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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday July 31, 2011– Sunday August 7, 2011



Father, A Blessing ...

Jewish boys who reach age thirteen are expected ... already ... to assume leadership roles in the community. That community declares the young man an adult in solemn ceremony: “Bar Mitzvah” (Son of the Law).

That Jewish rite of “Bar Mitzvah” begins as the youth reads a passage from Scripture ... maybe from the Book of Genesis. Then he delivers a short sermon ... probably something about saving the environment. Next, he is “affirmed” by the rabbi and his friends.

Now, finally, comes the most moving, the most emotional part of the entire ceremony: the boy is blessed by his parents. His father prays over him like this: “My son, whatever will happen to you in life, whether you will have success or not, be healthy or not, become important or not, always remember how much your mother and I love you.”

This blessing is heard by the entire congregation, with the father looking gently at this boy ... now a man ... who stands before him.

We Catholics often ask our priest for blessings. Father, bless my rosary, my religious medal, my statue of St. Joseph ... bless our cars, our homes, even our pets. We believe in making sacramental for use in devotion. We like and we feel that blessed articles are helpful in our prayer life ... and they are.

But doesn't benediction, blessing, seem more grace-filled when spoken by that Jewish Dad over his son?

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Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar
Deacon Martin Rachid
Subdeacon Earl Matte

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

Parish Staff

Michelle Tennis - Secretary
Pat Haley – Caterer

Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

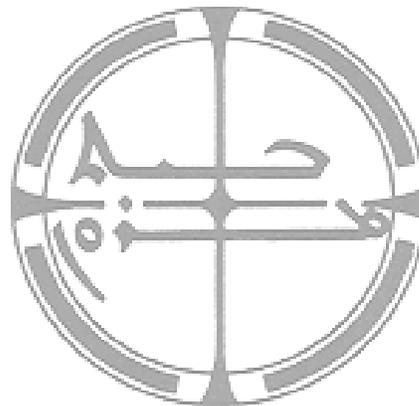
Monday thru Friday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Please pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Michelle Garey
Dorothy Mattar
Hanneh Chammas
Verna Rinker
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Helen Zerka
Nadia Sob
Wanda Maroun
Sue Stubbart
Ralph Walterhouse

Eliane Zerka
Hector & Rose Khoury
Delore Shaker
Amy Burke
Helen Azzarello
Patsy Joseph
Fayez Zerka
Bruce Lindhurst
Eve Maroun
Bob Griffiths
Agnes Torok
Ophelia Polovina
Ann David
Dorothy Darga
Ferris Anthony



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 July 31st: Eighth Week of Pentecost

10A.M.: (Rm. 8:1-11, Mt. 12:14-21) Mary Matte

- Rep. Albert Karram by Ceal Abdella
- Rep. Paul (Hap) Maroun by Ralph & Helen Burgess
- Int. Eliane Zerka by Choir

MONDAY August 1: St. Shmouni and Her Sons, Martyrs

- Rep. Josie Knight by Carol Olsen

TUESDAY 2: St. Eusebius of Vercelli

- No Mass

WEDNESDAY 3: David the Prophet, Confessor

- Int. Tyl Rizik by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

THURSDAY 4: St. John Vianney, the Cure d'Arce, Confessor

- No Mass

FRIDAY July 5: Moses the Prophet, Confessor

- Rep. Jean Rossie by George & Louise Faris

SATURDAY 6: The Transfiguration of Our Lord

- Int. of Lewis Walterhouse by Joann

SUNDAY August 7th: Ninth Week of Pentecost

10A.M.: (2 Cor 5:20-6:10, Lk 4:14-21) MYO

- Rep. Rose Ellen Fall by Joe & Georgette Damouni
- Rep. Hanna Rizk by Mr. & Mrs. John Rashid
- Int. Joe Faris by Duane & Dee Gardner

SUNDAY August 14th: Tenth Week of Pentecost

10A.M.: (1 Cor 12:1-11, Mt. 12:22-32) Bob Pollack

- Rep. James Soloman by Francis & Salwa Haddad
- Rep. Raymond Faris by David & Norma Lazar
- Reps. Charles & Elizabeth Soloman by Ed & Lorraine

Father A Blessing continued....



It's my belief that blessings are best that are from person to person. When I say, "May God bless you." ... I'm personally petitioning God to tell you that He loves you. Isn't that what a blessing should be? ... asking God to tell us He loves us.

