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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekly Bulletin Sunday December 14, 2008 – Sunday December 21, 2008

Mark Your Calendar

December

13-14 Christmas Collection for decorations following mass by the Altar Society

20 Church Cleaning at 10am

21 Altar Society's decorating the church following mass

25 Christmas Day the Birth of our Lord

31 New Year's Eve

Altar Server Schedule

December 21: Team 3
December 28: Team 1



Church cleaning for December:
All Altar Society Members



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 14: The Revelation to Joseph St. Nemtallah El-Hardini the Confessor

10A.M. (Eph 3:1-13; Mt 1:18-25) Reader: Diane Massad
- Living and Deceased of the Shaheen & Okal Families
- Rep. Charlie Rossie by Hikmat Karyakose & Family

MONDAY 15: Blessed Mary Frances Schervier

- Rep. Mike O'Brien by Bob & Pat Pollack

TUESDAY 16: Blessed Honoratus Kozminski

- Rep. Herlan Purett by Tom & Linda Macksood

WEDNESDAY 17: Lazarus

- Rep. Dr. John Zerka by Joan Caras

THURSDAY 18: Daniel the Prophet & His 3 Companions, Martyrs

- Rep. Charlie Rossie by Nadia Sob

FRIDAY 19: Blessed Pope Urban

12NOON

- Rep. Genna M. Nayagam by James & Theresa Manoharan

SATURDAY 20: St. Ignatius of Antioch

- Rep. Victoria Salim by Shirley & Family
- Rep. Emilio Garcia by Millie Hendrick & Family

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

SUNDAY 28: Finding of the Lord in the Temple

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

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.

Announcements

Scott Shaheen, Marcus Rossie and Johnny Solomon were re-elected for another 2 year term. Nahida Hanna and Tom Macksood were appointed by Fr. Hanna. Jason Klansack will replace Josef Massoud on the parish council as a representative for the Stewardship Committee. The alternative members are Elie Damouni and Shouki Zerka. Congratulations to all of you!

The Christmas Novena will begin on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 6pm and will end on December 24, 2008. Please try to prepare your Christmas well.

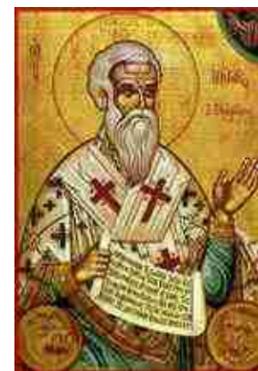
Congratulations to Jonathan Lahoud who was baptized on Sunday, June 7, 2008. God Bless you Jonathan!

A special thank to everyone who donated the flowers for Christmas. They are beautiful!

The Ladies Altar Society will be taking up a collection to help cover the cost for the Christmas decorations. They will be collecting Saturday, December 13th and Sunday, December 14th following Liturgy.

We are looking for Sunday lectors. If you are willing to read on Sundays it would only be about once every 8 to 10 weeks. If you are interested please call Pam in the parish office.

St. Ignatius of Antioch



(right teaching) and "orthopraxy" (right practice) among the early Christians.

In 107, during the reign of the brutal Emperor Trajan, this holy Bishop was wrongfully sentenced to death because he refused to renounce the Christian faith. He was taken under guard to Rome where he was to be brutally devoured by wild beasts in a public spectacle. During his journey, his travels took him through Asia Minor and Greece. He made good use of the time by writing seven letters of encouragement, instruction and inspiration to the Christians in those communities. We still have these letters as a great treasure of the Church today.

The content of the letters addressed the hierarchy and structure of the Church as well as the content of the orthodox Christian faith. It was Bishop Ignatius who first used the term "catholic" to describe the whole Church. These letters connect us to the early Church and the unbroken, clear teaching of the Apostles which was given to them directly by Jesus Christ. They also reveal the holiness of a man of God who became himself a living letter of Christ. The shedding his blood in the witness of holy martyrdom was the culmination of a life lived conformed to Jesus Christ. Ignatius sought to offer himself, in Christ, for the sake of the Church which he loved. His holy martyrdom occurred in the year 107.

In his pastoral letters he regularly thanked his brother and sister Christians for their concern for his well being but insisted on following

through in his final witness of fidelity: "I know what is to my advantage. At last I am becoming his disciple. May nothing entice me till I happily make my way to Jesus Christ! Fire, cross, struggles with wild beasts, wrenching of bones, mangling of limbs-let them come to me, provided only I make my way to Jesus Christ. I would rather die and come to Jesus Christ than be king over the entire earth. Him I seek who died for us; him I love who rose again because of us."

Bishop Ignatius was not afraid of death. He knew that it had been defeated by the Master. He followed the Lord Jesus into his Passion, knowing that he would rise with Him in his Resurrection. He wrote to the disciples in Rome: "Permit me to imitate my suffering God ... I am God's wheat and I shall be ground by the teeth of beasts, that I may become the pure bread of Christ." The beauty of this Eucharistic symbolism in these words reflects the deep theology of a mystic. He was dedicated to defending the true teaching handed down by the Apostles so that the brothers and sisters in the early Christian communities, and we who stand on their shoulders, would never be led astray by false teaching. He urged them to always listen to their Bishops because they were the successors of the Apostles. He died a Martyr's death in Rome, devoured by two lions in one of the cruel demonstrations of Roman excess and animosity toward the true faith.

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St. Ignatius Prayer

Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve You as You deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, except to know that I am doing Your Will.

Pray for us St. Ignatius, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Amen

