



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday February 13, 2011 – Sunday February 20, 2011



## Are you my Valentine?

This week we are celebrating the feasts of St Maron, Saint Valentine, and the Sunday of the Priest; **three illustrations of forms of love. Nobody can live without love** because each one of us was created with a breath of God who is Love. This spirit should always be **connected to the Eternal Love** or it will die.

St Maron left the world to love God in his solitude. He answered the question that Jesus asked three times of St. Peter: *‘Do you love me more than these?’* God became his reason and motivation to live.

The Valentine’s lovers answer this question differently: I can be myself when I am with you, or every time I look at you, my heart misses a beat, **Love is, what you mean to me - and you mean everything...** That’s what keeps a spouse with his partner over years; that’s what connects a parent to his child for a life, that’s what motivates youths to look beyond their personal ego, that’s what encourages a priest to continue serving God and others than his family for his entire life.

On this Sunday, we should not forget all those, living or deceased, **who marked our spiritual life by their presence and love:** birth, baptism, communion, reconciliation, marriage, education or praying for one of our sick members... That’s what gives meaning to our being. **Nothing counts more than our love to each other** Each one of us is supposed to ask himself: *Am I still ‘The Daily Valentine’?*

**Abouna Hanna TAYAR**

### 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:



Phil Adado  
Julia Shaker  
Ed Solomon  
Joe Faris  
Ann Faris  
Helen Zerka  
Nadia Sob  
Elisabeth Fanderl  
Sue Stubbert  
Michelle Garey  
Fayez Zerka

Duane Gardner  
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  
Albert Karram



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

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

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

### MONDAY 14: St. Cyril and Methodius, Confessors

- Rep. John Abdella by Yvonne Weissert

### TUESDAY February 15: St. Walfrid

- Rep. Paul (Hap) Maroun by Sue Stubbart

### WEDNESDAY 16: St. Daniel

- Int. Cesar Jebran by Jean Aziz

### THURSDAY 17: St. Alexis Falconieri

- No Mass

### FRIDAY 18: Pope St. Leo the Great, Doctor of the Church, Confessor

- Int. Aziz Massad by Hector & Rose Khoury

### SATURDAY 19: The 500 Martyrs of Tyre

- Rep. Nazeer Zerka (14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by Shirley Zerka & Family

### 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
- Reps. Khosho Kalo & Shami Dawood by Sam & Samira Kalo
- Reps. Halwa & Dahous Elbayeh (40 day) by Pat & Vikki Haley

### SUNDAY February 27<sup>th</sup>: Sunday of the Faithful Departed

10A.M: (1Thes 5:1-11, Lk 16:19-31) Bob Pollack

- Reps. Antoine & Nohad Massoud by Aziz & Diane Massad
- Reps. Gereos & Nazira Zerka by Fouzi & Eliane Zerka
- Rep. Hanna Rizk by Elias & Simone Raad

### Altar Servers Schedule:

February 20: Team 2

February 27: Team 3

### Ushers Schedules

February 20: Team 2

February 27: Team 3

### Church Cleaning February

Ahlam Solomon

### Coffee & Donuts February

Coffee: Mon Shaheen

Donut Pick-up: Najib Massaad



## Announcements:



### *Festival Meeting*

There will be a Festival Committee meeting Tuesday, February 15, at 7:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers for this year's event. If you are willing to share your time and talent to help with our upcoming festival we ask that you attend this meeting. Everyone's help is needed to make this year's event a success.



### *Bible Study*

Please join us for our weekly Bible Study classes at 7:00 pm beginning Tuesday, February 15. This schedule will continue throughout Lent. Readings to be discussed are posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Marty.

*Scripture is the lens through which we see all of life!*



### *Altar Society*

The Altar Society meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.



### *MYO Retreat*

Twenty youths and two advisers will be traveling the weekend of February 18<sup>th</sup> to the MYO Regional Retreat which is being held at St. Sharbel's Church in Warren, MI. If you would like to donate money to help with the expenses of this trip please see Noha Zerka or Johnny Solomon. May God bless and protect our young people during their travels, and may they have a fun filled and spiritual weekend.



