



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday September 6, 2009 – Sunday September 13, 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  
Joan McKnight – Organist  
Freda Hearsch – Religious Education  
Mary Matte – Altar Society  
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar Society



### *Forgiven Much--Loved Much*

‘Who will love more? The one forgiven more. He is not forgiven because he loves; he loves because he was forgiven. His love is the sign of his forgiveness, a response that flows naturally from it. In the Gospel of this Sunday, the Woman then is not forgiven much because her love for Jesus is so great. Rather, she has such great, expressive love because she has been forgiven an awful lot, and she knows it. Simon does not forfeit forgiveness because he does not love Jesus. He feels no love because he does not think he needs very much (if any) forgiveness’.

In this ‘Year of the Priest’, let us pray for all those who represent Jesus by forgiving our sins. Aren’t they “God’s greatest gift to humanity and humanity’s greatest gift to God”? St John Marie Vianney was chosen by Pope Benedict XVI as a model and heavenly part for the ‘Year of the Priest’. May he bless all those who donated themselves to serve Jesus on Earth.

*Abouna.*

- \* **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:



Ray Faris  
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 appointment.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY September 6: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M.: (1 Thes 1:1-10, Lk 7:36-50) MYO

- Reps. Najla Assaf, Massad Toufic Massad & Tanious Gebrael by Lazar & Nahida Hanna & Family
- Rep. Thomas Alex by the Altar Society
- Rep. Ralph Wofford by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

### MONDAY 7: St. Regina

No Mass

### TUESDAY 8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Int. Linda Macksood by Altar Society

### WEDNESDAY 9: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Virgin Mary, Confessors

- Int. Aziz Massad by Ralph & Helen Burgess

### THURSDAY 10: St. Nicholas of Tolentino

- Int. Linda Macksood by Bob & Sharon Griffiths

### FRIDAY 11: St. Adelphus

- Rep. Helen Hogan by Altar Society

### SATURDAY 12: Bl. Apollinaris

5:00 PM

- Int. Linda Macksood by Morningstar Society

### SUNDAY September 13: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10A.M.: (Rom 8:18-27, Lk 18-9-14) Bob Pollack

- Rep. Tanious Gebrael by Aziz & Diane Massad
- Int. Danny & Asmahan Zerka by Duane & Dee Gardner
- Rep. Margaret Okal by Carl & Linda Lesser

### SUNDAY September 20: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross

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

- Deceased Members of the Maroun Family by Sam
- Rep. Milad Lahoud, Mary Nissan & Int. of Aziz Massad & Shamoun Hanna by Lazar & Nahida Hanna & Family



The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Jaime Fabbri & Catherine O'Malley

*Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there!*

*Will Rogers*

## Announcements:



The office will be closed Monday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day.



Shop for a cause – the MYO is selling coupon booklets for Macy's. Each booklet sells for \$5.00 and the money goes to the MYO. For your \$5.00 donation, you will receive 25% off any one item at Macy's and 20% off all items on 10/17/09. You will also be eligible to win a \$500 Macy's Gift card. Please see Noha Zerka, Jo hnnny Solomon or any MYO member for the coupon books. You can also contact the church office.



We are in need of additional instructors for this fall's Religious Education program. If you are able to teach one of our classes, please contact Father Hanna or the church office. Please consider volunteering your time to important cause.



Attention Parents! Sign-up sheets for Religious Education will be available by the classroom after mass today. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.



We have a group of men that play cards here Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am. They could use a few extra players. Anyone interested in playing should stop by and join in.



On Sunday 9/13/09 Toni Massad will be ordained as a Deacon here at Our Lady of Lebanon Church. It will be our honor to welcome His Excellency our Bishop Robert Shaheen who will preside over this ceremony. Please make every effort to attend this special event!



Aziz and Diane Massad wish to thank all of their friends, family, and Our Lady of Lebanon parishioners for their prayers, cards, masses and financial support during Aziz's extended illness. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful friends.



## *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Feast Day September 8th

The Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been celebrated in the Church at least since the 8th Century. The Church's calendar observes the birthdays of only two saints: Saint John the Baptist (June 24), and Mary, Mother of Jesus.

John the Baptist is considered especially sanctified even before his birth. His birth to Elizabeth and Zachariah is foretold in the first chapter of Luke, and it is also recorded (Lk 1:41) that Elizabeth felt the infant John "leap in her womb" when Mary approached her soon after the Annunciation.

The birth of Mary was also miraculous. She was conceived without sin as a special grace because God had selected her to become the mother of His Son (the feast of her Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8). The dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, though generally believed throughout the Church for many centuries, was formally declared by Pope Pius IX in 1854.

There is nothing contained in Scripture about the birth of Mary or her parentage, though Joseph's lineage is given in the first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew. The names of Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, appear in the apocryphal "Gospel of James", a book dating from the 2nd Century AD, not part of the authentic canon of Scripture. According to this account, Joachim and Anna were also beyond the years of child-bearing, but prayed and fasted that God would grant their desire for a child.

According to one tradition, the house in which Mary was born in Nazareth is the same one in which the Annunciation took place. By another tradition, the Annunciation site is beneath the Crusader church of Saint Anna in Jerusalem, under a 3rd Century oratory known as the "Gate of Mary".

In celebrating the nativity of Mary, Christians anticipate the Incarnation and birth of her Divine Son, and give honor to the mother of Our Lord and Savior.



**Thy birth, O Virgin Mother of God,  
heralded joy to all the world.  
For from thou hast risen the Sun of justice,  
Christ our God.**

**Destroying the curse, He gave blessing;  
and damning death, He bestowed on us  
life everlasting.**

**Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.  
For from thou hast risen of Sun of justice,  
Christ our God.**

***Prayer  
for the  
Feastday of  
the Birth of  
the  
Virgin Mary***



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**Altar Servers Schedule:**

Sept 13: Team 3  
 Sept 20: Team 1

**Church cleaning for September:**  
 Mary Matte

**Mark Your Calendar**

**September:**

Sept 13: Ordination Toni Massad  
 Sept 20: Mass by Abbott Semaan Abou Abdou

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