



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday October 3, 2010 – Sunday October 10, 2010



Take A Chance!

I wonder if Jesus would enjoy a visit to Kewadin, Soaring Eagle, or one of Michigan's other gambling casinos. I bet He would.

The reason I think that is because Jesus seems to have been something of a gambler. Oh, He didn't ever rely on luck; He depended on His heavenly Father, and he didn't bet money; He bet His life.

But He did take chances. He was a huge risk taker. He took a chance on upsetting the religious leaders of His day by criticizing their legalism. He took a chance on shaking up that male dominated society of the midEast by including women among His disciples. He risked making the whole Jewish nation angry by associating with, and even making heroes of, those terrible "heretics", the Samaritans.

And Jesus encouraged His friends to gamble too: "Peter, come follow Me. Leave your fishing business. Let's wander the hills of Galilee and preach repentance and the kingdom of God. Oh, I know you have a wife, children...a mother-in-law. But, come on. Take a chance. See, I walk on water. Risk it. Come walk with Me. You could win...eternal life!

So Peter took a chance on Jesus ...and the other Apostles did too. And today, a couple of thousand years later, you and I and Christians everywhere rake in the profits

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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 Bolduc-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:



Phil Adado
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Helen Zerka
Nadia Sob
Aziz Massad
Sue Stubbett
Michelle Garey
Fayez Zerka
Elisabeth Fanderl

Hector & Rose Khoury
Delore Shaker
Amy Burke
Helen Azzarello
Nina Rachid
Hanneh Chammas
Hap & Eve Maroun
Phil Shaker
Agnes Torok
Ophelia Polovina
Ann David
Dorothy Mattar
Wanda Maroun
Bruce Lindhurst
Michel Farah



Liturgy Schedule

Mon. – Wed. 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.

- * **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 October 3: 3rd Sunday After Holy Cross

10A.M: (Phil 3:17-4:1, Mt. 24:23-31) MYO

- Rep. Ghantous Tayar by Duane & Dee Gardner
- Rep. Norman Weissert by Yvonne & Family
- Rep. Sadie Bouhasin-Cary by Rosemarie, Terri & Tony Palma
- Rep Yacoob Disho (1 yr) by Sam & Samira Kalo

MONDAY 4: St. Francis of Assisi, Confessor

- Rep. Fran Adado by Mary O'Neal

TUESDAY 5: St. Faustina, St. Flora of Beaulieu

- Rep. Luba Elia by Altar Society

WEDNESDAY 6: St. Thomas, Apostle

No Mass

THURSDAY 7: Sts. Sarkis & Bacchus, Martyrs

No Mass

FRIDAY October 8: St. Pelagia of Antioch, Confessor

- Int. of Bill & Jenna Sheehan by Mary Ann Sheehan

SATURDAY 9: St. James, Brother of the Lord, Apostle

- Int. John Abdella by Bob & Sharon Griffiths

SUNDAY October 10th: 4th Sunday After Holy Cross

10A.M: (1Thes 5:1-11, Mt 24:45-51) Diane Massad

- The living and deceased members of the Shaheen & Okal families by Family
- Rep. Linda Macksood by Lazar & Nahida Hanna
- Rep. Ghantous Tayar by Aziz & Diane Massad

SUNDAY October 17th: 5th Sunday After Holy Cross

10A.M: (Phil 2:12-18, Mt 25:1-13) Earl Matte

- The Deceased of Old and New Calvary Cemetery
- Rep. Linda Macksood (40 day) by Family

Mark Your Calendar

October:

- Oct. 12: Tuesday Bible Class Begins
- Oct. 24: Children's Halloween Party

November:

- Nov. 4: Mideast Luncheon
- Nov. 7: Harvest Dinner



Take A Chance! Continued...

Personally, I've never been much of a gambler...too conservative, I guess, But I do dare to take up Jesus' challenge to take a chance, to gamble on Him, to trust in our Father.

So because I accept that challenge...Lord, please rejoice with me when things go well and I win. Stay close to me when I fail and loose. Give me courage, vision, and strength to place all my bets on You...You who are the only "sure thing."

And...oh, yes...Holy Spirit, blow on my dice...not just for luck...but for your divine grace.

Submitted by Subdeacon Earl Matte

Announcements:



Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship committee will meet on Monday October 4th at 7:00 PM.



Parish Council

The Parish Council will meet Tuesday October 5th at 7:00 PM in the library.



Mass Schedule

Please note there will be no Mass Wed, October 6th.



Altar Society

The Altar Society will meet at 7:00 PM Wednesday, October 6th in the church hall.



MYO

Please note that as of October, the MYO will begin meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month. The meetings will be held at 6:00 pm in the classrooms. Our next meeting will held Thursday, October 7th.



Bible Study Classes

Please join us in our weekly Bible Study classes which will begin Tues. Oct 12 at 7:00 pm. There is a list of upcoming readings on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Marty.



Classes for Catechumens

If any of your family or friends has expressed an interest in joining the Catholic Church, we are considering starting classes for this purpose here at Our Lady of Lebanon. Please contact the office with the names of those who may be interested in joining these classes.



Wedding Banns

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Salim Makhlof and Medha Devanagondi.

