

**Weekly Contributions**

December 23: \$3232  
 December 24 & 25: \$2927  
 December 30: \$2417  
 January 6: \$2612



Church cleaning for January:

Mary Matte

**Altar Server Schedule**

January 20: Team 3  
 January 27: Team 1  
 February 3: Team 2



**Mark Your Calendar**

January

22-24 MYO Regional Retreat in Cleveland Ohio  
 27 MYO Dinner and Play 6pm

February

4 Ash Monday the beginning of Lent  
 9 Feast of Saint Maron  
 9 Feast of Saint Maron Hafli following 5pm Liturgy

March

16 Palm Sunday  
 20 Holy Thursday  
 21 Good Friday  
 23 Easter



**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday January 13, 2007 – Sunday January 20, 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.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

*Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Youth Organization*

Presents



*Dinner and a Play*  
*Sunday, January 27, 2008*  
*Dinner 6pm and Play at 7pm*



*Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from any MYO Member or Johnny Solomon*

**Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church**  
 4133 Calkins Road  
 Flint, MI 48532

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

Adults \$10  
 Children 12 and under \$8

**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:**



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 13: Sunday of the Deceased Priests St. John of Nisbis, Confessor

- 10A.M: (1Tim 4:6-16; Lk 12:42-48): Reader: David Allen
- Living & Deceased Members of the Maroun Family by Sam
  - Rep. Gerald Knight by Josie & Family 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - Rep. George Faris by Family

### MONDAY 14:

- Rep. Solomon James & Family Members by James Manoharan

### TUESDAY 15: Our Lady of the Sowing, St. John the Cave Dweller, Confessor

- Rep. Elias Deibis by John & Syliva Zerka

### WEDNESDAY 16: In Honor of St. Paul in Chains

- Rep. Mike Rizik by Mary Ann Sheehan

### THURSDAY 17: St. Anthony the Great, Confessor

- Rep. Robert Sawaya by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

### FRIDAY 18: Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome St. Athanasius the Alexandrian, Doctor of the Church

12NOON

- Rep. Sam Marino by Matt & Lesa Faris

### SATURDAY 19: St. Macarius the Egyptian, Confessor

5PM

- Rep. Woody Mattar by George & Louise Faris

### SUNDAY 20: Sunday of the Righteous and Just

- 10A.M: (Heb 12:18-24; Mt 25:31-46): Reader: Clergy
- Rep. Mary Bernath by Duane & Dee Gardner

### SUNDAY 27: Sunday of the Faithful Departed

- 10A.M: (1Thes 5:1-11; Lk 16:19-31): Reader: Erik Lindhurst
- Rep. Edward Zakmoen by Ahlam Solomon & Family

### Quote of the Moment

If one knew what we may obtain from God by the intercession of the Holy Souls, they would not be so much abandoned. Let us pray a great deal for them, they will pray for us.

St. John Vianney

## Announcements

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Jean Rossie and her family. Charlie Rossie passed away Friday, January 5, 2008.

O Lord in your grace grant rest to your servant Charlie who sleeps in your hope. May Charlie's soul rest in peace. Amen

This week January 13 – 18, is National Vocation Awareness Week, a special time in which the Church prays for the renewal and strengthening of vocations of dedicated people as married and single people, men to serve as priests, deacons, sub-deacons, brothers and women as religious sisters. Choose to make a difference! Pray and work for VOCATIONS.

Members of the Parish Council for 2008 are: President, Chuck Solomon, Vice President, Joan Armbruster, Secretary, Scott Shaheen, Joanne Potts, Johnny Solomon, Lily Pavlovich, Marcus Rossie, Mark Solomon, Albert Zerka, Nahida Hanna, Wilson Lahoud and Josef Massoud. Josef Massoud is the Parish Liaison between the Parish Council and the Stewardship Committee. The two alternates for Parish Council are Bob Pollack and Helen Burgess.

Members of the Stewardship Committee for 2008 are: Jason Klanseck, Josef Massoud, Ronny Solomon and Lino Kaspar.

If you have not returned your census form it is very important that you do. Please try to get them in as soon as possible.

### 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
Elsie Shaheen	732-2887
Yvonne Weissert	732-4856

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.



## **SAINT ATHANASIUS** **Bishop, Doctor of the Church** **(296-373)**



Saint Athanasius was born in Alexandria, Egypt, towards the end of the third century, and from his youth was pious, learned, and deeply versed in the sacred writings. He left the paternal home to be raised by the bishop of Alexandria like a new Samuel in the Lord's temple, as befitted one whom God had chosen to be the champion and defender of His Church against the Arian heresy, which denied the Divinity of Christ.

While still a deacon, he was chosen by Saint Alexander, his bishop, to go with him to the Council of Nicea, A.D. 325. There he attracted the attention of all the prelates by the learning and ability with which he defended the Faith. Five months later, as Saint Alexander was dying, he recommended Athanasius for his successor as Patriarch of Alexandria, and in that office for forty-six years the new Patriarch bore the whole brunt of the Arian assault, often virtually alone and undefended.

When the invincible Athanasius refused to restore Arius to Catholic communion, he was exiled to Treves in France, and the Emperor ordered the Catholic Patriarch of Constantinople to receive the heresiarch. The end of that man of error is very instructive. He took an oath *that he had always believed as the Church believes*, though he taught that *there was a time when the Word of God WAS NOT*. Thereupon the Catholic Patriarch of Constantinople, with Saint James of Nisibe, who was in Constantinople at

that time, Saint Athanasius in France and the Catholics everywhere, had recourse to fasting and prayer, that God would avert from the Church the frightful sacrilege. The day came for the solemn entrance of Arius into the great church of Saint Sophia. The heresiarch and his party set out, elated, in triumph. But before he reached the church, death smote him in an exemplary, swift and terrible way, and the dreaded sacrilege was averted.

Saint Athanasius stood unmoved against four Roman emperors, was banished five times, was the butt of every insult, calumny and wrong the Arians could devise, and lived in constant peril of death. Though strong as diamond in defense of the Faith, he was meek and humble, pleasant and winning in conversation, beloved by his flock, unwearied in labors, prayer and mortifications, eloquent in speech, and unsurpassed in zeal for souls. From his places of exile he wrote many great works for the instruction and strengthening of his flock, writings rich in thought and learning, clear, keen and stately in expression. He is honored as one of the greatest of the Doctors of the Church.

His admirers told the story of his response to a search party pursuing him downstream, as he retreated by boat. Knowing of their approach, he ordered the captain to change direction and return. When he crossed the search party on the river, they hailed him and asked whether he had seen the bishop of Alexandria pass by. He replied, "Continue; he is not far from here." Restored to his see by the emperor Valens for fear of a popular uprising, the stormy life of the Saint closed in peace on May 2<sup>nd</sup> of the year 373.

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