



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday September 11, 2011– Sunday September 18, 2011**



## **Become Like Alex**

Little Alex, three years old, often comes to our door. We always look down at him and say: “Hi, Alex! We’re very glad to see you.” But Alex never says a word. He looks neither to the right nor to the left. His face is set. His eyes are aimed like a gun toward just one thing.

In fact, his whole demeanor is directed toward just that one thing. “Where’s the cookies?” he demands.

“In truth I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will not enter the kingdom of God.” (Jesus’ words)

For a long time I thought that our Lord was praising the innocence of little children like Alex. But now, I don’t think that is what He meant. At least, I hope not ... because I know I am not innocent, nor will I ever be.

I’m one of those sinners that Jesus liked to hang around with. I’m one of those terrible people who try to look good and impress others. I’m a guy who worries about how my actions will be interpreted and wonder how best to call favorable attention to myself.

Little kids don’t do that ... not because they are innocent ... but because they know they are completely dependent upon others ... especially Mom and Dad.

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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:**



Patsy Joseph  
Dorothy Mattar  
Hanneh Chammas  
Sue Stubbett  
Joe Faris  
Ann Faris  
Helen Zerka  
Nadia Sob

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



### **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 September 11<sup>th</sup>: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**10A.M.:** (1Thes 2:1-13, Lk 10:38-42) David Allen

- Rep. Josie Knight by Altar Society
- Reps. George & Fuda Soloman by Ed & Lorraine
- Rep. Sayedna George Kwaiter (40 day) by Wilson & Gloria Lahoud

### MONDAY 12: St. Ailbhe

- Int. of Nina Rachid by Fouzi & Eliane Zerka

### TUESDAY 13: St. John Chrysostom

- Int. of Bill & Jenna Sheehan (12 yrs.) by Mary Ann Sheehan

### WEDNESDAY 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- Rep. Josie Knight by Margaret Rough

### THURSDAY 15: Sts. Shaina & Sassine, Confessors

- No Mass

### FRIDAY 16: St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr

- Rep. Fran Mansour by Bob & Joanne Potts

### SATURDAY 17: St. Sophia & Her 2 Daughters, Martyrs

- Rep. Raymond Faris (2 yrs) by Jeannie & Family

### SUNDAY September 18<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Holy Cross (Memorial Msgr. Ron Beshara)

**10A.M.:** (2Tim 2:1-10, Mk 10:35-45) Joe Pavlovich

- Rep. Msgr. Ron Beshara by Bob & Joanne Potts
- Rep. Hilda Kelush by Mon & Elsie Shaheen
- Rep. Albert Karram by Duane & Dee Gardner

### SUNDAY September 25<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Holy Cross

**10A.M.:** (2Tim 2:1-10, Mk 10:35-45) Joe Pavlovich

- Rep. Kim Gardner by Duane & Dee Gardner
- Rep. Rose Ellen Fall by Barhoum & Colette Rizk
- Reps. Roger Nesser & Toufic & Adele Alsabie by Laila Nesser

#### *Become Like Alex Continued...*



So a little child doesn't struggle for position as a son or daughter. The relationship to Mom and Dad is assured. The child doesn't think about looking good for the mother; explaining himself to the father.

He already knows Mama and Papa love him and he trust that they will take care of him.

As children, we must change and recognize how dependent we are on our heavenly Father. As His chosen children, we need only to accept, with joy the wonderful gift of the Kingdom ...

**... Happily just accept ... the cookies.**

*Submitted by Sub Deacon Earl Matte*

#### **Mark 10:14**

*Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.*

## Announcements:



### *Stewardship Committee*

The Stewardship Committee will meet Monday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.



### *Parish Council*

The Parish Council will meet Tuesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the library.



### *Condolences*

We wish to offer our condolences to the Zerka family on the death of Violette Naffah who passed away in Lebanon on Friday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Violette was the daughter of Helen Zerka and the sister of Joseph, George & Peter Zerka.

Remember to keep Msg. Ron Beshara in your prayers as well. Msg. Beshara's funeral was held Friday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Juliana Church in West Palm Beach, Florida. Our parish will include a memorial for him during mass Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.

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## *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*



On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (or Triumph of the Cross) we honor the Holy Cross by which Christ redeemed the world. The public veneration of the Cross of Christ originated in the fourth century, according to early accounts. The miraculous discovery of the cross on September 14, 326, by Saint Helen, mother of Constantine, while she was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, is the origin of the tradition of celebrating the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on this date. Constantine later built the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on the site of her discovery of the cross. On this same pilgrimage she ordered two other churches built: one in Bethlehem near the Grotto of the Nativity, the other on the Mount of the Ascension, near Jerusalem.

In the Western Church the feast came into prominence in the seventh century — after 629, when the Byzantine emperor Heraclitus restored the Holy Cross to Jerusalem, after defeating the Persians who had stolen it.

Christians “exalt” (raise on high) the Cross of Christ as the instrument of our salvation. Adoration of the Cross is, thus, adoration of Jesus Christ, the God Man, who suffered and died on this Roman instrument of torture for our redemption from sin and death. The cross represents the One Sacrifice by which Jesus, obedient even unto death, accomplished our salvation. The cross is a symbolic summary of the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ — all in one image.

The Cross — because of what it represents — is the most potent and universal symbol of the Christian faith. It has inspired both liturgical and private devotions: for example, the Sign of the Cross, which is an invocation of the Holy Trinity; the “little” Sign of the Cross on head, lips and heart at the reading of the Gospel; praying the Stations (or Way) of the Cross; and the Veneration of the Cross by the faithful on Good Friday by kissing the feet of the image of Our Savior crucified.

Placing a crucifix (the cross with an image of Christ’s body upon it) in churches and homes, in classrooms of Catholic schools and in other Catholic institutions, or wearing this image on our persons, is a constant reminder — and witness — of Christ’s ultimate triumph, His victory over sin and death through His suffering and dying on the Cross.

We remember Our Lord’s words, “He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake shall find it” (Mt 10:38,39). Meditating on these words we unite ourselves — our souls and bodies — with His obedience and His sacrifice; and we rejoice in this inestimable gift through which we have the hope of salvation and the glory of everlasting life.

<http://www.wf-f.org/ExaltCross.html>

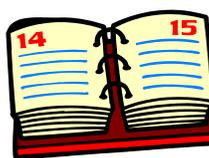
### Stewardship

*Weekend September 3 – September 4, 2011*

Envelopes Distributed	170
Weekly Envelopes received	72
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,421.00
Online Collections	\$ 105.00
Fuel	\$ 485.00
Loose	\$ 136.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,147.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	
Patriarchal Charities	95.00
Budgeted for September	\$ 15,000 .00
<b>Amount needed for Sept. Budget</b>	<b>(\$ 11,853.00)</b>

*We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,  
for by thy cross thou hast redeemed the world.*

### Altar Servers Schedule:



September 18: Team 3

September 25: Team 1

### Ushers Schedules

September 18: Team 2

September 25: Team 3

### Church Cleaning September:

**Linda Kouza**

### Mark Your Calendar

#### September:

Sept 11: Religious Education  
Introduction/Books

Sept 18: Religious Education classes



#### October:

Oct. 2 : Breakfast with St. George

Oct. 20 : Mid-East Luncheon

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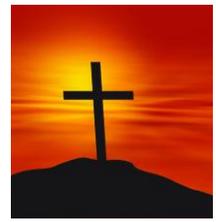
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