



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday April 25, 2010 – Sunday May 2, 2010**

## "Who are you?"

None of the disciples dared ask Jesus, "Who are you?" because they knew He was the Lord. In our daily life, when we meet somebody new, we always try to understand who he is. Our questions include not only his social life, but his personality too: marital identity, whether or not he has children, his degrees, what kind of work he does... and we try to understand through all those details if the person is happy or not.

Jesus, when he invited his disciples to eat with him on the Gospel of this Sunday, wanted to share with them their fatigue too. Simon Peter couldn't hold himself. Although he was perplexed, he wanted to express his Love for Jesus. Next Sunday we will understand what kind of Love Jesus is asking for.

During the entire season of the Resurrection, we are going to improve our relationship with the Resurrected, to discover on Him our Lord, to recognize and meet Him during our daily occupations, and finally to ask Him to bless our struggling. If I'm always trying to understand who the other man is, should I not also take enough time and find out who I am, or at least, who is my God and Savior? Life without the Lord is empty and meaningless.

When Jesus asks us where are the souls that He called us to reach, what will be our answer? There will be no excuses accepted! Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." That means if we are following Him we will be reaching others. It also means if we are not reaching others...we are not following Him. Eternal souls are in the balance...what will we do?

*Abouna Hanna*

### Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
Subdeacon Earl Matte

### Parish Staff

Michelle Tennis - Secretary  
Pat Haley – Caterer  
Richard Baka – Custodian

### Parish Leaders

Tom Macksood- Parish Council  
Dee Gardner – Choir Director  
Dorothy Bolduc-Peppin - Organist  
Alicia Massad – Religious Ed.  
Mary Matte – Altar Society  
Jeanette Walterhouse –  
Morningstar Society

### Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

Monday thru Friday  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

*Please pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:*



Joe Faris  
Ann Faris  
Helen Zerka  
Jean Rossie  
Aziz Massad  
Sue Stubbart  
Michelle Garey  
Luba Elia

Delore Shaker  
Amy Burke  
Helen Azzarello  
Sarah Marshall  
Hanneh Chammas  
Hap & Eve Maroun  
Phil Shaker  
Agnes Torok  
Fran Adado  
Ann David  
Dorothy Mattar  
Wanda Maroun  
Linda Macksood  
Fayez Zerka



### 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.

- \* **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.



## Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY April 25: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection

10A.M: (Heb 13:18-25, Jn 21:1-14) Bob Pollack

- Rep. Raymond Albert by Ruth Avetta
- Reps. Kamil Assaf (9 yr) & Najla Assaf (1yr) by Fouzi & Eliane Zerka and Family
- Rep. Souad Hannoush by George & Virginia Rizk

### MONDAY 26: St. Marcellinus, Confessor

- Rep. Roger Nesser by Francis & Salwa Haddad

### TUESDAY 27: St. Simon, Brother of the Lord, Apostle

- Rep. Eddie Rashid by Tom & Sara St. Martin

### WEDNESDAY 28: St. John, One of the 72 Disciples, Apostle

- Rep. Margaret Okal by George & Dorothy Metz

### THURSDAY 29: St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church, Confessor

No Mass

### FRIDAY 30: St. James, Son of Zebedee, Brother of the Lord, Apostle

- Rep. Hanna Rizk by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

### SATURDAY May 1: Jeremiah the Prophet

- Rep. Sam Russo by Mary Ann Sheehan

### SUNDAY May 2: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection, Our Lady of Lebanon

10A.M: (Eph 2:1-10, Jn 21:15-19) MYO

- First Holy Communion/May Crowning

### SUNDAY May 9: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection

10A.M: (Rom 10:1-13, Lk 24:36-48) Elias Chammas

- Reps. Hermitz Hanna Zouri, Youssef Hermit & Miriam Shoka y Sabria Massoud Issa
- Int. Amira Jabero by Choir
- Rep. Farah Shahoud by Georgette Shahoud



Josef & Mona Massoud would like to thank all of the friends and parishioners who offered their prayers and support, and phone calls during the recent illness of Mona's mother, Mariam Mitri, in Lebanon. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated



Congratulations to the family of Monther & Rosleen Hawa on the baptisms of their children Juliett and Adam here at our Lady of Lebanon on Sunday, April, 18. God bless them and their families on this joyful occasion!

*Love doesn't make the world go around,  
Love is what makes the ride worthwhile*

## Announcements :



### *Festival Committee*

The festival committee will be meeting Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.



### *First Communion*

The children making their first communions will meet Saturday, May 1st at 11:00 am to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to rehearse for the Sunday morning service.



### *First Saturday Devotions*

The 2010 World Apostolate of Fatima First Saturday Devotions will be held on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am here at our Lady of Lebanon. Please try to share in this morning of prayer and devotion to our Blessed Virgin.



### *First Communion*

On Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon along with the May Crowning and First Holy Communion.



### *Second Collection*

The collection for Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> will be for the annual collection for the National Shrine .



