

Weekly Contributions

December 30: \$2417
 January 6: \$2612
 January 13: \$1821
 January 20: \$1313



Church cleaning for February:

Altar Society

Altar Server Schedule

February 3: Team 2
 February 10: Team 3



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church
 4133 Calkins Road
 Flint, MI 48532

Annual Saint Maron's Day Hafli
Saturday, February 9, 2008
Liturgy at 5pm followed by
Dinner & Hafli

Adults \$10
 Children 12 and under \$8
 Tickets can be purchased from any Parish Council Member

Mark Your Calendar

February

4 Ash Monday the beginning of Lent
 9 Feast of Saint Maron
 9 Feast of Saint Maron Hafli following 5pm Liturgy
 22-24 MYO Retreat in Cleveland

March

16 Palm Sunday
 20 Holy Thursday
 21 Good Friday
 23 Easter Sunday

When You Miss One Communion

It is well to consider what you lose every morning that you pass up Holy Communion.

You miss a personal visit with Jesus, Author of all holiness.

You lose a special increase of grace, which makes your soul more pleasing to God.

You lose a quota of sacramental grace, which entitles you to special help in times of temptation and in the discharge of your daily duties.

You lose a special opportunity of having your venial sins wiped away.

You miss the special preserving influence which each Holy Communion confers against the fires of passion.

You miss the opportunity of having remitted a part, or all, of the punishment due to your sins.

You lose the spiritual joy, the sweetness, and the particular comfort that comes from a fervent Holy Communion.

You lose part of the glory that your body might enjoy at its resurrection on the Last Day.

You lose the greater degree of glory you might possess in Heaven for all eternity.

You may lose...

- complete victory over some fault or passion
- some particular grace long prayed for
- the conversion or salvation of some soul
- deliverance of a friend or relative from Purgatory
- many graces for other, both the living and the dead

Will a few extra minutes of sleep repay you for all these losses?



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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday January 27, 2007 – Sunday February 3, 2008

Clergy

Rev. Father Jihad Younes
 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



Liturgy Schedule

Monday	9a.m.
Tuesday	9a.m.
Wednesday	9a.m.
Thursday	9a.m.
Friday	12noon
Saturday	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.

Pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Eddie Rashid
 Sarah Marshall
 Hanneh Chammas
 Hap Maroun
 Joe Faris
 Doris Beck
 Ann Faris
 Dorothy Mattar
 Wanda Maroun
 Nadia Sob



Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

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



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 27: Sunday of the Faithful Departed

- 10A.M: (1 Thes 5:1-11; Lk 16:19-31): Reader: Mary Matte
 - Rep. Edward Zaknoen by Ahlam Solomon & Family
 - Rep. Phares, Dawood, Banam Khosho and Franky Khosho by Sam Kalo

MONDAY 28: St. Ephrem the Syriani

- Rep. Elias Deibis by Shaheen & Rose Shaheen

TUESDAY 29:

- Rep. Sam Marino by Aziz Family

WEDNESDAY 30:

- Rep. Woody Mattar by Michelle Florida

THURSDAY 31: St. John Bosco, Confessor

NO Mass

FRIDAY February 1:

12NOON

- Rep. Mike Rizik by John & Ceal Abdella

SATURDAY 2: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

5PM

- Rep. Rose Johnson by George & Sue Rasak

SUNDAY 3: Cana Sunday

Entrance into Lent

10A.M: (Rom 14:14-23; Jn 2:1-11): Reader: MYO

- Rep. Sam Adado by Vicky, Jim & Family

SUNDAY 10: Cleansing of the Leper

10A.M: (Rom 6:12-23; Mk 1:35-45): Reader: Diane Massad

- Rep. Sylvia Lira by Family
 - Rep. George Faris by Family
 - Rep. Joseph Faris Jr. by Family

Arabic Mass 12NOON

Vocation Discernment Weekend

If God is calling you, the Church needs you! Our Eparchy will be conducting a weekend retreat for men (college age and older) who feel that they might be called to serve the church as priests. This weekend will take place on February 16, 17 & 18 at the Maronite Seminary in Washington, D.C. It will include some informal talks and interaction with the seminarians and priests and will give you the opportunity to ask any questions. Any man who feels that he might be called to be a priest, should call the pastor and submit his name. You can email our Director of vocations Msgr. sharbel Maroun at Abouna@stmaron.com or call him at 612-379-2758. You will also find registration forms on our bulletin board.

Announcements

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
Yvonne Weissert	732-4856

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, MAY 31, 2008**. We have reserved the Grand Blanc Golf Club (Perry Road) for a great day, **full of fun, food and prizes for golfers**. **You will not want to miss this event!!!** More information and details to follow.

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.



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Youth Organization



Presents



Dinner and a Play
 Sunday, January 27, 2008
 Dinner at 6pm and Play at 7pm

Tickets are \$5 and can be
 purchased from any MYO Member
 or Johnny Solomon

DID YOU KNOW?????

- The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119.
- The shortest verse in the Bible is "Jesus wept."
- The book of Esther in the Bible is the only book which does not mention the name of God.

Saint Ephraim the Syrian



Saint Ephraim the Syrian, a teacher of repentance, was born at the beginning of the fourth century in the city of Nisibis in Mesopotamia, where the Roman Empire bordered on Persia. At one time Mesopotamia belonged to Syria and for this reason St. Ephraim is known as "the Syrian."

His parents were impoverished toilers of the soil, who raised their son in piety. When he was still a baby, his parents had a prophetic dream: from the boy's tongue sprang a lush vine which produced abundant clusters of grapes. The more the birds ate the fruit, the more it multiplied. Later it was revealed that these clusters were his sermons, the leaves of the vine--his hymns.

However, from his childhood Ephraim was known for his quick temper and impetuous character. He often had fights, acted thoughtlessly, and even doubted God's Providence. Judging from his youth one could never have guessed his future greatness. In spite of his parents' having educated him in Christian precepts, he was impetuous and even rather wild, like an unruly colt which resists the bridle: "I would quarrel over trifles, acted foolishly, gave in to bad impulses and lustful thoughts. My youth nearly convinced me that life is ruled by chance. But God's Providence brought my impassioned youth to the light of wisdom."

He finally recovered his senses by the grace of God, and embarked on the path of repentance and salvation. He relates the story of his conversion: One day my parents sent me out town and I found a pregnant cow feeding along the road. I took up stones and began pelting the cow, driving it into the woods till evening when it fell down dead? During the night wild beasts ate it. On my way back, I met the poor owner of the cow. 'My son,' he asked, 'did you drive away my cow?' I not only denied it, but heaped abuse and insult upon the poor man."

A few days later he was idling with some shepherds. When it grew too late to return home, he spent the night with them. That night some sheep were stolen and he was unjustly accused of stealing a sheep. Ephraim was taken before the magistrate and cast into prison. In a dream an angel appeared to Ephraim and asked him why he was there. The boy began at once to declare that he was, innocent. "Yes," said the angel, "you are innocent of the crime imputed to you, but have you forgotten the poor man's cow?"

When Ephraim saw the tortures to which criminals were subjected, he became terrified. He turned to God and vowed that he would become a monk if God would spare him such a cruel ordeal. The magistrate, however, just laughed at the youth's tears and ordered that he be stretched on the rack.

But just then a servant came to announce that dinner was ready. "Very well," said the magistrate, "I will examine the boy another day." And he ordered him back to prison. Providentially, the next time the magistrate saw Ephraim, he thought he had been punished enough and dismissed him. Although he was spared the rack, Ephraim had learned his lesson and, like the Prophet David, he entreated the Lord to overlook his youthful folly.

True to his vow, upon his release he went straightway to the hermits living in the mountains where he became a disciple of St. James, who later became a great bishop of Nisibis. Born again in repentance, Ephraim began to train as an athlete of virtues, exorcizing himself in the study of the Holy Scriptures and in prayer and fasting. The passionate and wayward youth was transformed into a humble and contrite monk, weeping day and night for his sins and entirely surrendered to God. Ephraim's earnest resolve pleased the Lord who rewarded him with the gifts of wisdom; grace flowed from his mouth like a sweet stream, in fulfillment of his parents' dream.

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O Lord and Master of my life, cast away from me the spirit of laziness, idle curiosity, love of power and vain talk. But grant me, Your servant, the spirit of moderation, humility, patience and love. Yes, Lord and King, grant me to see my own faults and not to judge my brothers and sisters. For You are blessed forever. Amen.