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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday November 15, 2009 – Sunday November 22, 2009

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Food for Thought

Live in such a way
that those who know you,
but don't know God,
will come to know God
because they know 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:



Jean Rossie
Aziz Massad
Sue Stubbett
Michelle Garey
Amy Burke

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

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 November 15th: Announcement to Zechariah

- 10A.M: (Rom 4:13-25, Lk 1:1-25) Bob Pollack
- Living & Deceased Members of the Maroun Family by Sam
 - Rep. Joseph Tayar by Fouzi Zerka & Family
 - Rep. Mary Nessian by Nahida Hanna & Juliet Hermiz
 - Rep. Phillip Bueche, by Renate Bueche

MONDAY 16: St. Matthew the Evangelist, Apostle

- Int. Josie Knight by Altar Society

TUESDAY 17: St. Gregory the Wonderworker, Confessor

- Rep. Ray Faris by John & Barbara Nickola

WEDNESDAY 18: St. Romanos (Raymond) Martyr

- Int. Vincent Farhat by Mary Ann Shaheen

THURSDAY 19: St. Barlaam

- Rep. Nerses Bagdasarian by Tyl Rizik

FRIDAY 20: St. Bernward

- Int. Miriam Mitri by Josef Massoud & Family

SATURDAY 21: Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple

5:00 PM

- Int. Linda Mackso od by Mary Ann Shaheen

SUNDAY November 22th: Announcement to the Virgin Mary

- 10A.M: (Gal 3:15-22, Lk 1:26-38) Ferris Anthony
- Rep. Joseph Tayar by Duane & Dee Gardner
 - Rep. Alfred Gazell by Mon & Elsie Shaheen
 - Rep. Yacoub Dicho Hanna by Gino & Sawsan Kalo

SUNDAY November 29th: Visitation of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

- 10A.M: (Eph 1:1-14, Lk 1:39-45) Ferris Anthony
- Reprs. Wadad & Kathryn Anthony by Ferris Anthony
 - Rep. Ray Faris by Louise Shaheen
 - Rep. Joseph Tayar by Francis & Salwa Haddad



Nadeem Gabrael & Andre Zerka have returned from the MYA workshop in Florida and are anxious to share what they've learned and begin the task of revitalizing the MYA in our parish. They would like to invite any young adults between the ages of 18 and 35 who are interested in joining in the MYA to attend Mass at 5:00 pm on Saturday November 28th. The Mass will be followed by a short meeting and outing to get acquainted.

Announcements:



The spiritual committee will meet Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 pm in the library.



We are looking for men or women in the parish who are interested in helping out as ushers. The duties of the ushers include welcoming parishioners to mass, seating them, handing out bulletins, collecting envelopes during mass and counting the collection after the final mass on Sunday. Anyone that might be interested in volunteering once or twice a month as an usher should contact Phil Faris at 629-8926 or the church office.



Please join us in our weekly Bible Study classes which are being held every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the library.



We are setting up our 2010 lector schedules for Saturday and Sunday masses. We need parishioners willing to read during Mass on either of these days. Readers are scheduled approximately one Saturday or Sunday every six weeks. Anyone who is interested participating as a reader should contact the church office.



We wish to offer our deepest condolences to the Abdella family on the death of Sylvia Abdella, sister-in-law of John Abdella, who passed away Thursday November 11th. Our prayers and thoughts are with them in their time of loss.



Thank you to all of the parishioners of our Lady of Lebanon who have offered condolences, prayers and masses on the death of our uncle, Joseph Tayar. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Abouna Hanna & Sr. Therese



Matthew the Evangelist

Feastday: November 16th

St. Matthew, one of the twelve Apostles, is the author of the first Gospel. It is likely that Mattija, "gift of Iaveh", was the name conferred upon him by Jesus Christ when He called him to be an Apostle, and that Levi was his original name. He is identified with the "Levi" of Mark and Luke.

