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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday May 7, 2006 – Sunday May 14, 2006**

**Clergy**

Rev. Father Jihad Younes  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
Subdeacon Earl Matte  
Subdeacon Charles Rossie

**Parish Staff**

Pam Aziz – Parish Secretary  
Darrell Frye – Maintenance  
Pat Haley – Caterer

**Parish Leaders**

Lewis Walterhouse II – Parish Council  
Dee Gardner – Choir Director  
Dottie Byrnes – Organist  
Erik Lindhurst – Religious Education  
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society  
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar



**Liturgy Schedule**

Monday	9a.m.
Tuesday	9a.m.
Wednesday	9a.m.
Thursday	9a.m.
Friday	12noon
Saturday	8:30a.m.
	5p.m.
Sunday	10a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	10a.m. (English)
	12noon (Arabic)

**Adoration**

Friday 11a.m.

**Confessions**

½ hour before liturgy on  
Saturday and Sunday and  
by appointment.



**Altar Servers Schedule for:**

Sunday, May 7: Team 2  
Sunday, May 14: Team 1



Church cleaning for the  
Month of May:  
Hala Kasper, Eliane Zerka &  
Georgette Zerka

**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.

**Pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:**



Eddie Rashid  
Ferris Adado  
Jeannie Rossie  
Charlie Rossie  
John Abdella  
Hap Maroun

Sarah Marshall  
Mike Rizik  
Hanneh Chammas  
Betty Mansour  
Doris Beck  
Lu Lu Williams  
Rose Johnson  
Dorothy Mattar  
Bob Beck  
Beth Garner

**Maronite Youth Conference**

The Maronite Youth Conference will take place July 19-23, 2006 at Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio. The cost for the conference is \$250 per person. No registration will be accepted without the pastor's signature. The deadline for the applications and the non-refundable deposit of \$150 is May 31, 2006. Late registrations will incur a \$50 per person late fee. However, no applications will be accepted after June 27, 2006.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY May 7: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Resurrection Our Lady of Lebanon World Prayer for Vocations First Communion Sunday

10A.M.: (Heb 7:1-10; Jn 21:1-14) Reader:

- Intentions of the Parishioners

### MONDAY 8: St. John the Evangelist, Apostle

- Rep. Sue Adado by Mathew Faris & Family

### TUESDAY 9: Isaiah the Prophet

- Rep. Lucy by Young Family

### WEDNESDAY 10: St. Simon the Zealot, Apostle

- Rep. Winston Walterhouse by Woody & Dottie Mattar

### THURSDAY 11:

- Rep. George Kanaan by Louie & Pam Aziz Family

### FRIDAY 12: St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus, Confessor

12NOON

- Rep. Mary Ann BoSauder by Violet Deibis

### SATURDAY 13: St. Adai, One of the 72 Disciples

8:30A.M.

- Special Intentions

5P.M.

- Rep. Glen & Ann Smithingell by Family

### SUNDAY May 14: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Resurrection Mother's Day

10A.M.: (Eph 2:1-10; Jn 21:15-19) Reader:

- Rep. John & Jeanne Shaheen by Daughters

- Rep. Rose Skolnik by Lindhurst Family

ARABIC MASS

NOON

### SUNDAY May 21: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Resurrection Saints Constantine & His Mother, Helena, Confessors Altar Society Sunday

10A.M.: (Rom 10:1-13; Lk 24:36\*48) Reader: Tony Massad

- Rep. Alfred Shaker by Sam

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

- Rep. Salem Zerka by Family

- Intentions of all Altar Society Members

#### Weekly Contributions

April 9: \$4227

April 16: \$4498

April 23: \$2834

May 7: \$2766



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office will be closed every Thursday and Fr. Jihad will be out of town. If you have an emergency please call Deacon Marty. (232-9713)

Congratulations to Anthony Chammas, Joseph Dakki, Natalie Dakki, Brianna Lahoud, Dominick Matta and Jacob Zerka as they receive the Sacrament of Communion on Sunday, May 7, 2006.

Dear Father

Before the beginning of time you knew each of these children. You have nourished their bodies and souls this day with the most precious gift of your Divine Son, Jesus. May they rejoice in His presence and delight and grow in His Love each day of their lives. Amen



Our Lady of Lebanon Altar Society will be having their annual Salad Supper Bingo on May 10, 2006. Doors open at 4:30pm. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased from any Altar Society member or see Pam in the church office.