So when I say, "God bless you", I'm visualizing our Father saying something like this: "My son ... My daughter ... I don't care if you are successful in this life. I don't care if you are big and strong and beautiful. I don't care if you are "important". I love you because you are My chosen child."

What a wonderful grace – such a blessing is!

By Sub Deacon Earl Matte

**The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."**

~Numbers 6:24-26

Announcements:



Stewardship/Parish Council Meeting

There are no Stewardship or Parish Council Meetings scheduled for August.



Mass Cancellation

There will be no Mass Tuesday August 2nd.



Summer Bible School

This year's Summer Bible School will be held Monday, August 8th through Friday August 12th from 9:00AM to 12:00 noon. Sign up sheets for Summer Bible School are now available in the back of the church. The cost is \$5.00 per child. Children ages 3 to 12 are welcome but younger children **must be potty trained**. We are asking that each child bring a new white T-shirt to class the first day. They will be decorating these to wear throughout the week. For additional information, contact Tonya Solomon (810) 659-0915.



MYO

There will be no MYO meeting August 5th. The MYO will be scheduling a meeting sometime in August for a pool party at Deacon Marty's home.



Thank You

Eliane Zerka would like to thank all of you who have offered prayers, masses, and support during her recent surgery. Your friendship and love have helped her immensely during this difficult time and are very much appreciated.

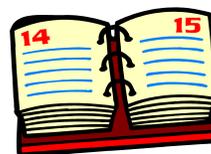
Mark Your Calendar

August:

- August 8-12 Summer Bible School
- August 13: Assumption Day Picnic



Altar Servers Schedule:



August 7: Team 3

August 14: Team 1

Ushers Schedules

August 7: Team 2/MYO

August 14: Team 3

Church Cleaning August:

Hala Kaspar



Transfiguration of Jesus Christ

Celebrated August 6th

What is the significance of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ?

"After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There He was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here.

Let us put up three shelters - one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!' Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead" (Mark 9:2-9).

The account of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ as recorded here in Mark (parallel passages are found in Matthew 17:1-3 and Luke 9:28-36) is a demonstration to three witnesses that Jesus Christ was who He claimed to be. In all three accounts of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ, we are given the names of the three disciples who accompanied Jesus and who stood as human witnesses to the glory that was Christ's. There were also three heavenly witnesses, Moses, Elijah, and the voice of God from heaven. Therefore, the Old Testament law of three witnesses required to attest to any fact (Deuteronomy 19:15) was satisfied both in earth and in heaven.

The word "transfigured" is a very interesting word. The Greek word is "metamorpho" and it means to transform, literally or figuratively to metamorphose, or to change. The word is a verb that means to change into another form. It also means to change the outside to match the inside. The prefix "meta" means to change and the "morphe" means form. In the case of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ it means to match the outside with the reality of the inside. To change the outward so that it matches the inward reality. Jesus' divine nature was "veiled" (Hebrews 10:20) in human form and the transfiguration was a glimpse of that glory. Therefore, the transfiguration of Jesus Christ displayed the glory of God incarnate in the Son. The voice of God attesting to the truth of Jesus as His son was the second time God's voice was heard. The first time was at Jesus' baptism into His public ministry by John the Baptist (Matthew 3:7; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22).

Therefore, the transfiguration of Jesus Christ was a unique display of His divine character and a glimpse of the glory, which Jesus had before He came to earth in human form. This truth is emphasized for us in a passage in the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:5-11).

The Son of God came to earth in the form of a man to be the true servant of God and to gift mankind with the greatest gift ever given, eternal life. The transfiguration of Jesus Christ was a visible sign in the presence of reliable witnesses of the reality of the power of God and the glory, which is Christ Jesus.

<http://www.allaboutjesuschrist.org/transfiguration-of-jesus-christ-faq.htm>

Stewardship

Weekend July 23 – July 24, 2011

Envelopes Distributed	170
Weekly Envelopes received	62
Weekly envelopes	\$ 1,842.00
Loose	\$ 119.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 1,961.00
Second Collection	
Eparchial Appeal	\$ 40.00
Budgeted for July	\$ 17,500.00
Amount needed for July Budget	(\$ 9,426.00)

Blessed are those who give without remembering. And blessed are those who take without forgetting.

~ Bernard Meltzer



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Transfiguration Prayer

God, our Father, in the transfigured glory of Christ your Son, you strengthen our faith by confirming the witness of your prophets and by showing to us the splendor of your beloved Son, help us to become heirs to the eternal life with Him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen



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