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**Weekly Bulletin      Sunday August 26, 2007 – Sunday September 2, 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

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.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**SEPTEMBER**

5 Altar Society meeting at 7pm  
9 Religious Education classes begin  
12 Cruise Raffle

**OCTOBER**

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

**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:**



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

**Weekly Contributions**

July 29:	\$2206
August 5:	\$2473
August 12:	\$2007
August 19:	\$1939



Church cleaning for the Month of September:  
Diane Massad

**Altar Server Schedule**

August 26: Team 4  
September 2: Team 1  
September 9: Team 2





## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY 26: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M: (1Thes 2:1-13; Lk 10:38-42) Reader: Diane Massad

- Rep. Mayford Penhaligon

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary by Alberta Kelush

### MONDAY 27: St. Biyameen the Hermit

- Intentions of Mary McCarthy by Eddy Moran

### TUESDAY 28: St. Moses of Ethiopia, Confessor

St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church

- NO MASS

### WEDNESDAY 29: The Beheading of St. John the Baptist

- Special Intentions by James & Theresa Manoharan

### THURSDAY 30:

- NO MASS

### FRIDAY 31: St. Abda, St. Aegidius & St. Zakhia, Martyrs

12NOON

- Intentions of Sharon Hallmark by Mary Ann Sheehan

### SATURDAY September 1: St. Simon the Stylite, Confessor

5PM

- Rep. Betty Mansour

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary by Laura & Tom Mansour

### SUNDAY September 2: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost St. Mamas the Great, Martyr

10A.M: (1Cor 1:18-25; Jn 12:20-32) Reader: Earl Matte

- Rep. Joe Ferris by Hap & Eve Maroun

-Intentions of Tony Aneq by Sam Maroun

### SUNDAY 9: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

St. Joachim & St. Anne, Parents of Virgin Mary Blessed Frederick Ozanam, Confessor

10A.M: (1Cor 1:18-25; Jn 12:20-32) Reader: Mary Matte

- Rep. Jerry Knight by Josie & Family

- Rep. Tom & Margaret LaBranch by Choir

*The bans of marriage are announced for the third time for*



*Laurence Aremia & Meghann Nelson*

## Announcements

We have been blessed to have Maroun & Marie Younes visiting with us this summer. They will be leaving on Tuesday, August 28, 2007 to return to their home in Lebanon. Thank you for sharing your summer with us, we will miss you and hope you come visit us again soon. God Bless You!

The Parish Council has tickets available for the Cruise Raffle. Tickets are \$35 each or 3 for \$100. Grand Prize is a Cruise or \$2500. If you would like to purchase tickets please see any parish council member or the church office.

Religious Education classes begin on Sunday, September 9, 2007. Please get your children registered early so we can prepare for the school year. If you have any questions please see Freda Hearsch.

Altar Society will be having a meeting on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 7pm. This meeting will be held at the Rectory.

We will be holding four evenings of Texas Hold'em Poker beginning on Thursday, August 30, Friday, August 31, Saturday September 1 and Sunday, September 2 at Palace Poker Room (the old Tadrick's Tax Building) on Bristol Road. Poker begins at 4pm.

### Our Lady of Lebanon Annual Cruise Raffle and Silent Auction

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

Dinner at 6pm

Raffle at 7pm

Followed by the Silent Auction



Tickets are \$35 or 3 for \$100

1<sup>st</sup> Draw wins.....\$100

50<sup>th</sup>-100<sup>th</sup>-150<sup>th</sup>-200<sup>th</sup>-250<sup>th</sup> Draw wins.....\$50

25<sup>th</sup>-75<sup>th</sup>-125<sup>th</sup>-175<sup>th</sup>-225<sup>th</sup>-275<sup>th</sup> Draw wins....

5 Lottery Tickets

299<sup>th</sup> Draw wins.....\$200

300<sup>th</sup> Draw wins.....Cruise

\*Tickets may be purchased from any parish council member or the church office.

### Saint Mamas Doctor of the Church



Mamas was born in the third century in Paphlagonia in Asia Minor to well known Christian parents, Theodotos and Rufina, who had been imprisoned

by the Roman authorities for their open confession and practice of Christianity. Theodotos died in prison and his wife's death followed soon thereafter but not before giving birth to a son, Mamas. The infant orphan was entrusted to the care of a rich Christian widow named Ammia. The widow cared for Mamas and provided for his education and Christian upbringing. His pious example and preaching of the Gospel soon came to the attention of the Roman governor. The 15 year old Mamas was arrested and brought before the governor who sought to dissuade him from his practices and upon failing, sent him to the Roman emperor, Aurelian for consideration. The Emperor too failed to move Mamas to deny Christ and to worship the Emperor's gods. This led to harsher treatment.

Somehow Mamas managed to escape to the mountains where he led an austere monastic-like existence of prayer and fasting. It was in this environment that he demonstrated an influence over his surroundings and on the beasts and birds of the wilderness to who he preached the Gospel not unlike his illustrious successor of another space and time, St. Francis of Assisi.

Mamas' reputation spread throughout the region and eventually came to the attention of the Roman governor who ordered his arrest. According to one account, Mamas turned himself into the authorities accompanied by a lion. Apparently the Roman authorities were not impressed, for he was arrested, imprisoned and subjected to the usual harsh torments of the times which ended in his being thrown to the lions, literally. He emerged from the encounter unharmed but was struck and wounded by a pagan priest wielding a trident. He escaped to a cave where he died of his injuries around the year 275 AD.

News of Mamas' martyrdom spread throughout Asia Minor where, according to the practice of the Early Church, he was popularly acclaimed "holy" - a saint, a fact later confirmed by St. Basil the Great. As was common in those and in later times, the deeds of saints and martyrs came to be embellished by pious legend.

The image of St. Mamas on the lion's back serves to remind us in a symbolic manner of the theology of the Eastern Church regarding creation and man's place in it. As surrogate for us all, he rides the lion thus asserting dominion over it and all creation. The lamb in his arms illustrates our stewardship of living things. Represented here is the oneness of mankind with all of creation of which mankind is custodian. Tradition instructs us to have compassion for the whole universe and every living creature which are the works of God

**Holy descendant of martyrs, you eagerly followed in their footsteps. While preaching the Savior's name you were fulfilled in contest. Wise and generous Mamas, pray to Christ our God to save our souls. Amen**