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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday March 23, 2008 – Sunday March 30, 2008

Mark Your Calendar

May

- 4 1st Holy Communion
- 4 May Crowning
- 4 Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon
- 13 Altar Society Prayer Devotion 5:30 followed by monthly meeting in the hall
- 14 Salad Supper Bingo
- 18 Altar Society Sunday
- 31 Golf Outing

Weekly Contributions

- February 24: \$2220
- March 2: \$2793
- March 9: \$2558
- March 16: \$3571



Church cleaning for March:

Eva Massoud & Hannan Chammas

Altar Server Schedule

- March 30: Team 3
- April 6: Team 1



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.

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



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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 23: Easter Sunday St. Rakfa

10A.M: (Phi 2:1-11; Mt 28:1-10) Reader: Clergy
- Intentions of our Parishioners

MONDAY 24:

- Rep. Delores Grossi by Smithingell Family

TUESDAY 25: The Annunciation to the Virgin Mary

- NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 26: St. Gabriel the Archangel

- NO MASS

THURSDAY 27:

- NO MASS

FRIDAY 28:

12NOON

- Rep. Ferris Adado by Hector & Rose Khoury

SATURDAY 29: St. Cyril of Baalbek

- Rep. Sam Marino by Ralph & Helen Burgess

SUNDAY 30: New Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday

10A.M: (2Cor 5:11-21; Jn 20:26-31) Reader: Mike Potoczny

- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Family

1st Anniversary

- Rep. Michael Rizik by Family

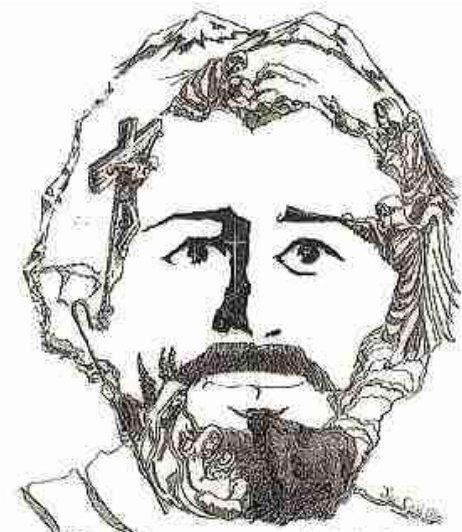
1st Anniversary

SUNDAY April 6: 3rd Sunday of Resurrection

10A.M: (2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 24:13-35) Reader: MYO

- Rep. Jerry Knight by Mr. & Mrs. John Northrup

- Rep. Kimberly Gardner by Duane & Dee Gardner



Seek the Lord
and His Strength;
Seek His Face Continually. Psalm 103:4
The Communion Ministry

Announcements

The office will be closed on Monday, March 24, 2008. Fr. Jihad will be out of town this week he will return on Friday, March 28th. If you have an emergency please call Deacon Marty at 232-9713.

We received a few more envelopes for the Appeal. We are now up to \$3975. We still need \$2925 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.

We have started a new program with VG's. VG's Grocery Stores gives back to organizations 1% of customer receipts. We have signed up with them to help the church raise money. If you shop at VG's or know anyone who does, please save your receipts and turn them in to the office or you can also put them in the drop box in the Narthex.

Anyone interested in playing in the golf scramble scheduled for May 31st must contact the one of the following by March 28th, Duane, Chuck, Freda or Pam.

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.



Parish Expenses for February

Income for February was \$13,048
Expenses for February were \$20,211.51

Net income for February was **-\$7163.51**

Saint Rakfa



Saint Rakfa, or Rebecca, was born in 1832 in the village of Himlaya, Lebanon. She entered the convent of Our Lady of Liberation, an organization of the Mariamettes, or daughters of Mary, at the age of 21, against the wishes of her family. There she trained as a teacher and was known to use sweetness and persuasion instead of punishment to teach her students. She continued with that order until persecutions by the Turkish and Druze forced the order to disband.

