



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday September 12, 2010 – Sunday September 19, 2010**

## *For a Better Life*

When I was in the seminary, I tried to convert my good friend and classmate, Ray Medrano, to the beauty of classical music. But instead, Ray introduced me to another kind of music: Modern Jazz.

Ray owned a collection of recordings of jazz musicians “jamming” in a New Orleans nightclub. Once in a while, he’d bring these old vinyl records to the seminary music room so that we all could hear the unpredictable, exciting sound of jazz.

I remember a trumpet player (it might have been Chet Baker or Miles Davis) began by playing a familiar tune, a song we’d all heard countless times before. But then, he’d jump off into the unknown, leading us to totally uncharted territory with rhythms and flourishes that were unique.

It’s a good thing someone was around with a recorder because this was a once-in-a-lifetime musical experience that would never...ever...be repeated. These notes would never be put together exactly this way again...and that’s jazz!

The free will that God has given us is like that. Like jazz, by its very nature, freedom makes our actions unpredictable and interesting.

We wonder! What will happen next? Will Adam and Eve eat that apple? Will you and I turn lovingly to face God or will we turn away? Will those Apostles ever get up, leave that upper room, and start preaching the “Good News”?

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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  
Jean Rossie  
Aziz Massad  
Sue Stubbett  
Michelle Garey  
Dr. John Abdella  
Elisabeth Fanderl  
Bob Griffiths

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  
Mae Jamara  
Fayez Zerka  
Bruce Lindhurst  
Nadia Sob



### 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 September 12: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 10A.M: (1Cor 1:18-25, Jn 12:20-32) Elias Chammas
- Rep. Gerald Knight by Josie Knight & Family
  - Rep. Ghantous Tayar by Robert & Nawal Gebrael
  - Rep. Hanna Rizk (1 yr.) by Family

### MONDAY 13: St. John Chrysostom

- Rep. Sadie Bouhasin-Cary by Ralph & Helen Burgess

### TUESDAY 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross (actual feast)

- Int. Alma Jean Ruester by Lewis & Jeanette Walterhouse

### WEDNESDAY 15: Sts. Shaina & Sassine, Confessors

- Int. Deacon Marty & Nina Rachid by Bob & Sharon Griffiths

### THURSDAY 16: St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr

No Mass

### FRIDAY 17: St. Sophia & Her Three Daughters, Martyrs

- Int. Mrs. Mary Jesuratnam by James & Therese Manoharan

### SATURDAY 18: St. Joseph of Cupertino

- Rep. Raymond Faris (1yr) by Jeannie Faris & Family

### SUNDAY September 19: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Holy Cross

- 10A.M: (2Tim 2:1-10, Mk 10:35-45) Ferris Anthony
- Rep. Wadad Anthony by Ferris Anthony
  - Rep. Luba Elia by Josie Knight
  - Int. of Dr. William Todd by Duane & Dee Gardner

### SUNDAY September 26: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Holy Cross

- 10A.M: (1 Cor 15:19-34, Mt.2 24:1-14) Erik Lindhurst
- Rep. Kim Gardner by Duane & Dee Gardner
  - Rep. Ghantous Tayar by Choir
  - Rep. Sadie Bouhasin-Cary by Mon & Elsie Shaheen



### Funeral Announcement

As most of you are probably aware, Linda Macksood passed away on Thursday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. The rosary will be said on Monday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Swartz Funeral Home on Hill Rd. The funeral will be held here at Our Lady of Lebanon on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 11:00. Please keep the family in your prayers.

### For a Better Life continued...

Sure, we know God has His plan for us and He is with us all the time to show us His dream of what we should do. But ultimately, God surrenders the final outcome to us.

Our free will is God's generous gift to us. And I sometimes marvel to think that God might actually enjoy watching and listening to what I decide to do.

I wonder if my freedom makes me exciting...to God.

Wow! Wouldn't that be jazz?!?!?

*Submitted by Subdeacon Earl Matte*

## Announcements:



### Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship committee will meet on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.



### Altar Society - NCCW Meeting

Our Lady of Lebanon Altar Society is hosting the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) regional meeting here at Our Lady of Lebanon Wednesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$7.00 per person payable at the door. The schedule is as follows.

8:30 – 9:30	Registration, Coffee & Donuts
9:30	Welcome – Speaker Bob Brown “My Battle with Melanoma”
12:00 - 2:00	Mass followed by lunch
2:00 - 2:30	Business Meeting

Ladies of our parish are invited to attend. For reservations call Mary Matte at 732-1137 before Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. (We will not attend the business meeting at 2:00)



### Wedding

Congratulations to Robert & Nawal Gebrael on the marriage of their son Tony to Hillary Nicole Wooden Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. May God bless them with many years of happiness



### Condolences

We wish to offer our deepest condolences to the Marshall family on the death of Sarah Marshall, Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Funeral services were held here at Our Lady of Lebanon on Thursday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. God bless her and keep her in his care.



### Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Catherine & Jamie Fabbri on the birth of their son Camilo Monsour Fabbri on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Camilo is the grandson of Odette Shaheen. May God's grace and joy abide with him.

### Mark Your Calendar

#### September:

Sept. 15:	CCW Meeting
Sept. 19:	Religious Education Introduction/Books
Sept. 26:	Religious Education begins

#### October:

Oct. 3 :	Breakfast with St. George
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## ST. SOPHIA & HER THREE DAUGHTERS

FEASTDAY: SEPTEMBER 17

The Holy Martyrs Saint Sophia and her Daughters Faith, Hope and Love were born in Italy. Sophia was a pious Christian widow who named her daughters for the three Christian virtues. At the time of their martyrdom, Faith was twelve, Hope was ten, and Love was nine. St. Sophia raised them in the love of the Lord Jesus Christ, and they did not hide their faith, openly confessing it before everyone.

An official named Antiochus denounced them to Emperor Hadrian who ordered that they be brought to Rome. The holy virgins prayed fervently to the Lord asking that He give them the strength not to fear torture and death. When they appeared before the emperor, all those present were amazed at their composure. They looked as though they had been brought to some happy festival, rather than to torture. Summoning each of the sisters in turn, Hadrian urged them to offer sacrifice to the goddess Artemis, but the girls remained unyielding.

The emperor then ordered them to be tortured. They were burned over an iron grating, thrown into a red-hot oven, and finally into a cauldron with boiling tar, but the Lord preserved them. The youngest child, Love, was tied to a wheel and beat with rods until her body was covered with bloody welts. After undergoing unspeakable torments, the holy virgins glorified their Heavenly Bridegroom and remained steadfast in the Faith.

St. Sophia was subjected to another type of grievous torture: she was forced to watch the suffering of her daughters. She displayed adamant courage, and urged her daughters to endure their torments for the sake of the Heavenly Bridegroom. All three maidens were beheaded, and joyfully bent their necks beneath the sword.

In order to intensify St. Sophia's suffering, the emperor permitted her to take the bodies of her daughters for burial. She placed their remains in coffins and loaded them on a wagon. She drove beyond the city and reverently buried them on a high hill. Sitting by their graves for three days, she gave up her soul to the Lord. Even though she did not suffer for Christ in the flesh, she was not deprived of a martyr's crown. Instead, she suffered in her heart. Believers buried her body there beside her daughters. Their relics have rested at El'zasa, in the Church of Esho, since the year 777



## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (or Triumph of the Cross) we honor the Holy Cross by which Christ redeemed the world. In the Western Church the feast came into prominence in the seventh century — after 629, when the Byzantine emperor Heraclitus restored the Holy Cross to Jerusalem, after defeating the Persians who had stolen it.

Christians “exalt” (raise on high) the Cross of Christ as the instrument of our salvation. Adoration of the Cross is, thus, adoration of Jesus Christ, the God Man, who suffered and died on this Roman instrument of torture for our redemption from sin and death. The cross represents the One Sacrifice by which Jesus, obedient even unto death, accomplished our salvation. The cross is a symbolic summary of the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ — all in one image.

The Cross — because of what it represents — is the most potent and universal symbol of the Christian faith. It has inspired both liturgical and private devotions: for example, the Sign of the Cross, which is an invocation of the Holy Trinity; praying the Stations (or Way) of the Cross; and the Veneration of the Cross by the faithful on Good Friday by kissing the feet of the image of Our Savior crucified.

Placing a crucifix (the cross with an image of Christ's body upon it) in churches and homes, in classrooms of Catholic schools and in other Catholic institutions, or wearing this image on our persons, is a constant reminder — and witness — of Christ's ultimate triumph, His victory over sin and death through His suffering and dying on the Cross.

We remember Our Lord's words, “He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake shall find it” (Mt 10:38,39). Meditating on these words we unite ourselves — our souls and bodies — with His obedience and His sacrifice; and we rejoice in this inestimable gift through which we have the hope of salvation and the glory of everlasting life.



**Altar Servers Schedule:**

September 19: Team 3

September 26: Team 1

**Ushers Schedule**

September 19: Team 2

September 26: Team 3

**Church Cleaning September**

Sawsan/Ida

**Coffee & Donuts September**

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**Stewardship**

*Weekend of September 4-September 5, 2010*

Registered Families	170
Envelopes received this week	62
Weekly envelopes	\$ 1,856.00
Fuel	\$ 415.00
Online Donations	\$ 105.00
Loose and visitors	\$ 128.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,504.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>-0-</b>
Patriarchal Charities	\$ 10.00
Budgeted for September	\$ 19,000 .00
<b>Amount needed to meet September Budget</b>	<b>(\$ 16,496.00)</b>



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