Altar Servers Schedule:

- October 10: Team 3
- October 17: Team 1

Ushers Schedule

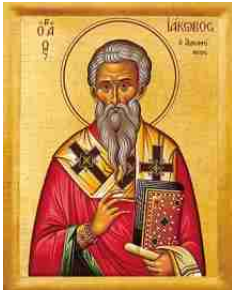
- October 10: Team 2
- October 17: Team 3

Church Cleaning October

Eva Massad

Coffee & Donuts October

- Coffee: Mon Shaheen
- Donut Pick-up – Najib Massaad



St James, Brother of the Lord aka James the Just Feastday: October 9th

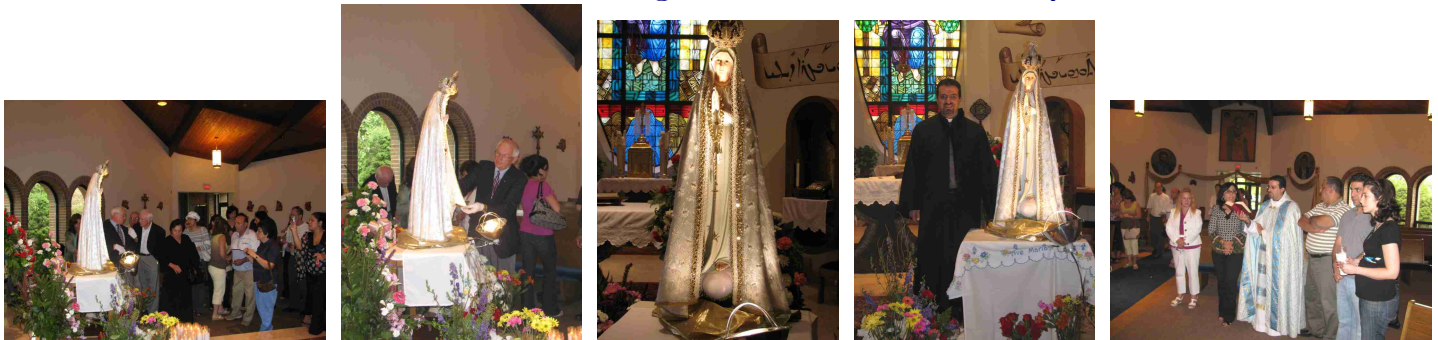
The Holy James was counted among the seventy disciples of the Lord. No doubt he was always near Jesus but the two Apostles among the twelve named James are different men. Although James was not one of the Twelve, he was so highly respected by his peers that he became the first bishop of Jerusalem even with some of the Apostles living there at the time. From this it is clear that he was respected as a holy and righteous man. He governed Jerusalem for thirty years, before his martyrdom.

St James remained a virgin all of his life, and is said to have never eaten fat or oil. He was also a great lover of long prayer vigils at night, and is said to have “knees like a camel”, from kneeling in prayer often. He composed the first Liturgy, on the instruction of the Lord. It proved to be too long for later Christians to use everyday, and was later shortened by St Basil and St John Chrysostom. St James wrote the Epistle of James. It is remarkable for bluntly and plainly stressing the moral life that a Christian must lead.

St James was martyred in Jerusalem and his death was described in this way: “When Ananias became High Priest, he decided, along with other of the Jewish elders, to kill James as a preacher of Christ. One day, during Pascha, when many people were gathered in Jerusalem, the elders told him to climb up onto a roof and speak against Christ. St James climbed up there, and began to speak to the people about Christ as the Son of God and the true Messiah, and of His Resurrection and eternal glory in heaven. The infuriated priests and elders cast him down from the roof, and he was badly injured though still alive. A man then ran up and gave him such a vicious blow on the head that his brains spilled out. Thus this glorious apostle of Christ died a martyr's death and entered into the Kingdom of his Lord. James was sixty-three years old when he suffered for Christ.”

***Always make sure your words are sweet.
You never know when you'll have to eat them!***

Visit from the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima



Over 50 parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Lebanon Church shared in a short visit of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima here last Friday. The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the USA is a hand-carved image of Our Lady of Fatima given to the United States by the Bishop of Fatima in 1967 and crowned by Cardinal O'Boyle in the National Basilica in Washington, DC in 1971. It was blessed by Pope Paul VI during his visit to Fatima in 1967. The Statue travels around America under the sponsorship of the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, spreading the important Message of Our Lady of Fatima. The statue visited the Lansing Diocese during the month of September. We were blessed to be able to schedule the last visit of the statue to a Michigan church for this year during 12:00 Mass Friday, September 24th. As this was a “last minute” event, parishioners were notified by email of the visit.



Words to Live By

Do good everywhere, so that everyone can say: "This is a son of Christ." Endure tribulation, sickness and pain for love of God and for the conversion of poor sinners. Defend the weak, console those who weep

(Padre Pio, FSP, 119).

Stewardship

Weekend of September 25-September 26, 2010

Registered Families	170
Envelopes received this week	82
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,574.00
Fuel	\$ -0-
Loose	\$ 49.00
Online Donations	\$ -0-
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 2,623.00
Second Collection	
Maronite Voice	\$ 5.00
Budgeted for September	\$ 19,000.00
Amount needed to meet September Budget	(\$ 8,269.00)



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