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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday December 12, 2010 – Sunday December 19, 2010

“Being a Just Man”

I read one day an article about **doubt and faith**. I still remember a sentence which strengthened me at that time and it still gives me a lot of encouragement when I confront difficulties: *“Don't tell God how big your storm is, tell the storm how big your God is”*.

This weekend during our preparation for Christmas, we have a good example of a **“just man”** who had to struggle with a complex. Is Saint Joseph different than anyone of us? His righteousness before God was enough to guide him through his difficulty. **God always intervenes on time**. We have only to **trust** and to be **just**. The famous French mathematician, physicist, inventor, writer and Catholic philosopher Blaise Pascal said: *“In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't”*.

Sometimes **doubt kills us and destroys our families and life**. We would always like to know more and to seemore clearly. What about our relationship with others? Do we trust them? **Do we deserve to be trusted?** At times we count on the astrological signs and horoscopes to predict our future when we should be putting our **trust in God**. When Saint Joseph accepted the plan of God in his life, he didn't know what the **future would hold for him**. He believed without knowing. Saint Thomas Aquinas said: *“For those with faith, no explanation is necessary. For those without, no explanation is possible”*.

If faith which does not doubt is a dead faith, let our doubt be an element of our faith and it **will guide us to believe**. But one more condition is still necessary: **Am I just?**

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 Boldue-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:



	Hector & Rose Khoury
	Delore Shaker
	Amy Burke
	Helen Azzarello
	Nina Rachid
	Hanneh Chammas
Phil Adado	Eve Maroun
Joe Faris	Michel Farah
Ann Faris	Agnes Torok
Helen Zerka	Ophelia Polovina
Nadia Sob	Ann David
Elisabeth Fanderl	Dorothy Mattar
Sue Stubbert	Wanda Maroun
Michelle Garey	Bruce Lindhurst
Fayez Zerka	



Liturgy Schedule

Mon. – Wed.	9a.m.
Friday	12noon
Saturday	5p.m.
Sunday	10a.m.

Adoration and Rosary
Friday 11:00a.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 December 12th: Revelation to Joseph

- 10A.M: (Eph 3:1-13, Mt. 1:18-25) Diane Massad
- Rep. Norman Weissert by Yvonne & Family
 - Int. Dee Gardner & Eliane Zerka by Colette Rizk & Family
 - Rep. Juliet Haddad by Saffa & Linda Kouza

MONDAY 13: St. Lucy

- Deceased Members of the Ferrara Family by Dennis Ferrara

TUESDAY 14: St. Nemptallah El-Hardini, Confessor

- Rep. Sadie Bouhasin-Cary by Josie & Teresa Knight

WEDNESDAY 15: St. Christiana

- Rep. Sarah Marshall by Duane & Dee Gardner

THURSDAY 16: St. Adelaide

No Mass

FRIDAY 17: St. Olympias

No Adoration

- Mass 5:30 PM –Novena Service 6:00 PM
- Rep. Soltana Qiya & Mikael Dabish by Samir & Manal Dabish

SATURDAY 18: Daniel the Prophet and 3 Companions, Martyrs

- Rep. Paul (Hap) Maroun by Moussa & Jamal Barnaba & Family

SUNDAY December 19th: Genealogy Sunday

- 10A.M: (Rom 1:1-12, Mt. 1:1-17) Earl Matte
- Rep. Jean Rossie by Aziz & Diane Massad
 - Rep. Mary Faris by the Faris Family
 - Rep. Linda Macksood by Duane & Dee Gardner
 - Rep. Michel El Khoury by Karim & Dolly Damouni

SUNDAY December 26th: Sunday after the Glorious Birth

- 10A.M: (Eph 1:3-14, Lk 1:46-55) Mary Matte
- Rep. Mary Maroun Sauder & Family by Sam
 - The Faris Family by Phil & Marie Faris
 - Rep. Esther Blahed (40 day) by Yaakoop & Nahla Easi



St. Olympias

Feastday: December 17

Olympias was born into a wealthy noble Constantinople family. She was orphaned when a child and was given over to the care of Theodosia by her uncle, the prefect Procopius. She married Nebridius, also a prefect, was widowed soon after, refused several offers of marriage, and had her fortune put in trust until she was thirty by Emperor Theodosius when she also refused his choice for a husband. When he restored her estate in 391, she was consecrated deaconess and with several other ladies founded a community. She was so lavish in her almsgiving that her good friend St. John Chrysostom remonstrated with her and when he became Patriarch of Constantinople in 398, he took her under his direction. She established a hospital and an orphanage, gave shelter to the expelled monks of Nitria, and was a firm supporter of Chrysostom when he was expelled in 404 from Constantinople and refused to accept the usurper Arsacius as Patriarch. She was fined by the prefect, Optatus, for refusing to accept Arsacius, and Arsacius' successor, Atticus, disbanded her community and ended her charitable works. She spent the last years of her life beset by illness and persecution but comforted by Chrysostom from his place of exile. She died in exile in Nicomedia on July 25, less than a year after the death of Chrysostom. Her feast day is December 17th.

