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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday September 16, 2007 – Sunday September 23, 2007**

## The Ladies Cedars Club of Flint

### 40th Anniversary Celebration

October 27, 2007

Woodfield Country Club

1000 Woodfield Dr.

Grand Blanc Michigan 48439

Dinner-Hafli (Dance)

Entertainment: Usama Baalbaki

Dinner & Hafli Tickets- \$50.00 per person

Hafli Only Tickets- \$30.00 per person

Cocktail Hour 6:00pm-7:00pm

Dinner served at 7:00pm


Hafli 9:00 until ?

The Ladies Cedars Club of Flint has been serving the community and worldwide organizations for 40 years.

Please join us in celebration of this great milestone.

Contact: Victoria Zerka-Linden for tickets

Phone Number: (810)-577-7273



*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

#### 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.
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.

**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:



Nadeem Gebrael  
Eddie Rashid  
Nadia Sob

Marge Okal  
Sarah Marshall  
Hanneh Chammas  
Hap Maroun  
Joe Faris  
Doris Beck  
Ann Faris  
Dorothy Mattar  
Sharon Griffiths



#### Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

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

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.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY 16: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr

10A.M: (2Tin 2:1-10; Mk 10:35-45) Reader: Karl Moon  
- Rep. Wadad Anthony by Ferris Anthony  
- Rep. Moussa & Elaine Joubran by Family

### MONDAY 17: St. Sophia & her Three Daughters, Martyrs

- Rep. Tom LaBranch by Josie Knight

### TUESDAY 18:

- Rep. Mike Rizik by Jane Mullally

### WEDNESDAY 19:

- NO MASS

### THURSDAY 20:

- NO MASS

### FRIDAY 21:

12NOON

- Health of Eddie Sidelar by Mary Ann Sheehan

### SATURDAY 22: St. Phocas & Companions, Martyr

5PM

- Rep. Winston Walterhouse by Anthony & Jill Walterhouse and Family

### SUNDAY 23: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross St. Padre Pio, Confessor

10A.M: (1Cor 15:19-34; Mt 24:1-14) Reader: Robert Pollack

- Rep. Kimberly Gardner by Duane & Dee Gardner  
- Rep. Maroun Family by Sam

### SUNDAY 30: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross St. Gregory the Illuminator, Martyr

10A.M: (1Phil 3:17-4:1; Mt 24:23-31) Reader: David Allen

- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Duane & Dee Gardner  
- Rep. Joe Ferris by Sue Stubbart

### Weekly Contributions

August 19: \$1939  
August 26: \$3128  
September 2: \$2336  
September 9: \$2159



### Altar Server Schedule

September 23: Team 4  
September 30: Team 1  
October 7: Team 2



## Announcements

Fr. Jihad will be out of the office on Wednesday and Thursday this week. If you have an emergency please call Deacon Marty.

There will be an Altar Boy meeting on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at 10am. If you have any questions please see Fr. Jihad or Johnny Solomon.

On Sunday, October 7, 2007 we will be celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the priesthood of the Most Reverend Gregory Mansour. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am and following mass there will be a brunch in his honor. All are invited.

Congratulations to the following people who were winners in this year's Cruise Raffle.

Sam Solomon \$2500, Phil, Duane & Bob \$200, Josie Knight \$100, Joan Armbruster \$50, M. G. Zerka \$50, Feryal Joubran \$50, Prescott, Spencer & Kennedy Myers \$50

The winners of five lottery tickets were: Thomas Hermiz, Elie Damouni, Dee Gardner, Phil Fares, Randy Lauria, Greg & Dad

Congratulations and thank you for supporting our fundraiser.

## *A Special Thank You*

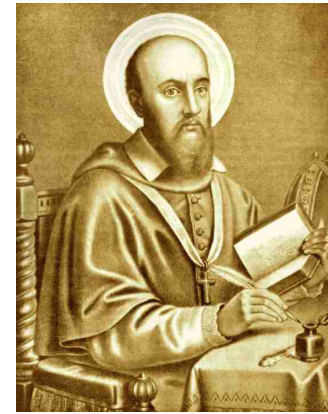
Our Lady of Lebanon,  
Thank you so much for everything. Your love, generosity, prayers and support mean so much to me. You are my family and all of you have played a part of my life. Please keep me in your prayers and know that you are in mine. God Bless.

Your Son,  
Tony Massad



Church cleaning  
for the Month of  
September:  
Diane Massad

## *St. Phocas Martyr*



St. Phocas the Martyr was greatly to be admired for his simplicity, according to what Surius relates. He cultivated a little garden, less to provide food for himself, than to supply with vegetables and fruit those travelers and pilgrims who had heard of his liberality, and stopped at his house; for no one ever knocked at his door, who was not received with great charity and courtesy.

This holy man was denounced for aiding and abetting Christians, to the governor of the province, who, resolving upon his death, sent soldiers privately in search of him, with orders to kill him. They arrived, one evening, at his house, not knowing that it was his, entered it, and, with the usual freedom of soldiery, demanded food. According to his custom, he received them willingly and kindly, and gave them what little he had. He served them, too, at his table, with so much charity and courtesy that they were delighted and captivated, and said between themselves that they had never met such a good-hearted man. And so, they were led by his great simplicity and candor to ask him with confidence, whether he knew anything of a certain Phocas, who helped and harbored Christians, and upon whose death the imperial prefect had resolved. The Saint replied that he knew him very well, and that he would willingly point him out to them, so that they might go to rest quietly, without further inquiry, for on the next day, he would show them an easy way of capturing him.

He then spent the whole night in fervent prayer, and, when it was day, he went to visit the soldiers, and bid them good morning, with his usual cordiality. They answered by reminding him of his promise to deliver up Phocas, whom they were seeking. "Do not doubt," he returned, "that I will find him for you. Consider that you have him already in your hands." "Let us go, then, and take him," they answered. "There is no need of going," replied, "for he is here present. I am he. Do with me

what you please." At these words, the soldiers were amazed and stupefied, both on account of the great charity with which he had welcomed them, and of the ingenious sincerity with which he revealed himself to his persecutors, when he could so easily have escaped death by fleeing in the night. They gazed at each other in amazement, and neither of them dared to lay hands on one who had been so kind to them. They were more inclined to give him his life, and to report to the prefect that after long search they had not been able to discover Phocas. "No," said the Saint, "my death would be a less evil than to concoct such a fiction, and tell such a falsehood. Execute, then, the order you have received." So saying, he bared his neck, and extended it to the soldiers, who severed it with one stroke, and gave him the glorious crown of Martyrdom.

This most candid fidelity was so agreeable to God that He immediately began, and still continues, to signalize it by illustrious miracles, especially in favor of pilgrims and sailors, to whom, in death as in life, the Saint has been most liberal of benefits and miraculous helps. In recognition of this, a custom came into use among travelers by sea, of serving to him every day at meals a part of the first dish, which was called the portion of St. Phocas. This was each day bought by one or other of the voyagers, and the price deposited in the hands of the captain; and when they came into port, the money was distributed among the poor, in thanksgiving to their benefactor for their successful voyage.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### OCTOBER

7 Bishop Gregory's Anniversary  
7 Breakfast with St. George's Parish  
27 Ladies Cedars Club Anniversary Hafli  
28 Altar Society Harvest Dinner

#### NOVEMBER

23 MYO Retreat