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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday February 21, 2010 – Sunday February 28, 2010

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Mary Matte– Altar Society
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Excuse Me!

Excuses! Excuses! Excuses! People pretty much will accept any of them.

“I’m sorry. I cannot come, I have a business appointment”

“I’m sorry, there’s another social engagement that I just can’t miss.”

“Oh, I have to go to the dentist...the doctor...the grocery store... the hair dresser.”

We make any number of excuses, don’t we, and they are all acceptable. But here is one excuse that is totally unacceptable and you will never use it because to do so you would be considered rude, strange or even egotistical.

You will never say: “I’m sorry. I can’t come because...that is my time to be alone.

How would you persuade others of the value of that...being alone...doing nothing?

The world doesn’t understand how precious are silence and solitude. Not to be doing something is an absolutely weird concept to most people today.

And yet, the artist knows he must be alone to create. The musician knows he must be alone to compose. The writer must be alone to work out his thoughts.

...and we...oh yes...we certainly must be alone sometimes...to pray. *By Subdeacon Earl Matte*

- * **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:



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
Roger Nesser
Ann David
Dorothy Mattar
Wanda Maroun
Linda Macksood
Fran Adado

**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 February 21st: Cleansing of the Leper

10A.M: (Rom 6:12-23, Mk 1: 35-43) Bob Pollack

- Rep. Raymond Faris Robert & Kathleen Tomlin
- Rep. Wagih Khazaal by Duane & Dee Gardner
- Rep. Hanna Rizk by †Baseem & Maryana Kassis

MONDAY 22: Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Antioch

- Rep. Dolores Caponi by Deacon Marty & Nina

TUESDAY 23: St. Polycarp of Symrna, Martyr

Mass 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm

- Rep. Bill Dunsmore by Ralph & Helen Burgess

WEDNESDAY 24: St. Ethelbert

- Rep. Margaret Okal by Shaheen & Rose Shaheen

THURSDAY 25: St. Tarasius; Bl. Dominic Lentini

- Rep. David Matte by George & Sue Rasak

FRIDAY 26: St. Porphyrius

Mass

5:30 pm Adoration of the Cross at 6 p.m.

Rep. Dr. John Zerka by John & Helen Williams

SATURDAY 27: St. Thalaleus, Disciple of St.

Maron, Confessor

- Rep. Alice Griffiths by Altar Society

SUNDAY February 28th: Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

10A.M: (2Cro 7:4-11, Lk 8:40-56) Elias Chammas

- Rep. Tanius Gebrael by Robert & Nawal Gebrael & Family (1 year)
- Reps. Antoine & Nohad Massoud by Aziz & Diane Massad

SUNDAY March 7th: The Parable of the Prodigal Son

10A.M: (2Cor 13:5-13, Lk 15:11:32) MYO

- Rep. Elias Zerka (1 year) by Family
- Rep. Wajdi Badr (3 year) by the Badr Family

Visiting Our Sick and Homebound



Father Hanna has never refused to visit any member of the parish who is sick. However, in order to call on a sick parishioner, he needs to receive a **request to visit him**. Some people prefer their privacy and do not want to share information about a personal illness or that of a loved one. To respect the privacy of our parishioners, in order for Father to visit any sick person in their home, hospital or nursing home, a request must be made by a **member of the family**. Please do not hesitate to call Father Hanna or the office. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Announcements:

Bible Study



Please join us for Mass at 6:00 pm on Tuesdays to be followed by our weekly Bible Study classes at 7:00 pm. This schedule continues throughout Lent. Readings to be discussed are posted on the bulletin board.



Altar Servers Meeting

There will be a meeting of all altar servers Saturday February 27th at noon.

Eparchial Appeal



The 2010 Annual Eparchial Appeal will be held through April 4, 2010. Envelopes will be mailed shortly to all parishioners. Please read the information provided and be generous with your donations in support of this appeal.

Adoration of the Cross



Mass will be held at 5:30 pm on Fridays followed by adoration of the Cross at 6:00 pm during Lent. Please come and take advantage of this opportunity to worship. Note that there will be no morning adoration or Mass on Fridays until after Easter.