The Ladies Altar Society will be meet in the hall on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Hall set up for the Salad Supper bingo will begin.

To all those who are helping the Ladies Altar Society my making salads for the Salad Supper Bingo you are asked to please have your salads to the church hall by 3pm.

Parish Council will be having a meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 7pm.

Stewardship Committee will be having a meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 6pm.

A special thank you to our teachers who work very hard to teach our children about their Maronite Faith. We truly appreciate everything you do.

Father Jihad will be out of town beginning Tuesday, May 16, 2006 and will be back in the office beginning Friday, June 16, 2006. There will be no mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays during that time. We will have regular office hours.

Right to Life will be here on Sunday, May 14, 2006 and will be selling lollipops. The monies collect will help with the right to life program. Please give what you can to help out this wonderful cause.



## Saint Epiphanius



Saint Epiphanius was born about the year 315, of Israelite parents, in Palestine. He lost his father while very young, and was raised by a wealthy man who later made him his heir when he died. In his youth he began the study of Holy Scripture, and became a Christian in circumstances, which remain unknown. With his sister he received Baptism; and then, leaving a part of his inheritance to her, he sold the rest, gave the money to poor, and kept only what he needed to buy books for his studies. He knew several languages, and could read Scripture in all its texts.

With a desire for perfection, he visited the solitaries of Egypt, and when formed for monastic life, returned in 333 to his homeland. He was ordained a priest and founded a monastery in his native region of Eleutheropolis, which he governed for long years as Abbot. His labors in the exercise of virtue seemed to some to surpass his strength; but his apology was always: "God gives the kingdom of heaven only on condition that we labor; and all we can do bears no proportion to such a crown." He sometimes relaxed his personal austerities in favor of hospitality, preferring charity to abstinence. To his prayer and corporal austerities he added an indefatigable application to study. Most books extant at that time passed through his hands. Although he was himself the skillful director of many others, Saint Epiphanius chose the great Saint Hilarion of Palestine as his master in the spiritual life, and benefited from his direction and acquaintance for over twenty years.

A prophecy made to him in Egypt that one day he would be bishop of Cyprus, alarmed him; and to avoid that honor, which he regarded as a misfortune, he decided to go elsewhere. The ship on which he embarked, however, landed by a contrary wind on Cyprus, where the bishops were assembled to choose a successor to the deceased bishop of Salamine, its capital. He was elected in 367 by a disposition of Providence whose details are unknown. He continued to wear the monastic habit and to govern his monastery in Palestine, which he visited from time to time. No one surpassed him in tenderness and charity to the poor.

The veneration which all men had for his sanctity exempted him from the persecution of the Arian Emperor Valens in 371. In 382 he journeyed to Rome, for a council convoked by Pope Saint Damasus. In the year 403, when he was on his way back to Salamis after an absence in Constantinople, he was taken ill and died during the voyage, having been bishop thirty-six years. He was greatly admired and praised by his contemporaries, and his Cypriote disciples built a church dedicated to him.

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## The Story of Mother's Day

The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600's, England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday". Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter\*), "Mothering Sunday" honored the mothers of England.

During this time many of the England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employers. On Mothering Sunday the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called the *mothering cake*, was often brought along to provide a festive touch.

As Christianity spread throughout Europe the celebration changed to honor the "Mother Church" - the spiritual power that gave them life and protected them from harm. Over time the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. People began honoring their mothers as well as the church.

In the United States Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by *Julia Ward Howe* (who wrote the words to the Battle hymn of the Republic) as a day dedicated to peace. Ms. Howe would hold organized Mother's Day meetings in Boston, Mass ever year.

In 1907 *Ana Jarvis*, from Philadelphia, began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. Ms. Jarvis persuaded her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia to celebrate Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the 2nd Sunday of May. By the next year Mother's Day was also celebrated in Philadelphia.

Ms. Jarvis and her supporters began to write to ministers, businessman, and politicians in their quest to establish a national Mother's Day. It was successful as by 1911 Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state. President Woodrow Wilson, in 1914, made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May.

While many countries of the world celebrate their own Mother's Day at different times throughout the year, there are some countries such as Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, and Belgium, which also celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May.



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