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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 and Easter Egg Hunt for
- 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 10: \$1650  
February 17: \$1984  
February 24: \$2220  
March 2: \$2793



### Church cleaning for March:

Eva Massoud & Hannan Chammas

### Altar Server Schedule

March 9: Team 1  
March 16: All Altar Servers



*Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church*



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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday March 9, 2008 – Sunday March 16, 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



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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  
- Rep. Josephine Joseph by Deacon Marty and Nina

### ARABIC MASS 12NOON

### MONDAY 10:

- Rep. Charlie Rossie by Joe & Lily Pavlovich

### TUESDAY 11:

- Rep. Ferris Adado by Shaker Brackett

### WEDNESDAY 12: Pope St. Gregory the Great

- Rep. Woody Mattar by Bob & Colette Rizk

### THURSDAY 13:

- Rep. Louie Shaker by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

### FRIDAY 14:

12NOON

- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Darrell Frye

### SATURDAY 15: Saturday of the Rising the Lazarus

5PM

- Rep. Rose Johnson by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

### 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  
- Rep. Sam Marino by Family  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### SUNDAY 23: Easter Sunday

#### St. Rafka, Confessor

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

- Intentions of our Parishioners

## Announcements

There will be a Stewardship Committee meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 6:30pm.

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

There will be a practice for all Altar Servers on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12noon.

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.



## Announcements

We received a few more envelopes for the Appeal. We are now up to \$3645. We still need \$3255 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.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 16, for the children after Liturgy.

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. Please bring your bake goods to the church on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 11am.

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 Forty Martyrs



The Forty Martyrs were soldiers quartered at Sebaste in Armenia, about the year 320. When their legion was ordered to offer sacrifice to idols, they refused to betray the faith of their baptism, and replied to all persuasive efforts, "We are Christians!" When neither cajolings nor threats could change them, after several days of imprisonment they were chained together and taken to the site of execution. It was a cruel winter, and they were condemned to lie without clothing on the icy surface of a pond in the open air until they froze to death.

The forty, not merely undismayed but filled with joy at the prospect of suffering for Jesus Christ, said: "No doubt it is difficult to support so acute a cold, but it will be agreeable to go to paradise by this route; the torment is of short duration, and the glory will be eternal. This cruel night will win for us an eternity of delights. Lord, forty of us are entering combat; grant that we may be forty to receive the crown!"

There were warm baths close by, ready for any among them who would deny Christ. One of the confessors lost heart, renounced his faith, and went to cast himself into the basin of warm water prepared for that intention. But the sudden change in temperature suffocated him and he expired, losing at once both temporal and eternal life. The still living martyrs were fortified in their resolution, beholding this scene.

Then the ice was suddenly flooded with a bright light; one of the soldiers guarding the men, nearly blinded by the light, raised his eyes and saw Angels descend with forty crowns which they held in the air over the martyrs' heads; but the fortieth one remained without a destination. The sentry was inspired to confess Christ, saying: "That crown will be for me!" Abandoning his coat and clothing, he went to replace the unfortunate apostate on the ice, crying out: "I am a Christian!" And the number of forty was again complete. They remained steadfast while their limbs grew stiff and frozen, and died one by one.

Among the forty there was a young soldier named Meliton who held out longest against the cold, and when the officers came to cart away the dead bodies they found him still breathing. They were moved with pity, and wanted to leave him alive, hoping he would still change his mind. But his mother stood by, and this valiant woman could not bear to see her son separated from the band of martyrs. She exhorted him to persevere, and lifted his frozen body into the cart. He was just able to make a sign of recognition, and was borne away to be thrown into the flames with the dead bodies of his brethren. Their bones were cast into the river, but they floated and were gathered up by the faithful.

## Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 16:  
10am Palm Sunday

Monday, March 17:  
7pm Evening of Prayer and Adoration of the Cross

Tuesday, March 18:  
7pm Evening of Prayer and Adoration of the Cross

Wednesday, March 19:  
7pm Evening of Prayer and Rite of the Lamp

Thursday, March 20:  
6pm Liturgy and Rite of the Washing of the feet  
7pm Adoration of the Eucharist until Midnight

Friday, March 21:  
9am Liturgy of the PreSanctified  
6pm Rite of the Burial of the Cross

Saturday, March 22:  
12noon Confessions  
12:30pm Prayer of Forgiveness  
No 5pm Mass

Sunday, March 23 Resurrection Sunday  
10am Liturgy of Great Sunday of Resurrection

### Mark Your Calendars for Saturday, MAY 31, 2008

We have reserved the

Grand Blanc Golf Club  
5270 Perry Road  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Tournament begins with  
registration at 8:30am  
shotgun start at 9:30am

It will be a great day, *full of fun, food and prizes* for all.

**You will not want to miss this event!!!**

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



All proceeds will be used to purchase a new organ for the church.