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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday November 13, 2011– Sunday November 20, 2011



Announcement to Zachariah *(Lk 1:1-25)*

The Sunday of the announcement to Zachariah calls us to meditate upon the stages of the divine plan of our salvation since Abraham until the realization of the promise of the birth of the Messiah.

Zachariah was a priest belonging to the Old Testament. He awaited the realization of the divine promise in the birth of a son, but the promise of God was delayed as the word of God is fulfilled at the proper time.

God's promise, even if it seems impossible, becomes possible. In front of this, man has a problem believing. When God told Abraham that he would have a son in a year, Sarah laughed and doubted, because Abraham was a hundred years old and Sarah ninety. The problem was the same with Zachariah and Elizabeth. They prayed all their life for God to give them a child, because being childless was considered a disgrace and a punishment from God.

When the angel announced to Zachariah the birth of John the Baptist, Zachariah was filled with doubt, and offered this excuse to the angel saying: "For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." This means that Zachariah is saying to the angel, I have been praying all my life for a child, and now he remembers me?!

Zachariah thought that God had forgotten, and that his prayers were in vain. God remembers, and that is the meaning of Zachariah.

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Clergy

Rev. Paul Tarabay, O.M.M.
Deacon Martin Rachid
Subdeacon Earl Matte
The Maronite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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
Dan Bartos - Custodian

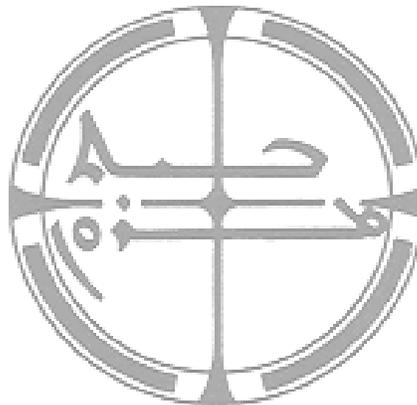
Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

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

Please pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Hector & Rose Khoury
Delore Shaker
Ann David
Helen Azzarello
Wanda Maroun
Fayez Zerka
Bruce Lindhurst
Eve Maroun
Nina Rachid
Agnes Torok
Ophelia Polovina
Ronda Kaufman
Fouzi Zerka
Patsy Joseph
Dorothy Mattar
Hanneh Chammas
Sue Stubbett
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Helen Zerka
Nadia Sob
Patti Pollack
Aryielle Dyer-Stone



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 November 13th: Announcement to Zechariah

10A.M.: (Rom 4:13-25, Lk 1:1-25) Ferris Anthony

- Rep. Violette Naffah by Fouzi & Eliane Zerka
- Int. Sue Rasak by Choir
- Rep. Esther Blahed (1yr) Yakoop & Nahla Easi

MONDAY 14: St. Philip, Apostle

- Rep. Linda Macksood by Jenna Rossie-Miller

TUESDAY 15: St. Albert the Great

- Rep. Jean Rossie by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

WEDNESDAY 16: St. Matthew the Evangelist, Apostle

- Rep. Sarah Marshall by Joann Lowe

THURSDAY 17: St. Gregory the Wonderworker, Confessor No Mass

FRIDAY 18: St. Romanos, (Raymond) Martyr

- Repts. Rosamond & Henry Zambie by Tyl Rizk

SATURDAY 19: St. Nerses the Great

- Rep. Baseem Kassis by Barhoum & Colette Rizk

SUNDAY November 20th: Announcement to The Virgin Mary

10A.M.: (Gal 3:15-22, Lk 1:26-38) David Allen

- Rep. Joe DeSesto by Duane & Dee Gardner
- Rep. Jamil Dakki by Imad & Fatin Dakki
- Rep. Hanna Rizk by Lazar & Najida Hanna

SUNDAY November 27th: Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth

10A.M.: (Eph 1:1-14, Lk 1:39-45) Joe Pavlovich

- Repts. Solotana Qiya & Dalia Dabish Salem by Sameer & Manal Dabish
- Int. of Fouzi Zerka by Duane and Dee Gardner
- Rep. Elias Zerka by Francis & Salwa Haddad

Announcement to Zachariah continued ...



God knows when to intervene in the history of our life. Zachariah did not understand the will of God, this is why he was punished with being mute; after nine months had past, then he understood.

The Gospel today invites us, in the heart of all our problems, to stay mute and not complain, knowing how to be patient and understand what the will of God is. God remembers us and does not forget our prayers, for he delays but does not neglect. He waits for us to be ready at the right time, because the word of God is "fulfilled at the proper time".

By Father Nabil Habchi

Announcements:



Parish Council

The Parish Council will meet Monday November 14th at 7:00 pm in the library.



Bible Study Classes

Please join us in our next "Announcement Season" Bible Study class. This will be held Tuesday, Nov. 15th at 6:00 PM in the library. The reading and topic for this coming Tuesday are Matt 19:1-15 – Marriage & Divorce.

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



Annual Holiday Food Drive

Please remember the families that we help feed at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Both of these holidays are fast approaching. You can deposit non-perishable food items in the collection box in the Narthex. Cash donations can be given to Deacon Marty who will be joining with Ursuala Kadadu and our MYA to provide baskets and gift cards to families with children at the Hurley Cancer Ward as well as families from the Flint area Boys and Girls Club.



