



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday April 12, 2009 – Sunday April 19, 2009**

### Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
Subdeacon Earl Matte

### Parish Staff

Michelle Tennis - Secretary  
Pat Haley – Caterer

### Parish Leaders

Chuck Solomon – Parish Council  
Dee Gardner – Choir Director  
Dottie Byrnes – Organist  
Freda Hearsch – Religious Education  
Mary Matte – Altar Society  
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar Society

**CHRIST IS RISEN...**  
**ALLELUIA!**

### Liturgy Schedule

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| Monday    | 9a.m.  |
| Tuesday   | 9a.m.  |
| Wednesday | 9a.m.  |
| Thursday  | 9a.m.  |
| Friday    | 12noon |
| Saturday  | 5p.m.  |
| Sunday    | 10a.m. |

### 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:



Sarah Marshall  
Hanneh Chammas  
Hap & Eve Maroun  
Joe Faris  
Ann Faris  
Ray Faris  
Dorothy Mattar  
Wanda Maroun  
Phillip Shaker  
Ann David



Sue Stubbert  
Michelle Garey  
Amy Burke  
Agnes Torok

### Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

Monday 10am – 3pm  
Tuesday 10am – 3pm  
Wednesday 10am – 3pm  
Thursday 10am – 3pm  
Friday 10am – 3pm



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY April 12: Easter Sunday

10A.M.: (1Cor 15:12-26, Mk 16:1-8) Clergy

- Int. of all Parishioners

### MONDAY 13: St. Martin I

- Rep Tanious Gabrael by Chuck Solomon & Family

### TUESDAY 14: Sts. Tiburtius, Valerian & Maximus

- Reps. Hermis Hana & Meriam Hermis Showka by Sabria Hermiz & Family

### WEDNESDAY 15: St. Paternus

- Rep. Wajih Khazaal by Chuck Solomon & Family

### THURSDAY 16: St. Bernadette Soubirous, Confessor

- Rep. Ferris Adado, by George & Louise Faris

### FRIDAY 17: St. Stephen Harding

- Rep. Delores Grossi by Gene Arens

### SATURDAY 18: St. Apollonius

- Rep Betty Jean Mansour by Laura & Tom Mansour

### SUNDAY April 19: New Sunday & 2nd Sunday of the Resurrection

10A.M.: (2 Cor 5:11-21, Jn 20:26-31) Earl Matte

- Living & deceased members of the Maroun Family by Sam
- Rep Milad Lahoud by Robert & Nawal Gebrael

12 Noon: Arabic Mass (2 Cor 5:11-21, Jn 20:26-31)

- Rep Massad Toufic Massad by Dottie Byrnes
- Rep Tanious Gebrael by Fouzi Zerka & Family

### SUNDAY April 26: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection

10A.M.: (2Tim 2:8-13, Lk 24:13-35) Mary Matte

- Living & deceased members of the Maroun Family by Sam
- Rep George Soloman by Ed Soloman
- Rep Massad Toufic Massad by Najib & Siham Massaad



Thank you to all of the dedicated parishioners and women of the Altar Society who donated their time and culinary talents for last Sunday's bake sale. The sale was a huge success.

## Announcements:



A second Mass will be celebrated in Arabic on Sunday April 19 at 12:00 noon.



We will be forwarding our collections for the Eparchial Appeal to the Eparchy shortly. We have collected \$3,560 of our \$6,900.00 goal. If you have not turned in your envelope, please try to get it in as soon as possible.



We will be holding three meetings to prepare the children of the parish in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and above who have not yet received the sacrament of Holy Communion. The first meeting will be held Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Please contact the church office to verify that your child will be attending.



The Altar Society would appreciate donations for canned pop and bottled water for their upcoming Salad Supper Bingo. They may be dropped off at the church office.



There will be a festival meeting Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm



**2009 CONVENTION** 46<sup>th</sup> Annual NAM Convention will be held July 1-5, 2009 at Our Lady of Mt. Lebanon-St. Peter Cathedral, Los Angeles, CA. Please go to [www.ourladyofmountlebanon.com](http://www.ourladyofmountlebanon.com) to register for this event. More information is available on the church bulletin board.



