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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday February 6, 2011 – Sunday February 13, 2011**



### Look! It's a Celebrity!!

I once actually met one of those famous people ... a true celebrity!

Richard Rodgers, co-writer (with Oscar Hammerstein) of those great musicals *Oklahoma!*, *South Pacific*, *The King & I*, and *The Sound of Music*, was in Detroit at the trial opening of his latest (and last) production.

He was standing in the lobby of the Fisher Theater all by himself ... and I recognized him. Boldly, I approached and asked him to autograph my program, which he did.

Then, he actually asked me how I liked his work. What a thrill!

Well, it was thrilling at the time. But, after considering my brief encounter with the gracious and accessible Mr. Rodgers, I realized something I should have already known: that there is a real radical equality among all God's people ... the rich and famous, the poor and average, the overlooked, the talented, the worn-out and worn-down. We are all equally and infinitely loved by God.

I wonder whether the Church has always cultivated this lesson. Often it has seemed that the clergy (our religious celebrities) were the real Christians ... the rest of us "merely baptized". So we seem like just a passive audience receiving the truths of the Faith and the services of the sacraments.

But, I am now absolutely convinced that a priest is not "more Christian" than a lay person; that the wonderfully gifted preacher of the gospel is not closer to God than

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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.  
Cindy Shaheen – 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:*



Julia Shaker  
Duane Gardner  
Joe Faris  
Ann Faris  
Helen Zerka  
Nadia Sob  
Elisabeth Fanderl  
Sue Stubbert  
Michelle Garey  
Fayez Zerka

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



### Liturgy Schedule

Mon. – Wed. 9a.m.  
Friday 12noon  
Saturday 5p.m.  
Sunday 10a.m.

### Adoration and Rosary

Friday 11:00a.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 February 6<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

10A.M: (Gal 1:11-17, Jn 4:46-54) MYO

- Rep. Linda Macksood by Choir
- Rep. Brian Rizik by Duane & Dee Gardner
- Rep. Kamal Hannosh by Fares & Bushra Jabero

### MONDAY 7: St. Colette

- Rep. Edward Moran by James & Theresa Manoharan

### TUESDAY February 8: St. Josephine Bakhita

- Rep. Linda Macksood by Mike & Rhonda Anderson

### WEDNESDAY 9: St. Maron, Confessor

- Rep. John Bissen by Rick and Michelle Tennis

### THURSDAY 10: St. Scholastica

- No Mass

### FRIDAY 11: Our Lady of Lourdes

- Int. Deacon Marty & Nina Rachid by Marcus & Michelle Rossie

### SATURDAY 12: St. Meletius of Antioch, Confessor

- Rep. Brian Rizik by Josef & Mona Massoud

### SUNDAY February 13<sup>th</sup>: Sunday of the Priests

10A.M: (1Tim 4:6-16, Lk 12:42-48) Earl Matte

- Rep. Yacoub Disho & Shmoney Poulis by Sam & Samira Kalo
- Rep. Willie Trujillo by Anna Marie Casey
- Repts. John & Jeanne Shaheen by Daughters

### SUNDAY February 20<sup>th</sup>: Sunday of the Righteous & Just

10A.M: (Heb 12:18-24, Mt 25:31-46) Mary Matte

- Rep. Roger Nesser 1 yr by Laila Nesser
- Rep. Gerald Knight by John & Lucy Northup
- Repts. Khosho Kalo & Shami Dawood by Sam & Samira Kalo
- Repts. Halwa & Dahous Elbayeh (40 day) by Pat & Vikki Haley

#### Look! It's a Celebrity!! Continued ...



that little baptized child in the third pew who doesn't even understand his message; that the Pope himself is not fundamentally more significant to God than a director of religious education at some small parish church.

All of us are equal before the Lord and equally responsible to Him. The Holy Spirit resides in each and every one of us.

Certainly, we have all sinned and we become discouraged when we don't seem to come up to standard. But Richard Rodgers wrote a line for Aunt Eller, a character in his musical *Oklahoma!* ... a line that, I know, encourages me whenever I feel insignificant in this big world.

Mr. Rodgers writes, "I'm not saying I'm better than anybody else ... but ... I'm just as good!"

*by Subdeacon Earl Matte*

## Announcements:



### Scholarships Available

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

The National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM) has announced that it will once again be offering college scholarships this year. There are three types of scholarships available. Two John A Solomon Scholarships are available to high school seniors who are members of the MYA, two Naomi and Paul Kassouf Scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors whose parents are members of NAM, and the Thomas and Jennie Ayoob Scholarship is available to students already in college. If any high school seniors or college students are interested in applying for these funds, scholarship applications are available in the church office. The deadline for the applications is May 15, 2011.

### Last Call for Maronite Voice

If your family would like to receive the Maronite Voice in 2011, please be sure to turn your envelopes now. Names of those subscribing to the Maronite Voice must be sent to the Eparchy by mid February.



