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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday June 22, 2008 – Sunday June 29, 2008

Mark Your Calendar

July
2-6 NAM Convention – New Jersey
11-12 Festival
14-16 Youth Convention
28- 1 Summer Bible School



Weekly Contributions

May 25: \$2264
June 1: \$2477
June 8: \$1925
June 15: \$2963



Church cleaning for June:

Yvonne Weissert

Altar Server Schedule

June 29: Team 2
July 6: Team 3



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



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:



Sarah Marshall
Hanneh Chammas
Hap Maroun
Joe Faris
Doris Beck
Ann Faris
Dorothy Mattar
Wanda Maroun



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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 22: 7th Sunday of Pentecost St. Eusebius

10A.M: (2Cor 3:1-6; Lk 10:1-7) Reader: Clergy
- Rep. Eddie Rashid by Chuck Solomon
- Rep. Karime Rizk by Haddad Family

MONDAY 23: Council of Ephesus

- Rep. Sam Marino by John Daidone

TUESDAY 24: The Birth of John the Baptist

- Rep. Ferris Adado by Yvonne Weissert

WEDNESDAY 25: Zechariah & Elizabeth

- Rep. Mike Rizik by Bob & Joanne Potts

THURSDAY 26:

- NO MASS

FRIDAY 27:

12NOON

- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Hector & Rose Khoury

SATURDAY 28: St. Irenaeus

- Rep. Mary Lou Crusin by Altar Society

SUNDAY 29: 8th Sunday of Pentecost

The Apostles St. Peter & St. Paul

10A.M: (2Cor 11:21-30; Mt 16:13-20) Reader: Ferris Anthony

- Living & Deceased Members of Maroun Family by Sam

- Rep. Geryes & Nazira Zerka and Antoine, George & John Nehme by Milad & Georgette Zerka

SUNDAY July 6: 9th Sunday of Pentecost St. Maria Goretti

10A.M: (2Cor 5:20-6:10; Lk 4:14-21) Reader: MYO

- Rep. Gloria Mansour by Family
- Rep. Karime Rizk by Family
40 Day Memorial

Parish Expenses for May

Income for May was \$16,409
Expenses for May were \$21,426.02
Net loss for May was **\$-5,017.02**

The choir is raising money to purchase a new organ for the church. They need \$45,000. If you would like to make a donation please see Dee Gardner.



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.

Announcements

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to George and Louise Faris in the passing of Louise's sister Mary Lou Crusin.

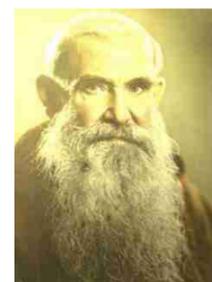
Grant rest to your faithful servant
Mary Lou may your perpetual light
shine upon her. May Mary's soul
rest in peace. Amen

It has been decided that our mass schedule for Sundays will remain the same. Mass will be celebrated at 10am.

Thank you so much for all of the cards and masses for my sister Mary Lou. God Bless you all, George and Louise Faris.

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.

Aboona Yacob Haddad the Capuchin



Aboona Yacoob, in English Father Jacob, was a Capuchin Priest, from Ghazir, Kesrwan, Lebanon. He joined the Capuchins after, he returned from Egypt. His life was trusting God, and the Rosary is a witness to his devotion of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He used it in his traveling during the nights from place to place, to preach and teach all over Lebanon and Syria.

Aboona Yacoob was a Maronite who joined the Franciscan life to labor in the vineyard of the Lord. He consecrated his life to preach the Word of God, and rescue the poor, the orphans, and the handicap. What he achieved in his life is a miracle. He was respected by the politicians, and religious from all the religions.

If we describe him; his appearance and his personality are similar to Prophet, Saint Elias, with his long beard and brown cassock, with his large eyes and large eye brows which enhanced his respect.

His vocation was matured through his experience in life and his skills as a teacher which helped him to understand the difficulties and the struggling of the Lebanese Family during the turn of the Nineteenth Century. The Lebanese society was facing the two movements, such as moving from the agricultural civilization to the industrial society and the immigration from the towns to the cities, and from Lebanon to Egypt and America.