The MYO will hold their annual dinner play Sunday April 26th. Pasta dinner will be served at 6:00 pm followed by the performance of a play written and performed by the youths of the MYO. Please set aside this date to support our young people who are raising money to help pay for their 2009 Maronite Youth Conference.

المسيح قام ! حقا قام *Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!*

*"Why do you seek the living among the dead?"*



"Easter is a holiday when most people think of the Easter bunny, decorating eggs, dressing up in your best Sunday outfit and going to church. Easter is more than just another holiday to a Christian. It's the Sunday set aside to recognize the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

"My belief in Christ does not come from the opportunity given to me to participate since earliest childhood in the paschal celebration. Rather, Pascha is made possible that unique night fills with light and joy and such victorious power in the greeting Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!" because my faith itself was born from experience of the living Christ. How and when was it born? I don't know, I don't remember. I only know that every time I open the gospel and read about Christ, read his words, read his teaching, I consciously repeat with all my heart and being, what was said by those who were sent to arrest Christ but who returned to the Pharisees without him. "No man ever spoke like this man" (Jn. 7:46). Therefore what I know first of all is that Christ's teaching is alive, and that nothing on earth can be compared with it.

"I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to You" (Jn. 14:18). And He does come and give the feeling of his presence through prayer, through a thrill of soul, through a joy so incomprehensible, yet so alive, through his mysterious, but again so certain, presence in church during services and in sacraments. This living experience is always growing, this knowledge, this awareness which becomes so obvious that Christ is here and that his word has been fulfilled: "Whoever loves Me, I will love him and manifest myself to him" (Jn. 14:21). And whether I am in a crowd or alone, this certitude of his presence, this power of word, this joy of faith in him remains with me. This is the only answer and the only proof.

"Why do you seek the living among the dead? Why do you mourn the incorrupt amid corruption?" All Christianity is the experience of faith repeated again and again as if for the first time, through its incarnation in rites, words, music, and colors. To the unbeliever, it may seem like a mirage; he hears only words, he sees only incomprehensible ceremonies, and he understands them only outwardly. But for believers, all of this radiates from within not as proof of his faith, but as its result, as its life in the world, in the soul, in history. The darkness and sadness of Holy Friday is for us something real, alive, contemporary; we can go to the cross and experience everything that took place in that triumph of evil, treachery, cowardice, and betrayal. We can contemplate the lifebearing tomb on Holy Saturday with excitement and hope. Every year we can celebrate Easter, Pascha, the Resurrection. Easter is not the remembrance of an event in the past. It is the real encounter in happiness and joy, with him whom our hearts long ago knew and encountered as the life and light of all light. Easter night testifies that Christ is alive and with us, and that we are alive with him. The celebration is an invitation to look at the world and life and behold the dawn of the mystical day of the Kingdom of light. "Today the scent of Spring begins," sings the church, "and the new creation exults..." It exults in faith, in love and in hope".

This is the day of resurrection,  
Let us be illumined by the feast,  
Let us embrace each other,  
Let us call "brothers" even those that hate us,  
And forgive all by the resurrection,  
And so let us cry: Christ is risen from the dead,  
Trampling down death by death,  
And upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Christ is risen!

Happy Easter to All of You...

ABOUNA

## Mark Your Calendar

### April

April 26<sup>th</sup>: MYO Youth Dinner/Play

### May

May 3 First Communion  
 May 13 Salad Supper Bingo  
 May 26 Business Luncheon  
 May 30 Golf Scramble

### Altar Server Schedule

April 19: Team 2  
 April 16 Team 3



### Church cleaning for April:

Diane Massad/Nawal Gebrael

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### Weekly Contributions

March 1: \$ 3,743  
 March 8: \$ 4,171  
 March 15: \$ 2,936  
 March 22: \$ 4,279  
 March 29: \$ 3,330  
 Total \$18,459



March Expenses: \$19,722



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