

Weekly Contributions

October 21: \$2750
 October 28: \$2373
 November 4: \$2805
 November 11: \$1824



Church cleaning
for November:

Mary Matte

Altar Server Schedule

November 25: Team 1
 December 2: Team 2
 December 9: Team 3



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

22 Thanksgiving Day
 23 No mass and the office will be closed
 25 No religious education classes

DECEMBER

8 Immaculate Conception Liturgy 8am
 15-23 Christmas Novena 7pm
 21 Night of Prayer & Penance 7pm-8pm
 23 No religious education classes
 24 Christmas Eve Liturgy 6pm
 25 Christmas Day Liturgy 10am
 30 No religious education classes
 31 New Year's Eve Party

Fr. Jihad has forms from the Consulate of Lebanon for passport renewals, marriage & birth registrations. If you need any of these forms please see Fr. Jihad.



The American Friends of
Notre Dame University- Louaize (AFNDUL)

cordially invite you to attend the

2007 AFNDUL FALL BANQUET

Sunday, November 18, 2007 at 7:00 pm
(Seating starts at 6:00 pm)

Saint Sharbel Church Hall
31601 Schoenherr Road
Warren, MI 48088

Ticket Price is \$35
(includes three-course meal, wine, soft drinks and entertainment)
B.Y.O.B.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call one of the following numbers:
 (734) 432-5428
 (734) 454-4255
 (248) 703-6962

**DINNER
TICKETS**

FOR

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon
Restoration & Rededication
Banquet Celebration
Saturday, February 16, 2008

\$100 person/\$150 couple
330-538-3351

If interested please see Fr. Jihad or the parish office.

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekly Bulletin Sunday November 18, 2007 – Sunday November 25, 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

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

Pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Eddie Rashid
 Sarah Marshall
 Hanneh Chammas
 Hap Maroun
 Joe Faris
 Doris Beck
 Ann Faris
 Dorothy Mattar
 Sharon Griffiths
 Louis Shaker



**Our Lady of Lebanon
Office Hours**

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



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 18: Announcement to Zechariah

St. Romanos (Raymond), Martyr

10A.M: (Rom 4:13-25; Lk 1:1-25): Reader: Mary Matte

- Rep. Jacqueline McGilvery by Bob & Joanne Potts

- Rep. Bill Burns by Josef & Mona Massoud

MONDAY 19:

- Rep. Antonine Massoud by Ralph & Helen Burgess

TUESDAY 20:

- NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 21: Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple

- NO MASS

THURSDAY 22: Thanksgiving Day

- NO MASS

FRIDAY 23: Office closed

12NOON

- NO MASS

SATURDAY 24:

5PM

- Rep. Winston Walterhouse by Ann Lengyel & Family

- Rep. Elias Deibis by Violet Deibis 1st Anniversary

SUNDAY 25: Announcement to the Virgin Mary

10A.M: (Gal 3:15-22; Lk 1:26-38): Reader: Robert Pollack

- Rep. Kimberly Gardner by Duane & Dee Gardner

- Rep. John & Francis Taylor by Duane & Dee Gardner

- Rep. Jim & Cheryl Wilcox by Josef & Mona Massoud

SUNDAY December 2: The Visitation to Elizabeth

10A.M: (): Reader: MYO

- Rep. Karen Solomon by Family 7th Anniversary

- Rep. Jeanette Zerka by Family 40 Day Memorial



Give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy, endures forever. Psalms 107:1

Announcements

Father Jihad is out of town. If you have an emergency please call Deacon Marty at 232-9713 or the parish office.

There will be no adoration and no mass on Friday, November 23, 2007 and the office will be closed.

We need readers! If there is anyone who might be interested in being a reader on Saturdays or Sundays please contact the church office. We will be making a new schedule for 2008.

The choir is raising money to purchase a new organ for the church. They need \$45,000. If you would like to make a donation please see Dee Gardner.



Altar Society Cookbook

The Ladies Altar Society is compiling recipes of salads and desserts for a cookbook. This cookbook will be sold at the Salad Supper Bingo in May 2008.

We are asking parish members to help us by donating a few of your favorite recipes. Please contact any member of the organization or one of the following members for a format for your recipes.

