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Mark Your Calendar

December

25 Christmas Day the Birth of our Lord
31 New Year's Eve

READ THE FIRST LINE CAREFULLY.

If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

Happy moments, praise God.
Difficult moments, seek God.
Quiet moments, worship God.
Painful moments, trust God.
Every moment, thank God.

Altar Server Schedule

December 28: Team 1
January 4: Team 2



Church cleaning for December:

Diane Massad




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Weekly Bulletin Sunday December 21, 2008 – Sunday December 28, 2008

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.

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:



Sue Stubbert
Milad Zerka
Rose Khoury
Michelle Garey

Sarah Marshall
Hanneh Chammas
Hap Maroun
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Dorothy Mattar
Wanda Maroun
Joe Pavlovich
Phillip Shaker
Amy Burke



Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

Monday 10am – 3pm
Tuesday 10am – 3pm
Wednesday 10am – 3pm
Thursday 10am – 3pm
Friday 10am – 3pm



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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 21: Genealogy Sunday

10A.M: (Rom 1:1-12; Mt 1:1) Reader: Earl Matte

- Rep. Mary Faris by Family
- Rep. Charlie Rossie by Delore Shaker

MONDAY 22: Blessed Jacopone da Todi

- Rep. Daoud Nissan by Juleit Hermiz

TUESDAY 23: St. John of Kanty

- Rep. Reynaldo Reyes by Medin Reyes & Family

WEDNESDAY 24: Christmas Eve Day

- Intentions of all Parishioners

THURSDAY 25: Christmas Day

The Glorious Birth of Our Lord

Mass at 10am and Arabic Mass at 12noon

- Intentions of all Parishioners

FRIDAY 26: Felicitations to the Virgin Mary

Office closed, no mass or adoration today.

SATURDAY 27: St. Stephen, Martyr

- Rep. Joe Ferris by Phil & Fran Adado
- Rep. Hannie Nasr by Sue Stubbert

SUNDAY 28: Finding of the Lord in the Temple Adoration of the Magi

10A.M: (Col 1:15-23; Jn 1:1-18) Reader: Mary Matte

- Rep. Tammy Barawdi
6th Anniversary
- Deceased & Living Members of Maroun & Sauder Families by Sam

SUNDAY January 4: Feast of the Epiphany

10A.M: (Heb 7:11-19; Lk 2:41-52) Reader:

- Rep. Sam Marino by Patty Suski
- Rep. Aida Abou Zeidan
40 Day Memorial by Milad & Georgette Zerka & Family
- Int. Rob & Julie Kowalk by Choir



Congratulations to Jonathan Lahoud who was baptized in our parish on Sunday, December 7, 2008. God Bless You Jonathan!

Congratulations to Eric and Lisa Lindhurst and



family for the birth of their seventh child, Stephen. He was born on 12/18/2008. May God bless Stephen and his family .

Announcements



The parish office will be closed on December, 25th and 26th. Mass will be held on December 24 at 6pm and on December 25 at 10am. There will be mass on Friday, December 26, 2008 at 9 am for the Feast of the Felicitations to the Virgin Mary (no adoration at 11am).



On December 26th Father welcomes all to the rectory if you would like to stop by and visit for the Christmas Holiday.



Bible Study classes are held Tuesday at 7pm.



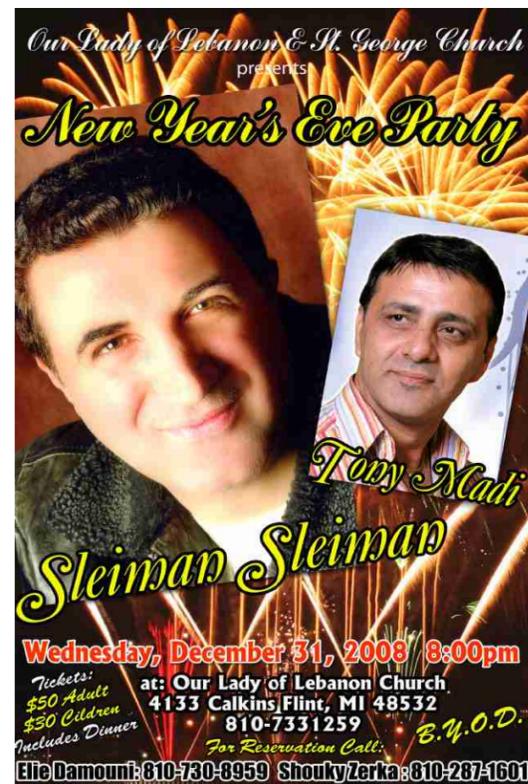
Rose Khoury wishes to thank all the parishioners who sent her cards, visited her or prayed for her ... May the Lord bless them all.



Don't forget your contribution envelopes

Contribution envelopes are now available in the Narthex. If you do not see a box of envelopes with your name on it please call the church office.

If you have contribution envelopes that you are behind on please consider catching them up as soon as possible. Sometime around the middle of January the printing of yearly contribution statements will take place. If anyone has any questions please call the office.



He Could Have...But He Didn't.

He could have gotten a royal treatment but instead He chose to be every man and every woman. The first people to greet Him were not the aristocrats or the leaders of society but the lowly shepherds who smelled of sheep. They were probably the poor and the least educated members of society – but He chose them. And this is his Christmas message. It is not just about the romance with which we portray Christmas that makes it so special. It is the fact that Jesus brought to us, through his birth, a message of great love. He loves us poor or rich, educated or uneducated, young and old. He loves us even at times when we don't love ourselves.

I wonder where a modern day Jesus would have been born- but am sure he would not have chosen our five star hotels- maybe a modest home, a farm and even a garage. Jesus wanted to tell us that God does not look at appearances, at the surface of things or how glamorous things are. It is not about a huge Christmas tree or an amazing Christmas party. It's what's in your heart that matters the most, your faith in God, your love for yourself, for God and for your neighbor. Do you have anger, hatred, jealousy, and greed inside you? Or do have love, hope, forgiveness and goodwill? This is where Jesus looks – this where he will be looking for your celebration of his Birth.

Jesus did not come as an armed leader filled with pompous pride. He came to us as a baby and a baby is always a sign of new life, a better future and hope in tomorrow. A baby is also a sign of innocence and of love.

Live that peaceful Jesus- let Him inside your heart and let Him shine through you this Christmas. That would be the greatest gift you can give Him.

May this Christmas bring peace to your hearts and minds, may it fill you up with love and fuel you with hope and optimism.

Father Hanna TAYAR

St. Stephen

Feastday: December 26

Patron of Stonemasons



Stephen's name means "crown," and he was the first disciple of Jesus to receive the martyr's crown. Stephen was a deacon in the early Christian Church. The apostles had found that they needed helpers to look after the care of the widows and the poor. So they ordained seven deacons, and Stephen is the most famous of these.

Organ Concert at Our Lady of Lebanon

The Organ Concert was a great success! The performers were fantastic. Everyone in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the evening. We had approximately 175 people and almost as many compliments; not only for the music, but food as well. In addition we've had many requests for: "Lets do it again!" For the record, \$1,054,50 was received in donations at the concert, all of which will reduce the debt. To date we have raised \$42,500, leaving a balance owing of \$2,000. This will be paid by year end from two donors.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! This organ is for God's House and will serve our church for years to come in worship and in prayer!

Thanks to all of you who came to the concert, and a special thanks to those who have donated their time, talent and treasures, not only to make this event one to remember, but for all of the special events throughout the years!

Gods' Blessings upon us all...

Dee and Duane