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Organ Concert
Friday, December 12, 2008
7pm

A reception will be held in the hall following the concert.



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekly Bulletin Sunday November 2, 2008 – Sunday November 9, 2008

Mark Your Calendar


November
27 Thanksgiving Day

December
12 Organ Concert
31 New Year's Eve




Weekly Contributions

October 5:	\$2750
October 12:	\$2337
October 19:	\$2677
October 26:	\$1865




Church cleaning for November:
Madeline Zerka & Mona Massoud



Altar Server Schedule

November 9	Team 3
November 16:	Team 1




2008 Festival Report

Income	\$35,808.57
Expenses	<u>\$28,243.45</u>
Profit	\$7565.12

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
Jim Joubran
Rose Khoury
Michelle Garey
Mary Matte



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 2: Consecration of the Church All Souls Day

10A.M. (Gal 6:1-10; Mt 25:14-30) Reader: MYO
- All Deceased Members of the Parish

MONDAY 3: St. Risha

- Rep. Dave Munhall by Nadia Zerka

TUESDAY 4: St. Charles Borromeo

- Rep. Delores Grossi by Dick & Mary Ursha

WEDNESDAY 5: Asia the Righteous

- Rep. Louie Shaker by Marge Okal

THURSDAY 6: St. Nicholas Tavelic & Companions

- Rep. Milad Lahoud by Faris & Carlene Howrani

FRIDAY 7: St. Didacus

12NOON

- Rep. Joe Ferris by Mike & Lori Donlan

SATURDAY 8: St. Michael the Archangel

- Rep. Audrey Hoder by Lewis & Jeanette Walterhouse

SUNDAY 9: Renewal of the Church

10A.M. (Heb 9:11-15; Jn 10:22-42) Reader: Mike Potoczny

- Rep. Said & Julia Maroun by Sam

- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Keith & Freda Hearsch

- Rep. Mary Nissan by Family

SUNDAY 16: Announcement to Zechariah

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

- Rep. Ferris Adado by Tom & Blanche Alex

- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Juleit Hermiz



St. Thomas More Academy is having an open house on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 from 6pm to 8pm. They are located at 6456 E. Bristol Road in Burton. If you

have any questions or would like any additional information please see Alicia Wofford or call 742-2411.



We will soon begin classes to teach English and Arabic. We are looking for volunteers to help teach. If you are interested please see Fr. Hanna.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

Announcements



The Ladies Altar Society will be having a meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 7pm.



Bible Study classes will begin on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 7pm. If you would like any information regarding these classes please see Deacon Marty.



Our Stewardship Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, November 11 at 6pm.



Parish Council will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 11 at 7pm.



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.



The Morningstar Society would like the parish to know that due to rising costs they will begin charging \$5 per person for mercy meals.



Planning for the 2009 Festival has already begun and we need your help! We have something unique to offer the Flint community with our food and entertainment options. It's something we are proud to share. We can accomplish this by working together as one parish family.

Sign-up sheets for the festival committees are available in the narthex. Please sign up as we need as many volunteers as possible, to make the festival a greater success than last year. Opportunities to volunteer will also be available at a later time by contacting the committee chair.

If you have questions on this process, please contact Ronny Solomon at (810) 423-6830 or Jason Klanseck at (810) 287-9228.

Thank you for your commitment and God bless.

All Souls Day

All Souls Day follows All Saints Day, and commemorates the faithful departed, those who die in God's faith and friendship. However, Catholics believe that not all those who die in God's grace are immediately ready for the Beatific vision the reality and goodness of God and heaven, so they must be purified of "lesser faults," and the temporal effects of sin. The Catholic Church calls this purification of the elect, "purgatory." The Catholic teaching on Purgatory essentially requires belief in two realities: 1. that there will be a purification of believers prior to entering heaven and 2. that the prayers and masses of the faithful in some way benefit those in the state of purification. As to the duration, place, and exact nature of this purification, the Church has no official dogma. Many faithful Catholics, including Pope Benedict XVI, grant that Purgatory may be an existential state as opposed to a temporal place. In other words, Purgatory may be something we experience instantaneously, because it is outside of the confines of created time and space. Many non-Catholics, including C.S. Lewis, have believed in Purgatory, and the official dogma of Purgatory is hardly offensive, even if the popular understanding of it has led to confusion. As a more everyday explanation, many liken Purgatory to a place to "clean up" oneself before going into the presence of Almighty God.

