



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday November 8, 2009 – Sunday November 15, 2009

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Michelle Tennis - Secretary
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Parish Leaders

Chuck Solomon – Parish Council
Dee Gardner – Choir Director
Joan McKnight – Organist
Freda Hearsch – Religious Education
Mary Matte – Altar Society
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar Society



Pay Attention

There is an old story about a man who lived near a river that was dangerously rising in flood season.

A radio report said that the river was going to rush up and flood the town and that all should evacuate. The man said, "I am religious, I pray, God will protect me!"

As the waters rose, a man came by in a boat and shouted, "Hey you in there, come and get in my boat!" The man retorted, "I am religious, I pray, God will protect me!"

A helicopter hovered above the house as the loudspeaker told the man to come out and be rescued, he called back "I am religious, I pray, God will take me to safety!"

Well... the man drowned. Standing in Heaven he asked, "God, where were you?"

God said, "I sent you a radio report, a rescue boat and a helicopter... **what are you doing here!?"**

God is speaking, but we may not have learned how to listen to Him!

- * **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 Stubbart
Michelle Garey
Amy Burke

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 8th: Renewal of the Church

10A.M: (Heb 9:11-15; Jn 10:22-42) Mary Matte

- Rep. Ray Faris (40 day) by Family
- Rep. Dr. Mary Hathoot Mitchell by Ahlam Solomon & Family
- Rep. Zakia El-Dick by Ahlam Solomon & Family

MONDAY 9: Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica in Rome

- Rep. Mary Nessian by Nahida Hanna & Juliet Hermiz

TUESDAY 10: St. Moura, Confessor

- Rep. Joseph Tayar by Aziz & Diane Massad

WEDNESDAY 11: St. Mennas, Martyr

- Rep. George Boher by Mary Ann Shaheen

THURSDAY 12: St. Josaphat

- Int. of Josie Knight by Ralph & Helen Burgess

FRIDAY 13: St. John Chrysostom, Doctor of the Church, Confessor.

- Int. Joe Faris, Josie Knight & Helen Burgess by Josef Massoud & Family

SATURDAY 14: St. Philip, Apostle

5:00 PM

- Rep. Ray Faris by Hector & Rose Khoury

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

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



We wish to offer our deepest condolences to Sam and Samira Kalo on the death of Samira's father Yacoub Hanna. Mr. Hanna passed away on Thursday, October 29th in Iraq. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Announcements:



We will be holding elections for three expired terms on our Parish Council the first week of December. The purpose of the Parish Council is to advise and cooperate with the pastor in the pastoral care of the parish. Any parishioners 18 years of age and in good standing in the parish are eligible to fill these spots. If you are interested becoming a member of the Parish Council, please notify Father Hanna or the church office. The parish council meets monthly in the church library.



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



The Stewardship Committee will meet Monday November 9th at 7:00 pm.



The Parish Council will meet Tuesday November 10th at 7:00 pm.



The MYO will meet Friday, November 13th in the classrooms at 6:00 pm.



The Council of Catholic Women of St. Matthew's Church has invited us to join them for a Day of Recollection Saturday, Nov 14th. Registration is at 9:00 am with coffee and donuts. There will be a mass at noon followed by lunch and the conference. The cost is \$12. Some ladies from the Altar Society are attending. If you wish to join them, notify Mary Matte at 732 -1137.



We would like to thank our family, our friends and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon who have offered prayers, masses cards, and encouragement during Linda's extended illness. We are blessed to have had such wonderful people supporting us throughout this difficult period.

Tom and Linda Macksood

"If people would do for God what they do for the world, what a great number of Christians would go to heaven."

St. John-Mary Vianney

2009 HARVEST DINNER GRATITUDE TO ALL



The ladies of the Altar Society held their annual Harvest Dinner Sunday, November 1st here at Our Lady of Lebanon Hall. Approximately 200 people came to enjoy the meal. Thanks to all who attended for making this event a success.