### Congratulations

Congratulations to Yacoub & Laura Haj on the birth of a daughter, Maria Haj, Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Our best wishes and prayers are with the family on this joyous occasion.

### Altar Servers Schedule:

February 13: Team 1

February 20: Team 2

### Ushers Schedules

February 13: Team 1

February 20: Team 2



### Church Cleaning February

Ahlam Solomon

### Coffee & Donuts February

Coffee: Need a Volunteer

Donut Pick-up: Najib Massaad



Aziz Massad and his entire family wish to thank their friends and parish family at Our Lady of Lebanon for their support and prayers during his extended illness.

As most of you are aware, Aziz received a heart transplant last month and is doing very well at this time. He and his family appreciate the financial support that was given to them by the parishioners at the beginning of his illness. As their situation has now improved, they have chosen to return the cash gifts received from parishioners in the form of a donation to Our Lady of Lebanon Church



## St. Maron's Feast

Saturday, February 12

As you are all aware, we will be celebrating the 1600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our patron, Saint Maron on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. We will mark the occasion with our annual Saint Maron Feast which will begin with mass at 5:00 pm followed by dinner and music at 6:30 pm. We are honored to have The Most Reverend Bishop Earl Boyea of the Catholic Diocese of Lansing preside at this service.

To highlight this special occasion, our parish will be honoring all of the living and deceased founders of Our Lady of Lebanon Church during our evening festivities. We will also be awarding the special honor of the Silver Massakbi award to Mr. Joseph Faris, one of the original founding members of our parish and a gentleman who devoted a great deal of time and effort in making the building of our church a success.

We have invited many of the Catholic clergy and political figures from the surrounding area to join in our celebrations. I sincerely hope that all of our parishioners and their families and friends will plan on attending this evening to share in this joyous event. Please come and take the opportunity to thank those who worked so hard to make Our Lady of Lebanon Church a reality.

*God Bless you,*

*Abouna Hanna*

### St Maron Prayer

*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*



## Our Lady of Lourdes

Feastday: February 11

On 11 February 1858, Bernadette Soubirous went with her sisters Toinette and Jeanne Abadie to collect some firewood and bones in order to be able to buy some bread. When she took off her shoes and stockings to wade through the water near the Grotto of Massabielle, she heard the sound of two gusts of wind, but the trees and bushes nearby did not move. She saw a light in the grotto and a girl, as small as she was, dressed all in white, apart from the blue belt fastened around her waist and the golden yellow roses, one on each foot, the color of her rosary.

Three days later, Bernadette returned to the Grotto with the two other girls. She had brought holy water as a test that the apparition was not of evil provenance, however the vision only inclined her head gratefully when the water was thrown. On 18 February, she was told by the Lady to return to the Grotto over a period of two weeks. The Lady allegedly said: *promise to make you happy not in this world but in the next.*

After the news spread, the police and city authorities began to take an interest. Bernadette was prohibited by her parents and police commissioner Jacomet to ever go there again, but she went anyway. On 24 February the apparition asked for prayer and penitence for the conversion of sinners. The next day, Bernadette was asked to dig in the ground and drink the water of the spring she found there. At first muddy, the stream became increasingly clean. As word spread, this water was given to medical patients of all kinds, and numerous miracle cures were reported. Seven of these cures were confirmed as lacking any medical explanations.

The government fenced off the Grotto and issued stiff penalties for anybody trying to get near the off-limits area. Bernadette, knowing the localities rather well, managed to visit the barricaded grotto under the protection of darkness. There, on March 25, she was told: "I am the Immaculate Conception. On Easter Sunday, 7 April, her examining doctor stated that Bernadette, in ecstasy, was observed to have held her hands over a lit candle without receiving any burns. On 16 July, Bernadette went for the last time to the Grotto. *I have never seen her so beautiful before.* The Church, faced with nation-wide questions, decided to institute an investigative commission on 17 November 1858. On 18 January 1860, the local bishop finally declared that: *The Virgin Mary did appear indeed to Bernadette Soubirous.* These events established the Marian veneration in Lourdes which together with Fátima, is one of the most frequented Marian shrines in the world, and to which between 4 and 6 million pilgrims travel annually.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our\\_Lady\\_of\\_Lourdes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our_Lady_of_Lourdes)

Stewardship  
Weekend January 29-30 2011

Envelopes Distributed	170
Weekly Envelopes received	63
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,311.00
Fuel	\$ 50.00
Loose	\$ 80.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,441.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	
Maronite Voice	\$ 70.00
Home Missions	\$ 25.00
Holy Land	\$ 5.00
National Shrine	\$ 5.00
Budgeted for January	\$ 18,000.00
<b>Amount needed to meet January Budget</b>	<b>(\$ 4,713.00)</b>



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**Mark Your Calendar**

**February**

Feb 12: St. Maron Feast  
Feb 18-20: Youth Retreat



**March**

Mar. 3: Mid East Luncheon  
Mar. 7: Ash Monday



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