MYO Parent Meeting

Johnny Solomon, Noha Zerka and Father Paul have scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00 PM for **all parents** of members of our MYO. Please put this date on your calendar and be sure to attend.



Choir Members Needed

Our choir is looking for new members who love to sing. Practice is at 6:00 Thursdays and we sing at 10:00 Mass on Sundays. If you think you might like to give it a try, stop by for rehearsal next Thursday. You are welcome to contact our choir director, Dee Gardner, with any questions (810 230-8506).



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Danny and Asmahan Zerka on the birth of their son, Christopher Zerka Monday, November 7th, 2011. Christopher is the grandson of Milad and Georgette Zerka.

*Children too are a gift from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb, a reward. Psalm 127:3*



Condolences

We wish to offer our deepest condolences to John and Fadia Badr on the death of John's mother, Nouhad Badr Thursday, November 10th in Lebanon. Nouhad was the Aunt of Elias Chammas and Colette Rizk and will be deeply missed by her family. Please keep the Badr, Chammas and Rizk families in your prayers.

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.. Psalm 91*

Objectives of the LACOM

To preserve and maintain the Lebanese heritage and culture in this Great State of Michigan

To render aid to any Lebanese-American members in Michigan

To promote educational scholarships and charitable projects for the betterment of its members

To participate in local, national, and civic activities for the enhancement of our community

To further friendly relations among its members and provide social functions for their entertainment

To have a permanent place and run a well-organized Club, free of politics and any personal influence

Please try to support this event! LACOM has provided their Dabke group to perform during our festival for the past two years.



15th Annual Banquet & Trail Blazer Awards

St. Sharbel Banquet Hall
31601 Schoenherr Road
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Saturday December 3rd, 2011
Doors Open at 7 PM /
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Altar Servers Schedule:

November 20: Team 3

November 27: Team 1

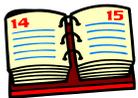
Ushers Schedules

November 20: Team 2

November 27: Team 2

Church Cleaning November:

Eva Massoud



Mark Your Calendar

November:

Nov. 15 : Bible Study 6:00 pm

December:

Dec. 4: Organizational Christmas Party

Dec. 13: MYO Parent Meeting

Dec. 31: New Year's Party



St. Gregory Thaumaturgus – November 17

Gregory was born to a distinguished pagan family in Neocoesarea in 213. Originally he planned to study law at the law school in Beirut, but when he arrived at Casarea, he encountered Origen, the head of a school in Alexandria and became a his disciple. He was appointed Bishop of Neocoesarea, but he was more memorable for the number and brilliance of miracles he worked, which earned for him the title Thaumaturgus – Miracle Worker. There were many miraculous events in Gregory's life including:

- Gregory had the power of healing by laying on of his hands. Often the healing was so powerful that the patient was cured of his illness, and became a fervent convert on the spot.
- During the construction of a church for his growing flock, the builders ran into a problem with a huge buried boulder. Gregory ordered the rock to move out of the way of his church; it did.
- In order to stop the River Lycus from its frequent and damaging floods, Gregory planted his staff at a safe point near the river bank. He then prayed that the river would never rise past the staff. The staff took root, grew into a large tree, and the river never flooded past it again. This act led to his patronage against floods and flooding.
- Two local pagans, hearing that Gregory was a soft touch, decided to con the bishop. One lay beside the road where Gregory was travelling, and pretended to be dead. The other stopped the bishop, pleaded poverty, and asked for money to bury his dead friend. Gregory had no money with him, so he took off his cloak and threw it over the "dead" man, telling the "live" one to sell the cloak and use the funds. When Gregory had moved on, the "live" con-man found that his friend had died.
- Two brothers in Gregory's diocese had inherited a piece of land that contained a lake. Unable to decide how to divide the lake, the two settled on armed combat to settle the matter. On the night before the battle, Gregory prayed for a peaceful solution to the matter. The next morning the brothers found that the lake had dried up leaving easily dividable farm land.
- During Gregory's time in the desert during the Decian persecutions, an informer told the authorities where to find the bishop. Guards went to the site, but found nothing but two trees standing in isolation in the desert. The informer went back to the place and found that what the soldiers had seen as trees were actually Gregory and a deacon in prayer. This convinced the informer of the reality of Gregory's God, and he converted.

On his deathbed he was informed that the number of heretics in Neocoesarea was only seventeen. He gave thanks to God, because he had found but seventeen Catholics in the diocese when he became Bishop.

<http://saints.sqpn.com/saintg40.htm>

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Weekend Nov. 5 – Nov. 6, 2011

Weekly Envelopes	
Distributed	170
Received	76
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,077.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 20.00
Fuel	\$ 450.00
Online Donations	\$ 105.00
Loose	\$ 137.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 2,789.00
Second Collection	
World Mission Sunday	\$ 25.00
Budgeted for November	\$ 16,000.00
Amount needed for Nov..	(\$13,211.00)



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 Heaven would
 be empty



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