



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday January 10, 2010 – Sunday January 17, 2010**

### Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
Subdeacon Earl Matte

### Parish Staff

Michelle Tennis - Secretary  
Pat Haley – Caterer  
Richard Baka – Custodian

### Parish Leaders

Chuck Solomon – Parish Council  
Dee Gardner – Choir Director  
Dorothy Bolduc-Peppin - Organist  
Sr. Therese Tayar & Alicia Massad – Religious Ed.  
Mary Matte – Altar Society  
Jeanette Waltherhouse – Morningstar Society



### *Rotten Pharisees*

The Pharisees were a Jewish political party that wanted to protect the Hebrew Nation from foreign religions by favoring a strict separation from all Gentiles.

They were not priests and they were not made up of the wealthy. They were middle-class men who supported the church financially and volunteered (that is, without pay) to help in synagogue and Temple. If they were around today, they would fit nicely on any church committee or parish council.

But, as members of political parties often do, the Pharisees became corrupt and were eventually condemned by Jesus Himself. Their interpretation of the Law became too strict and they were guilty of hypocrisy and the terrible sin of vanity.

One Pharisee is quoted as praying: “I give thanks to God that I am not like the rest of men... grasping, adulterous, crooked... or even like that tax collector over there. I fast twice a week. I pay tithes on all I possess. I pray daily and give to the poor.”

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- \* **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:



Helen Zerka  
Jean Rossie  
Aziz Massad  
Sue Stubbart  
Michelle Garey  
Amy Burke

Agnes Torok  
Delore Shaker  
Josie Knight  
Helen Azzarello  
Sarah Marshall  
Hanneh Chammas  
Hap & Eve Maroun  
Joe Faris  
Ann Faris  
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 January 10<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

**10A.M.:** (2Cor 10:1-11, Jn 1:29-34) Ferris Anthony

- Rep. Gerald Knight & Rep. George Faris by Josie Knight & Family
- Rep. Mike Nemer (40 day) by Samira Nemer & Family
- Rep. Subdeacon Charlie Rossi 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary by Rossie Family

## MONDAY 11: St. Paulinus

No Mass

## TUESDAY 12: The Council of Trent (1545)

No Mass

## WEDNESDAY 13: St. Jacob of Nisibis, Confessor

No Mass

## THURSDAY 14: St. Sava

No Mass

## FRIDAY January 15: Our Lady of the Sowing, St. John Calybites, Confessor

No Mass

## SATURDAY 16: In Honor of St. Peter in Chains

- Rep. Alice Griffiths by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

## SUNDAY January 17<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

**10A.M.:** (2Cor 4:5-15, Jn 1:35-42) Erik Lindhurst

- Int. Linda Macksood by Josie & Teresa Knight
- Reps. Ibrahim, Bibiya & Yousef Kassab by Adeeb & Mayson Stepho
- Reps. Jerjus & Nerim Kattoola & Pastor Butrus Kattoola by Adeeb & Mayson Stepho

## SUNDAY January 24<sup>th</sup>: Sunday of the Priests

**10A.M.:** (1 Tim 4:6-16, Lk 12:42-48) Diane Massad

- Rep. Thomas Alex by Nancy Alex
- Reps. Elias Zerka by Greg & Joan Armbruster
- Rep. Raymond Faris by Lazar & Nahida Hanna

### *Rotten Pharisees continued...*

Such price! Oh, why couldn't he see that he was being dragged down by the very virtues of which he boasted?

He could, I suppose, just stop...volunteering, fasting, giving to the poor, stop praying so much.

Well, No... he shouldn't do that.

Maybe he should simply stop feeling so good about those good things he was doing. Only... I'm not sure that's possible.

I guess I can't help but feel a little sorry for those rotten Pharisees. They may very well be the great sinners of the Bible. Yet, I hope God forgives them... because in similar circumstances,, I could very well be one of them. I pray that God forgives me.

