



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday November 29, 2009 – Sunday December 6, 2009**

### Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
Subdeacon Earl Matte

### Parish Staff

Michelle Tennis - Secretary  
Pat Haley – Caterer

### 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



### Why is there evil in the world?

Even if it's a mystery, a part of the answer can be revealed from the little story of Padre Pio, the 20th century saint:

“- Listen to me: imagine a mother embroidering. Her little child, sitting on a low stool, looks at her work, but from underneath, upside down. He sees the knots of the embroidery, the tangle of thread ... "And he says ," Mom, what are you doing? Your work is very confusing!

"Then his mother lowers the fabric and it shows the good side of embroidery. Each color has its place and the variety of the threads blend in the harmony of design.

We too, we see the reverse of the embroidery. We sit on the little stool ...”

*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:



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  
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 29<sup>th</sup>: Visitation of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

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

## MONDAY 30: St. Andrew, Apostle, St. Beshai, Confessor

- Rep Joe Ferris by Bobby & Cindy Latesky

## TUESDAY December 1: St. Florence; St. Eligius 6:00 PM

- Int. Duane Hannosh by Lazar & Nahida Hanna

## WEDNESDAY 2: St. Bibiana

- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

## THURSDAY 3: St. Francis Xavier, Confessor

- Int. Gene Szatowski by St. John Fenton Choir

## FRIDAY 4: St. Barbara, Martyr

- Rep. Helen O'Brien by Nieces

## SATURDAY 5: St. Saba the Hermit, Confessor 5:00 PM

- Int. Josie Knight by Mary Ann Sheehan

## SUNDAY December 6<sup>th</sup>: 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

## 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



Our annual New Year's party will be held in conjunction with St. George Orthodox Church at their parish on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Soumaya Aziz will provide the entertainment for the evening. Doors will open at 7:00 pm with dinner served at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$60 per adult and \$30 per child if purchased in advance or \$75 per adult and \$45 per child if purchased at the door. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible.

*I would prefer to be an honest failure than to be a corrupt success.*

## Announcements:



The Stewardship Committee will meet Monday, November, 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM.



The Parish Council will meet Tuesday, December, 1st, at 7:00 PM.



The MYO will meet Thursday, December 4th from 6:00 to 8:00 in the classrooms



The Altar Society will not be meeting in December.



Tuesday masses will be held at 6:00 pm through the Christmas Announcement Season.



Beginning in December we will be showing movies featuring the lives of Saints after Tuesday evening mass. There will be announcements regarding upcoming features in the next bulletin.



Please join us in our final weekly Bible study class which will be held Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in the library.



The second collection for Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> will be for Patriarchal Charities.

## WELCOME

We wish to welcome Bishop Gregory Mansour who is visiting our parish this weekend. We appreciate his taking time from his busy schedule to be with us.



Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of George and Amal Mansour. Amal's oldest brother, Tanus Zaher, passed away Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> in Haifa. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## I Found Everything

In the search for me,  
I discovered truth  
In the search for truth,  
I discovered love  
In the search for love,  
I discovered God  
And in God,  
I have found everything



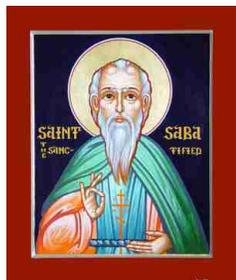
We are looking for men or women in the parish who are interested in helping out as ushers. The duties of the ushers include welcoming parishioners to mass, seating them, handing out bulletins, collecting envelopes during mass and counting the collection after the final mass on Sunday. Anyone that might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



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.

*I cannot walk an inch without trying to walk to God. I cannot move a finger without trying to touch God.*

*Anne Sexton*



## St. Saba

Feastday: December 5

St. Saba was born of pious Christian parents, John and Sophia, in Cappadocia . His father, John, was a military commander. When St. Saba was five years old, his parents left him with an uncle and went away on military business.

At the age of eight, he went to the nearby monastery and studied the Holy Scriptures. His parents returned and urged him to join the world again and plan to marry. St. Saba refused and was tonsured a monk at the age of seventeen. So pure was his asceticism and prayer, that the saint was given the gift of wonderworking. He spent ten years at the monastery before going to Jerusalem, then on to St. Euthymius the Great's monastery, then onto Abba Theoctistus. He lived there until he was thirty years old.

After Theoctistus died, St. Saba went into the wilderness to live in a cave, only returning to the monastery on Saturdays for divine services and a meal with the other monks. After a time, he received permission to abandon his Saturday visits to the monastery and live as a hermit in the cave. He lived in the cave for five years. St. Euthymius watched over him carefully and decided to take him with to the Rouba wilderness.

When St. Euthymius died, St. Saba withdrew to a cave near the monastery of St. Gerasimus of Jordan. Many gathered around him seeking the monastic life and a lavra (a settlement of cells) was established. While St. Saba was walking one day, a pillar of fire appeared to him directing him to a large cave that became the lavra's church. St. Saba founded several other monasteries.

Many miracles occurred through the prayers of St. Saba, including a spring coming forth from the ground at the lavra, abundant rain in the time of drought, and healing of the sick and the possessed. He is accredited with the composition of the Jerusalem Typikon. St. Saba reposed in the Lord in the year 532 .

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**Altar Servers Schedule:**

Dec 6: Team 3  
Dec 13: Team 1

**Church cleaning for December:**

**Mark Your Calendar**

**December:**

Dec. 6 Organizational Christmas Dinner  
Dec 19 Christmas Cleaning of Temple  
Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party

**Before**

Before you speak **Listen**

Before you write **Think**

Before you spend **Earn**

Before you criticize **Wait**

Before you pray **Forgive**

Before you quit **Try**



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