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Organ Concert  
Friday, December 12, 2008  
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A reception will be held in the hall following the concert.



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**Weekly Bulletin      Sunday October 5, 2008 – Sunday October 12, 2008**

**Mark Your Calendar**

October

11 MYO Meeting 6pm - 8pm  
14 Business Luncheon \$10  
19 Breakfast with St. George at St. George  
\*\* Please note date change.  
19 Halloween Party 3pm – 5pm  
26 Harvest Dinner  
31 Halloween




November

27 Thanksgiving Day

**Weekly Contributions**


September 7: \$3663  
September 14: \$2323  
September 21: \$1948  
September 28: \$3037



**Church cleaning for October:**  
Joanne Potts

**Altar Server Schedule**


October 12 Team 2  
October 19 Team 3



**Clergy**  
Rev. Hanna Tayar  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
Subdeacon Earl Matte

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

**Parish Leaders**  
Chuck Solomon – Parish Council  
Dee Gardner – Choir Director  
Dottie Byrnes – Organist  
Freda Hearsch – Religious Education  
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society  
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar Society



**Liturgy Schedule**

Monday 9a.m.  
Tuesday 9a.m.  
Wednesday 9a.m.  
Thursday 9a.m.  
Friday 12noon  
Saturday 5p.m.  
Sunday 10a.m.

**Adoration**

Friday 11a.m.

**Confessions**

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

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**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:**



Sue Stubbert  
Violet Deibis  
Rose Khoury  
Michelle Garey  
Ferris Anthony



Sarah Marshall  
Hanneh Chammas  
Hap Maroun  
Joe Faris  
Ann Faris  
Dorothy Mattar  
Wanda Maroun  
Joe Pavlovich  
Phillip Shaker  
Amy Burke

**Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours**

Monday 10am – 3pm  
Tuesday 10am – 3pm  
Wednesday 10am – 3pm  
Thursday 10am – 3pm  
Friday 10am – 3pm



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY 5: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross & Holy Rosary Sunday

10A.M: (Phil 3:17-4:1; Mt 24:23-31) Reader: MYO  
- Rep. Norman Weissert by Yvonne & Family  
- Rep. Karime Rizk by Josef & Mona Massoud

### MONDAY 6: St. Thomas the Apostle

- Rep. Mary Alice Felt by Mary Ann Sheehan

### TUESDAY 7: St. Sarkis & St. Bacchus

- Rep. Milad Lahoud by Dottie Byrnes

### WEDNESDAY 8: St. Pelagia

- Rep. Dr. John Zerka by Robert & Christine Brooks

### THURSDAY 9: St. James the Apostle

- Rep. Jack Phillips by Tom Jr. & Amy Macksood

### FRIDAY 10: St. Firmin

12NOON

- Rep. Charlie Rossie by Rose Wilkins

### SATURDAY 11: St. Phillip the Deacon

#### Blessed Pope John XXIII

- Rep. Salvacion Singson by Honorio Herrero

### SUNDAY 12: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross

10A.M: (1Thes 5:1-11; Mt 24:45-51) Reader: Earl Matte  
- Deceased Members of Old & New Calvary Cemetery  
- Deceased & Living Members of Maroun & Sauder Families

### SUNDAY 19: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross

10A.M: (Phil 2:12-18; Mt 25:1-13) Reader: Mary Matte  
- Rep. Mary Faris by Family  
- Rep. Wagih Khazaal by Duane & Dee Gardner

\* Our Morningstar Society will be having a meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 7pm. The meeting will be held here at the church.

\* We would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets for our raffle. We made \$2161 after expenses. We would also like to thank all those who made our raffle a success.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Julie Bird and Robert Kowalk.



## Announcements

\* A meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, 2008 at 6pm. This meeting is to discuss the parish activities for 2009 and everyone is invited.

\* The Stewardship Committee will be having its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 6pm.

\* Parish Council will be having their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 7pm.

\* MYO will be having a meeting on Saturday, October 11, 2008 for 6pm to 8pm.

\* A Business Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 from 11am to 2pm. The cost of the luncheon will be \$10.