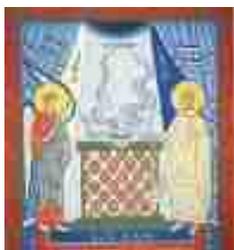
He was the son of Alpheus and was called to be an Apostle while sitting in the tax collectors place at Capernaum. Before his conversion he was a publican, which was a tax collector by profession. As tax-gatherer at Capharnaum, he collected custom duties for Herod Antipas, and, although he was a Jew, he was despised by the Pharisees, who hated all publicans. When summoned by Jesus, Matthew arose and followed Him and offered Him a feast in his house, where tax-gatherers and sinners sat at table with Christ and His disciples. This drew forth a protest from the Pharisees whom Jesus rebuked in these consoling words: "I came not to call the just, but sinners".

Matthew is mentioned in the Gospels, in the list of the Apostles. As a disciple and an Apostle he followed Christ, accompanying Him up to the time of His Passion and, in Galilee, was one of the witnesses of His Resurrection. He was also among the Apostles who were present at the Ascension, and afterwards withdrew to an upper chamber, in Jerusalem, praying in union with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and with his fellow Apostles.

St. Matthew's Gospel was written to fill the needs of his fellow countrymen, both believers and unbelievers. For the believers, it served as a token of his regard and as an encouragement in the trial to come, especially the danger of falling back to Judaism; for the unbelievers, it was designed to convince them that the Messiah had come in the person of Jesus, our Lord. Writing for his countrymen of Palestine, St. Matthew composed his Gospel in his native Aramaic, the "Hebrew tongue" mentioned in the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles.

Of Matthew's subsequent career we have only legend which tells us that Matthew preached the Gospel among the Hebrews for fifteen years before going into other countries and that he gave them his Gospel in the mother tongue. Ancient writers are not in agreement as to the countries evangelized by Matthew, but almost all mention Ethiopia to the south of the Caspian Sea (not Ethiopia in Africa), some of Persia, Macedonia, and Syria.

It is believed that St. Matthew died a martyr but there is disagreement as to how and where he died.



ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH

The Season of Annunciation is a six week commemoration of those events surrounding and culminating in the Birth of Jesus. The season opens with the Annunciation to Zechariah. Mention of the Archangel Gabriel, whose name means "God is strong," is found in the Old Testament. The Archangel appeared to the Prophet Daniel and spoke of the end of time when God will come to judge His People

Gabriel appeared to Zechariah, a descendant of Aaron, a member of the priestly caste. This appearance took place while Zechariah was fulfilling one of the priestly functions, the offering of incense at the Temple Altar. The prophecy of a birth of a son was not only good news for Israel, but also good news for the aged Zechariah and Elizabeth. For years they had been living under the curse of having no children. Gabriel now told them that Elizabeth, in her old age, was to give birth to a son. The news given to Zechariah and Elizabeth recalls the promise given to Abraham and Sarah: they too were childless, but were promised descendants. Although he knew that nothing is impossible for God, Zechariah doubted the message. In order to bring him to belief, Gabriel gave him a sign: Zechariah was to be mute until the birth of his son. This sign given to Zechariah is intended for all of us. John the Forerunner is the link between the Old and New Covenants. With the coming of the Savior, the Old will be silenced and the New Covenant proclaimed. Filled with the spirit, we cry out with Zechariah, "Blessed are you, O God!"



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2009 Religious Education




We currently have approximately eighty students signed up for Our Lady of Lebanon Religious education classes. We wish to offer a special thanks to Sr. Therese and Alicia Massad for their work in getting the classes organized. Thank you also to all of the teachers who have volunteered their time to teach this year! Be sure to check the pictures of the current classes on the MYO bulletin board.




Altar Servers Schedule:

Nov. 22: Team 1
 Nov. 29: Team 2

Church cleaning for November:
 Cindy Shaheen

Mark Your Calendar

December:

Dec. 6 Organizational Christmas Dinner
 Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party