Khalil Haddad, the oldest son of the Family went to Egypt to become an Arabic teacher, at Saint Mark High School, Alexandria, Egypt. He started to earn money and send it to support his father who was raising his large family. Suddenly, Khalil, his name before his religious life, surprised him by losing his job seeking the religious life. Also, it was difficult to his father to see him join an order that is living in poverty. After his perseverance, Khalil join the order of the Capuchins, and studied philosophy, and theology to be prepared for the ordination. During that time, Brother Yacoob was active preaching in the villages around the monastery. He was ordained a priest, January 11, 1901. On his way to his hometown, Aboona Yacoob Haddad had an accident. The horse carriage fell into the pit. He was deeply wounded, and two people were killed. The providence of God protected him. He survived miraculously and celebrated his first Mass with his family.

In the first incident was a remarkable event in his life. Probably, the accident shaped his monastic life. He considered it as a providence his life was spurred to do good. Even though he was disturbed by the death of those who were traveled with him, he celebrated with courage the Mass. Every mass is similar to his first one. Like many saint the Eucharist is the source of his courage and his activities.

After his ordination, Aboona Yacoob was active to spread the spirituality, of Saint Francis, among the laity. He encourages them to join the Third Order. Many clergy joined the order. September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the Day of the Convention and pilgrimage of the Order to Our Lady of Lebanon, Harissa. With these activities, Aboona Yacoob was a good preacher, a Master of Retreats for the Clergy, and the Laity. Mostly, he walked during the night

praying his Rosary, preparing his homilies, and meditating. Those who knew him, said, he was a good confessor.

During World War I, Aboona Yacoob, was in charge of the Capuchin Order in Lebanon. After, Turkey entered to the War against France; The French Capuchins were obliged to leave Lebanon. They trusted their proprieties to the Lebanese Capuchins. Aboona Yacoob was head of the community. Aboona Yacoob did his best to rescue the people from starvation. He used to travel from place to place to bury the dead and rescue the living. He was in peril to be executed, but his honesty rescued him and Saint Louis, Latin Cathedral of Beirut.

After the war, Aboona Yacoob with the French soldiers started the soup kitchen all over the place to rescue the people, who survived the starvation that eliminated a third of the country. He faced a large number of orphans and widows and neglected people. He trusted the Providence of God and the French government to rescue the despaired people. He started his school system, a small gathering, and orphanages in different places.

With that, his heart was with the young Lebanese who left their country seeking a new life. This new chance is a peril of losing the morality, and the Lebanese identity. His dream was to have a Cross, over a mountain, a sign of hope for the living, a sign of life for those who died without honoring their bodies, because of the war and starvation, and a sign of protection for the emigrants. He started his project of the Cross, May 3, 1923. He consecrated the Church, September 14, 1923, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

After opening the building, Aboona Yacoob found an elderly priest living without dignity. He took him to live in his nursing home. Many elderly people lived there. Every day, the number was growing. Aboona Yacoob was seeking help from the women of the Third order. They were the nucleus of the Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Cross. The Franciscan Sisters were trainers of the new order. Sister Marie Zoghib was the first Mother Superior of the New Order.

In 1937, Aboona Yacoob started to work with the municipalities and the Lebanese Government to receive more handicap, and psychological cases. The place started to grow by receiving people. They were in need of food and water. Finally, with the help of the Lebanese Government, Aboona Yacoob provided water to the place.

The Last project was the Christ the King. It is a place, a nursing home for the clergy and a place of prayer and retreat.

Aboona Yacoob was a man of God. He was dealing with the reality of life with experience and with the eyes of the Lord. The Holy Spirit was his inspiration. His life was stable and harmonious. He lived an ordinary life. He prayed regularly, fasting like others. In his life, he did his best to do charitable works. He let God do the impossible. He is a typical Lebanese. He was concerned of emigration of the new generation.

Aboona Yacoob died at the age of 79 years old. During his life, he received many awards from the governments of France and Lebanon. Most of all the people recognized him as a saint. Recently, the Church has declared him, Honorable, in the future he will be declared Blessed. May his prayer be with us?

By Fr. Ghattas Khoury

The beatification of Aboona Yacob is on Sunday June 22, 2008. We ask God to give us his Grace through the prayers of the Blessed Aboona Yacob.