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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday October 2, 2011– Sunday October 9, 2011



Hope looks for the good in people instead of harping on the worst.

Hope opens doors where despair closes them.

Hope draws its power from a deep trust in God and the basic goodness of human nature

Hope “lights a candle” instead of “cursing the darkness:

Hope regards problems, small or large, as opportunities.

Hope pushes ahead when it would be easy to quit.

Hope is a good loser because it has the divine assurance of final victory.

Submitted by Deacon Marty

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:



Patsy Joseph
Dorothy Mattar
Hanneh Chammas
Sue Stubbett
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Helen Zerka
Nadia Sob
Patti Pollack
Aryielle Dyer-Stone

Hector & Rose Khoury
Delore Shaker
Ann David
Helen Azzarello
Wanda Maroun
Fayez Zerka
Bruce Lindhurst
Eve Maroun
Nina Rachid
Agnes Torok
Ophelia Polovina
Ann David
Ronda Kaufman



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 October 2nd: 3rd Sunday After Holy Cross

10A.M.: (Phil 3:17-4:1, Mt 24:23-31) MYO

- Rep. Norman Weissert by Yvonne & Family
- Rep. Ray Faris by Phil & Marie Faris
- Rep. Msgr. Ron Beshara by Joe & Lily Pavlovich
- Rep. Paul (Hap) Maroun by Sam

MONDAY 3: Sts. Ewald & Ewald

- Rep. Josie Knight by Rodney & Anita Johnson

TUESDAY 4: St. Francis of Assisi, Confessor

- Rep. Fran Mansour by Jennie Aremia

WEDNESDAY 5: St. Faustina Kowalska

- Int. of Nina Rachid by Lewis & Jeanette Walterhouse

THURSDAY 6: St. Thomas Apostle

No Mass

FRIDAY 7: Sts. Sarkis (Sergius) and Bacchus, Martyrs

No Mass

SATURDAY 8: St. Pelagia of Antioch, Confessor

- Rep. Alice Diab (Ashkar) by Hector & Rose Khoury

SUNDAY October 9th: 4th Sunday After Holy Cross

10A.M.: (1Thes 5:1-11, Mt 24:45-51) Diane Massad

- Rep. Violette Naffah (40 day) by Family
- The living & deceased members of the Shaheen & Okal Families by the Family
- Rep. Josie Knight by Phil & Marie Faris

SUNDAY October 16th: 5th Sunday After Holy Cross

10A.M.: (Phil 2:12-18, Mt 25:1-13) Mary Matte

- The Deceased of the Old & New Calvary Cemetery



Patriarch's Visit

His Beatitude Patriarch Beachara Rai, will be arriving in the US for a limited Pastoral visit.

He is scheduled to be in Washington DC on Monday October 3rd. His tentative schedule is posted on the bulletin board, but he is planning to be in Cleveland, Ohio Monday, October 10th. St. Maron's Church in Cleveland is looking forward to sharing this occasion and would like to welcome guests to all events of the church. They would like to know in advance approximately how many individuals will attend. If you are planning on traveling to Cleveland this day, please contact Fr. Tony Massad 216-781-6161 or email saintmaroncleland@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendar

October:

- Oct. 11 : Bible Study
- Oct. 20 : Mid-East Luncheon
- Oct 30: Children's Halloween Party



December:

- Dec. 4: Organizational Christmas Party
- Dec. 31: New Year's Party

Announcements:



Stewardship Committee

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



Parish Council

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



Altar Society

The Altar Society will meet Wednesday October 5th at 7:00 pm.



Bible Study Classes

Please join us in our Announcement Season Bible Study classes which will begin Tuesday, Oct 11th at 7:00 pm. The classes will be held in the library. Readings for the classes are available in the



Donations Needed

The children's Halloween Party is scheduled for Sunday, October 30th. The MYO is requesting donations of candy for this event. If you are able to help out by making a donation, please drop off your candy at the church office or contact Johnny Solomon or Noha Zerka.



2012 Lectors

We are setting up our 2012 lector schedules for Saturday and Sunday masses. Parishioners 18 years of age or older who would like to read during Mass on either of these days are invited to become lectors. Our readers are scheduled approximately one Saturday or Sunday every six weeks. Anyone who is interested participating as a reader should contact the church office. If you are currently on our schedule and wish to be removed, please let us know!