*Submitted by Subdeacon Earl Matte*



Father Hanna will be visiting homes to bless them after his return from the Eparchial retreat. If you would like to have him visit your home, please sign the sheet on the small table by the bulletin boards and indicate the time that is most convenient for you.



There will be a festival committee meeting on Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.



Our first 2010 Mid East Luncheon will be held on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am to 2pm. Tickets will be available in the hall after mass.



Father Hanna will be on retreat this coming week so there will be no masses scheduled Monday through Friday.

### **!!Regional MYO Youth Retreat!!**

All young people who will be 12 to 17 years of age are invited to attend the regional MYO youth retreat which will be held this year from Friday, Feb. 12 through Sunday, Feb. 14 in Youngstown, Ohio. Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

**Applications must be into the church office by Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.** This is a great opportunity for our young people to have fun while furthering their spiritual education and meeting new people.



We wish to extend our condolences to the family of Diane Dunsmore whose father, Clarence William Dunsmore passed away Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers during the coming weeks.

### ***Prayer to St Peter***

**LET US PRAY:** O God, who hast given unto Thy blessed Apostle Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and the power to bind and loose: grant that we may be delivered, through the help of this intercession, from the slavery of all our sins: Who livest and reignest world without end. *Amen.*

# Stewardship

Week of January 2-3 2010

Registered Families	170
Envelopes received this week	69
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,268.00
Loose and visitors	\$ 38.00
Fuel	\$ 584.00
Christmas	\$ 210.00
Online Donations	\$ 105.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,205.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	
Patriarchal Charities	\$ 20.00
Maronite Voice	\$ 25.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 25.00
Budgeted for January	\$18,500.00
Amount needed to meet Jan. Budget	(\$15,295.00)

Welcome to Our Lady of Lebanon

## 2010 Parish Council

Tom Macksood (Chairperson)  
Joan Armbruster (Vice Chairperson)  
Scott Shaheen (Secretary)  
Johnny Solomon  
Marcus Rossie  
Nahida Hanna  
Jason Klanseck  
Colette Rizk  
Lewis Walterhouse

## 2010 Stewardship Committee

Lino Kaspar  
Jason Klanseck  
Josef Massoud  
Gino Kalo  
John Badr

We wish to thank our past members for their service.



## St. Peter in Chains

To please the enemies of the Christians, Herod Agrippa planned to put St. Peter, the Head of the Church, to death. Once he had him in prison, he set a heavy guard about him to make sure he would not escape. Christians prayed to save St. Peter and their prayers were answered.

The night before he was to be put to death, St. Peter was peacefully sleeping in his prison cell between his two guards bound tightly by two chains. Suddenly an angel appeared and tapped him on the side to awaken him. He told him to get up at once and follow him. At that moment, both the chains fell from his hands! Out the two went, past two sets of guards to an iron gate which opened by itself and the angel led St. Peter out to the street and disappeared.

Up to then, Peter had thought he might be dreaming, but now he knew that God had really sent an angel to free him! He went to the home of Mary, the mother of St. Mark, where many Christians were praying for his safety.

He knocked at the door and a young woman named Rhoda came to ask who it was, without opening the door. When she heard St. Peter's voice, she ran joyfully to tell the others. They, however, could not believe the news. "It must be his angel," they said when she kept insisting. Meanwhile St. Peter knocked again. At last they let him in, and their happiness was immense when they saw it was truly St. Peter himself!



NEW YEAR'S EVE 2010



Several families from Our Lady of Lebanon attended the New Year's celebration hosted by St. George Church this December 31<sup>st</sup>. Those that attended the event had the pleasure of a fine meal. They also enjoyed an evening of entertainment and dancing to the music of Soumaya Aziz and her band.





**Altar Servers Schedule:**

Jan 17 : Team 3  
Jan 24 : Team 1



**Church Cleaning for January**

Mary Matte



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**Mark Your Calendar**

**January:**

Jan 21: Mid East Luncheon

**February:**

Feb. 6: St. Maron's Hafli  
Feb 15: Ash Monday  
Feb 12-14: Regional Youth Retreat



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