



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday February 1, 2009 – Sunday February 8, 2009**

### Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
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### Parish Staff

Darrell Frye – Maintenance  
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



### 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:



Sue Stubbert  
Michelle Garey  
Amy Burke

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



### Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

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



# MASS INTENTIONS

## SUNDAY February 1: Sunday of the Priests

10A.M: (1Tim 4:6-16; Lk 12: 42-48) Reader: MYO

- Rep. Tom & Margaret LaBranche by Aziz Family

## MONDAY 2: Presentation of Christ in the Temple

- Int. Cathy Whitcomb by Bob & Patty Pollack .

## TUESDAY 3: Sts. Simeon the Venerable and Anna the Prophetess

- Rep. Mary di Domenico by Darrell & Pam

## WEDNESDAY 4: St. Veronica

- Rep. Mike O'Brien by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

## THURSDAY 5: St. Agatha, Martyr

- Rep. Dr. John Zerka by Robert & Christine Brooks

## FRIDAY 6: St Paul Miki and Companions

12NOON

- Rep. Charlie Rossie by Ella & Randy Fowler

## SATURDAY 7: St. Richard of Lucca

- Rep. Mary Pavlica by Josef & Mona Massoud

## SUNDAY February 8: Sunday of the Righteous and the Just

10A.M: (Heb 12:18-24; Mt 25:31-46) Reader: Earl Matte

- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Joanne Adado

## SUNDAY February 15: Sunday of the Faithful Departed

10A.M: (1Thes 5:1-11; Lk 16: 19-31) Reader: Mary Matte

- Rep. John & Jeanne Shaheen by Daughters
- Rep. Nazeer Zerka by Aziz & Diane Massad

## Announcements



The Stewardship Committee will be having its monthly meeting on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 6pm.



Parish Council will be having their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 7pm.



The Altar Society meeting will be on Wednesday Feb 4, at 7pm in the library.



As many of you know, our Church will be hosting the MYO regional retreat in February. There will be approximately 200 people in attendance at this retreat. The Flint MYO is asking for help with donations of bottled water, pop cans, and snacks for our guests. If you would like to make this type of donation, or a monetary donation, please see Noha Zerka, Johnny Solomon, or Father Hanna. Thank you for all your help and support.

## **Symposium on Christianity in the Middle East**

**Saturday, February 21 (9am to 4pm)**

(Hilton Garden Inn, 26000 American Drive Southfield, MI, 48034)

**Sunday, February 22 (10am to 12pm)**

(Mother of God Church, 25585 Berg Road, Southfield, MI, 48033)

(Cf. the Hall board for the complete information)

## **Luncheon at Our Lady of Lebanon**

Our Business Luncheon was good. The ladies prepared the food with joy. They were joking and laughing looks like a family gathering. They prepared the food on two Saturdays in the row: on the first Saturday they baked the spinach pies and the following Saturday they prepared the Kebbeh balls. On Tuesday, January 20, the day of the lunch the ladies were at the Church at 8:30 a.m. preparing the food. Everybody was happy to work and eat. Thanks to everyone who helped prepare and serve the meal and for those who did help with cleaning. God bless you all.



## St. Agatha

Feastday: February 5

Saint Agatha, you suffered sexual assault and indignity because of your faith. Help heal all those who are survivors of sexual assault and protect those women who are in danger. Amen

In the legend of her life, we are told that she belonged to a rich, important family. When she was young, she dedicated her life to God and resisted any men who wanted to marry her or have sex with her. One of these men, Quintian, was of a high enough rank that he felt he could force her to acquiesce. Knowing she was a Christian in a time of persecution, he had her arrested and brought before the judge -- himself. He expected her to give in to when faced with torture and possible death, but she simply affirmed her belief in God by praying: "Jesus Christ, Lord of all, you see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am. I am your sheep: make me worthy to overcome the devil."

Legend tells us that Quintian imprisoned her in a brothel in order to get her to change her mind. Quintian brought her back before him after she had suffered a month of assault and humiliation in the brothel, but Agatha had never wavered, proclaiming that her freedom came from Jesus. Quintian sent her to prison, instead of back to the brothel -- a move intended to make her more afraid, but which probably was a great relief to her. When she continued to profess her faith in Jesus, Quintian had her tortured. He refused her any medical care but God gave her all the care she needed in the form of a vision of St. Peter. When she was tortured again, she died after saying a final prayer: "Lord, my Creator, you have always protected me from the cradle; you have taken me from the love of the world and given me patience to suffer. Receive my soul."

Because one of the tortures she supposedly suffered was to have her breasts cut off, she was often depicted carrying her breasts on a plate. It is thought that blessing of the bread that takes place on her feast may have come from the mistaken notion that she was carrying loaves of bread.

Because she was asked for help during the eruption of Mount Etna she is considered a protector against the outbreak of fire. She is also considered the patroness of bell makers for an unknown reason -- though some speculate it may have something to do with the fact that bells were used as fire alarms.



## *St. Maron's Hafli*

*Saturday, February 7, 2009*

*featuring*

*Soumaya Aziz and her Band*

**Mass will be celebrated at 5pm**

**Dinner at 7pm**

**Tickets are \$25 for adults and  
\$8 for children 12 and under**



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### Mark Your Calendar


**February**

7	St. Maron's Mass and Hafli
13-15	MYO Regional Youth Retreat
22	MYO Dinner and Play

### Altar Server Schedule

February 1:	Team 2
February 8:	Team 3

**Church cleaning for February:**  
Nahida Hanna & Hala Kaspar



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