MYA Food Drive

The MYA of Our Lady of Lebanon Church will once again be making up food boxes for the needy this October and November. The young people wish to fill 20 baskets for the needy and are requesting the help of parishioners willing to provide either non-perishable food items or gift cards or cash to help in purchasing items needed. If you are interested in supporting the MYA donations may be dropped off in the food box by the church doors. Cash donations can be left at the church office.



Thank You

Thank you to the carpenters Joseph & Elias Joubran for donating materials and labor to build the shelves on each side of the church Altar.



St. Pelagia of Antioch

Feast Day: October 8

St. Pelagia was a dancer and actress in Antioch. Her professional name was Margarita and she is sometimes known as Margaret of Antioch. She was described as an immoral actress who had many lovers, expensive jewels and a large entourage. She considered herself a dancer, but others described her "dancing" as stripping in front of ogling men. All writers agreed that this Pelagia was a very beautiful woman who lived an immoral life in decadent Antioch.

The basic story of Pelagia's conversion goes like this. At the height of her popularity, she and some friends passed by the Basilica of St. Julian in Antioch where Bishop Nonnus was preaching. Pelagia was reclining in a litter and was provocatively dressed; her head and shoulders were uncovered at a time when women were to be veiled in public. The group of bishops who were gathered outside were shocked by the sight of her and turned away, except for Bishop Nonnus who looked at her for a long time. Bishop Nonnus then turned to the other bishops and asked, "Did not the sight of her great beauty delight you?" When Bishop Nonnus spoke in the basilica the next day, Pelagia was there. The people were surprised to see her because she was not a catechumen. Apparently the bishop's words stirred Pelagia to reconsider how she was living her life. Soon after she met with the bishop who wisely saw her in the presence of the other bishops.

She asked to be baptized and said that her father and mother named her Pelagia but that the people of Antioch called her Margarita, which means pearl, for she was the devil's jewel. Bishop Nonnus found a woman to act as her godmother and then exorcised and baptized her. A few days later Pelagia arranged to give all her wealth and possessions to the bishop. He handed all of it over to the treasurer of the church in Antioch, telling him to use it for widows and orphans, not for the church, because it was tainted money.

Soon after Pelagia's conversion and baptism she left Antioch and was not seen there again. She withdrew to a cave in Jerusalem near the Mount of Olives where she dressed in men's clothing and lived an austere life. She was known as Pelagius, "the beardless monk" and her sex was not discovered until after her death. While the people in Jerusalem might have known about the hermit living nearby, they didn't know that the monk was the famous Pelagia of Antioch. Apparently Bishop Nonnus knew where she had gone. Some three or four years later, he sent James the Deacon on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to see "Brother Pelagius." James reported that when he found the little cell and knocked on the shutter, the monk opened it. Jones wrote that the monk knew James but that he did not recognize her. When he told the monk he came from Bishop Nonnus, the monk Pelagius asked him to pray for me, "for he is a saint of God." When James returned to the cell some days later, he received no answer to his knock. When he opened the shutter, he found Pelagius dead. It was when they were anointing the body for burial that they found that she was a woman.

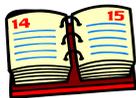
The feast of St. Pelagia is observed on Oct. 8.

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Altar Servers Schedule:

October 9: Team 3

October 16: Team 1



Ushers Schedules

October 9: Team 2

October 16: Team 3

Church Cleaning October:

Sawsan Kalo

Cast Your Burden On the Lord

Cast your burden on the Lord;
Only lean upon His word:
You will soon have cause to bless
His eternal faithfulness.
Ever in the raging storm
You will see His cheering form,
Hear His pledge of coming aid:
"It is I, be not afraid."

Cast your burden at His feet;
Linger at His mercy seat:
He will lead you by the hand
Gently to the better land.
He will gird you by His power,
In your weary, fainting hour:
Lean, then, loving, on His word;
Cast your burden on the Lord.

~Author unknown



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Stewardship

Weekend Sept 24 – Sept 25, 2011

Weekly Envelopes

Distributed	170
Received	75
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,017.00
Fuel	\$ 35.00
Loose	\$ 59.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 2,111.00

Second Collection -0-

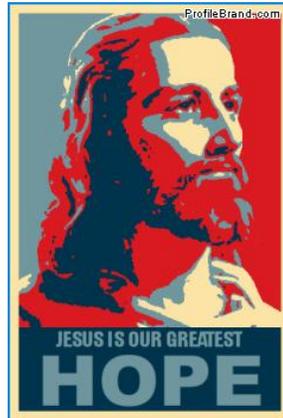
Budgeted for September \$ 15,000 .00

Amount needed for Sept. (\$4,712.00)



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