



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday February 19, 2012 – Sunday February 26, 2012**



## The Technique

The man was getting on in years. He would not admit to being “old” ... exactly. He was “middle-aged”. At least, if he lived to be 120, he was now middle-aged.

He was pretty satisfied with his life ... well ... except for one thing. He had always struggled with prayer. It seemed to him that the only time he did pray was when he had problems.

He'd heard many sermons on this subject. Priests preached that we should pray always. But they were never very clear about how. One morning, after Mass, the man approached his parish priest and asked for his advice. The priest was very kind ... gave him a book written by a famous, holy theologian.

Oh, the man tried to read the book. He really did. But after just three pages, he had to look up fifteen words in the dictionary.

So this middle-aged man decided he would learn to pray on his own. He would devise his own method of prayer, his own technique. Here's what he did: He placed an empty chair close by his well-worn old La-Z-Boy. Then he imagined ... OK, he pretended ... that Jesus was actually sitting in the empty chair, listening to All his thoughts.

The technique was awkward at first. He did feel a bit silly talking to an empty chair. He was careful to “pray” only when he was alone in the room ... didn't want anyone to think he was going senile ... might throw him into a mental institution. Nevertheless, the man persisted and became rather comfortable, after a while, with his secret technique.

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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

Erik Lindhurst- 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

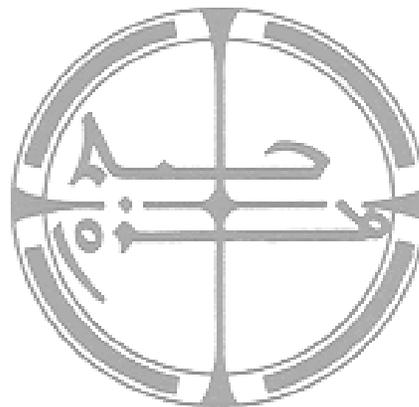
Monday thru Friday  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

*Please pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:*



Patti Pollack  
Sharon Griffiths  
Dorothy Mattar  
Hanneh Chammas  
Sue Stubbett  
Nina Rachid  
Ann Faris  
Helen Zerka  
Nadia Sob  
Fouzi Zerka  
Ron Delling

Hector & Rose Khoury  
Delore Shaker  
Baheje Zerka  
Ann David  
Helen Azzarello  
Patsy Joseph  
Fayez Zerka  
Bruce Lindhurst  
Joe Faris  
Zeidan Zerka  
Agnes Torok  
Ophelia Polovina  
Ronda Kaufman  
Wanda Maroun  
Juliette Joubran



### 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 February 19<sup>th</sup>: Miracle of Cana at Galilee

- 10A.M:** (Rom 14:14-23, Jn 2:1-11) Religious Ed., Josef Massoud
- Reps. Jerious & Nazira Zerka by Fouzi & Eliane Zerka
  - Rep. Roger Nesser (2 yr) by Laila
  - Rep. Jackie Shamoon by Adeeb & Mayson Stepho

### MONDAY 20: Ash Monday

#### MASS 9:00AM

Int. Nina Rachid by the Altar Society

#### MASS 6:00PM

- Rep. Josie Knight by Dan & Nancy Kelly

### TUESDAY 21: St. Eustathius, Patriarch of Antioch, Confessor

- Rep. Louise Macksood by the Knight Family

### WEDNESDAY 22: Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Antioch

- Rep. Fran Mansour by Nick & Jean Khouri

### THURSDAY 23: St. Polycarp of Smyrna, Martyr NO MASS

### FRIDAY 24: St. John Theristus

#### MASS 6:00PM Followed by Adoration of the Cross

- Rep. Ralph Albert by Ruth Avetta

### SATURDAY 25: St. Tarasius

- Rep. Anne Jurmanodich by Ralph & Helen Burgess
- Int. Wanda Maroun by the Altar Society

### SUNDAY February 26<sup>th</sup>: Cleansing of the Leper

- 10A.M:** (Rom 6:12-23, Mk 1:35-45) Bob Pollack, Elias Chammas
- Reps. Antoine & Nouhad Massoud by Aziz & Diane Massad
  - Rep. Roger Nesser & Adele & Toufic Alsabie by Laila Nesser
  - Int. Julia Joubran by Duane & Dee Gardner