### *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 Memorial 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.



### *Today's Prayer*

"Father, forgive me for my failures, sin, and moments of unfaithfulness. Restore me to your service, renew me in my passion for holiness, and rekindle me with your Spirit. I want to honor and serve you always. In Jesus' name. Amen".



### **You Are Often In My Thoughts**

Love is a command  
That Christians are called to do;  
Our Lord says "Love your God,  
And love your neighbor, too."  
Some people are easy to love;  
They are human rays of sun;  
They light up every life,  
And encourage everyone.  
You are in that group,  
So I sincerely want to say:  
You are often in my thoughts;

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

*By Joanna Fuchs*

### **Valentine's Day Quote**

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

**I CORINTHIANS 13:4-7**



### **Saints Cyril & Methodius**

Feastday: February 14

These brothers, the Apostles of the Slavs, were born in Thessalonica, in 827 and 826 respectively. Even though they belonged to a high ranking family they renounced secular honors and became priests. They were living in a monastery, when the Khazars sent to Constantinople for a Christian teacher. Cyril was selected and was accompanied by his brother. They learned the Khazar language and converted many of the people. Soon after the Khazar mission there was a request from the Moravians for a preacher of the Gospel. German missionaries had already worked among them, but without success. The Moravians wanted a teacher who could instruct them and conduct Divine service in the Slavonic tongue.

On account of their acquaintance with the language, Cyril and Methodius were chosen for their work. In preparation for the task Cyril invented an alphabet and, with the help of Methodius, translated the Gospels and the necessary liturgical books into Slavonic. The brothers went to Moravia in 863, and worked for four and a half years. Despite their success, they were regarded by the Germans with distrust, first because they had come from Constantinople where schism was rife, and also because they held the Church services in the Slavonic language. For this reason, the brothers were summoned to Rome by Nicholas I, who died, however, before their arrival. His successor, Adrian II, received them kindly. Convinced of their orthodoxy, he commended their missionary activity, sanctioned the Slavonic Liturgy, and ordained Cyril and Methodius bishops. Cyril, however, was not to return to Moravia. He died in Rome, 4 Feb., 869.

At the request of the Moravian princes, Adrian II formed an Archdiocese of Moravia and Pannonia, made it independent of the German Church, and appointed Methodius archbishop. In 870 King Louis and the German bishops summoned Methodius to a council at Ratisbon. Here he was deposed and condemned to prison. After three years he was liberated at the command of Pope John VIII and reinstated as Archbishop of Moravia. He zealously worked to spread the Faith among the Bohemians, and also among the Poles in Northern Moravia. Soon, however, he was summoned to Rome again as the result of the allegations of the German priest Wiching, who impugned his orthodoxy, and objected to the use of Slavonic in the liturgy. But John VIII, after an inquiry, sanctioned the Slavonic Liturgy, decreeing, however, that in the Mass the Gospel should be read first in Latin and then in Slavonic. Wiching, in the meantime, had been nominated one of the assistant bishops of Methodius. He continued to oppose his provincial powers, going so far as to produce phony papal letters. The pope, however, assured Methodius that they were false. Methodius went to Constantinople about this time, and with the assistance of several priests, he completed the translation of the Holy Scriptures. The enemies of Methodius did not cease to antagonize him. His health was worn out from the long struggle, and he died April 6, 885.

Stewardship  
Weekend February 5-6 2011

Envelopes Distributed	170
Weekly Envelopes received	72
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,409.00
Online Donations	\$ 105.00
Fuel	\$ 295.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 75.00
Loose	\$ 161.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,045.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	
Maronite Voice	\$ 50.00
Home Missions	\$ 155.00
Budgeted for February	\$ 19,000.00
<b>Amount needed to meet February Budget</b>	<b>(\$ 15,955.00)</b>



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**Mark Your Calendar**

**February**

Feb 18-20: Youth Retreat

**March**

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




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