\* There has been a change of date for the breakfast with St. George Church. It will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2008. Please mark your calendars.

\* MYO will be having a Halloween Party for the children. The party will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2008 from 3pm to 5pm.



\* MYO is asking for donations of candy for the Halloween Party. If you would like to make a donation please drop your donation off to our parish office.

\* A meeting is being held on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 7pm to discuss next year's festival. Everyone is invited to attend.

\* The Ladies Altar Society's having their Annual Harvest Dinner on Sunday, October 26, 2008 from 4pm to 6pm. Tickets are adults \$9 and children 10 and under \$5. You may purchase tickets from any Altar Society member.

\* I would like to thank everyone for all their prayers and cards during my illness. God Bless each of you. Helen Burgess

\* Please keep in mind the families that we help feed at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Both of these holidays are fast approaching. Our food pantry is a yearly ongoing donation for those in need.

## Saint Pelagia



A woman, whose comeliness today might have won her the crown at a beauty pageant and whose reckless escapades would have commanded the headlines in scandal, chose in the third century to serve Him who had worn a crown of thorns, and after exchanging a life of debauchery for the life of ascetism, commanded a respect that earned her sainthood. The story of St. Pelagia was not unlike that of countless others who have gone from evil to piety, but hers was a unique contribution to the cause of Christianity, and she stands in sainthood as the symbol of any *femme fatale* who has resisted temptation and assumed a decent posture in the Christian faith.

Born into immense wealth in the city of Antioch, Syria, Pelagia grew up in a hedonistic class whose sensual sins were an affront, not only to the rest of society but to God as well. She took such delight in every form of wickedness that the respectable people of Antioch strongly suspected that her great beauty and wealth were derived from Satan himself. In any case, it appeared she was in league with the devil because her wild dissipation took no toll on her beauty, and she seemed to thrive on the unwholesome living that would have wrecked anyone not allied with the forces of evil.

Pelagia customarily spent her Sabbath on a pleasure seeking tour, borne in a carriage drawn by a quartet of the finest Arabian horses, and would have passed the cathedral without incident had the faithful been within its walls, but on that fateful day an unusually large crowd had spilled out into the courtyard because of the presence of a prominent prelate, Bishop Nonnos.

The preacher's sonorous voice carried out to the street and out of curiosity Pelagia stopped to hear what was being said. The bishop's theme must have been salvation, and whatever the aim of his words, they found a target in the curious beauty sitting smugly in the coach. Her curiosity turned to interest and that into a deep sense of regret, which

eventuated in her seeking out the Bishop, thereafter to be baptized by him and with a sincere repentance to become a Christian in the purest sense of the word.

Renouncing her lurid past, Pelagia began her new life by giving away every scrap of her worldly possessions, which she had in abundance, and turning her back on the leisure class that might prove her ruin, she undertook to cleanse her soul and to serve God with all her heart, a transformation that surely put the devil to rout.

In the disguise of a monk, with much of her radiant face concealed, she commenced her avowed asceticism and service to God by secluding herself in the desert and devoting herself to the study of religion, philosophy, and theology to a degree that would assure her acceptance in God's favour.

Realizing that to expose her beautiful face in the company of females would be to invite embarrassment, no matter how well-intentioned the women may be, Pelagia reasoned that her only assurance of achieving a reasonable proximity to God was to go it alone. It is that doubtful her beautiful face would have been the handicap she construed it to be, but in light of what it had brought her in the past, she could scarcely be blamed for seeking isolation.

She realized a cherished dream when she was allowed to enter the Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem, there to abide for three years in an unceasing supplication for forgiveness and deliverance.

When she finally emerged from this holy ground, she was a spectacle of piety, with such beauty of soul that it exceeded her fair countenance, and to speak with her about the Lord would be like being given a first-hand account of Heaven and the Holy Spirit. There was an aura of purity about her that belied her reckless youth.

For the fifty-eight years that remained of her long life, she remained a symbol of the power of God to transform a sinner to a Saint. She died a peaceful death in the year 284 A.D.

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