



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday February 7, 2010 – Sunday February 14, 2010

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Parish Leaders

Tom Macksood- Parish Council
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Dorothy Bolduc-Peppin - Organist
Sr. Therese Tayar & Alicia Massad – Religious Ed.
Mary Matte – Altar Society
Jeanette Waltherhouse – Morningstar Society



On The Last Day...

God won't ask what kind of car you drove; He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation

God won't ask the square footage of your house; He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet; He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.

God won't ask what your highest salary was; He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

God won't ask what your job title was; He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won't ask how many friends you had; He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived; He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.

God won't ask about the color of your skin; He'll ask about the content of your character.

Abouna Hanna

- * **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:



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| Joe Faris | Francis Adado |
| Ann Faris | Delore Shaker |
| Helen Zerka | Fr. David Przedwiecki |
| Jean Rossie | Helen Azzarello |
| Aziz Massad | Sarah Marshall |
| Sue Stubbert | Hanneh Chammas |
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| Amy Burke | Andre Zerka |
| | Agnes Torok |
| | Roger Nesser |
| | Ann David |
| | Dorothy Mattar |
| | Wanda Maroun |
| | Linda Macksood |
| | Phil Shaker |

**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 11 a.m.

Confessions
½ hour before liturgy on
Saturday and Sunday
and by appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY February 7th: Sunday of the Faithful

Departed

10A.M. (1 Thes 5:1-11, Lk 16:19-31) MYO

- Rep. Joseph Tayar by Robert & Nawal Gebrael & Family
- Reps. Khosha Kalo & Shami Dawood by Sam & Samira Kalo
- Rep. Shamoon Hanna by Thomas & Hanni Hermiz
- Rep. Peter Joubran by the Family

MONDAY 8: St. Jerome Emiliani

- Rep. Ferris Adado by Joseph Nassif

TUESDAY 9: St. Maron, Confessor

Rep. Sylvia Zerka by David & May Gantos

WEDNESDAY 10: St. Scholastica

Rep. Maria Lopez by Millie Hendrick

THURSDAY 11: Our Lady of Lourdes

Rep. Charlie Rossie by † Marge Okal

FRIDAY 12: St. Meletius of Antioch, Confessor

Rep. Eddie Rashid by Lewis & Jeanette Walterhouse

SATURDAY 13: St. Catherine de Ricci

- Rep. Thomas Alex by Dan & Sandy Ballmer

SUNDAY February 14th: Sunday of the Entrance into Lent - Miracle of Cana at Galilee

10A.M. (Rom 14:14-23, Jn 2:1-11) Mary Matte

- Reps. George Faris & Joseph Faris Jr. by the Faris Family
- Rep. Baseem Kassis by Fr ancis & Salwa Haddad
- Reps. John & Jeanne Shaheen by Daughters

SUNDAY February 21^h: Cleansing of the Leper

10A.M. (Rom 6:12-23, Mk 1: 35-45) Bob Pollack

- Rep. Raymond Faris Robert & Kathleen Tomlin

Altar Servers Schedule:

Feb. 14	Team 4
Feb. 24	Team 1



Church Cleaning for February

Hala & Nahida

God doesn't require us to succeed; He only requires that you try.

Mother Theresa

Announcements:



The Stewardship Committee will meet Monday February 8th at 7:00 pm.



The Parish Council will meet Tuesday February 9th at 7:00 pm.



A reminder to all the youths leaving for the retreat on Friday, February 12, the vans will be at the church at 1:30 pm. Due to the limited space, only **one** bag will be allowed per person. The vans will be returning on Sunday, February 14th around 6:00 pm.



The annual parish contribution reports were mailed to all parishioners last week. If you have not received yours, or if you have any questions concerning the report, please contact the church office.



There will be a meeting for all current and new ushers after Mass Sunday, February 14th.



PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Divine Jesus, you sent the Blessed Mother to Saint Bernadette to show the world that God is real. Just like Mary asked the girl to dig so that a spring of healing water would appear, show me how to cleanse my sinful tendencies. Give to me our dear Mother when I need her tender love and holy inspiration. As I go through difficulties, cover me with her prayers. When I have important decisions to make, ask her to intercede for me until I understand and follow the Holy Spirit's guidance. When it is time for me to die, send her to carry me peacefully into the arms of our heavenly Father.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for me. *Amen*

St. Maron

Feastday: February 9



O Lord, accept the prayers we offer in memory of our Father, St. Maron. Bless and protect the people who bear your name. Make us worthy of his holy legacy that we may carry the message of your Gospel throughout the world. Grant faithfulness to his people and courage to his inheritance. Amen

St. Maron, also known as Saint Maron, was a Syriac Christian monk who founded the Maronite spiritual movement. The Church that grew from this movement is the Maronite Church. St. Maron was known for his missionary work, healing and miracles, and teachings of a monastic devotion to God.

Background: St. Maron, born in the middle of the 4th century in Syria, was a priest who later became a hermit, retiring to a mountain of Taurus in the region of Cyrrhus, near Antioch. His holiness and miracles attracted many followers, and drew attention throughout the empire. St. John Chrysostom sent him a letter around AD 405 expressing his great love and respect, and asking St. Maron to pray for him.

The Maronite movement: St. Maron is considered the Father of the spiritual and monastic movement now called the Maronite Catholic Church. This movement had a profound influence in Lebanon. St. Maron spent all of his life on a mountain in Syria. It is believed that the place was called "Kefar-Nabo" on the mountain of Ol-Yambos, making it the cradle of the Maronite movement.

The Maronite movement reached Lebanon when St. Maron's first disciple Abraham of Cyrrhus who was called the Apostle of Lebanon, realized that there were many non-Christians in Lebanon, so he set out to convert them to Christianity by introducing them to the way of St. Maron. The followers of St. Maron, both monks and laity, always remained faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. St. Maron's feast day is celebrated on February 9.

Spirituality: Maron's way was deeply monastic with emphasis on the spiritual and ascetic aspects of living, contrasted by the fact that the 'Khoury,' or, 'priest' of the Maronite rite can marry. For St. Maron, all was connected to God and God was connected to all. He did not separate the physical and spiritual world and actually used the physical world to deepen his faith and spiritual experience with God.

St. Maron embraced the quiet solitude of the mountain life. He lived his life in open air exposed to the forces of nature such as sun, rain, hail and snow. His extraordinary desire to come to know God's presence in all things allowed St. Maron to transcend such forces and discover that intimate union with God. He was able to free himself from the physical world by his passion and fervor for prayer and enter into a mystical relationship of love with God.

Mission: St. Maron was a mystic who started this new ascetic -spiritual method that attracted many people in Syria and Lebanon to become his disciples. Accompanying his deeply spiritual and ascetic life, he was a zealous missionary with a passion to spread the message of Christ by preaching it to all he met. He sought not only to cure the physical ailments that people suffered, but had a great quest for nurturing and healing the "lost souls" of both non-Christians and Christians of his time.

This missionary work came to fruition when, in the mountains of Syria, St. Maron was able to convert a temple into a Christian Church. This was to be the beginning of the conversion to Christianity in Syria which would then influence and spread to Lebanon. After his death in the year 410, his spirit and teachings lived on through his disciples and today he lies in "brad" village to the north of Aleppo.

Stewardship

Week of January 24-31, 2010

Registered Families	170
Envelopes received this week	80
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,455.00
Fuel	\$ 50.00
Loose and visitors	\$ 208.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 2,713.00
Second Collection	
Haitian Relief	\$ 506.00
Maronite Voice	\$ 50.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 50.00
Budgeted for January	\$ 18,500.00
Amount needed to meet Jan. Budget	(\$3,964.00)

Mark Your Calendar

February:

Feb 15: Ash Monday
Feb 12-14: Regional Youth Retreat



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