NAM Retreat

The NAM Mid West Region Lenten Retreat will be held March 19-21 at Our Lady of Lebanon National Shrine in North Jackson, OH. Please check the flyer on the bulletin board for details. Registration forms are available in the back of the church. The pre-registration deadline for this event is March 1st.



NAM Scholarships

Several college scholarships are available for high school students through NAM this coming spring. Scholarships are available for active MYO members who are high school seniors. The applications are available through the church office.

Altar Servers Schedule:

Feb. 28

Team 3

Mar. 7

Team 1

Church Cleaning for February

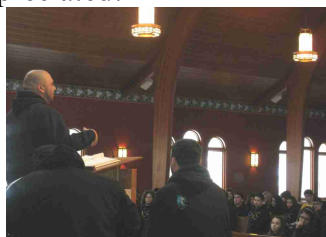


Hala & Nahida

February Youth Retreat



Twenty four young people from Our Lady of Lebanon traveled by vans with Noha, Johnny, and Monica to the MYO Regional retreat in Youngstown Ohio February 12-14. The retreat, which was attended by approximately 160 MYO members from Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania, centered around a theme of the Olympics and unity among people. The students were treated to a visit to the National Shrine followed by lunch prepared by the sister's at the local convent. Besides attending group meetings, participants took part in a Reconciliation service. They also enjoyed bowling with other MYO members and getting to know MYO members from other states. Thanks again to all of our parishioners who donated money to help defer the cost of this trip. Your generosity is appreciated!



St. Porphyrius Feast Day Feb. 26th

St. Porphyrius was the Bishop of Gaza in Palestine at Thessalonica. He lived five years in the Egyptian desert of Scete then moved to a cave near the Jordan where he lived another five years. In spite of his impaired health, he frequently visited the scene of the Resurrection. Here he met the Asiatic Mark, who later became a deacon of his church and his biographer. In order to sell the property still owned by Porphyrius in his native city, Mark set out for Thessalonica and, upon his return, the proceeds from the sale of these properties were distributed among the monasteries of Egypt and among the needy in and around Jerusalem. In 392 Porphyrius was ordained to the priesthood, and the relic of the Holy Cross was entrusted to his care. In 395 he became Bishop of Gaza, a stronghold of paganism. The attitude of the pagan population was hostile so that the bishop appealed to the emperor for protection and pleaded repeatedly for the destruction of pagan temples. He finally obtained permission to destroy the pagan sanctuaries at Gaza. A Christian church was erected on the site of the temple of Marnas.

A Different Approach to Fasting...

Fasts have a tendency to be oriented toward things like giving up food or television. But there are many other creative ways we can welcome Jesus' healing touch.

Here are suggestions you may want to consider.

1. **Fast from anger and hatred.** Give your family an extra dose of love each day.
2. **Fast from judging others.** Before making any judgments, recall how Jesus overlooks our faults.
3. **Fast from discouragement.** Hold on to Jesus' promise that He has a perfect plan for your life.
4. **Fast from complaining.** When you find yourself about to complain, close your eyes and recall some of the little moments of joy Jesus has given you.
5. **Fast from resentment or bitterness!** Work on forgiving those who may have hurt you.
6. **Fast from spending too much money.** Try to reduce your spending by ten percent and give those savings to the poor.
7. **It's up to you to add any resolution that you feel can help you to be prepared yourself for Easter.**

Stewardship

Weekend of February 13-14, 2010

Registered Families	170
Envelopes received this week	62
Weekly envelopes	\$ 1,682.00
Fuel	\$ 470.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 25.00
Loose and visitors	\$ 142.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 2,319.00
Second Collection	
Home Missions	\$ 25.00
Budgeted for February	\$ 19,250.00
Amount needed to meet Feb Budget	(\$13,602.00)

Mark Your Calendar

March:

- Mar 11 Mid East Luncheon
- Mar 19-21 NAM Lenten Retreat
- Mar 27 Altar Society – Cleans Temple
- Mar 28 Palm Sunday Bake Sale



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