



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday September 20, 2009 – Sunday September 27, 2009

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Mary Matte – Altar Society
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Behold...The Cross

Somewhere in England on a Sunday in 1961, a convicted murderer escaped from prison and fleeing from the police found a hiding place in an old deserted barn located way out in a field. Now, the man was wounded and considered dangerous because he was armed with a gun.

In a village not far away, three second graders (two little girls and a little boy) were just finishing Sunday school class. Their heads were all full of Bible stories.

On their way home, the kids had to cut through the field where the old deserted barn was located. Kids, being kids, decided to play in there for awhile.

Laughing happily, they burst into the barn and stopped dead in their tracks, for they were looking up into the icy eyes of this big unshaven man who was bleeding from a head wound, and boy was he tall

The children were dumfounded. But one of them managed to squeak: "Who..are you?"

The criminal half sneered, took one menacing step toward them..... but then he seemed to become dizzy. He stumbled and fell fainting to the ground. But as he fell, he growled one word: "Jesus!" he cursed.

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- * **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:



Aziz Massad
Sue Stubbert
Michelle Garey
Amy Burke

Agnes Torok
Helen Azzarello
Sarah Marshall
Hanneh Chammas
Hap & Eve Maroun
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Helen Zerka
Ann David
Dorothy Mattar
Wanda Maroun
Phillip Shaker
Linda Macksood

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 appo intment.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY September 20: 1st Sunday after Holy Cross

10A.M: (2 Tim 2:1-10, Mk 10:35-45)

- Rep. Adel Alsabie (Anniversary Mass) by Roger & Laila Nesser
- Deceased Members of the Maroun Family by Sam
- Rep. Milad Lahoud, Mary Nissan & Int. of Aziz Massad & Shamoun Hanna by Lazar & Nahida Hanna & Family
- Rep. Behnam Mikael by Mazin & Hanna Jabero

MONDAY 21: St. Matthew

- NO MASS

TUESDAY 22: St. Phocas, Martyr

- NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 23: St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Confessor

- NO MASS

THURSDAY 24: St. Thecla, First Woman Martyr

- NO MASS

FRIDAY 25: St. Finbar

- Int. Linda Macksood by Mary Ann Sheehan

SATURDAY 26: Sts. Cosmas & Damian

5:00 PM

- Int. Nancy Telesz by Lewis & Jeanette Walterhouse

SUNDAY September 27: 2nd Sunday after Holy Cross

10A.M: (1 Cor 15:19-34, Mt. 24:1-14) Ferris Anthony

- Rep Margaret Okal (40 day) by James & Debbie Garner
- Rep. Rep Kimberly Gardener by Duane & Dee Gardner
- Rep. Najla Assaf by Duane & Dee Gardner
- Rep Wadad Anthony by Ferris Anthony

SUNDAY October 4th: 3rd Sunday after Holy Cross, Holy Rosary Sunday

10A.M: (Phil 3:17-4:1, Mt. 24:23-31) MYO

- Rep Ralph Wofford (40 day memorial) by Jeff & Alicia Wofford & Family
- Rep. Norman Weissert by Yvonne & Family
- Rep. Najla Assaf & Tanious Gebrael by Najib & Siham Mas saad

Altar Servers Schedule:

Sept 27: Team 2
Oct. 4: Team 3

Church cleaning for September:

Mary Matte

Announcements:



The MYA meeting for Thursday, September 24th has been cancelled



Starting in October, members of our parish will have the opportunity to attend yoga classes here at our church on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 AM Yoga improves strength, flexibility and balance and helps you to relax and focus. The teacher will be Natala Harvey, who is trained as a senior Hatha Yoga instructor and has been teaching yoga since 1997.



Our deepest condolences to the family of Ray Faris who passed away Thursday, September 17. Funeral services will be held here on Monday, Sept. 21. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Behold...The Cross Continued

“Who did he say he was?” asked one of the little girls.

“He said he was Jesus.” replied the little boy, not much surprised. After all, teacher said He’ll come back again someday.

Well, you know, those three children took care of that stranger. They brought him food, a blanket, a bandage, and they never told anyone that they were hiding Jesus from the police.

Eventually the police did catch up to the escaped killer. By that time, he was well and strong and might have tried to blast his way out. But when he saw the children watching, he gave up without a struggle.

Afterward, a policeman called the kids aside to explain to them the terrible mistake they had made and the danger they were in. He nearly had them convinced. “Just look at the guy! Behold the man!”

And the children did look over at the criminal who was, at that very moment being searched for possible weapons. As the police “patted him down” he was forced to raise his arms from his sides...and he produced the perfect shadow of a cross for all to see.

Believe me, when you do good to ANY one of these...His brothers.... really and truly...you do it for Jesus.

Sub Deacon Earl Matte

Congratulations Deacon Tony Massad



The Ordination of Tony Massad took place here at Our Lady of Lebanon Church on Sunday September 13th. We were blessed with the presence of our bishop His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Robert J. Shaheen who presided over the service. Hundreds of family, friends and clergy were in attendance to share in the event. The service was followed by a dinner in the church hall. We congratulate Tony and wish him the best with his studies on his road to the priesthood. Tony will be ordained a priest here at Our Lady of Lebanon on June 26, 2010.



St. Phocas the Gardner **Feastday September 22**

St. Phocas is said to have lived as a hermit beside the gate of Sinope, a city on the shores of the Black Sea. He divided his time between praying, tending a flower garden and helping the needy. He became a victim of the Roman persecutions and he was put on the government black list of Christians. The magistrates did not even bring him to trial. They simply sent out two soldiers with orders to kill him on sight.

Now, when the designated executioners arrived at Sinope, they searched in vain for a someplace to stay. They stopped at Phocas's home, without recognizing him. He at once invited them to be his guests. During dinner they told him why they had been sent to Sinope, and asked where Phocas could be found. The hermit replied that he was well acquainted with the man they sought, and would tell them in the morning where they could contact him. After the guests had gone to bed, the saint went out into his garden and dug himself a grave. He spent the rest of the night in prayer, preparing for death.

In the morning their host announced to the soldiers that Phocas was now at their disposal. "Where is he?" they asked. "He is here," said the hermit. "I myself am the man." His visitors did not think they could ever harm this person who had shown them such kindness, but St. Phocas himself solved their dilemma. He explained to them that, in his belief, to die for one's faith was a favor and the highest of privileges. So they went ahead with their assignment and cut off his head.



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Oct 8: Mid East Luncheon



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