



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday December 27, 2009 – Sunday January 3, 2010**

## 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 Walterhouse - Morningstar Society

**Happy New Year  
2010**



*If you look for Me at Christmas  
You won't need a special star -  
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,  
I'm right there where you are,  
You may not be aware of Me amid the  
celebrations -*

*You'll have to look beyond the stores  
And all the decorations.*

*But if you take a moment  
From your list of things to do  
And listen to your heart, you'll find  
I'm waiting there for you.*

*You're the one I want to be with  
You're the reason that I came,  
And you'll find Me in the stillness  
As I'm whispering your name,*

*Love,  
Jesus*



- \* **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 Stubbart  
Michelle Garey  
Amy Burke

Josie Knight  
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 27<sup>th</sup>: 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, Mt 23:29-24:2) Aziz Massad

## MONDAY 28: The Adoration of the Magi

- In Thanksgiving by James & Theresa Manoharan

## TUESDAY 29: The Flight into Egypt and the Killing of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- Deceased Members of the James & Theresa Manoharan Family by James & Theresa Manoharan

## WEDNESDAY 30: The Return from Egypt to Nazareth

- Rep. Ferris Adado by Jack & Joe Etue

## THURSDAY 31: St. Sylvester I

- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Alice Tekiele

## FRIDAY January 1: New Year's Day- The Circumcision of Jesus

6:00 PM

- Intentions of All Parishioners

## SATURDAY 2: St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

- Rep. Alice Griffiths by Lewis & Jeanette Walterhouse

## SUNDAY January 3<sup>rd</sup>: 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

## SUNDAY January 10<sup>th</sup>: Revelation of Christ's Mystery to John the Baptist

- 10A.M: (2Cor 10:1-11, Jn 1:29-34) Ferris Anthony
- Rep. Gerald Knight by Josie Knight & Family
  - Rep. Mike Nemer (40 day) by Samira Nemer & Family
  - Rep. Subdeacon Charlie Rossi 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary by Rossie Family

## Announcements:



The parish office will be closed on Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's Day. Mass will be held at 6:00 pm on January 1.



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 Stewardship Committee will meet Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM.



The Parish Council will meet Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM.



The Altar Society will meet Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Prayer for the New Year

O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises, thank you for the gift of a new year.

May it be a time of grace for me, a time to grow in faith and love, a time to renew my commitment to following Your Son, Jesus.

May it be a year of blessing for me, a time to cherish my family and friends, a time to renew my efforts at work, a time to embrace my faith more fully.

Walk with me, please, in every day and every hour of this new year, that the light of Christ might shine through me, in spite of my weaknesses and failings.

Above all, may I remember this year that I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to You.

Amen

*Yesterday is but a dream, tomorrow but a vision. But today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this day.*

- Indian Proverb

## Children's Choir and Santa Claus



Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> the parish enjoyed the voices of the children who sang during Holy Communion. The children performed several songs they had practiced during the past few weeks including; *Jesus is Coming*, *Away in a Manger* and *Amen*. After Mass, the children were surprised with a visit from Santa Claus. They were able to visit with him and let him know what they wanted for Christmas. Santa passed out candy to young and old alike. We would like to thank Dee Gardner for working with the children to prepare them for their performance. We also want to offer a special thanks to "Santa Claus" for taking time out of his busy Christmas schedule to visit us.



## The Adoration of the Magi

Monday, December 28th

In Christian tradition, the Magi or Three Wise Men came bearing gifts to visit Jesus after his birth. In the Gospel of Matthew, it states that they came "from the east" to worship the Christ, "born King of the Jews". Although Matthew does not mention their number, because three gifts are recorded as having been given to the Christ Child, traditionally there are thought to have been three Magi - Gaspar, Melchoir and Balthasar.

The Magi, as the "Three Kings" or "Three Wise Men" are regular figures in traditional accounts of the nativity. According to the Gospel of Matthew, the Magi found Jesus by following a star, which became known as the Star of Bethlehem. On finding him, they gave him three symbolic gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold was often given to royalty at birth and symbolizes the kingship of Christ. Frankincense (an incense) was given as a symbol of worship and priesthood, and myrrh (an oil used for embalming or purification) is a symbol of death. Myrrh is very bitter and was mixed with wine and offered to Christ on the cross.

It is generally said that the Three Magi came to adore Our Lord as representatives of the Gentile peoples. They were referred to as magi because they represented the ancient wisdom of the East paying homage to Our Lord Jesus Christ. Magus, a word derived from the Greek, means a man of a great wisdom. Because of their visions and the call they received from God, they knew that the Messiah had been born.

The Magi were men from different races representing the old world and ancient wisdom who came to adore Our Lord and pay Him homage with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They traveled to Bethlehem moved by a very noble cause. Each came from different parts of the world to adore Our Lord as a sign that all nations are called to the light of the Faith.



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**Altar Servers Schedule:**

Jan 3: Team 2  
 Jan 10: Team 3

**Church cleaning for January:**  
 Mary Matte

**Mark Your Calendar**

**December:**  
 Dec 31: New Year's Eve Party

**January:**  
 Jan 6: Epiphany  
 Jan 21: Mid East Luncheon





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