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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday April 1, 2007 – Sunday April 8, 2007

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

Albert Zerka – Parish Council
Dee Gardner – Choir Director
Dottie Byrnes – Organist
Freda Hearsch – Religious Education
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar
Rob Kowalk – Spiritual Growth Coordinator



Liturgy Schedule

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| Monday | 9a.m. |
| Tuesday | 9a.m. |
| Wednesday | 9a.m. |
| Thursday | 9a.m. |
| Friday | 12noon |
| Saturday | 9a.m. |
| | 5p.m. |
| Sunday | 10a.m. |
| 2 nd 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.

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.



Office of the Bishop
Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon
Maronite Catholic Diocese

April 7, 2007

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is truly Risen! Alleluia!

The most sacred feast of the Church year is upon us. The first greeting of our Lord to His people after His Resurrection was *Peace be with you.*

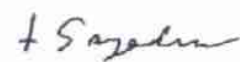
So on this great Feast of the Resurrection, the Chancery staff joins me in wishing all of the faithful of the Eparchy a glorious Feast day.

With the great Feast of Easter we begin a new season and an opportunity for new life in Christ. Lent gave us an opportunity to look into our past, to reconcile ourselves with one another and to join our sufferings with those of Jesus. The more faithful we were to Lent, the more joyful we will be at Easter.

You, the Priests, Deacons, Sub-deacons and faithful of the Eparchy are in my prayers and will be remembered during the solemn Liturgies of Holy Week and of course, in the Liturgy of Easter.

May Christ fill your homes and your hearts with that peace that only comes to us when we love one another.

A Blessed Easter to all!



+ Most Reverend Robert J. Shaheen
Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon

Pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Sylvia Zerka
Sarah Marshall
Hanneh Chammas
Hap Maroun
Joe Faris
Doris Beck
Ann Faris
Dorothy Mattar
Sharon Griffiths



Tom & Margaret LaBranch

**Our Lady of Lebanon
Office Hours**

Monday 9am – 5pm
Tuesday 9am – 5pm
Wednesday 9am – 5pm
Thursday 9am – 5pm
Friday 9am – 5pm



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 1: Palm Sunday

St. Mary the Egyptian

10A.M.: (Phil 1:1-13; Jn 12:12-22) Reader: Clergy
- Living & Deceased of Shaheen & Okal Families by Family

MONDAY 2:

- Rep. Rose Johnson by The Gazall Family

TUESDAY 3: Isaiah & Ezekiel the Prophets

- Rep. Elias Deibis by Paula Panchula

WEDNESDAY 4:

- Intentions of James Manohararaj by James & Teresa Manoharan

THURSDAY 5: Thursday of the Mysteries

- Living & Deceased Priests of the Eparchy

FRIDAY 6: Great Friday of the Crucifixion

9A.M. Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified

6P.M. Rite of the Burial of the Cross

SATURDAY 7: Great Saturday of the Light

St. John Climacus, Confessor

12NOON Confessions

12:30P.M. Prayer of Forgiveness

SUNDAY, April 8: Easter Sunday

10A.M.: (Phil 2:1-11; Mt 28:1-10) Reader: Clergy

- Intentions of all Parishioners



SUNDAY, April 15: New Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday

10A.M.: (2Cor 5:11-21; Jn 20:26-31) Reader: Erik Lindhurst

- Rep. Jim Maroun by Sam

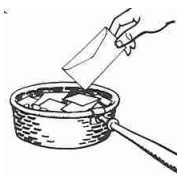
- Rep. Sultana & Iqbal Boutros by Manal Dabish

- Rep. Antoine Massoud

40 Day Memorial by Jaber & Eva Massoud

Weekly Contributions

March 4: \$2022
March 11: \$2264
March 18: \$2159
March 25: \$2810



Altar Server Schedule

April 1: Palm Sunday, All Altar Servers
April 5: Holy Thursday, All Altar Servers
April 6: Good Friday, All Altar Servers
April 8: Easter Sunday, All Altar Servers



Announcements

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to Joanne, Sandy, Bob, Sam, Joe and the Adado Family in the passing of their father Ferris.