### SUNDAY March 5<sup>th</sup>: The Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

- 10A.M:** (2Cor 7:4-11, Lk 8:40-56) MYO, Anthony Chammas
- Rep. Tom Jourbran (40 day) by Family
  - Reps. Khosho & Shami Khoso & Jack Kalo by Sam & Samira Kalo
  - Deceased Members of the Maroun Family by Sam

### Altar Servers Schedule

February 26: Team 3

March 4: Team 1



### Ushers Schedules

February 26: Team 1

(Josef, Phil, Gino, Marcus)

March 4: Team 2 & MYO

(Hikmat, Bob, Elias, Najib)

### Church Cleaning February

*Ahlam Soloman*

## Announcements:



### Ash Monday

Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 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 at **6:00pm on Tuesdays** for our weekly **Bible Study**. This schedule will continue throughout Lent. The reading for Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> are **Luke 5:1-8**.

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



### Adoration of the Cross

Mass will be held at **6:00 pm on Fridays** followed by **Adoration of the Cross** throughout the Lenten season. 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.



### The Technique continued...

Well, time went on and now the middle-aged man couldn't deny he was indeed "old". His life on this earth was winding down. His daughter finally called the priest to come and administer the Last Rites of the

Church and Father came immediately. But, it was too late ... the man had died.

The priest asked the daughter whether her father died peacefully. "Oh, yes," she replied. "Dad and I got to talk for quite a bit about Mom and old times. Then he asked me to go make him a cup of tea. When I returned from the kitchen ... he was ... gone.

"But here's a funny thing, Father, I found my Dad sitting on the floor ... with his head resting on the seat of an empty chair. And ... the most remarkable thing ... he was smiling.

*By Subdeacon Earl Matte*

### Mark Your Calendar

#### February:

Feb 20: Ash Monday

#### March:

March 24-25: Easter Flower Collection

March 31: Church Cleaning

March 31: Easter Bake Sale



*Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God."*

**John 3:14-18**



## Ash Monday

As Maronite Catholics, the Season of Lent starts February 20, Ash Monday (in the Roman/Latin Rite it is Ash Wednesday). Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church to help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. "Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return".

The custom is from an old ceremony. Christians who had committed grave faults were obliged to do public penance. On Ash Wednesday the Bishop blessed the hair shirts, which they were to wear during the forty days, and sprinkled over them ashes, made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the holy place because of their sins, as Adam, the first man was turned out of paradise on account of his disobedience. They did not enter the Church again until Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution.

Later on, all Christians, either public or secret penitents, came out of devotion to receive ashes. The prayers of this time of year stress penance (being death to self with Christ) and joy (resurrection to a new person with Christ). They enable us to take a greater part in the Mystery of God's redeeming plan for the whole universe. Penance is the inner aversion to the evil existing in and around us, and a generous conversion in love to God. Traditionally, the Lenten practices of prayer and fasting were the means for achieving this aversion-conversion. They are still valid but there are many other forms of penance that we may use – for example working for social or individual justice; performing works of mercy.

*"The Season of Lent keeps inviting us, in a pressing way, to meditate on this great truth: love is of God. This is a living, present reality that we should never forget." - Pope John Paul II*

<http://forums.catholic.com/showthread.php?t=313754>



### St. Maron's Hafli

Our Lady of Lebanon Church held its annual St. Maron's Hafli Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Over 150 parishioners, family and clergy attended the event. The parish council planned the party which included a dinner which was cooked and served by members of the parish council and ladies from the parish.

Music for the evening was provided by *DJ Lexy*. Everyone had a great time while making over \$2,000.00 for the parish.



### Ash Monday Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

As you spent forty days in the desert to prepare for Your mission, grant that my Lenten journey may prepare me to celebrate the Holy Mysteries of Your Death and Resurrection.

Help me Lord that all my thoughts, words and actions may be according to Your will for You are gracious and merciful, patient and rich in mercy to those who call on You with repentant hearts and lives.



Amen

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**Stewardship**

*Weekend Feb. 11 – Feb. 12, 2012*

**Weekly Envelopes**

Distributed	180
Received	72

Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,191.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 50.00
Fuel	\$ 432.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,673.00</b>

**Second Collection**

Home Missions	\$ 70.00
Caritas Lebanon	\$ 50.00

Budgeted for February	\$ 17,500.00
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**Amount needed for Feb. (\$12,041.00)**



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**"All are from the dust,  
 and to dust all return."**

Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV



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