to ask forgiveness for her misdeeds. Instead, he saw her firm and steadfast confession of faith in Christ.

The torturers tied her to an iron wheel, beneath which they lit a fire. The body of the martyr, turning round on the wheel, was scorched on all sides. They then threw her into prison.

An angel of God appeared at night, healing her wounds and strengthening her with food. Her father, seeing her unharmed, gave orders to drown her in the sea. An angel sustained the saint while the stone sank down, and Christina miraculously came out of the water and reappeared before her father. In terror, the torturer imputed this to sorcery and he decided to execute her in the morning. That night he himself suddenly died. Another governor, Dion, was sent in his place. He summoned the holy martyr and also tried to persuade her to renounce Christ, but seeing her unyielding firmness, he again subjected her to cruel tortures. The holy martyr was for a long while in prison. People began to flock to her, and she converted them to the true faith in Christ. Thus about 300 were converted.

In place of Dion, a new governor Julian arrived and resumed the torture of the saint. After various torments, Julian gave orders to throw her into a red-hot furnace and lock her in it. After five days they opened the furnace and found the martyr alive and unharmed. Seeing this miracle take place, many believed in Christ the Savior, and the torturers executed St Christina with a sword.

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