

Weekly Contributions

January 6: \$2612
 January 13: \$1821
 January 20: \$1313
 January 27: \$2512



Church cleaning for February:
 Cindy Shaheen

Altar Server Schedule

February 10: Team 3
 February 17: Team 1



Mark Your Calendar

February

4 Ash Monday the beginning of Lent
 9 Feast of Saint Maron
 9 Feast of Saint Maron Hafli following
 5pm Liturgy
 9 No Religious Ed classes today
 22-24 MYO Retreat in Cleveland

March

16 Palm Sunday
 16 No Religious Ed classes today
 20 Holy Thursday
 21 Good Friday
 23 Easter Sunday
 23 No Religious Ed classes today

Vocation Discernment Weekend

If God is calling you, the Church needs you! Our Eparchy will be conducting a weekend retreat for men (college age and older) who feel that they might be called to serve the church as priests. This weekend will take place on February 16, 17 & 18 at the Maronite Seminary in Washington, D.C. It will include some informal talks and interaction with the seminarians and priests and will give you the opportunity to ask any questions. Any man who feels that he might be called to be a priest, should call the pastor and submit his name. You can email our Director of vocations Msgr. sharbel Maroun at Abouna@stmaron.com or call him at 612-379-2758. You will also find registration forms on our bulletin board.

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church



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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday February 3, 2007 – Sunday February 10, 2008

Clergy

Rev. Father Jihad Younes
 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.

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 4133 Calkins Road
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**Annual Saint Maron's Day Hafli
 Saturday, February 9, 2008
 Liturgy at 5pm followed by
 Dinner & Hafli**

Adults \$10
 Children 12 and under \$8
 Tickets can be purchased from any Parish
 Council Member

The Ashes



The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lentenseason with reflection, prayer and penance.

Pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



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



Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

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



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 3: Cana Sunday

Entrance into Lent

10A.M: (Rom 14:14-23; Jn 2:1-11): Reader: MYO

- Rep. Sam Adado by Vicky, Jim & Family
- Rep. Mike Rizik by John & Ceal Abdella

MONDAY 4: Ash Monday

Liturgy at 9am and 6pm

- Rep. Ed Barrow by Mary Ann Sheehan

TUESDAY 5: St. Agatha, Martyr

- Rep. Wajdi Badr by George & Sue Rasak

WEDNESDAY 6:

- Rep. Woody Mattar by Frank Aremia

THURSDAY 7:

- Rep. Sam Marino by Stacey Shaheen

FRIDAY 8:

12NOON

- Rep. Maroun, Mounria & Antoine Hasrouni by Hector & Rose Khoury

SATURDAY 9: St. Maron, Confessor

Holy Day of Obligation

5PM

- Intentions of our Parishioners

SUNDAY 10: Sunday of the Leper

10A.M: (Rom 6:12-23; Mk 1:35-45): Reader: Diane Massad

- Rep. Sylvia Lira by Family
- Rep. George Faris by Family
- Rep. Joseph Faris Jr. by Family

Arabic Mass 12NOON

SUNDAY 17: Sunday of the Hemorrhaging

Woman

10A.M: (2 Cor 7:4-11; Lk 8:40-56): Reader: Earl Matte

- Rep. John & Jeanne Shaheen by Daughters
- Rep. Jerry Knight by Mr. & Mrs. John Northrup

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Mid West Region: Lenten Retreat

March 7-9, 2008

National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon

North Jackson Ohio

Retreat Theme: "Lent: A Time for Reflection"

Retreat Master: Fr. James Sullivan, OP

The Pastor and Prior of St. Dominic's Church

Youngstown Ohio

If you would like to attend there is additional information on the bulletin board.

Announcements

Monday, February 4, 2008 is Ash Monday it is also a day of fasting and abstinence. Liturgy with distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 9am and 6pm.

We will begin a bible study class this Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 7pm. This class will be held every Tuesday until the end of Lent.

There will be an Altar Society meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 2008. It will be held at the rectory beginning at 7pm.

The Parish Council meeting will be held one week early this month. The meeting will be on Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 7pm.

There will be Adoration of the Cross every Friday during Lent beginning this Friday, February 8, 2008 at 6:30pm. Please come and spend some time in prayer with our Lord.

We would like to thank everyone who came and supported our fundraiser last Sunday. We also would like to thank everyone who helped with donations, cooking and clean up. We really hope you had a great time! God Bless You! MYO

Altar Society Cookbook

The Ladies Altar Society is compiling recipes of salads and desserts for a cookbook. This cookbook will be sold at the Salad Supper Bingo in May 2008.

We are asking parish members to help us by donating a few of your favorite recipes. Please contact any member of the organization or one of the following members for a format for your recipes.

Linda Macksood 732-7322

Yvonne Weissert 732-4856

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, MAY 31, 2008**. We have reserved the Grand Blanc Golf Club (Perry Road) for a great day, **full of fun, food and prizes for golfers**. **You will not want to miss this event!!!** More information and details to follow.

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.



Cana Sunday Entrance Into Lent



Sunday, February 3, 2008, is Cana Sunday. It introduces us to the Lenten Season. This is what we call "Ahad Al Marfaa."

Great Lent is a time for change, for transformation. The Maronite Church begins Great Lent with Cana Sunday, a commemoration of the transformation of water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana at Galilee.

The actual circumstances of the wedding are unknown. Perhaps Nathaniel had invited Jesus and His followers to the wedding feast in his village. Some say the groom was related to Mary, or was one the friends of Jesus.

According to the Jewish law, the wedding of a virgin was to take place on a Wednesday. The wedding was to be followed by eight days of celebration and an abundance of food and drink was essential. At this wedding, the wine began to diminish.

Mary had only to mention to Jesus that something was going wrong: "They have no wine." Jesus understood that His mother was not simply making an observation, but was seeking His powerful intervention. On her part, Mary was confident that He would listen to her. At first, Jesus responded with an apparent refusal, "Woman, (a term of respect which He would also use on the cross) how does this concern of yours involve me?" The reason for His response was that His hour had not yet come, namely the hour of His death and resurrection, after which He could answer all the prayers of His mother.

Mary knew that her prayer would not be refused; she told the servants to do whatever

He told them. Mary trusted her Son and her request was fulfilled. She told the servants as she tells all of us: do whatever my son tells you.

Jesus instructed the servants to fill the six water pots. The number six might be significant because in the mentality of the time, six was an imperfect number, (seven was considered perfection.) The six jars can represent the imperfection of the old law, which Jesus is to fill with the wine of the Gospel and His grace. The imperfection of law was transformed into the perfection of grace. These jars held 180 gallons of water, which was to be transformed into excellent wine. What was originally lacking is now to be found in superabundance.

Aside from the rich theological significance of the transformation of water into wine, let us reflect on the simplicity of the act. Jesus knew that the lack of wine would be a source of embarrassment to the groom and misfortune for the guests. He did not rejoice in the misfortune of others, but used His great power to save a simple man of Cana from humiliation.

Let us imitate His example and be concerned with the simple needs of those around us and how we can fulfill them.

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Prayer for Lent

Lord, protect us in our struggle against evil. As we begin the discipline of Lent, make this season holy by our self-denial. May the light of Your truth bestow sight to the darkness of our sinful eyes and our repentance bring us the blessing of Your forgiveness and the gift of new life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen