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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday March 14, 2010 – Sunday March 21, 2010

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WE ARE THE FRUIT OF LOVE

After celebrating my birthday with you last Sunday in the hall, I was meditating in the meaning of our life. 40 years ago, my parents were happy to have me. But did they anticipate my future? A lot of feelings shook me. Life, for what? And after? Do we do right in our life? What do we wish more? What is God waiting for? Shakespeare wrote: “We are such stuff, as dreams are made on, and our little life is rounded with a sleep...”

At midnight, I got a call. My sister was going to the hospital to have a baby. His name - another John. The question came to me again: who will this newborn be in 40 years? But I’m sure, as anyone of us or our children, he will be **the beloved one of God**. His son.

Today’s gospel is talks about the Paralytic. His community carried him to the *church* in front of Jesus to be cured. **The role of others in our life is primary**. We are **‘the result’ of those who loved us and/or hated us**. We are responsible for their lives too. Do we do enough in our family and community to bring others to Jesus? Do we love them enough?

This morning I saw a youth putting next to his nickname: “Love me now or love me never, but if you love me now, love me for ever”. Now I can understand better how God is the Eternal Love.

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:



Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Helen Zerka
Jean Rossie
Aziz Massad
Sue Stubbert
Michelle Garey
Luba Elia

Delore Shaker
Amy Burke
Helen Azzarello
Sarah Marshall
Hanneh Chammas
Hap & Eve Maroun
Phil Shaker
Agnes Torok
Fran Adado
Ann David
Dorothy Mattar
Wanda Maroun
Linda Macksood
Fayz Zerka

**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 March 14th: Healing of the Paralytic

10A.M. (1 Tim 5:24-6:5, Mk 2:1-12) Ferris Anthony

- In Memory of Norman Weissert by Yvonne Weissert
- Reps. Elias Sleiman Badr & Aziz Chammas by John & Fadia Badr
- Rep. Hanna Rizk by Francis & Salwa Haddad

MONDAY March 15: St. Louise de Marillac

- Rep. Raymond Alex by Blanche Alex

TUESDAY 16: The First Council of Constantinople

Mass 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm

- Rep. Ray Faris by John Niehls

WEDNESDAY 17: St. Patrick, Confessor

The Deceased Members of the Theresa Manoharan Family by James & Theresa Manoharan

THURSDAY 18: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Doctor of the Church, Confessor

Rep. Ferris Adado by Ahlam Solomon & Family

FRIDAY 19: St. Joseph the Virgin, the Spouse of Mary, Confessor

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

Rep. Kimberly Gardner by Duane & Dee Gardner

SATURDAY 20: St. Herbert; St. Wulfran

- Rep. Roger Nesser by Duane & Dee Gardner

SUNDAY March 21st: Healing of the Blind Man

10A.M. (2Cor 10:1-7, Mk 10:46-52) Erik Lindhurst

- Rep. Roger Nesser (40 day) by the Family
- Rep. Aziz Chammas (6th Anniversary) by Family
- Rep. Sam Marino (3 year) by the Family

SUNDAY March 28th: Hosanna Sunday

10A.M. (Phil 1:1-13, Jn 12:12-22) Diane Massad

- Rep. Wajdi Badr, & Reps Paul & John Mouheeb Badr by John & Fadia Badr
- Reps. Roger Nesser & Adel Sabie by the Family
- The Living & Deceased Members of the Shaheen & Okal Families by the Family



Please keep the family of Mark and Tonya Solomon in your prayers. Toyna's mother, Carol Moench, passed away early Thursday morning. Services will be held on Friday, March 19th at 11:00 am at Sharp Funeral home on Miller Road.



Congratulations to Father Hanna on the birth of his nephew, John Anthony Raad. The baby arrived early March 8th on Father's birthday.

Announcements:



The festival committee meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00 pm.



The MYA will be meeting Saturday, March 27th after 5:00 pm Mass.



Easter Flower Collection

The Altar Society will have their annual collection for Easter flowers on Saturday, March 20th and Sunday, March 21st.



Church Cleaning

The Altar Society will have their annual cleaning of the church on Saturday, March 27 at 10:00 am. They are asking that members of the MYO come and give them a hand with this.

2010 Census

Every 10 years, the US Government holds a census to determine the population of local communities. The information gathered by the census is completely private and is used to determine federal funding for your community. You will be receiving a Census questionnaire sometime in early April. Please fill it out and return it promptly. The information you provide will make a difference as to the amount your community receives in available Federal Funds.



Annual Eparchial Appeal.

Envelopes went out last week to all parishioners for the annual Eparchial Appeal. As stated in the letter from the Eparchy this collection helps to fund many of the Eparchy's special needs such as missions, the seminary and educational materials. There has been some question about the difference between the **Annual Eparchial Appeal** envelopes and quarterly envelopes for the **Eparchial Assessment** Each year, the Eparchy assesses our parish \$16,000 to help pay the operating costs of the Eparchy. Your quarterly donation for the **Eparchial Assessment** is used to cover a portion of this assessment.



Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet

We are looking for twelve men to volunteer to assist Father Hanna with the Washing of the Feet on Thursday April 1st. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church if you are willing to help out during this service.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Our Lady of Lebanon Church will be hosting a Communal Penance Service on Friday, March 19th after 5:30 Mass. Reverend Gary McInnis will be preside over the service and will give the homily. The service is open to all Catholics. Please make an effort to attend this service and take advantage of the opportunity to receive the sacrament of confession.

Altar Servers Schedule:



Mar. 21	Team 3
Mar. 28	Team 1

Church Cleaning for March

Diane, Nawal, Cindy

IS LENT THE CHRISTIAN RAMADAN?

It is a grave mistake to call Ramadan the Muslim Lent, as we often hear. Ramadan is the holy month of revelation: fasting is intended primarily to provide believers to receive the entire Koran recited every evening until the night of Qadr. It is also a month of thanksgiving and celebration for the gift of God that brings together the Muslim community. Divine law is strictly observed.

The Christian Season of Lent, meanwhile, prepares us to receive the new life that God gives to believers through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Its purpose is, therefore, not primarily to obey a law, but to prepare one to receive the inner law of the Holy Spirit. Lent is a time to make oneself available and attentive and to welcome the Word as God calls us to be transformed by Him.

Fasting is an aspect of this asceticism but it is not the most important one. There are people who are hungry in spite of themselves because they have nothing. Imposing a fast on the rich reminds them of this reality and the need for justice and sharing: this fasting is one of its essential meanings in the eyes of God. *Abouna Hanna*



FIRST COUNCIL OF CONSTANTINOPLE MARCH 16TH

This council was called in May, 381, by Emperor Theodosius, to provide for a Catholic succession in the patriarchal See of Constantinople, to confirm the Nicene Faith, to reconcile the semi-Arians with the Church, and to put an end to the Macedonian heresy. Its first measure was to confirm St. Gregory Nazianzen as Bishop of Constantinople. The council drew up a dogmatic statement on the Trinity and defined Holy Spirit as having the same divinity expressed for the Son by the Council of Nicaea 56 years earlier. The Acts of the council have almost entirely disappeared, and its proceedings are known chiefly through the accounts of the ecclesiastical historians



SAINT PATRICK FEASTDAY MARCH 17

St. Patrick was born around 385 in Scotland, probably in Kilpatrick. His parents were Romans who lived in Britain and were in charge of the colonies. As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Ireland at this time was a land of Druids and pagans. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him.

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain, where he reunited with his family. Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland. Traveling throughout the countryside, Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in *Confessions*. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

Mark Your Calendar

March:

- Mar 19 Lenten Penance Service
- Mar 19-21 NAM Lenten Retreat
- Mar. 20-21 Collection for Easter Flowers
- Mar 27 Altar Society–Cleans Temple
- Mar 27-28 P Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Stewardship

Weekend of March 6-7, 2010


Registered Families	170
Envelopes received this week	94
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,868.00
Fuel	\$ 10.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 45.00
Online Donations	\$ 105.00
Loose and visitors	\$ 200.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 3,228.00
Second Collection	
Eparchial Appeal	\$ 605.00
Caritas of Lebanon	\$ 280.00
Budgeted for March	\$ 18,000.00
Amount needed to meet March Budget	(\$14,772.00)




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