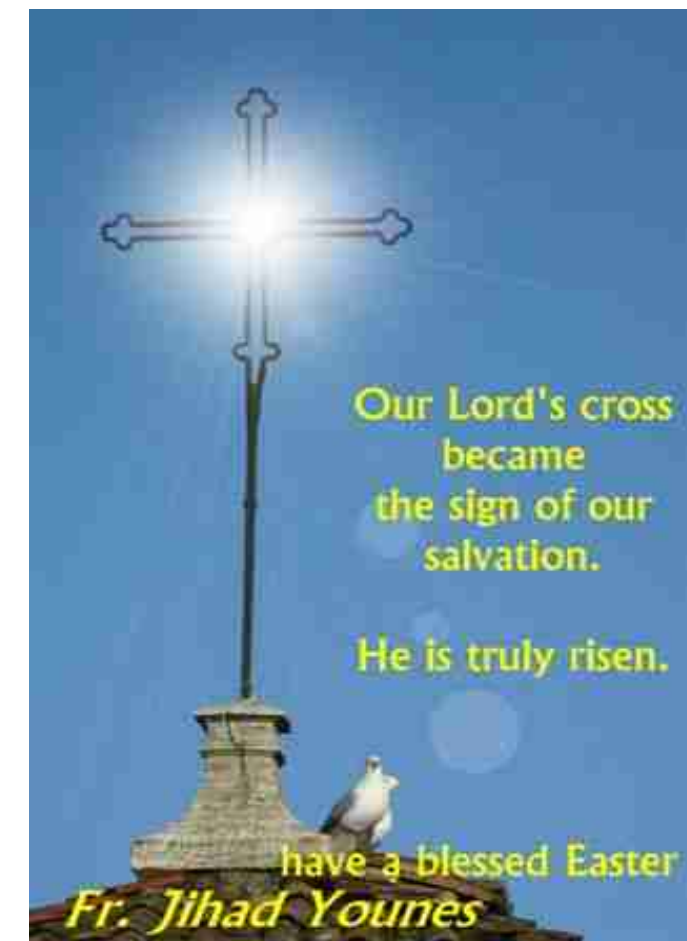
In 1871 she entered the Lebanese Maronite Order of St. Anthony, a cloistered community. There St. Rakfa meditated on the Scripture, which read, "It is necessary to open one's ears to the divine words and to the discourses of the saints, so that nothing escapes; rather, it is necessary for the words to work here," and she pointed to her forehead. She prayed to God to test her as He tested many others during that time of persecution. Then she asked God to allow her to share in the suffering of Christ, in order to become closer to Him.

That same evening she prayed for "God to visit me with sickness as a sign of His mercy to me," she became aware of a terrible pain in her eyes. This turned into an infection that eventually blinded her. It is believed that St. Rakfa contracted Tuberculosis a few years after becoming blind. Subsequently, she lived the rest of her life in extreme pain and completely paralyzed, often heard uttering the epithet, "In communion with Your suffering, Jesus."

Knowing that she would soon die, St. Rakfa said, "I am not afraid of death, for which I have waited a long time. God will let me live through my death." On October 23, 1914, she died peacefully. Her fame for sanctity spread quickly throughout Lebanon, and pilgrims began to visit her tomb in great numbers, asking for and receiving her intercession and healing.

In 1938, Elizabeth Ennakl, who was suffering from uterine cancer, visited St. Rakfa's tomb and was instantly and completely cured. Her doctors were surprised by her sudden recovery and could find no scientific explanation. This was the miracle put forward for St. Rakfa's beatification on June 9, 1984. On November 16, 1985, His Holiness, Pope John Paul II declared her a Blessed.

Finally, on June 10, 2001, the same Holy Father elevated her to the rank of Saint at a solemn ceremony at the Vatican.



NON-GOLFERS

Mark Your Calendars for
Saturday, MAY 31, 2008

We have reserved the
Grand Blanc Golf Club
5270 Perry Road
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Dinner and Raffle
All you can eat buffet for \$25 per person

Come visit with friends and have a good time.

If you have any questions see Duane, Chuck, Freda and Pam at 810-733-1259.

