



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday August 1, 2010 – Sunday August 8, 2010**

### *Mother Teresa's Dark Secret*

Mother Teresa has been universally hailed as a living saint for her work among the poor of Calcutta. In record time, just six year after her death, Pope John Paul II declared her "Blessed" and she will, I believe, very soon be canonized. I do not hesitate right now to ask her intercession with God. I very much believe in her holiness.

So imagine how stunned I am to read (in Newsweek magazine, of all places) that my "saint" kept a deep, dark secret. From the day she became a nun, Mother Teresa suffered from a feeling of "distance from God", a kind of "interior darkness" which some say, remained with her until she died.

Amazing, isn't it? Wouldn't we assume that a "living saint" must spend her days blissfully aware of the Presence of God? Surely saints find prayer always easy, consoling and sweet. Don't they merely close their eyes and are instantly rewarded with warm feelings that the Lord is there?

Well...apparently not.

Saints, therefore, must actually struggle with prayer. They must wonder if God hears them. They often find their prayers dull, boring, and dry.

So, in the end, I guess, the saints really are like the rest of us. They struggle in every way we do.

But the lesson we learn from them...and the lesson we learn from Blessed Mother Teresa especially...is that genuine saints struggle even more than the rest of us do.

As a matter of fact...that is exactly what makes them saints .

*Submitted by Subdeacon Earl Matte*

### **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:**



Phil Adado  
Joe Faris  
Ann Faris  
Helen Zerka  
Jean Rossie  
Aziz Massad  
Sue Stubbart  
Michelle Garey  
Lori Meadows  
Elisabeth Fanderl  
Mon Shaheen

Hector & Rose Khoury  
Delore Shaker  
Amy Burke  
Helen Azzarello  
Sarah Marshall  
Hanneh Chammas  
Hap & Eve Maroun  
Phil Shaker  
Agnes Torok  
Ophelia Polovina  
Ann David  
Dorothy Mattar  
Wanda Maroun  
Linda Macksood  
Fayez Zerka  
Bruce Lindhurst  
Bob Griffiths



Mae Jamara  
Nadia Sob

### **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 August 1<sup>st</sup>: 11th Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M.: (Eph 2:17-22, Lk 19:1-10) MYO

- Reps. Stephen & Mary Bernath by Phil & Marie Faris
- Rep. Ghantous Tayar (40 day) by Family
- Rep. Subdeacon Charlie Rossie by Family

### MONDAY 2: St. Stephen I

Rep. Bibiane Desroches by Mary Ann Sheehan

### TUESDAY 3: David the Prophet

Rep. Frances Adado by Rosemary Wajtyna

### WEDNESDAY 4: St. John Vianney, the Curé d'Ars, Confessor

Int. of Joe Faris by Dee & Duane Gardner

### THURSDAY 5: Moses the Prophet

No Mass

### FRIDAY 6: The Transfiguration of Our Lord

- Rep. Luba Elia by Deacon Marty & Nina

### SATURDAY 7: St. Doumit, Confessor

- Rep. Ghantous Tayar by Bob & Sharon Griffiths

### SUNDAY August 8<sup>th</sup>: 12th Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M.: (Eph 3:1-13, Mt. 15:21-28) Diane Massad

- Rep. Luba Elia by Lazar & Nahida Hanna
- Rep. Ghantous Tayar by Lino & Hala Kaspar
- Rep. Margaret Okal (1 yr) by Gene Arens & Family

### SUNDAY August 15<sup>th</sup>: 13th Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M.: (1Cor 3:1-11, Lk 8:1-15) Earl Matte

- Rep. Ray Faris by Phil & Marie Faris
- Rep. Reps. Wadia & Yvonne Zogheib by Sami Hayek & Family
- Rep. Ghantous Tayar by Barhoum & Colette Rizk & Family



## Prayer for the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fill both the law and the prophets. By his Transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

## Announcements:



### Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship committee will meet on Monday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM. in the library



### Parish Council

The Parish Council will meet Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the library.



### MYO

The MYO will meet Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the church.



### Summer Bible School Clothing

If your children will be attending Summer Bible School this week, please make sure they are dressed comfortably in clothing that they can play in and wear while finger painting and doing crafts. We want them to have fun and we don't want them to be worried about getting their clothes dirty!



### Don't Miss our Trip to Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon

We are planning a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, OH on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 2010. Abouna has reserved a bus to travel to Ohio. The cost for transportation will be \$50.00 per person. The trip is approximately 5 hours each way. The trip will be on a first come first serve basis. There are only 55 spaces available on the bus, so if you are interested in being part of the pilgrimage, you will need to confirm your reservation as soon as possible. Please contact the church office if you would like any additional information concerning this trip.

## Mark Your Calendar

### August:

- |            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| August 2-6 | Summer Bible School      |
| August 14: | Assumption Mass & Picnic |
| August 15: | Assumption Feast         |
| August 15: | Trip to Shrine in Ohio   |



### Marriage Bans

The Bans of marriage are announced for the 1<sup>st</sup> time for Philippe Chebli & Kathy Mekhayel.

## Our Lady Of Lebanon



## 2010 Mid East Festival



Thank you to all who helped to make this event a huge success!



## The Transfiguration of Our Lord Feastday: August 6th

As reported by the Gospels Jesus was transfigured upon Mount Tabo r (Mt 17:1-9, Mk 9:2-8, Lk 9:28-36). According to the accounts, immediately after the Lord was recognized by His disciples as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, he told them that He must go up to Jerusalem and suffer many things... and be killed and on the third day be raised. This announcement of Christ's approaching passion and death was met with indignation by the disciples . After rebuking them, the Lord took Peter, James, and John, son of Zebedee up to a high mountain, and was transfigured before them. Jesus became radiant, spoke with Moses and Elijah, and was called "Son" by God.

The transfiguration put Jesus above Moses and Elijah, the two preeminent figures of Judaism. Jesus told the witnesses not to tell others what they saw until he has risen on the third day after his death on the cross. In the Transfiguration, the disciples see the glory of the Kingdom of God present in majesty in the Person of Christ. They see that in Him, was all the fullness of God. They see this before the crucifixion so that in the resurrection they might know who it is Who has suffered for them, and what it is that this One, who is God, has p prepared for those who love Him.

"Transfiguration" is meant as personal transformation as well. Maximus the Confessor said that the senses of the apostles were likewise transfigured to enable them to perceive the true glory of Christ. The presence of Moses and Elijah is also of great significance for understanding of the feast. These two figures actually stand for the Old Testament itself: Moses for the Law, and Elijah for the Prophets. They also stand for the Living and Dead, for Moses died and his burial place is known, while Elijah was taken alive into heaven in order to appear again to announce the time of God s salvation in Christ the Messiah. Christ is the Lord of both the living and the dead.

**Altar Servers Schedule:**

August 8: Team 3  
August 15: Team 1



**Ushers Schedule**

August 8: Team 2  
August 15: Team 3

**Church Cleaning August**

Mary Matte

**Coffee & Donuts August**

Coffee: Najib Massaad



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**Stewardship**

*Weekend of July 24-25, 2010*

Registered Families	170
Envelopes received this week	72
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,517.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 25.00
Fuel	\$ 40.00
Loose and visitors	\$ 255.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,837.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	
Catholic Universities	\$ 10.00
Budgeted for July	\$ 17,500.00
<b>Amount needed to meet July Budget</b>	<b>(\$ 8,055.00)</b>



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