



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday December 6, 2009 – Sunday December 13, 2009

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"Gospel Gossip"

"All these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea. And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts" (Lk 1:65 -66)

You know, most of the time, almost all of the time, gossip is bad. But there are a few instances as in the Gospel for this weekend where gossip is good. We could call it "good news gossip" or "Gospel Gossip."

This good kind of gossip is when God does something amazing for us, or in our church, or for somebody else, and we just want to spread it all over town. It is so amazing that we want to call everybody in the phonebook, and say, "Wow! Did you hear what God did for Zacharias, did you know about the new born John?"

Or, "You'll never believe what happened! For example, we prayed for Aziz, and Josie, and Linda, and Duane... at our daily masses, and at the prayer meeting and Bible study on Tuesday night, and not one week later, our prayer was answered! Isn't that incredible?"

I hope you can do that at work and in your neighborhood. Godly gossip. Gospel gossip. Just letting your mouth speak from the overflow in your life of what exciting things God is doing.

Submitted by Abouna Hanna

- * **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:

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



Jean Rossie
Aziz Massad
Sue Stubbett
Michelle Garey
Amy Burke

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 6th: Birth of John the Baptist

10A.M: (Gal 4:21-5:1, Lk 1:57-66) MYO

- Rep. Karen Solomon (9 year anniversary) by Chuck Solomon & Family
- Rep. Norman Weissert by Yvonne & Family
- Rep. Joseph Tayar by Lazar & Nahida Hanna

MONDAY 7: St. Ambrose, Doctor of the Church, Confessor

- Rep Ray Faris by Ruth Avetta

TUESDAY 8: The Immaculate Conception

6:00 PM

- Int. Josie Knight by Jeanie Faris & Family

WEDNESDAY 9: St. Peter Fourier, St. Juan Diego

- Rep. Helen David by Tyl Rizik

THURSDAY 10: St. Gregory III

No Mass

FRIDAY 11: St. Damasus

No Mass

SATURDAY 12: St. Spyridon the Wonderworker, Confessor, Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00 PM

- Rep. Joseph Tayar by Mary Ann Sheehan

SUNDAY December 13th: 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

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



We wish to extend our condolences to Bob and Sharon Griffiths on the death of Bob's mother, Alice Griffiths. Mrs. Griffiths passed away in Florida on Wednesday 12/2/09. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in their time of loss.



A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song.

Maya Angelou

Announcements:



The Parish Council will meet Monday, December, 7th, at 7:00 PM.



Please join us for Mass at 6:00 pm Tuesday evenings followed by movies featuring the lives of Saints at 7:00 pm. This week's movie will be about St. Rafka.



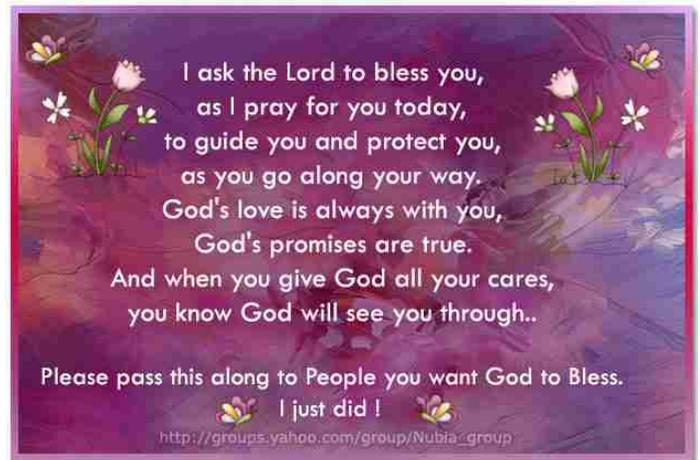
The second collection for Sunday December 6th will be for Patriarchal Charities.



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



There will be **no mass** on Thursday December 10th or Friday December 11th.



Please keep the family of Afifi Kadadu in your prayers this week. Afifi's sister, Marie Kadadu, passed away Thursday, November 26th in Nazareth. May God bless her soul and those of all the faithful departed.

Visit from Bishop Gregory Mansour



Our Lady of Lebanon Church was blessed with a visit from His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour who was visiting his family over Thanksgiving weekend. Bishop Gregory presided over mass on Saturday and Sunday and visited with parishioners after the services. He also shared time with the MYA members who were holding their first meeting Saturday evening. We appreciate Bishop Gregory taking time from his personal schedule to be with us during this holiday season.



St. Spyridon

Feastday: December 12

Saint Spyridon, also written Saint Spiridon, is a saint honored in both the Eastern and Western Christian traditions.

Spyridon was born in Asha, in Cyprus. He worked as a shepherd and was known for his great piety. He married and had one daughter, Irene. Upon the death of his wife, Spyridon entered a monastery, and their daughter, a convent.

Spyridon eventually became Bishop of Tremithous, near Paphos, and was a vocal opponent of Arianism. He took part in the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea.

Through simplicity and deep devotion to God, he worked miracles throughout his life and became known as a great wonder-worker, calling forth rain in the midst of drought, casting out demons with a single word, healing the sick and even raising people from the dead. He reportedly converted a pagan philosopher to Christianity by using a fragment of broken pottery to illustrate how one single entity (a piece of pottery) could be composed of three unique entities (fire, water and clay); As soon as Spyridon finished speaking, the shard is said to have miraculously burst into flame, water dripped on the ground, and only dust remained in his hand. After the council, Saint Spyridon returned to his diocese in Tremithous. He later fell into disfavor during the persecutions of the emperor Maximinus, but died peacefully in old age.

When the Arabs took Cyprus, Spyridon's body was disinterred and taken to Constantinople. The relics were found to be incorrupt, and contained a sprig of basil, the "royal plant," both of which were taken as a sign of divine confirmation of his sanctity.

From: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Spyridon



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Altar Servers Schedule:

Dec 13: Team 1
 Dec 20: Team 2

Church cleaning for December:
 Week 2 Diane & Nawal

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December:

Dec 19 Christmas Cleaning of Temple
 Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party

St. George Orthodox Church
 &
 Our Lady of Lebanon Church

Proudly presents to you our 2nd
 annual New Years Party



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 Aziz**

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