Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday June 24, 2012 - Sunday, July 1, 2012



Ice Cream & Chocolate Cake

There were two religious communities in the same neighborhood. Each group was loyal to a different spiritual teacher. And friction developed into a kind of "who's better" conflict.

John's disciples implied that Jesus' followers didn't measure up to their standards. Those Jesus-people aren't sorry enough for their sins. They don't do penance. They don't even fast!

Jesus Himself defended His disciples. He asked this question: "How can the wedding guests go mourning while the Bridegroom is with them?" Expanding the defense, He could have said: "My Presence among My friends is cause for joy, not tears ... celebration, not fasting ... delight, not grief. My chosen children must be glad ... because I am here with them."

Those sentiments made sense then. But what about now? A terrible economy, confusing politics, and a public ridicule of our traditional morality must make our world a depressing place. I'm sure John's disciples would be screaming "Repent!" They'd be beating their breasts in sorrow and collapsing on their knees. The Bridegroom, they'd say, has come and gone.

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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 Anthony Marshall –

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 Stubbert Nina Rachid Dee Marshall

Wanda Maroun

Hector & Rose Khoury Delore Shaker Baheje Zerka

Ann David Helen Azzarello Patsy Joseph Fayez Zerka Bruce Lindhurst Ron Delling Zeidan Zerka Helen Zerka Ophelia Polovina



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 June 24th: 5th Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M: (Phil 3:7-14, MT 10:1-7) David Allen, Colette Rizk

- Rep. Luba Elia by Aziz & Diane Massad
- Rep. Ghantous Tayar by Josie Knight †
- Rep. Louise Macksood by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

MONDAY 25: Zechariah & Elizabeth, Parents of John the Baptist, Confessors

TUESDAY 26: Bl. Yaacub the Capuchin, Confessor WEDNESDAY 27: St. Cyril of Alexandria THURSDAY 28: St. Irenaeus, Martyr No Mass

FRIDAY 29: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles SATURDAY 30: The Twelve Apostles

- Rep. Ann Faris by John & Patricia Christich

SUNDAY July 1: 6th Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M: (1Cor 12:12-13, 27-30, Mt 10:16-25) MYO, Anthony Chammas

- Rep. Josie Knight by Scott & Cindy Shaheen

SUNDAY July 8: 7th Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M: (2Cor 3:1-6, Lk 10:1-7) Erik Lindhurst, Elias Chammas

- Lee Bartos (40 day)

Announcements:



MYO Meeting

There will be a meeting of parents of all MYO members who are attending the National Retreat immediately after mass today.



Schedule Changes

Father Paul has arrived safely in Lebanon! He will be returning July 10th. Emergencies will be covered by the monks of the Maronite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Ann Arbor. In case of an emergency, you may contact them at (734)-662-4822.

While Fr. Paul is away, we will continue our daily devotions, but we will have a communion service rather than a full mass during the week. Fr. Victor will be here to hold Saturday and Sunday services.



Office Closed

The church office will be closed Friday June 29^{th.}



Patriarch Souvenirs

CD's & DVD's of the Patriarchs visit are now available for a donation of \$5.00 per CD & \$10.00 per DVD. These images were provided by photographer, Dawood Yousif, and the parishoners. They include the Patriarchs arrival, mass, and the banquet.

Festival Volunteers

Festival volunteer sheets are available in the outside of the church. Please be sure to fill them out and return them as soon as possible. We need 100% participation to make this year's festival a success!



Raffle Ticket Sales

Thank you to all of you who have picked up raffle tickets. If you haven't received tickets or would like additional ones please

see Johnny Soloman or check at the church office. Ticket stubs and money may be returned to the church office. Please note that tickets **must be paid for** when the stubs are returned.

1st Prize - \$2,500 2nd Prize - Ipad2 3rd Prize - 50" Flat Screen TV 4th & 5th Prizes - Ipod Touch 6th-10th prizes - Amazon Kindle Fire

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians

We are scheduling a pilgrimage to the Holy Hill Basilica and the Shrine of Mary – Help of Christians near Milwaukee, Wisconsin Thursday August 2nd to Friday August 3rd. We are also looking into the possibility of renting a bus for the trip. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church for those interested. Please be sure to note whether or not you will be staying overnight.



Summer Bible School

This year's Summer Bible School will be held the week of August 6th through 10th from 9:00AM to 12:00 noon. Signup sheets are now available in the back of the church. The cost is \$5.00 per child. Children ages 3 to 12 are welcome but younger children *must be potty trained*. We are considering having a three day session on the 8th, 9th, and 10th this summer, so when you sign up, please indicate whether you would prefer this year's Bible School to be three days or five days. For additional information, contact the church office or Tonya Solomon (810) 659-0915.

Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

In addition to our daily devotions after morning sevices during the month of June, our subdeacon in training, Joe Pavlovich, will be holding evening devotions on Monday and Wednesday at 6:00 PM for those parishioners who work during the day and are not able to attend in the morning. If you are unable to attending our AM services, please try to join us for these evening devotions



My sincerest thanks to the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon for your thoughtful remembrance on the death of my father, Leo "Lefty" Bartos. May you continue to remember him in your prayers.

Dan Bartos

Baptism

Congratulations to Nabil Nouna & Carol Rizk-Nouna on the baptism of their twins, Joseph & Joelle, here at Our Lady of Lebanon Church Saturday, June 16th. The babies are the grandchildren of Barhoum & Colette Rizk.

And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.

~ *Matthew 18:5*

Mark Your Calendar

June:

June 26-July 1: MYO Retreat

July:

July 4-8: NAM Convention

July 13-15: Festival

August:

August 6-10: Summer Bible School August 11: Assumption Picnic



Altar Servers Schedule

July 1: Team 1 July 8: Team 2

Ushers Schedule

July 1: Team 1, MYO (Josef, Phil, Gino, Marcus)

July 8: Team 2

(Hikmat, Bob, Elias, Najib)

Church Cleaning July
Elsie Shaheen & Yvonne Weissert



Ice Cream continued ...

Yet, what about those few minutes immediately after we've received Holy Communion? Isn't He here then? What

about those wonderful prayer experiences when we're aware that Jesus has led us to the Father and Their Spirit dwells here in our souls? These precious moments with God are not to be wasted by fixating on sins forgiven several confessions ago and redeemed when our Saviour died for them on a cross.

The condition of our souls and of the would may be cause for concern, but not for some frenzied panic.

OK, I'm admiting it. I really don't measure up to the standards of John's disciples. I'm not sorry enough. I seldom fast. But, I can't help it. I just cannot get over my firm belief that the Lord is with me ... always.

So ... please pass the ice cream and chocolate cake because I continue to celebrate ... to celebrate His <u>constant</u> presence in my life.

Submitted by Subdeacon Earl Matte



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Weekend June 16 – June 17, 2012 **Weekly Envelopes** Distributed 180 Received 79 Weekly envelopes 2,201.50 135.50 Loose **Eparchial Assessment** \$ 25.00 Online Donations 225.00 Fuel 55.00 **Total Sunday Collection** 2,642.00 **Second Collection** -0 Peter's Pence 172.00 Budgeted for June \$16,000.00 Amount needed for June \$ (8,161.00)

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