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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday January 2, 2011 – Sunday January 9, 2011

HEALTH, PEACE, PROSPERITY, SERENITY, JOY, LOVE

Every year at this time we wish others a 'Happy New Year' 'كل عام وانتم بخير' hoping the **next year will be better** than the past one. But, did we work enough on 2010 to make our year happy? Did we miss **any opportunity to help and love**? Are we going **to contribute** enough to make our coming 2011 year better? It is always **in our hand** to enjoy the present and make it meaningful.

Another year becomes the past and it went by so quickly ... As if at any time, any one could stop ... or restart it. I see another year bow out, **no regrets**, and **no remorse**, absolutely convinced **that my choices were good**, because they were my choices!

I'm still convinced that **life is beautiful** today, in this moment, full of these small daily joys which we do not always take the time to savor... The glow of the first snow, the search for a friend found, the smile of a stranger or a loved one, **the laughter of a child**; all this is also part of our enjoyment! A new year begins with **promises** which nourish our wildest dreams. We are surrounded by **exceptional people**, often **without being aware**.

I wish you to take the best left of 2010, and invest it in 2011 by opening your hearts and the arms with simplicity to see it growing more and more. I wish you to be attentive to the smallest joys that life gives you every day. Take advantage of the present throughout the year 2011.

Remind yourself that everyone can be **more generous** with his **smile and compliments...** On the beginning of this New Year, I offer you from all my heart my most warm wish for an outstanding year and I wish that the 'New Year 2011' brings you the best! Mainly the health of body and spirit... Happy New Year 2011 'كل عام وانتم بخير'

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:



	Hector & Rose Khoury
	Delore Shaker
	Amy Burke
	Helen Azzarello
Phil Adado	Nina Rachid
Julia Shaker	Hanneh Chammas
Phil Adado	Eve Maroun
Joe Faris	Michel Farah
Ann Faris	Agnes Torok
Helen Zerka	Ophelia Polovina
Nadia Sob	Ann David
Elisabeth Fanderl	Dorothy Mattar
Sue Stubbert	Wanda Maroun
Michelle Garey	Bruce Lindhurst
Fayez Zerka	Ed Solomon



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 January 2nd: Finding in the Temple

10A.M: (Heb 7:11-19, Lk 2:41-52) MYO

- Reps. Rahel & Shamo Kello by Mayssoon & Kery Isho
- Rep. Jean Rossie by Choir
- Rep. Paul (Hap) Maroun by Mike & Rhonda Anderson

MONDAY 3: St. Genevieve

- Rep. Sadie Bouhasin Cary by Josie & Teresa Knight

TUESDAY 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Confessor (USA)

- Rep. Wadad C. Anthony by Ferris Anthony

WEDNESDAY 5: St. Paul the 1st Hermit, Confessor, St. John Neumann, Confessor (USA)

- Rep. Subdeacon Charlie Rossie by Family

THURSDAY 6: Feast of the Glorious Epiphany 9:00 A.M (Blessing of the Water)

- Rep. Phil Shaker by Jack & Sandra Bigelow
- Rep. Luba Elia by Scott & Cindy Shaheen

FRIDAY 7: Praises to John the Baptist, Martyr

- Rep. Ghantous Tayar by Sue Stubbert

SATURDAY January 8: The Circumcision of Jesus

- Deceased Members of the Deibis Family by Violet Deibis

SUNDAY January 9th: 1st Sunday after Epiphany

10A.M: (2Cor 10:1-11, Jn 11:29-34) David Allen

- Rep. Msgr. Habib Kwaiter (1 yr) by Wilson & Gloria Lahoud
- Rep. Subdeacon Charlie Rossie by Family
- Rep. Paul (Hap) Maroun by Duane & Dee Gardner

SUNDAY January 16th: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

10A.M: (2Cor 4:5-15, Jn 1:35-42) Daniel Allen

- Rep. Paul (Hap) Maroun by Alberta Kelush
- Rep. Sadie Bouhasin Cary by the Choir
- Rep. Roger Nesser & Toufic & Adel Alsabie by Laila Nesser



Thank You

We would like to thank all the parishioners, families and friends of Our Lady of Lebanon for their warm wishes this holiday season. Your kindness and generosity have made this a blessed and joyous holiday for us!

Abouna Joseph & Abouna Hanna

Announcements:



Epiphany

Thursday, January 6th is the Feast of the Epiphany. We will have Masses at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm. The service for the Blessing of the Water will be held at the 9:00am Mass.



Blessing of Homes

If you would like to have your home blessed for the Epiphany, be sure to check your name on the sheet outside the church after mass today. Please provide the best phone number where you can be reached.



Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee will meet Monday January 3rd at 7:00 pm.



Parish Council

The Parish Council will meet Tuesday January 4th at 7:00 pm in the library.