### *Salad Supper Bingo*

The Altar Society is still accepting donations for canned pop and bottled water for their upcoming Salad Supper Bingo. These may be dropped off at the church office.

## Mother's Day Hafli

Please be sure to pick up you tickets for the Mother's Day Hafli, which will be held Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. To purchase tickets please contact Nadeem Gabreal, Andre Zerka or the church office.



### Altar Servers Schedule:

May 2: Team 1  
May 9: Team 2

### Ushers Schedule

May 2: Team 3  
May 9: Team 1

### Church Cleaning May

Mary Ann Sheehan

Dear Parishioners,

The Second Ecumenical Sacred Council of the *Vatican declared* in *The Constitution On the Sacred Liturgy* that through the liturgy the work of our redemption is accomplished... "While the liturgy daily builds up those who are within into a holy temple of the Lord, into a dwelling place for God in the Spirit, and to the complete measure of the fullness of Christ, at the same time it marvelously strengthens their power to preach Christ, and thus presents the Church to those who are outside as a sign lifted up among the nations under which the scattered children of God may be gathered together, until there is one flock and one shepherd". It is our obligation to understand what we are celebrating. We must be especially attentive to the significance of the liturgy and the liturgical signs and symbols and try to understand their meanings. In the liturgy, the items used and are seen symbolize the unseen. The objects used (alb, chalice, water, wine, bread...) always reflect another reality than the material reality. They transmit to us the divine reality and grace. In the future bulletins, we are going to share some explanations about the liturgical objects which we use during our sacraments. First we will focus on the liturgical vestments which the priest wears during the celebration of the Eucharist: Alb, Amice, Stole, Belt, Cuffs, Chasuble.



**Alb or undergarment** كتونة: Symbol of Purity. The alb is the long white (in Latin: 'alba' means 'white'), robe-like vestment worn by all clerics at liturgical celebrations. It is usually of a light material. As the celebrant puts on his alb, he prays: Purify me, O Lord, and cleanse my heart; that, being made white in the Blood of the Lamb, I may come to eternal joy.

*Abouna Hanna*

MYA of Our Lady of Lebanon Presents:

# Mother's Day Hafli

featuring:  
**Elias Haddad  
& Band**

Saturday  
**May 8**

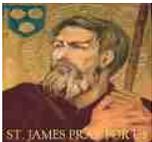
Doors Open  
at **6:30 PM**

Dinner at  
**7:00 PM**

Tickets with Dinner: Adults \$25 • Children 12 and under \$10  
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For Tickets:  
Andre Zerka 810-449-6955  
Nadeem Gebrael 810-423-3718



## SAINT JAMES THE GREATER

Feastday: April 30

The Apostle James was a son of Zebedee, the brother of the Apostle John and a fisherman. At the invitation of Jesus he left his nets to follow him and is counted among the Twelve Great Apostles. Belonging to Christ's 'inner circle', James was present on Mount Tabor for Christ's transfiguration and also for his suffering in the garden of Gethsemane. James' emblem was the scallop shell (or "cockle shell"), and pilgrims to his shrine often wore that symbol on their hats or clothes.

Several incidents suggest that James and John had that particular character indicated by the name "Boanerges," sons of thunder, given to them because they were burning and impetuous in their evangelic zeal and severe in temper. When the Samaritans refused to receive Christ, James and John said: "Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them?"

On the last journey to Jerusalem, the mother of James and John came to the Lord and said to Him: "Say that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left, in thy kingdom". The two brothers, ignorant of the spiritual nature of the Messianic Kingdom, joined with their mother in this eager ambition. On their assertion that they were willing to drink the chalice that He drinks of, and to be baptized with the baptism of His sufferings, Jesus assured them that they would share His sufferings.

Following Pentecost, St. James preached in Spain, and upon his return to Jerusalem the Jews argued with him vehemently concerning the Holy Scriptures. None could withstand his wisdom, however. Seeing this, the Jews slandered him before Herod and among some false witnesses there was a certain man named Josias. But on hearing St. James' testimony, Josias believed and was condemned to death with James. Before the axe fell, St. James embraced and kissed this repentant false witness and said, "Peace and forgiveness to you!" St. James was martyred in the year 45 AD. His body was moved to Spain where his relics continue to work miracles even to this day. The Church remembers St. James on April 30.

**Mark Your Calendar**

**May:**

- May 1 Fatima 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Morning of Prayer
- May 2 First Holy Communion
- Feast Our Lady of Lebanon/Crowning
- May 8<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Hafli
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Breakfast
- May 12 Salad Supper Bingo
- May 16 Altar Society Sunday



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**Stewardship**

*Weekend of April 17-18, 2010*

Registered Families	170
Envelopes received this week	83
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,291.00
Fuel	\$ 35.00
Online Donations	\$ 275.00
Loose and visitors	\$ 228.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,829.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	
Eparchial Appeal	\$ 50.00
Budgeted for April	\$ 17,000.00
<b>Amount needed to meet April Budget</b>	<b>(\$ 5,110.00)</b>

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