O Lord, in your grace grant rest to your servant Ferris who sleeps in your hope. May Ferris's soul rest in peace. Amen

Father will be out of town beginning Monday, April 9, 2007 returning on Monday, April 16, 2007.

Please pay special attention to the bulletin for mass schedule while he is gone.

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, April 2:

7pm Evening prayer and Adoration of the Cross.

Tuesday, April 3:

7pm Evening prayer and Adoration of the Cross.

Wednesday, April 4:

7pm Evening prayer and Rite of the Lamp.

Thursday, April 5:

6pm Liturgy and Rite of the Washing of the Feet.

7pm Adoration of the Eucharist until Midnight



Friday, April 6: Good Friday

9am Liturgy of the PreSanctified

6pm Rite of the Burial of the Cross

Saturday, April 7:

12noon Confessions

12:30pm Prayer of Forgiveness



Sunday, April 8: Resurrection Sunday

10am Liturgy of Great Sunday of Resurrection



Church cleaning for the Month of April:

Diane Massad & Sue Rasak

The Crucifixion of Jesus



The shadow of the cross that was raised on Golgotha reaches across the centuries to offer comfort, forgiveness, and hope to us today. The story is almost unbelievable, for it is hard for us to image such love. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" is the message of the golden text of the Bible, John Chapter 3, verse 16. Jesus had to love us beyond measure to give Himself willingly to die for our sins. And we must complete the story of love by loving Him in return.

Some of the Jewish leaders hated Jesus because He condemned their sins. They did not want to believe the truth He preached, as He urged them to repent and turn back to God. They became jealous of the great crowds that followed Him and believed in Him, and finally decided to get rid of Him by having Him killed.

Since the Jews did not have the right to have a man killed without the approval of the Roman governor, they had to take Jesus to Pilate. At the trial they had no evidence of wrong-doing by Jesus, but put enough pressure on Pilate that he finally agreed to have the soldiers kill Jesus by crucifying Him.

The place where they killed prisoners was outside the city of Jerusalem on a small hill called Golgotha or the place of the skull. Here they laid the cross on the ground while they nailed his hands and feet to it with great spikes. The cross was then lifted and dropped into a hole in the ground. The entire weight of the body tore at the spikes, and the pain was almost beyond endurance. The blood began to pound through the body as the shock of what was happening began to take its toll. As the cells of the body were broken down it became a living death that sometimes lasted for a few hours, and could even last for a few days. Since Jesus had been whipped before they took Him to be crucified, He was already weak from loss of blood. Mercifully, He lived only a few hours on the cross.

Even with all the pain, Jesus thought of others rather than Himself. His first words from the cross were, "Father, forgive them for they know not what

they do". Even though He could have threatened to punish them eternally when they faced Him in judgement, he did not do so. He thought of His mother, who stood by the cross weeping, and asked his beloved friend John to take care of her. On either side of Him there were two thieves crucified with Him. When one of them expressed faith in Jesus, the Savior answered, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise". As the terrible afternoon wore on and His pain increased he finally moaned, "I thirst", and was offered vinegar, which He would not drink. God blotted out the sun as if to let us know how black the deed which was being done, and out of that blackness Jesus cried, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?". His final words expressed his complete surrender to the will of God as He said, "It is finished; Father into Thy hands I commend my spirit". He then bowed His head and died.

Even the earth could not accept the death of its Creator and Master without showing grief. There was a great earthquake which shook the countryside and made all people afraid. The only fear which we need to have, however, is that of refusing the love He showed in dying for us. The theme of our lives ought to be, "I'll live for Him who died for me, how happy then my soul shall be. I'll live for Him who died for me, my Savior and my God".

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL

1 Lenten Bake Sale
6 Good Friday
6 Great Friday Supper
8 Easter
22 Abbot's Visit

MAY

5 & 6 Bishop Robert Shaheen Visit
6 First Holy Communion & May Crowning
9 Altar Society Salad Supper Bingo
20 Altar Society Sunday