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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday March 6, 2011– Sunday March 13, 2011



“My Hour Has Not Yet Come”

“*Vanity of vanities, all is vanity*” said the Preacher in Ecclesiastes (Ecl 1:2). Everything human is vain; for man, during his life on earth, is more transient than all things in nature. But with Jesus, **everything becomes meaningful**, even our death. Jesus didn’t just remind and renew the meaning for our life, but He became our purpose and its motivator. For everything there is a time, and enough time for every purpose in life. But we have just to believe and keep faith until the hour comes.

This Sunday marks the end of the Fat week and the *Sunday of the Entrance into Lent*. The readings remind us that our life “*is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit*”. **It is a matter of Faith** Faith is the purpose of the miracle of Cana. Faith is the reason John wrote the book (20:31). Faith is why we preach. Homilies are not political essays designed to enlighten the crowd and produce enough guilt to get them to recycle their wine bottles, but to communicate faith in Jesus Christ. **Good works are by-products of faith. Faith is an overwhelming gift in which the Giver Himself resides.**

Lent is a time of prayers, fasting and performing works of Charity. We will never recognize what we own, have and enjoy until we stop having them. When we stop eating something that we like, we should be thankful to God for it and share it with those that don’t have it. **Lent is time of choice** there is a world of difference between God and the devil. If you resist God, you will destroy yourself, but if you resist the devil, you will destroy him. If Jesus’ hour was when he offered himself for us on the Cross, **when does our hour start?** What are my plans and goals for renewal this 2011 Lent?

Abouna Hanna TAYAR

Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar
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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:



Michelle Garey
Albert Karram
Hanneh Chammas
Duane Gardner
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Helen Zerka
Nadia Sob
Elisabeth Fanderl
Sue Stubbart

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Hector & Rose Khoury
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Amy Burke
Helen Azzarello
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Bruce Lindhurst
Eve Maroun
Michel Farah
Agnes Torok
Ophelia Polovina
Ann David
Dorothy Mattar
Wanda Maroun Patsy Joseph



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 March 6th: Sunday of the Entrance Into Lent Miracle of Cana at Galilee

- 10A.M: (Rom 14:14-23, Jn 2:1-11) MYO
- Rep. Thomas Alex by Lila Kaleel & Family
 - Rep. Fran Adado by Alberta Kelush
 - Rep. Hanna Rizk by Elias Abou Diwan & Family

MONDAY 7 : Ash Monday, the 7 Young Men of Ephesus, Martyrs – Masses 9:00AM & 6:00PM

- Rep. John Abdella by Jacque LaValle

TUESDAY 8: St. John of God - Mass 6:00PM

- Rep. Paul (Hap) Maroun by Josie & Teresa Knight

WEDNESDAY 9: The Forty Martyrs

- Int. Aziz Massad by Joan Adado

THURSDAY 10: St. John Ogilvie

- No Mass

FRIDAY 11: St. Constantine - Mass 5:30 PM

- Rep. Ferris Adado by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Kelush

SATURDAY 12: Pope St. Gregory the Great, Doctor of the Church, Confessor

- Int. Wyatt Anthony Arnold Little by Bob & Sharon Griffiths

SUNDAY March 13th: Cleansing of the Leper

- 10A.M: (Rom 6:12-23, Mk 1:35-45) Elias Chammas
- Rep. Norman Weissert by Yvonne
 - Reps. Sam & Denise Marino by Family
 - Rep. Jamil Dakki (40 day) by the Family
 - Rep. Wajdi Badr by John & Fadia Badr

SUNDAY March 20th: Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

- 10A.M: (2Cor 7:4-11, Lk 8:40-56) Ferris Anthony
- Rep. Kim Gardner by Duane & Dee Gardner
 - Rep. Brian Rizik by Fouzi & Eliane Zerka
 - Int. of Jann Alex & Tommy Alex Jr. by Alex & Wilson families

Altar Servers Schedule:

March 13: Team 2

March 20: Team 3

Ushers Schedules

March 13: Team 2

March 20: Team 3

Church Cleaning March Nawal Gebrael

Ahlam Solomon

Coffee & Donuts March

Coffee: Mon Shaheen

Donut Pick-up: Najib Massaad



Announcements:



Ash Monday

Monday, March 7th is Ash Monday. Masses will be held at **9:00am** and **6:00pm**. Please remember that this is day of fast and abstinence. The church will be open all day for parishioners to receive ashes.



Bible Study

Please join us for **Mass at 6:00pm on Tuesdays** to be followed by our weekly **Bible Study** classes at **7:00pm**. This schedule will continue throughout Lent. The readings for Tuesday, March 8th are **John 12:1-11**.

