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**Mark Your Calendar**

March  
 7-9 NAM Regional Lenten Retreat, OHIO  
 15 Easter Church Cleaning with MYO at 10am  
 15-16 Bake Sale  
 16 Palm Sunday  
 16 No Religious Ed classes today  
 20 Holy Thursday  
 21 Great Friday  
 21 Great Friday Supper  
 23 Easter Sunday  
 23 No Religious Ed classes today

**Weekly Contributions**

February 3: \$3007  
 February 10: \$1650  
 February 17: \$1984  
 February 24: \$2220



**Church cleaning for March:**  
 Eva Massoud & Hannan Chammas

**Altar Server Schedule**

March 2: Team 3  
 March 9: Team 1



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**Weekly Bulletin Sunday March 2, 2008 – Sunday March 9, 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.

**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  
 Ed Soloman



**Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours**

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



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY 2: Healing of the Paralytic

10A.M. (ITim 5:24-6:5; Mk 2:1-12) Reader: MYO

- Members of Maroun Family by Sam

### MONDAY 3: St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Katherine Drexel

- Rep. Rose Johnson by Ralph & Helen Burgess

### TUESDAY 4:

- Int. P. Benedict by James & Theresa Manoharan

### WEDNESDAY 5:

- Rep. Sam Marino by Venturino Family

### THURSDAY 6:

- Rep. Mike Rizik by Bob & Sharon Griffiths

### FRIDAY 7: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Seven Young Men of Ephesus

12NOON

- Rep. Woody Mattar by Julia Shaker & Family

### SATURDAY 8:

5PM

- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Lewis & Jeanette Walterhouse

### SUNDAY 9: Sunday of the Blind Man

The Forty Martyrs

10A.M. (2Cor 10:1-7; Mk 10:46-52) Reader: Bob Pollack

- Rep. Wajdi Badr by Family  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### ARABIC MASS 12NOON

### SUNDAY 16: Hosanna Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> Council of Constantinople (381)

10A.M. (Phil 1:1-13; Jn 12:12-22) Reader: Clergy

- Rep. Norman Weissert by Yvonne  
- Living & Deceased Members of Shaheen & Okal Families

## Announcements

The Ladies Altar Society will be having a meeting on Wednesday March 5, 2008, 7pm at the rectory.

There will be a Stewardship Committee meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 6pm.

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 7pm.

## Announcements

We received a few more envelopes for the Appeal. We are now up to \$3445. We still need \$3455 to reach our goal of \$6900. If you have not turned in your envelope please try to get them in as soon as possible. If you do not have your Appeal envelope there are a few in the Narthex. If you put your contribution in a regular envelope please mark it Lenten Appeal with your name and envelope number on it.

The Altar Society Ladies will be taking up a collection to help with the cost of Easter Flowers after Liturgy on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

There is Bible study class every Tuesday during Lent to prepare ourselves for the great feast of Resurrection of our Lord. Classes will be held in the library at 7 P.M. You are all invited to participate in these classes.

There is Adoration of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm. Please come and spend some time in prayer with our Lord. Note that there will be no Eucharistic adoration at 11 A.M. on Friday until after Easter.

The Altar Society will be having a bake sale on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Anyone wishing to donate homemade baked goods please see Eliane Zerka.

Altar Society along with the help of MYO will be cleaning the church for Easter on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

### 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. The deadline for submitting your recipes is March 31, 2008.

Linda Macksood	732-7322
Yvonne Weissert	732-4856
Dee Gardner	230-8506

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.



## *40 Days of New Life!*

In the English language, the special season before Easter is called "Lent." The word comes from the "lengthening" of daylight hours as we progress from the darkness of winter to the new light of spring. But other languages, such as Spanish, have a name for this season that is derived from the word for forty. It is the season of the forty days.

OK, we do penance for forty days because Jesus fasted forty days in the wilderness. But did you ever wonder why he was out there for forty days rather than seven or ten or fifty?

Think back to the Old Testament. Noah and company in the Ark watched rain fall for 40 days and forty nights. Moses was up on Sinai receiving the 10 commandments for 40 days. The Israelites wandered around the desert for 40 years.

So why all these forties? Probably because it is forty weeks that a woman carries her developing baby before a new life can come forth from the womb.

All these "forties" are a necessary and not-so-comfortable prelude for something new. In Noah's case, it's the rebirth of a sinful world that had been cleansed by raging flood waters. In Moses' case, it was the birth of the people of the covenant. For the nomadic Israelites, it was the start of a new, settled existence in the Promised land.

And Jesus? What did his forty days mean? The birth of a new Israel liberated from sin, reconciled to God, and governed by the law of the Spirit rather than a law chiseled in stone.

But think back to the story of Moses and the Israelites. There was someone who did not want them to go out into the desert to offer sacrifice to their God. Pharaoh did not take the loss of his cheap labor lying down. When Jesus begins his mission of liberation, there is another slave master who is no more willing than Pharaoh to let his minions go without a fight.

Since the sixties, it has been fashionable in some quarters to dismiss the devil as a relic of ancient mythology or medieval fantasy. The guy with the pointy tale and the pitchfork comes in handy in cartoons and costume parties, but how can we take such an image seriously? In the Bible, they say, let's read "Satan" merely as a symbol of human evil.

Such a view is clearly at odds with Scripture, Tradition, and recent teaching of the Magisterium. Our battle is not against flesh and blood, says St. Paul. If you don't know your enemy and his tactics, you are bound to lose.

The temptation of Jesus in the desert shows us the tactics of the "Dark Lord." Bread, a symbol for all that sustains our physical life, is a great blessing. But Satan tries to make material things the ultimate, distracting us from a deeper hunger and a more enduring food. Political power and all leadership is intended by God for the sake of serving the common good; Satan twists things to make leaders self-seeking, oppressive tyrants like himself. The lust for power and fame ironically leads not to dominion but to slavery to the Dark Lord (remember what happened to the Nazghoul in the Lord of the Rings). Then there's religious temptation, the trickiest of them all-- Manipulating God for our own glory, using his gifts to make people look at us rather than at Him. Sounds a lot like the Pharisees.

Jesus triumphs in this first wrestling match. He shows us how to keep from being pinned. Fasting breaks undue attachments to material blessings and stimulates our spiritual appetite. Humble service breaks the stranglehold of pride. The reverent worship of authentic faith breaks the full nelson of superstition, magic, and all arrogant religion. And the word of God is shown as the sword of the Spirit, the secret weapon that slashes through the enemy's lies.

So our forty days? Time to use the tactics modeled by our captain and break the strongholds. Prayer, fasting, humble service. The heavenly bread of the Eucharist and the Word of God. If we make use of them diligently during this season, pregnant with possibilities, we can enter into greater freedom. Darkness can give way to increasing light. Something new and wonderful can be born in us.

*By Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio*  
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Mark Your Calendars for  
**Saturday, MAY 31, 2008**

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Grand Blanc Golf Club  
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