Thank you also to all of the ladies of the Altar Society and their helpers for their hard work in preparing the Harvest Dinner. We would like to offer a special thanks to our caterer, Pat Haley, for donating and preparing the chicken for the event!



Mary Matte President Altar Society



ST. MENNAS

Feastday: November 11

Mennas was born in Egypt in 285 AD. His parents were Christians and were unable to have any children. On the feast of the Virgin Mary, his mother was praying in front of an icon of Saint Mary that God would give her a blessed son. A sound came from the icon saying "Amen". A few months later, she gave birth to a boy and named him Minas.

At the age of fifteen Mennas joined the Roman army. Three years later he left the army to devote his life to Christ. He went to the desert where he lived five years as a hermit. There he saw a revelation and heard a voice saying: "Blessed are you Mennas because you have been called to the pious life from your childhood. You shall be granted three immortal crowns; one for your celibacy, another for your asceticism, and a third for your martyrdom."

Mennas hurried to the ruler, declaring his Christian faith. He was taken before Hermogenes, a judge, where he sang a four-hour musical defense of Christianity. His eyes were gouged out and his tongue cut off when he ended his defense. According to legend, Mennas' eyes and tongue were miraculously restored, an event that brought about the conversion of Hermogenes. Legend also has it that the soldiers who executed Mennas set his body to fire for three days but the body remained unharmed.

"For which of those works do you stone me?"

John 10:22-42

This Sunday we celebrate the *Renewal of the Church*. How can our church be renewed if each one of us doesn't renew his relationship with Jesus through **His body, Us, the Church**

"Are you the Messiah, or aren't you? If you are, tell us plainly." Many have asked, "Why don't people believe in Jesus?"

First, it is not because of lack of information! Sometimes it is very difficult for us to understand Scripture because we have such twisted ideas of what it is really saying. What a difficult thing it is to convince people when **you do not look like what they expect!** That is the problem Jesus had. The Jews expected a military leader who would free them from the yoke of Rome, but he came as the Suffering Servant of Jehovah to give himself on behalf of the sins of man and break through the stranglehold of evil which Satan has upon our race.

The second thing Jesus pointed out in his reply is that, though he had told them, they rejected the evidence he gave: because, as they read the Scriptures, they **selected** the evidence they wanted to believe and left the rest.

The third reason is the most significant of all: **"You do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep."** Jesus is saying, "You have never come to me. You have never gotten close. You have never really found out who I am. You have never asked me to do anything in your life. You have no personal testimony of what I can do. You have not been part of my sheep." This is the reason why many people never find God.

Jesus tells us three things that he has done which make his sheep act as they do. First, "I give unto them eternal life." Secondly, that quality of life has an element of assurance: it will never end. It has a certainty of safety, of security about it. Thirdly, this is a life which is guarded, kept, protected by two unconquerable Beings. No one, not even we ourselves, can take ourselves out of the Father's hand.

What about us? Do we believe in Him or do we still **have doubt** and would **stone Him**? What proofs are we expecting? It is true. You cannot convince anybody who does not wish to be convinced. This is where many people are today. They say they have tried to come to God, and they blame him because nothing happens. But God cannot fail. It is we who need to learn more, we who need to humble ourselves, and come, and say, "Lord, teach me what is wrong."

Submitted by Abouna Hanna



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Altar Servers Schedule:

Nov. 15: Team 3
Nov. 22: Team 1

Church cleaning for November:
Cindy Shaheen

Mark Your Calendar

December:

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

Seven Problems Hearing God:

1. We want God to speak on our terms .
2. We want to be able to draw any truth from what God says that takes us in a direction we already want to go!
3. We want Him to be committed to speak to us, even if we have expressed no commitment to Him!
4. We want Him to offer us the benefits of a relationship with Him (like communication, direction and security) without the relational responsibilities on our end.
5. We want Jesus to say things that fit our preconceived notions.
6. We want Jesus' words to take us where WE WANT TO GO.
7. We want unlimited chances to ignore His Word.

God is speaking, are you ready to listen to Him?



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