



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday December 13, 2009 – Sunday December 20, 2009**

### Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
Subdeacon Earl Matte

### Parish Staff

Michelle Tennis - Secretary  
Pat Haley – Caterer  
Richard Baka – Custodian

### Parish Leaders

Chuck Solomon – Parish Council  
Dee Gardner – Choir Director  
Dorothy Bolduc-Peppin - Organist  
Sr. Therese Tayar & Alicia Massad – Religious Ed.  
Mary Matte– Altar Society  
Jeanette Waltherhouse – Morningstar Society



## “Question of the Day”

If you were arrested  
for being a  
Christian,

Would there be  
enough evidence to  
convict you?

*Submitted by Deacon Marty*

- \* **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:



Helen Zerka  
Jean Rossie  
Aziz Massad  
Sue Stubbert  
Michelle Garey  
Amy Burke

Diane Bayeh  
Josie Knight  
Agnes Torok  
Helen Azzarello  
Sarah Marshall  
Hanneh Chammas  
Hap & Eve Maroun  
Joe Faris  
Ann Faris  
Roger Nesser  
Ann David  
Dorothy Mattar  
Wanda Maroun  
Linda Macksood  
Phil Shaker

### Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

Monday thru Friday  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

### Liturgy Schedule

Mon.- Thurs	9a.m.
Friday	12noon
Saturday	5p.m.
Sunday	10a.m.

### Adoration

Friday 11 a.m.

### Confessions

½ hour before liturgy on  
Saturday and Sunday  
and by appointment.



# MASS INTENTIONS

## SUNDAY December 13<sup>th</sup>: Revelation to Joseph

10A.M: (Eph 3:1-13, Mt.1:18-25) Erik Lindhurst

- Living & Deceased of the Shaheen & Okal families by the Family
- Rep. Eugene McGuire by Mon & Elsie Shaheen
- Int. Linda Macksood by Lazar & Nahida Hanna
- Yacoob Disho Hanna & Shamonie Pules Hanna by Sam & Samira Kalo

## MONDAY 14: St. Nemtallah El-Hardini, Confessor No Mass

## TUESDAY 15: St. Christiana

No Mass

## WEDNESDAY 16: St. Adelaide

No Mass

## THURSDAY 17: St. Olympias

- Rep. Eddie Rashid by Scott & Cindy Shaheen

## FRIDAY 18: Daniel the Prophet and 3 Companions, Martyrs

- Rep. Malek Dabaja by Hector & Rose Khoury

## SATURDAY 19: Bl. Urdan V

5:00 PM

- Int. Josie Knight by Lewis & Jeanette Walterhouse

## SUNDAY December 20<sup>th</sup>: Genealogy Sunday

10A.M: (Rom 1:1-12, Mt. 1:1-17) Diane Massad

- Rep. Al Gazall by Sue Stubbert
- Rep. Said Kadadu by Afifi Kadadu & Family
- Int. Josie Knight by Choir

## SUNDAY December 27<sup>th</sup>: Sunday after the Glorious Birth

10A.M: (2Cor 11:1-9, Mt 123:29-24:2) Earl matte

- Rep. Mary Maroun Sauder by Family
- Rep. Soultan Petros by Sameer & Manal Dabish & Family
- Rep. Maroun Kattar by Fouzi & Eliane Zerka

### Parish Council Election Results

Our Parish Council elections were held last weekend and the results are as follows. Joan Armbruster was reelected to the council for a second term, and Colette Rizk will be joining the council for her first term. In addition, Lewis Walterhouse was appointed by Father Hanna for a single term.

We would like to thank all of those who offered their service by running for office. We are looking forward to having these newest council members share their thoughts and ideas at future Parish Council meetings.

## Announcements:



The Christmas Novena will begin on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 6 pm and will end on December 24, 2009. Please try to attend these services as we prepare our souls for the coming of Jesus.



Plans are getting underway for our 2010 Mid East Festival and we need people to help organize this year's event. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for anyone interested in offering their services. We urge you to come Wednesday night and volunteer for one of the committees.



The Altar Society will do their annual Christmas cleaning of the Temple on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. They would appreciate any help possible from younger members of the parish and the MYO.



There will be **no mass** Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.



Please note the corrections on the religious education calendars for 2009-2010. There will be no classes on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> for Easter. Also, First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. These are posted on the bulletin board.



We wish to extend our condolences to the family of Steven & Fadia Nemer on the death of Steven's father, Mike Nemer, who passed away Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in their time of loss.

### *Prayer to St. Joseph*

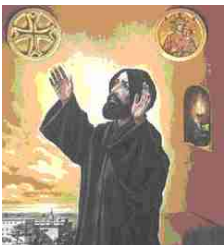
Gracious St. Joseph, protect me and my family from all evil as you did the Holy Family. Kindly keep us ever united in the love of Christ, ever fervent in the imitation of the virtue of our Blessed Lady, your sinless spouse, and always faithful in devotion to you.

*Amen*

## Organizational Christmas Dinner



Approximately 100 people attended the 2009 parish Organizational Christmas Dinner held here on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>. The dinner is put on by the parish to thank those who serve in the many organization which support and maintain our parish. Food was provided by our caterer, Pat Haley. Everyone enjoyed fellowship and a fine meal, and we concluded the evening with Christmas carols around the piano.



## ST. NEMTALLAH KASSAB AL-HARDINI

FEASTDAY: DECEMBER 14TH

St. Nemtallah was born in the village of Hardini, in the mountains of Lebanon on the southern side of the famous "Cedars of Lebanon." His father, George, and his mother, Mary, had four sons and two daughters. At baptism, he was named Youssef, but when he entered the Lebanese Maronite Order in 1828, he took the name of Nematallah which means "Grace of God." He entered the monastery of St. Anthony in 1828, and in 1830 he was sent to the monastery of St. Cyprian in Kfifan to study for the priesthood. There he spent most of the remainder of his life.

Fr. Nemtallah became a teacher at the Monastery of Kfifanas well as General Assistant for the Order. St. Sharbel, who was his student and who stayed there from 1853 until 1859, received the last blessing of his teacher and bid farewell to his saintly remains.

People referred to him as the "Saint of Kfifan." He was a hard working man of prayer and sacrifice. He would wake up very early, often around midnight, and would spend many hours in the church. In addition, he would fast and go to confession daily. He had a special devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and would kneel before the tabernacle for hours. Before and after his death, the power of God began to show by the miracles performed through the intercession of the Servant of God.

During the night of his burial, a brilliant light shone out of his tomb several times and was visible from far distances. People flocked from everywhere to visit his tomb and to ask for his intercession. Less than a year after his burial, the Administration of the Order was required to open the tomb, remove his remains and place them in a special coffin. The body was found to be intact, in perfect condition, without any change to its features as if he were just asleep.

*Let us continue to invoke the name of El-Hardini to bless, protect and bring peace once again to Lebanon*




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**Altar Servers Schedule:**

Dec 20: Team 2  
 Dec 27: Team 1

**Church cleaning for December:**  
 General Cleaning December 19

**Mark Your Calendar**

**December:**

Dec. 16 Festival Organizational Meeting  
 Dec 19 Christmas Cleaning of Temple  
 Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party





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