



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday December 20, 2009 – Sunday December 27, 2009

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Sr. Therese Tayar & Alicia Massad - Religious Ed.
Mary Matte - Altar Society
Jeanette Walterhouse - Morningstar Society



- * **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.

“The Gift- Getters”

“It is better to give than to receive.” Yes, it is better... and it is easier.

When you give a present to someone, don't you feel, just a little bit, that you are the master of the situation? After all, you can dole out the goods to those you think are deserving. You have control over your possessions and, in reality, it genuinely “feels good: to give to others.

But accepting a gift, receiving a present, may be harder to do.

I know if someone gives me something, I want to give a gift in return... I guess, I want to be rid of any dependent relationship. It becomes, then, not so much giving... as trading.

There are people who are actually embarrassed with presents. They've told me, “I feel obligated.”

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Pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Helen Zerka
Jean Rossie
Aziz Massad
Sue Stubbart
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 11a.m.

Confessions

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



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY December 20th: 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

MONDAY 21: St. Peter Canisius

- Int. Jerome Hessling by Tom & Linda Macksood

TUESDAY 22: Sts. Chaeremon & Ishyrion

- Rep. Alice Griffiths by Bill & Pat Kelly

WEDNESDAY 23: St. John of Cantius

- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Bob & Pat Pollack

THURSDAY 24: Vigil of the Glorious Birth

6:00 PM

- Intentions of All Parishioners

FRIDAY 25: Christmas Day

10:00 AM

- Intentions of All Parishioners

SATURDAY 26: Felicitations to the Virgin Mary

5:00 PM

- Rep. Joseph Tayar by Hector & Rose Khoury

SUNDAY December 27th: Sunday after the Glorious Birth

10:00 AM: (2Cor 11:1-9, Mt 23:29-24:2) Earl matte

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

12 Noon Arabic Mass: (2Cor 11:1-9, M t23:29-24:2) Earl matte

SUNDAY January 3rd: Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

10A.M: (Heb 7:11-19, Lk 2:41-52) MYO

- Rep. Maroun Khattar by Francis & Salwa Haddad & Family
- Rep. Hanna Rizk by Mike & Madeline Zerka
- Rep. Elias Zerka by Milad & Georgette Zerka



To my "Our Lady of Lebanon Family." Thank you for your cards, masses and most of all for all of your prayers.

Prayers are powerful and the Lord has seen fit to answer them. I am feeling better and am recuperating nicely.

May the Lord's blessings be bestowed upon you and your families during this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

Love, Josie Knight.

Announcements:



During the Christmas Novena, confessions will be heard for ½ hour before and after the 6:00 pm service. Please try to attend these services as we prepare our souls for the coming of Jesus.



The choir will be having a special rehearsal on Monday December 21st at 5:30 pm.



The parish office will be closed on December, 25th. Christmas masses will be held on December 24th at 6pm and on December 25 at 10am. Mass will be said in Arabic on Sunday, December 27th at 12 noon.



Any parishioners who would like to stop by the rectory on Saturday, December 26th for a holiday visit are welcome. *Abouna Hanna*



Contribution envelopes are now available in the Narthex. If you do not see a box of envelopes with your name on it please call the church office. If you have contribution envelopes that you are behind on please consider catching them up as soon as possible. Sometime around the middle of January the printing of yearly contribution statements will take place. If anyone has any questions please call the office.

The Gift-Getters continued..

But to know how to accept is a very important Christian concept because the challenge of the gospel lies exactly in God's invitation to accept a gift for which there can be no repayment.

The Gift is the life Breath of God, the Holy Spirit, sent to us from Jesus.

A gift is not a gift until it is accepted. So, its only when we accept God's Spirit and make a place for the Gift in our house, in our lives, in our world, that the gospel becomes our "good news!"

Certainly, blessed are those who give. We honor the gift-givers for their generosity especially at Christmas time.

But also blessed are the gift-getters, those who humbly and with grace are able to accept.

Submitted by Subdeacon Earl Matte



CHRISTMAS MORNING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Wise men travelled for miles to bring you the first Christmas presents. So may we, too, remember with thankful hearts the love that comes with each present we open. We also thank you for the amazing love you have for each of us, and we thank you for the many gifts that you give us. Amen

*St. George Orthodox Church
&
Our Lady of Lebanon Church*

*Proudly presents to you our 2nd
annual New Years Party*



*Featuring
Soumaya
Aziz*

\$60.00 / Person

\$75.00 at the door

*\$30.00 Children
12 and under*

\$45.00 at the door

*St. George Orthodox Church,
5191 Lennon Rd.
Flint, MI 48507*

Doors open at 7:00 pm

Dinner at 8:00 pm

BYOB

For Tickets Call:

Amjad Ishak - 810-691-0933 ~ Anwar Abueita - 810-394-2918

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Humor Corner

Your realize that you' re getting old when...



1. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
2. The little old gray-haired lady you help across the street is your wife.
3. Your children begin to look middle-aged.
4. You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police.
5. You're asleep but others worry you're dead.
6. It takes two tries to get up from the couch.
7. A passing funeral procession pauses to see if you need a lift.
8. The pharmacist has become your new best friend.
9. "Getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot.
10. Your idea of weight lifting is stand ing up.

Altar Servers Schedule:

Dec 27: Team 1
Jan 3: Team 2

Church cleaning for December:

Dec 21-31 Ava Joubran and Ahlam

Mark Your Calendar

December:

Dec 31: New Year's Eve Party

January:

Jan 6: Epiphany



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