Announcements:



Christmas Novena

The Christmas Novena will begin on Wednesday, December 15 at 6 pm. Confessions will be heard for ½ hour before and after the 6:00 pm service. Please try to attend these services as we prepare our souls for the coming of Jesus.



Bible Study Classes

Please join us this coming Tuesday at 7:00 pm for our final Bible Study class of the Advent season. The chapter and verses for December 14th are Mark 10:17-31.



Church Cleaning

The Altar Society will meet to clean the Church for Christmas Saturday, December 18th at 10am.



Altar Server Training

The Altar Server training will be held Saturday, December 18th at 12:00 noon.



Christmas Decorations

For those who wish to donate money for Church Christmas decorations, the Altar Society will accept your donations the weekend of Dec. 18th & 19th. Or, you may give them directly to the church office.



2011 Envelopes

Contribution envelopes are now available in the Narthex. If you do not see a box of envelopes with your name on it please call the church office. If you have contribution envelopes that you are behind on please consider catching them up as soon as possible. Sometime around the middle of January the printing of yearly contribution statements will take place. If anyone has any questions please call the office.

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=797



NEW YEAR'S PARTY 2011

Presented By
Our Lady of Lebanon

Friday, December 31, 2010
Doors Open at 8:00pm
Dinner at 8:30pm
Entertainment at 9:00pm
BYOB

4133 Calixtus Rd, Flint, MI

Adults \$40
Children 12 & Under \$25

For Tickets Call
Aurea Zerba 810.449.6966
Johnny Solomon 810.681.6920

Live Entertainment By
DJ Ghada
"The One Woman Show"



Fundraiser for Maronite Heritage Institute

St. Maron Church in Minneapolis is conducting a special fund raiser to support the completion of the Maronite Heritage Institute in St. Louis, MO. The Center is being constructed for all the Middle-Eastern Churches and especially the Maronites in the USA. St. Maron Church is selling 1600 raffle tickets at \$50 each with the profit to go towards the project. First prize for the raffle is \$10,000. They have sent us 50 tickets in hopes that some of our parishioners will buy them and support this cause. If you are interested in purchasing one of the tickets, please contact the churchoffice.

Altar Servers Schedule:

December 19: Team 1
December 26: Team 2



Ushers Schedules

December 19: Team 3
December 26: Team 1

Church Cleaning December

Mary Matte

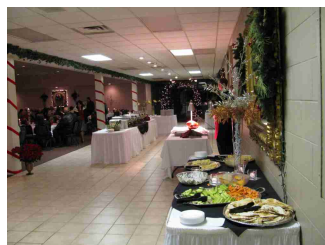
Coffee & Donuts December

Coffee: Najib Massaad
Donut Pick-up: Najib Massaad

2010 Organizational Christmas Dinner



Approximately 80 people attended the 2010 parish Organizational Christmas Dinner held here Sunday, December 5th. The yearly dinner is hosted by the parish to thank those who serve in the many organization which support and maintain our church. Our caterer, Pat Haley, provided us with a fine meal and everyone enjoyed an evening of dining and fellowship.



Mark Your Calendar

December:

Dec. 18	Cleaning of the Temple (10 am)
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service 6:00 PM
Dec. 25	Christmas Service 10:00 AM
Dec. 26	10:00 AM Mass
	12:00 Noon Arabic Mass
Dec. 31	New Years Party

Stewardship

Weekend of December 4-5, 2010

Envelopes Distributed	170
Envelopes received this week	73
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,253.00
Fuel	\$ 40.00
Loose	\$ 127.00
Online Donations	\$ 125.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 50.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 2,595.00
Second Collection	
Eparchial Christmas Appeal	\$ 190.00
Budgeted for November	\$ 14,000.00
Amount needed to meet November Budget	(\$11,405.00)



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