



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday October 14, 2012 – Sunday, October 21, 2012**

## *Believe It...Or Not*

During the first seven centuries of church history certain saintly writers explained the Christian Faith. These men are called “the Fathers of the Church” and such luminaries as Origen, Augustine, Ambrose, Athanasius and, in the East, St. John Chrysostom were among them.

Of course these holy men did not agree on every point and the language they used lacked the preciseness of modern theologians. But, by and large, the “Fathers” are reliable pioneers of theology.

Here is one belief put forth by a number of these Fathers: “universal restoration”. See what you think of it. According to the theory, God’s love is so perfect and Jesus; sacrifice so absolutely victorious that the divine Spirit prevails in the life of every single person. Literally, because of God’s love and divine mercy, everybody eventually, somehow is saved. (By the way, this led partly to our teaching on “Purgatory”, a place where sins committed in this life are “made up for” in the next).

Naturally we resist the universality of salvation. We worry that justice wouldn’t be served. Really bad sins have got to be punished. We don’t want to share heaven with a Hitler, a Judas, or with those guys who stole our air-conditioners during the heat of the summer.

But, you know what? Even though the Church historically condemned a lot of early century ideas, called them heresy, the teaching of universal restoration is not on that list. *Continued on page 3*

### 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  
Joe Pavlovich – Religious Ed.  
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society  
Anthony Marshall –  
Morningstar Society

### Parish Staff

Melanie French - 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:*

Diane Dunsmore	Rose Khoury
Patti Pollack	Delore Shaker
Sharon Griffiths	Helen Azzarello
Dorothy Mattar	Patsy Joseph
Hanneh Chammas	Fayez Zerka
Sue Stubbert	Bruce Lindhurst
Nina Rachid	Ron Delling
Dee Marshall	Zeidan Zerka
Wanda Maroun	Helen Zerka
Baheje Zerka	Ophelia Polovina
	Violet Deibis



### 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 14: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross

**10A.M.:** (Phil 2:12-18, Mt 25:1-13) Earl Matte(E) Elias Chammas( A)  
Rep: Deceased at New & Old Calvary Cemeteries  
Rep: Habib Asmar, Toma, Regina & Jamil Dakki by Fahima Asmar

### MONDAY 15 St. Teresa of Avila

Int: Raymond Rasak by George & Sue Rasak

### TUESDAY 16: St. Longinus, Commander of the Legion

- Rep: George Damouni by Lazar & Nahida Hanna Family

### WEDNESDAY 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch

Rep: Nina Rachid by Lazar & Nahida Hanna

### THURSDAY 18 St. Luke the Evangelist

No Mass

### FRIDAY 19 St. Aaron of Antioch

**12:00** Rep: Robert B. Kerchaert by James & Theresa Manoharan

### SATURDAY 20 Shallita (Artemius) Martyr

Living & deceased members of Adado family by Phil Adado

### SUNDAY October 21 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross

**10A.M.:** (Gal 6:1-10, Mt 25:14-30,) Mary Matte(E) Colette Rizk( A)  
Rep: Patricia Ann Hughes by Mary Ann Sheehan  
Rep: Mary Faris 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv. of death by Teresa Knight  
Rep: Mary Nissan Hermiz by Lazar & Nahida Hanna Family

### SUNDAY October 28 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross

**10A.M.:** (Rom 12:9-21, Mt 25:31-46) MCO(E) Linda Kouza(A)  
Rep: Shamoun Hanna by Lazar & Nahida Hanna Family  
Rep: Joe Faris by Josef and Mona Massoud  
Rep: Dalia Dabish by Widad & Shakir Dabish

## Announcements

### *LOL Children!*

The Children's Halloween party, hosted by the MYA is on SUNDAY, OCT. 28, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Donations or candy to assist with this event would be appreciated.



### *Focus on Life Benefit Dinner*

Join Right to Life at the benefit held at The Captains Club at Woodfield on Tuesday, October 23. This is offered through Right to Life of Michigan.

### *Food Drive:*

The Catholic Charities food drive is an ongoing opportunity for households to share monthly with those less fortunate. There is a collection box near the church entrance.

### *Ordination*

Our heartfelt congratulations to Joe Pavlovich on his acceptance to the sub-diaconate. Join our joyful liturgy at 9:30 am on November 11, with a reception following.



### *In the Peace of Christ*

We wish to offer our condolences to Warde Khoury on the loss of her husband Hector, who passed away on Tuesday. The funeral was held at Our Lady of Lebanon Church on Friday, October 12, Father Paul Tarabay officiating. We offer our sympathy to Tyl Rizik on the passing of her cousin, Father Daoud Kawkabanyin, in Lebanon.

*Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.~Luke 2*

### *3<sup>rd</sup> Banns of Marriage Nadeem Gebrael & Karla Flynn*



### *Words on Marriage, Continued*

"This union (of marriage) then is most serious, because it will bind you together for life in a relationship so close and so intimate that it will profoundly influence your whole future. That future, with its hopes and disappointments, its successes and its failures, its pleasures and its pains, its joys and its sorrows, is hidden from your eyes. You know that these elements are mingled in every life and are to be expected in your own. And so, not knowing what is before you, you take each other for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death.

Truly then, these words are most serious. It is a beautiful tribute to your undoubted faith in each other, that, recognizing their full import, you are nevertheless so willing and ready to pronounce them. And because these words involve such solemn obligations, it is most fitting that you rest the security of your wedded life upon the great principle of self-sacrifice.

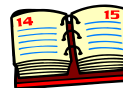


### *MYA Food Drive Needs Your Help!*

We need donations to reach our goal of assisting 50 families in December. Also, if you are aware of anyone who could be helped by receiving one of these donations, please contact Ursula Kadadu at 810-280-3272

### Altar Servers Schedule

October 14: Team 1  
October 21: Team 2



### Ushers Schedule

October 14: Team 1 Josef, Phil, Gino, Marcus  
October 21: Team 2 Hikmat, Bob, Elias, Najib

### Church Cleaning October

*Eva Massoud*

## Mark Your Calendar

### Oct:

- 16: Bible Study Begins at 7 pm
- 21: Latin Mass at All Saints, Flint 4:00pm, dinner to follow at OLOL
- 21: Breakfast at St. George
- 28: Children's Halloween Party, Sun. 3-6pm

### Nov:

- 4: All Soul's Mass for deceased parishioners; From church founding of 1973 until present.
- 11: Ordination of Joe Pavlovich to Sub-Deacon
- 14: Comm. Outreach, Stroke Information 7pm

### Dec.:

- 12 Comm. Outreach, Senator John Gleason 7pm
- 13: Mid-East Luncheon

### Dance lessons for girls 7-18 (Bellydi.com)

Aziza and Maya, who performed during our festival, will be the instructors for the classes. The goal of the OLOL dance group will be to perform during our festival and other church events. The cost and practice day for classes will be determined on the number of participants and availability. **Signup by Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.** Please contact Joumana Klansack at [JoumanaKlansack@Gmail.com](mailto:JoumanaKlansack@Gmail.com) or 810-287-0832.



Each Sunday there will be opportunities following the Liturgy to join our fund raising efforts as we prepare for the new Marian shrine which will be located outside the entrance to the church.

Please join us!



### Joyful Mysteries

Annunciation  
Visitation  
Nativity of Christ  
Presentation of the Christ Child in the Temple  
Finding of Christ Child in the Temple



### Sorrowful Mysteries

Agony in the Garden  
Scourging at the Pillar  
Crowning with Thorns  
Carrying of the Cross  
Crucifixion



### Glorious Mysteries

Resurrection  
Ascension  
Descent of the Holy Spirit  
Assumption  
Coronation of Mary



### Luminous Mysteries

Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan  
Manifestation of Jesus at the Wedding at Cana  
Proclamation of the Kingdom of God  
Transfiguration of Jesus  
Christ's institution of the Eucharist



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### Believe It... Or Not...continued

The Church has canonized hundreds of individuals over the years, declared them to be in heaven. She's never, ever said a particular soul is in hell.

The Bible states that all the laborers in the vineyard got paid. The Prodigal Son's brother may have been upset because the Father was generous. But grace is a free gift, isn't it? We certainly don't, can't, earn it. It's God's will that we all show up for the banquet.

So, "universal restoration" is neither Church doctrine, nor heresy. You can believe that every person you meet in your lifetime you will see again in heaven. You can believe that God's Love is simply too powerful to ever fail. You can believe that you yourself are saved. ...you can believe it...or not.


### On the eve of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council,

Pope Benedict dedicated his Wednesday General Audience -which is now also offered in Arabic- to his memories of that "Great Gathering", which like a fresco, was a visible sign of the Universal Church and a moment of extraordinary grace.

"It was a unique experience for me, I could see a living Church - almost three thousand Council Fathers from all parts of the world gathered under the guidance of the Successor of the Apostle Peter - at the school of the Holy Spirit, the true driving force of the Council. Rarely in history have we been able, as then, to almost concretely "touch" the universality of the Church at a time of great accomplishment of its mission to bring the Gospel to all ages and to the ends of the earth. These days, if you see once again the images of the opening of this great Gathering, on television or other media, you too will be able to feel the joy, hope and encouragement taking part in this event of light gave to all of us, a light which radiates still today.



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### Stewardship

**Weekend– Oct. 6 & 7, 2012**

**Weekly Envelopes**

Distributed	180
Received	74
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,325.00
Loose	\$ 151.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 417.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,289.00</b>

**Second Collection**

Budgeted for October \$16,000.00  
Amount needed for Sept. \$(13,107.00)

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