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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday August 29, 2010 – Sunday September 5, 2010

A Forgiven Sinner's Manifestation of Love

From the beginning God created the human being with the **ability to choose**. Always we have the choice to show **the good or the bad** part of our nature, **to love or to hate**, to build or to destroy. Do we forgive or judge? Do we recognize that we are sinners or we sanctify ourselves by judging others?

In the story of the pardoning of the sinful woman in the Gospel of this Sunday, Luke presents two different reactions to the ministry of Jesus. The Pharisee's **self-righteousness** leads to little forgiveness by God and consequently little love shown toward Jesus. The sinful woman, on the other hand, manifests a faith in God that has led her to seek forgiveness for her sins, and because so much was forgiven, she now overwhelms Jesus with her display of love. We also have a similar contrast in the attitudes of Simon the Pharisee. Not just he didn't welcome Jesus the right way, but he objected and refused the sinner women to do it. **His accusation turned against** him when Jesus showed him **how much he needs more love** toward others too. Jesus already told the Pharisees in Luke 16, 15: *"You're the ones who hold yourselves out as righteous before others, but God knows your hearts, because what is exalted among men is an abomination before God"*.

Is our love for the Lord and for each other more like the sinful woman's or Simon's? Why? Am I able to hear the same words from Jesus: *"Your faith has saved you, go in peace."*

Abouna Hanna Tayar

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 –
Mornings tar 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
Dr. John Abdella
Elisabeth Fanderl
Bob Griffiths

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
Nadia Sob



Nina Rachid
Mae Jamara

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 29th: 15th Sunday of Pentecost

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

- Reps. Diab & Karime Rizk by George & Virginia Rizk
- Rep. Luba Elia by Duane & Dee Gardner
- Rep. Edward Hanna by Robert & Nawal Gebrael

MONDAY 30: St. Pammachius

Int. Tony Massad by Mary Ann Sheehan

TUESDAY 31: St. Abda, Martyr, St. Zakhia, Confessor

- Rep. Ferris Adado by Rahigeh & Mariam Zerka

WEDNESDAY Sept 1: St. Simon the Stylite, Confessor

- Rep. Thelma Miller by James Wilfonger
- Rep. Cecila Aguila (40 day) by Millie Hendrick

THURSDAY 2: St. Mamas the Great, Martyr No Mass

FRIDAY 3: St. Gregory the Great

- Rep. Fran Adado by James & Debbie Lupino

SATURDAY 4: St. Rosalia

- Rep. Ghantous Tayar by Lewis & Jeanette Walterhouse

SUNDAY September 5th: 16th Sunday of Pentecost

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

- Reps. Salwa Francis & Samuel Hayek by Sami Hayek & Family
- Rep. Ghantous Tayar by Francis & Salwa Haddad

SUNDAY September 12th: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10A.M: (1Cor 1:18-25, Jn 12:20-32) Elias Chammas

- Reps. Gerald Knight by Josie Knight & Family
- Rep. Ghantous Tayar by Robert & Nawal Gebrael
- Rep. Hanna Rizk by Family

Altar Servers Schedule:

September 5: Team 1

September 12: Team 2

Ushers Schedule

September 5: Team 3/MYO

September 12: Team 1

Church Cleaning September

Sawsan/Ida

Coffee & Donuts September

Coffee: Najib Massaad

Donut Pick-up – Diane Dunsmore



We wish to offer our deepest condolences to Tyl Rizik and the Rizik family on the death of Tyl's sister, Sadie Bouhasin-Cary Tuesday, August 24th in St. Louis, MO. Our sympathies and prayers are with the family during this time of mourning.

Announcements:



Altar Society Meeting

The Altar Society will hold their first meeting for the 2010/11 year Wednesday, September 1st at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Ruggero's Restaurant on Linden Road. Please contact Mary Matte or Yvonne Weissert if you will be able to attend this meeting.



MYO

The MYO will not be meeting this coming Friday.



Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship committee will meet on Monday September 6th 7:00 PM.



Parish Council

The Parish Council will meet Tuesday September 7th at 7:00 PM in the library.



Thank- You!!

Thank you to the following parishioners who volunteered their time for our Palace Card Room fund raising event: August 15 through the 18th: Tom Macksood, Barhoum Rizk, Fouzi Zerka, Johnny Solomon, Joann Lowe, Mon Shaheen, Andre Zerka, and Nadeem Gebrael. We earned over \$4,000 for the parish for the four nights! We have contracted to work an additional four nights October 10th through the 13th. If you are available to help out any of those nights, please contact Tom Macksood or Fouzi Zerka.



Teachers Needed

We are looking for instructors for the upcoming year for our religious education classes. If you would be willing to volunteer your time to this worthy endeavor, please contact Father Hanna or the church office. Classes are scheduled to start the last Sunday in September and will run through the second Sunday in May.

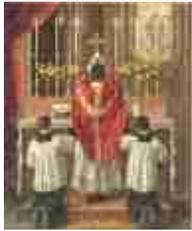


Wedding

Congratulations to Philippe Chebli and Kathy Mekhayel on their marriage. The wedding was celebrated here at Our Lady of Lebanon, Saturday, August 21st. May God bless their union and grant them many years of happiness together.