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



Adoration of the Cross

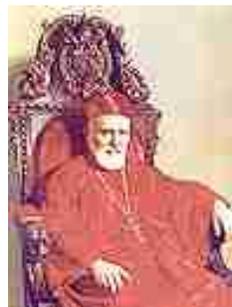
Mass will be held at **5:30 pm on Fridays** followed by **Adoration of the Cross at 6:00pm** during Lent. Please come and take advantage of this opportunity to worship. Note that there will be no morning adoration or Mass on Fridays until after Lent. Services will be followed by family dinner provided by the parishioners.



Altar Society

The Altar Society meeting is rescheduled for Wednesday, March 16th.

Resignation of Cardinal Sfeir



Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation of our Lebanese Cardinal Mar Nasrallah P. Sfeir, the head of the Maronite Catholic Church for the past 25 years. Cardinal Sfeir, who is 90 years old, asked to be relieved of his post because of his age.

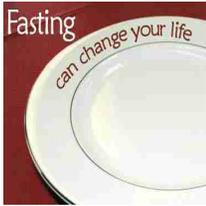
Please keep our faithful, wise and humble Patriarch in your prayers and pray for the Bishops who will meet this Wednesday, March 9, to elect a new Patriarch for the Maronite Church. The meetings are expected to start with several days of spiritual retreat followed by discussions and the election of Lebanon's 77th patriarch. The process may take up to 15 days. Please pray for all those involved that God will guide their steps in this important decision which will benefit all Christians in the Middle East.

Lenten Prayer:

Father in heaven, the light of your truth bestows sight
to the darkness of sinful eyes. May this season of repentance
bring us the blessing of your forgiveness and the gift of your light.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen





LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

It is now time for us to begin our Lenten season. This Monday is Ash Monday, and the Church recommends that all people ages 14 to 65 fast and abstain from meat and meat products on all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting and abstinence from food and drink except water and medicine is demanded from midnight until noon on Ash Monday and Good Friday, and on all the days of Lent for those who can do it. Those unable to fast because of health are required to perform an act of charity.

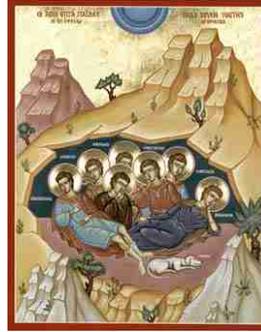
As we know, the traditional purpose of Lent is our preparation, through prayer, penitence, almsgiving and self-denial, for the annual commemoration during Holy Week of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Happy Birthday

Albouna Hanna!!

The Seven Men of Ephesus

Feastday: March 7



The Seven Men of Ephesus "The seven sleepers were natives of Ephesus. The Emperor Decius, who persecuted the Christians, came to Ephesus and ordered the erection of temples in the city.

Seven young Christian men, refused to sacrifice to the idols, and remained in their houses praying and fasting.

They were accused before Decius, and they confessed themselves to be Christians. The Emperor gave them a little time to consider what line their choice.

They took advantage of this reprieve to give their goods to the poor. They then went to Mount Celion, to hide. "Decius, thinking they might be hiding in a cave, blocked up the mouth with stones so they would die of hunger."

The seven men fell asleep, miraculously waking up three hundred and sixty years later, around 435 in the time of Theodosius II. They wandered into the city of Ephesus, amazed at all the churches and the freedom of worship for Christians. The Sleepers later died naturally and were buried in the cave in which they had slept.

This miracle was apparently first described by Bishop Stephen of Ephesus who used it to dispel the controversy having to do with the resurrection of the body.

Storage Rooms & Kitchen Renovations



Be sure to stop by the hall kitchen and check out its new look. Several of our parishioners took part in a project to give the kitchen a new "face lift". They removed the old bathroom turning that area in to extra storage. Cabinets and sinks in the kitchen were moved to make more useable space and afterward the entire kitchen was cleaned and painted and our new refrigerator and freezer were put in place. Thank you to everyone one that volunteered their time to help with this huge task. Your hard work in your second home is very much appreciated.



Stewardship
Weekend February 26-27 2011

Envelopes Distributed	170
Weekly Envelopes received	66
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,091.00
Fuel	\$ 20.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 30.00
Loose	\$ 151.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 2,292.00
Second Collection	\$ -0-
Budgeted for February	\$ 19,000.00
Amount needed to meet February Budget	(\$ 7,814.00)



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Mark Your Calendar

March

Mar. 7: Ash Monday



April

Apr. 16: Church Cleaning
Apr. 17: Palm Sunday
Apr. 24: Easter



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