Linda Macksood 732-7322

Elsie Shaheen 732-2887

Yvonne Weissert 732-4856

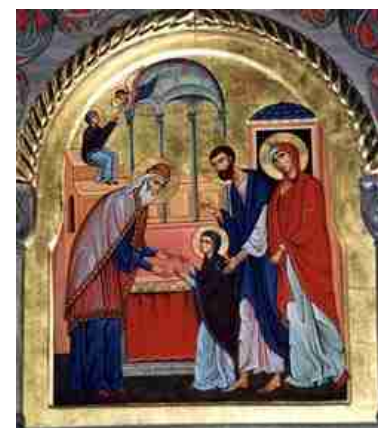
We are selling golf shirts to help raise money for the church. The shirts are \$35 each, they come in white, forest green, burgundy, red, navy, pewter and black and are available in sizes up to 5x. If you would like to purchase a shirt please see Chuck Solomon or the church office.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Please deposit non-perishable food items in the collection box in the Narthex. Cash donations can be given to Deacon Marty. Food baskets and gift cards will be provided to the families of children who are suffering from cancer. Let us share our abundance with those who suffer.



Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple



It stands to reason that Almighty God's selection of the Virgin Mary to be the Mother of God was not a random selection. In his wisdom, God selected not from the nobility but from the humble, thoroughly devout, daughter of

equally devout parents whose names were Joachim and Anna. Tradition has it that Anna, childless for many years, reached a point in her life when just short of despair she prayed in earnest that God grant her a child with a promise that should her wish be fulfilled she would pledge the child to his holy Temple. It did not matter to Anna that the child granted her by God was a girl and, faithful to her word, she presented her daughter, given the name of Mary, to the holy Temple at the age of three, on the 21st of November. She remained in the house of God for twelve years, emerging at the age of fifteen with a purity and wholesomeness found in no other creature of God. By the time she had been released to her parents, the saintly Mary was not only a flawless maiden but in her twelve years had acquired the lore and religion of the deepest scholars; something usually denied a female child of those days. So much has been written of the Lord's mother that the concern here is for a glimpse into her life as a human being. The Virgin Mary is looked upon by Orthodoxy as "Panagia," which translates into the all-encompassing saint. Greek Orthodox Christians need but one name and that name is "Panagia," carrying the full impact on the Christian faith as no other name can regardless of the language. The beginnings of Christianity were not the scattered remnants that somehow merged into a smattering, of ideologies. By divine intent the great religion of Christ stemmed from a tight circle which spread itself out as the greatest of human experiences.

To begin with, the high priest entrusted with the care of Mary was Zacharias, who in turn was the father of St. John, the Baptist, referred to as the

prefiguration of the Messiah and the man who was to baptize Jesus Christ. Yet in her teens the Virgin Mary, in a story that cannot be told often enough, was visited by the Archangel Gabriel, sent by the Almighty himself to be told that she, a wisp of a girl, mortal but blessed, was to become the mother of the Son of God. There is every reason to believe that as electrifying as the news was, she received it with both joy and complete serenity. A girl can get excited by being elected "Queen of May" but to be "Queen of the Universe" must have been an anticipation not of excitement but the sublimity of joy, human or otherwise. It follows that both Joachim and Anna, as the grandparents so to speak, of the Son of God, are also venerated as saints of the Church, so much so that they are also known as the "Patron Saints of Pious Education," principally because of the twelve year course of study of religion of their daughter Mary. The Christian can make his own choice of his favorite among the four days of the year which are feast days of the Virgin Mary. These are the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8, the Presentation of the Virgin Mary on November 21, the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary on March 25, and the Dormition of the Virgin Mary on August 15. On the calendar of the Church, all four of these days are of equal importance. The world sees the Virgin Mary much as Michelangelo did when he carved out his famous Ficta in which a youthful looking Mary is holding the lifeless body of her crucified Son. Nowhere is she seen as an old woman, at least not at the age of a woman who is the mother of a thirty-three year old son. Among the Holy Land's most sacred shrines is the one at the base of the Garden of Gethsemane, the site of the agony of Christ. This shrine is dedicated to the Virgin Mary and her parents. After a descent down a cement stairway of about fifty steps, the tomb of Joachim is on the left and on the right of the tomb of his wife Anna. Some fifty steps below this is the empty tomb of the Virgin Mary since, like the Son of God, she ascended into heaven. Stories abound about the Virgin Mary but the truthful one that clings and shall do so forever is that in being the mother of the Son of God, she is the mother of the world.

<http://www.stjohn-catholic.org/november.htm>

Hail Mary full of Grace!