Altar Society

There will be no Altar Society meeting in January.



MYO

The MYO will meet Friday, January 7th at 6:00pm.

Altar Servers Schedule:

January 9: Team 2

January 16: Team 3



Ushers Schedules

January 9: Team 2

January 16: Team 3

Church Cleaning January

Mary Matte

Coffee & Donuts January

Coffee: Mon Shaheen

Donut Pick-up: Need Volunteer

Cheers to the New Year and another chance to get it right!



The Church in Jerusalem Epiphany Prayer

O God, Who by a star guided the wise men to the worship of your Son
we pray you to lead to yourself the wise and great of every land
that unto you every knee may bow, and every thought be brought into captivity
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*



The Epiphany

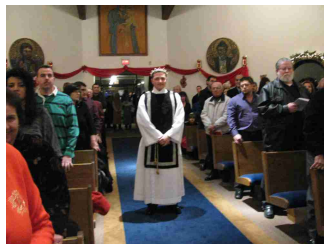
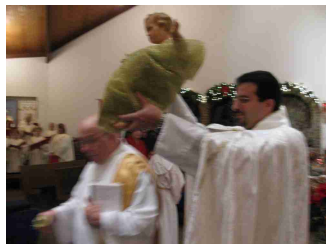
Traditions & Customs

Epiphany is traditionally celebrated in honor of Christ's birth, of the adoration of the Magi, and of the baptism of Christ. Several lovely family customs are associated with Epiphany and the day is celebrated with varying traditions throughout the world several of which are described here.

- In the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany, children in groups of three (symbolizing the three kings) proceed in costume from house to house while singing songs typical for the occasion, and receiving a coin or some sweets at each door.
- In France, on Epiphany, people eat the Galette des Rois. This is a kind of king cake, with a trinket (usually a porcelain figurine of a king or a bean) hidden inside. The person who gets the piece of cake with the trinket becomes "king" for a day.
- In Greece and Cyprus the feast is colloquially called the Phōta ("Lights") and customs revolve around the Great Blessing of the Waters. It marks the end of the traditional ban on sailing, as the tumultuous winter seas are cleansed of the mischief-prone goblins that try to torment God-fearing Christians through the festive season.
- In Portugal, Epiphany is called dia dos Reis (day of the kings), during which the traditional Bolo Rei (King cake) is baked and eaten.
- In Spain, and some Latin American, including Puerto Rico and the Caribbean islands Epiphany day is called El Día de los Reyes (The Day of the Kings). Children and many adults polish and leave their shoes ready for the Kings' presents before they go to bed on the eve of January 6. Sweet wine, snacks, fruit and milk are left for the Kings and their camels.
- In Mexico and Puerto Rico it is traditional for children to leave their shoes, along with a letter with toy requests for the Three Kings, by the family nativity scene or by their beds. In some parts of northern Mexico the shoes and letters are left under the Christmas tree. The shoes may be filled with hay for the camels, so that the Kings will be generous with their gifts.
- In Spain, children typically receive their presents on this day, rather than at Christmas.
- In the Philippines, the Christmas season traditionally ends on this day, known colloquially as "Three Kings". Filipino children also leave their shoes out, so that the Kings will leave behind gifts like candy or money inside. Most Filipino's on this day simply greet one another with the phrase "Happy Three Kings!" In some localities, there is the practice of having three men, dressed as the Tatlong Hari, ride around on horseback, distributing trinkets and candy to the children of the
- In certain parts of southern India the epiphany is called the Three Kings Festival and celebrated in front of the church like a fair. Families come together and cook Sweet rice porridge called Pongal. This day marks the close of the advent season and people remove the cribs and nativity sets at home.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epiphany_\(holiday\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epiphany_(holiday))

CHRISTMAS EVE AT OUR LADY OF LEBANON



The Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon was enriched with a reenactment of the Nativity by the youth of our church. As the gospel was read, several children, dressed in costume, acted out their portion of the Word. The service was made even better by the performance of our choir whose members spent many hours extra rehearsal preparing for the blessed event. God Bless!!!





Stewardship

Christmas December 24-25, 2010



Envelopes Distributed	170
Christmas Envelopes received	62
Weekly Envelopes received	28

Weekly envelopes	\$ 1,030.00
Fuel	\$ 35.00
Christmas	\$ 3,472.00
Loose	\$ 591.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 150.00
Total Christmas Collection	\$ 5,278.00

Sunday December 26, 2010

Envelopes Distributed	170
Christmas Envelopes received	2
Weekly Envelopes received	40

Weekly envelopes	\$ 1,417.00
Fuel	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 15.00
Loose	\$ 249.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 1,701.00
Second Collection	
Catholic Communications	\$ 6.00
Budgeted for December	\$ 14,000.00
Amount needed to meet Dec. Budget	☺ + \$ 2,779.00



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