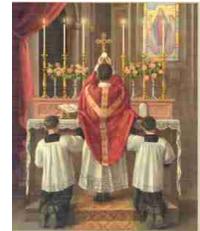
Sign in Front Of A Church

*"You are not too bad to come in,
nor too good to stay out!"*



Mass Etiquette

How we act at Mass should help us pray



1. **We should remember that Mass is holy and we are going to enter a holy place.**
2. **Be on time.** It is distracting when people arrive late. If you are late be thoughtful of others and do not disturb them.
3. **Turn cell phones and pagers off.** God is not going to call you on your phones – He will talk to you directly.
4. **Bow toward the tabernacle which houses the Body of Christ before sitting down.** The purpose is to show respect to our King and to acknowledge His Presence in the tabernacle.
5. **Remember your posture.** Stand, sit and bow at the appropriate times.
6. **Sit quietly.** Once you've found a seat, sit or kneel quietly to pray or meditate. This isn't the time to socialize with your friends. Show respect for the Blessed Sacrament and use the quiet time to contemplate that He is Truly Present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity!
7. **Respect rules about the Eucharist.** Receive Him and talk with Him while He is in your heart.
8. **Respect Boundaries.** At the Our Father, for instance, we should be sensitive to our neighbors' needs to, perhaps, deeply speak to "Our Father", which can be interfered with another's need to hold hands.
9. **Stay until the end of Mass.** Judas was the first one to leave Mass early at the Last Supper. Let's not follow in his footsteps. It is most polite to stay in our pews until we receive the benediction and the recessional hymn ends.
10. **Leave the church reverently, gently & silently.** Again, this is to show respect to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We can talk all we want once we've reached the hall or outside!



St. Mamas the Great, Martyr

Feastday: September 2

The Holy Martyr Mamas was born in Asia Minor in the third century. His parents, Theodotus and Rufina were Christians. They were arrested by the pagans for their open confession of their faith and locked up in prison in Caesarea. Theodotus died in prison, and so did Rufina after giving birth to a premature son. A rich Christian widow buried their bodies and took the baby into her home and raised him as her own son.

As a child, the boy learned easily and willingly. Through personal example young Mamas converted many of his own peers to Christianity. The governor, Democritus, was informed of this, and the fifteen-year-old Mamas was arrested and brought to trial. In deference to his illustrious parentage, Democritus decided not to subject him to torture, but instead sent him off to the emperor Aurelian. The emperor tried to turn St Mamas back to the pagan faith, but failed. The saint bravely confessed himself a Christian and pointed out the madness of the pagans in their worship of lifeless idols.

Infuriated, the emperor subjected the youth to cruel tortures. They tried to drown the saint, but an angel of the Lord saved St Mamas and bade him live on a high mountain in the wilderness. The saint built a small church there and began to lead a life of strict temperance, in exploits of fasting and prayer. Soon he received a remarkable power over the forces of nature: wild beasts inhabiting the surrounding wilderness gathered at his abode and listened to the reading of the Holy Gospel. St Mamas nourished himself on the milk of wild goats and deer. The saint did not ignore the needs of his neighbors. Preparing cheese from this milk, he gave it away freely to the poor. Soon the fame of St Mamas's life spread throughout all of Caesarea.

The governor sent a detachment of soldiers to arrest him. When they encountered St Mamas on the mountain, the soldiers did not recognize him, and mistook him for a simple shepherd. The saint invited them to his dwelling, gave them a drink of milk and then told them his name, knowing that death for Christ awaited him. The servant of God told the servant of the Emperor to go on ahead of him into Caesaria, promising that he would soon follow. The soldiers waited for him at the gates of the city, and St Mamas, accompanied by a lion, met them there.

Surrendering himself into the hands of the torturers, St Mamas was brought to trial under a deputy governor named Alexander, who subjected him to intense and prolonged tortures. They did not break the saint's will, however. He was strengthened by the words addressed to him from above: "Be strong and take courage, Mamas." When they threw St Mamas to the wild beasts, these creatures would not touch him. Finally, one of the pagan priests struck him with a trident (a spear with three prongs). Mortally wounded, St Mamas went out beyond the city limits. There, in a small stone cave, he gave up his spirit to God, Who in the hearing of all summoned the holy Martyr Mamas into His heavenly habitation. St Mamas was buried by believers at the place of his death.

Mark Your Calendar

September:

- Sept 1: Altar Society Meeting-Ruggero's
- Sept. 15: CCW Meeting
- Sept 19: Religious Education
Introduction/Books
- Sept 26: Religious Education classes begin

Stewardship

Weekend of August 21-August 22, 2010

Registered Families	170
Envelopes received this week	72
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,523.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 488.00
Fuel	\$ 110.00
Loose and visitors	\$ 151.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 3,272.00
Second Collection	
Patriarchal Charities	\$ 75.00
Budgeted for August	\$ 16,000 .00
Amount needed to meet August Budget	(\$ 5,160.00)



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