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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday September 18, 2011– Sunday September 25, 2011



Perfect Fit

Too long. Too short. Too big. Too small. Too tight. Too loose. These words describe most of the clothes we try on. Finding the perfect fit seems impossible.

Finding a church that is a “perfect fit” poses similar problems. Every church has something that’s not quite right.

Our gifts aren’t recognized. Our talents aren’t appreciated. Our sense of humor is misunderstood. Certain attitudes, beliefs, people, or programs make us uncomfortable. We feel as if we don’t fit. We struggle to find our place.

We know, however, that God wants us to fit together with one another. Paul said we are being “built together to become a dwelling in which God lives.”

The believers in the church today, like the tabernacle in the days of Moses and the temple in the days of Solomon are the dwelling place of God on earth. God wants us to fit together – for there to be no divisions in His church. This means that we, the building blocks are to be “perfectly joined together in the same mind and the same judgment.”

No church will be a perfect fit, but we can all work at fitting together more perfectly.

“Christ, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.”

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

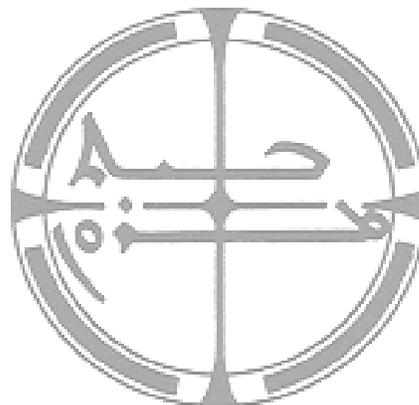
Monday thru Friday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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

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 18th: 1st 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

MONDAY 19: St. Januarius

- Rep. Fran Mansour by Tom & Laura

TUESDAY 20: Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions

- Int. Nina Rachid by Lewis & Jeanette Walterhouse

WEDNESDAY 21: St. Matthew

- Rep. Elias Zerka by Lazar & Nahida Hanna

THURSDAY 22: St. Phocas, Martyr

- No Mass

FRIDAY 23: St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Confessor

- Rep. John Abdella by Moussa & Jamal Barnaba

SATURDAY 24: St. Thecla

- Reprs. Richard & Sarah Marshall by Family

SUNDAY September 25th: 2nd Sunday After Holy Cross

- 10A.M.:** (1Cor 15:19-34, Mt 24: 1-14) Eric Lindhurst
- Rep. Frances Mansour (40 day) by Family
 - Rep. Kim Gardner by Duane & Dee Gardner
 - Rep. Rose Ellen Fall by Barhoum & Colette Rizk
 - Reprs. Roger Nesser & Toufic & Adele Alsabie by Laila Nesser

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

Announcements:



Festival Report

The festival committee will have their festival report available October 8th.



100 Year Anniversary

St. Maron Church, 11466 Kercheval Ave. Detroit, MI will be celebrating 100 Years of Maronite Heritage Saturday, October 1st. The festivities will begin with Mass at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 8:30. Music will be provided by Karen Newan, Ali Barada, & Pro DJ Services. Reservations can be made by calling 313-824-0196.



AAHC Legacy Dinner

The Arab American Heritage Council will hold its Ensure the Legacy Dinner October 27th at the Riverfront Banquet Center. Tickets are \$65/Adult and \$40/Students and are available by calling 810-235-2722. Reservations must be made by October 13th.

Mark Your Calendar

September:

Sept 18: Religious Education

October:

Oct. 2: Breakfast with St. George
Oct. 20 : Mid-East Luncheon



September The Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

The devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows and the Seven Sorrows of Mary goes back to the apostolic times. St. John the Evangelist can be considered as one of the first devotees of the Mother of Sorrows. He witnessed first-hand and then recorded in his Gospel that Mary stood by the Cross of her Son (Jn 19:25). The Blessed Mother suffered with grief at seeing her Son, who is also her God, die an agonizing death by crucifixion at Calvary.

Simeon prophesied at the Presentation of the Jesus at the Temple, that Mary's soul would be pierced by a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts would be revealed (Lk 2:35). Mary, as the first and greatest disciple of her Son, participated in a most deep and profound way in the redemptive work of Our Lord. The seven swords symbolize the seven sorrows of Our Lady's life – these are:

- The Prophecy of Simeon
- The Flight into Egypt
- The Loss of the Holy Child at Jerusalem
- Mary meets Jesus Carrying the Cross
- Mary witnesses the Crucifixion and Death of Jesus
- Mary Receives the Dead Body of Her Son
- The Burial of Her Son and Closing of the Tomb.