All Souls is the day to remember, pray for, and offer requiem masses up for these faithful departed in the state of purification. Typically Christians will take this day to offer prayers up on behalf of their departed relatives and friends. Others may remember influential individuals that they never knew personally, such as presidents, musicians, etc. This may be done in the form of the *Office of the Dead* a prayer service offered in memory of departed loved ones. Often this office is prayed on the anniversary (or eve) of the death of a loved one, or on All Souls' Day.

There are many customs associated with All Souls Day, and these vary greatly from culture to culture. In Mexico they celebrate All Souls Day as *el dia de los muertos*, or "the day of the dead." Customs include going to a graveyard to have a picnic, eating skull-shaped candy, and leaving food out for dead relatives. The practice of leaving food out for dead relatives is interesting, but not exactly Catholic Theology. If all of this seems a little morbid, remember that all cultures deal with death in different manners. The Western aversion to anything related to death is not present in other cultures. In the Philippines, they celebrate "Memorial Day" based loosely on All Souls Day. Customs include praying novenas for the holy souls, and ornately decorating relatives' graves. On the eve of All Souls (i.e. the evening of All Saints Day), parties go door-to-door,

requesting gifts and singing a traditional verse representing the liberation of holy souls from purgatory. In Hungary the day is known as *Halottak Napja*, "the day of the dead," and a common custom is inviting orphans into the family and giving them food, clothes, and toys. In rural Poland, a legend developed that at midnight on All Souls Day a great light shone on the local parish. This light was said to be the holy souls of departed parishioners gathered to pray for their release from Purgatory at the altars of their former earthly parishes. After this, the souls were said to return to scenes from their earthly life and work, visiting homes and other places. As a sign of welcome, Poles leave their windows and doors ajar on the night of All Souls Day. All of these customs show the wide variety of traditions related to All Souls Day.

Christians have been praying for their departed brothers and sisters since the earliest days of Christianity. Early liturgies and inscriptions on catacomb walls attest to the ancientness of prayers for the dead, even if the Church needed more time to develop a substantial theology behind the practice. Praying for the dead is actually borrowed from Judaism, as indicated in 2 Maccabees 12:41-42. In the New Testament, St Paul prays for his departed friend Onesiphorus in 2 Timothy 1:16-18. Early Christian writers Tertullian and St. Cyprian testify to the regular practice of praying for the souls of the departed. Eventually, many writers, including St. Augustine in *Enchiridion of Faith, Hope, and Love* and *City of God*, expounded on the concept of a purgation of sins through fire after death.

In the early days, departed Christians' names were placed on diptychs. In the sixth century, Benedictine communities held commemorations for the departed on the feast of Pentecost. All Souls' Day became a universal festival largely on account of the influence of Odilo of Cluny in AD 998, when he commanded its annual celebration in the Benedictine houses of his congregation. This soon spread to the Carthusian congregations as well. The day was celebrated on various days, including October 15th in 12th century Milan. Today all Western Catholics celebrate All Souls' Day on November 2, as do many Anglicans and Lutherans. Initially many Protestant reformers rejected All Souls' Day because of the theology behind the feast (Purgatory and prayers/masses for the dead), but the feast is now being celebrated in many Protestant communities, in many cases with a sub-Catholic theology of Purgatory. Some Protestants even pray for the dead; many Anglican liturgies include such prayers. While the Eastern Churches lack a clearly defined doctrine of Purgatory, they still regularly pray for the departed.

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