<http://www.mycatholictradition.com/prayer-to-our-lady-of-sorrows.html>

Mary most sorrowful, Mother of Christians, pray for us.



St. Thecla

Feast Day - September 24

According to the *Acts of Paul and Thecla*, Thecla was a native of Iconomium near the ancient city of Antioch. She lived there during the period following the crucifixion of Jesus when Paul the Apostle was spreading the Christian faith. St Paul gave his homilies or teachings in the house of Onesiphorus in Iconium Laodocia, in a series of Beatitudes. Thecla, a young noble virgin, listened to Paul's "discourse on chastity" from her window in an adjacent house. She listened, enraptured, without moving for days. Thecla's mother and fiancée, Thamyris, became concerned that Thecla would follow Paul's demand "that one must fear only one God and live in chastity", and he and her mother formed a mob to drag Paul to the governor, who imprisoned the apostle.

Thecla bribed a guard to gain entrance to the prison, and sat at Paul's feet all night listening to his teaching and kissing the ropes which bound him. When her family found her, both she and St Paul were brought before the governor. At her mother's request, Paul was sentenced to scourging and expulsion, and Thecla to be killed by being burned at the stake, so that "all the women who have been taught by this man may be afraid." Thecla was humiliated by having her clothes pulled off and was put on the fire, but was saved as God sent a miraculous storm to put out the flames.

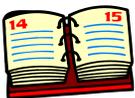
Reunited, Paul, his disciples and Thecla then travelled to Antioch, where a nobleman named Alexander saw her and offered Paul money for her. Paul refused. He then attempted to carry her off but Thecla fought him off, assaulting him in the process, to the amusement of the crowd in the marketplace. His pride having been stung, Alexander dragged her before the governor for assaulting a nobleman and, despite the protests of the city's women, Thecla was sentenced to be eaten by wild beasts. To ensure that her virtue was intact at her death, Queen Tryphaena, took her into protective custody overnight in case Alexander attempted to take her by force- a problem for many Christian women at the time.

Thecla was tied to a fierce lioness, and paraded through the city. She was then stripped and thrown to beasts provided by Alexander. The women of the city again protested against the injustice. Thecla was protected from death again, first by the lioness who fought off the other beasts, and then by a series of miracles until finally the women of the city and Queen Tryphaena intervened. Thecla was returned to St Paul's disciples unharmed.

Thecla joined Saint Paul on his missionary journeys at Myra in Lycia. Dressed as a boy, she was commissioned by him to preach the Gospel, which she did for a time. She then became a recluse in a cave at Meriamlik near Seleucia living as a hermit-or a small community member in the cave for many years. She traveled to Rome shortly before her death and was buried at St. Paul outside the Walls Church, where Paul's tomb was discovered.

<http://maryinmonmouth.blogspot.com/2008/04/st-tecla-virgin-and-martyr-of-chepstow.html>

Altar Servers Schedule:



September 25: Team 1

October 2: Team 2

Ushers Schedules

September 25: Team 3

October 2: Team 1/MYO

Church Cleaning September:

Linda Kouza

If you want the rainbow, you've got to put up with the rain.

~Dolly Parton

Stewardship

Weekend September 10 – September 11, 2011

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| Envelopes Distributed | 170 |
| Weekly Envelopes received | 69 |

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| Weekly envelopes | \$ 2,319.00 |
| Donations | \$ 100.00 |
| Fuel | \$ 25.00 |
| Loose | \$ 73.00 |
| Total Sunday Collection | \$ 2,517.00 |

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| Second Collection | |
| Patriarchal Charities | 205.00 |

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| Budgeted for September | \$ 15,000 .00 |
| Amount needed for Sept. Budget | (\$ 9,336.00) |

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*Prayer to
Our Lady of Sorrows*

**Our mother of sorrows,
with strength from above you
stood by the cross, sharing in the
sufferings of Jesus, and with
tender care you bore Him in
your arms, mourning and
weeping.**

**Holy Mary, may we follow your
example, and stand by all your
children who need comfort and
love.**

**Mother of God, stand by us in
our trials and care for us in our
many needs. Pray for us now
and at the hour of our death.**

Amen!



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