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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday March 30, 2008 – Sunday April 6, 2008

Mark Your Calendar

May

- 4 1st Holy Communion
- 4 May Crowning
- 4 Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon
- 13 Altar Society Prayer Devotion 5:30 followed by monthly meeting in the hall
- 14 Salad Supper Bingo
- 18 Altar Society Sunday
- 31 Golf Outing

Weekly Contributions

- March 2: \$2793
- March 9: \$2558
- March 16: \$3571
- March 23: \$5000



Church cleaning for March:

Eva Massoud & Hannan Chammas

Altar Server Schedule

- April 6: Team 1
- April 13: Team 2



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.
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
Wanda Maroun



**Our Lady of Lebanon
Office Hours**

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



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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 30: New Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday

10A.M: (2Cor 5:11-21; Jn 20:26-31) Reader: Mike Potoczny

- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Family 1st Anniversary
- Rep. Michael Rizik by Family 1st Anniversary
- Rep. Aziz Chammas by Family 4th Anniversary

MONDAY 31:

- Rep. Tammy Barwardi by Pam Aziz

TUESDAY April 1: St. Mary the Egyptian

- Rep. Woody Mattar by George & Virginia Rizk

WEDNESDAY 2:

- Rep. Sam Marino by Duane & Dee Gardner

THURSDAY 3: Isaiah & Ezekiel the Prophets

- Rep. Ferris Adado by Marge Okal

FRIDAY 4:

12NOON

- Rep. Joe Ferris by Dr. John Zerka

SATURDAY 5:

- Intentions of James Manoraj by James Manoharan

SUNDAY April 6: 3rd Sunday of Resurrection

10A.M: (2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 24:13-35) Reader: MYO

- Rep. Jerry Knight by Mr. & Mrs. John Northrup
- Rep. Kimberly Gardner by Duane & Dee Gardner

SUNDAY 13: 4th Sunday of Resurrection

10A.M: (Heb 13:18-25; Jn 21:1-14) Reader: Mike Potoczny

- Rep. Sam Marino by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

Bible Scripture:

"Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. 'It is written,' he said to them, 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a "den of robbers.'"

-Matthew 21:12-13

Parish Expenses for February

Income for February was \$13,048

Expenses for February were \$20,211.51

Net loss for February was **-\$7163.51**

Announcements

There will be an Altar Society meeting on Wednesday, April 2nd, 7pm at the Rectory.

We have started a new program with VG's. VG's Grocery Stores gives back to organizations 1% of customer receipts. We have signed up with them to help the church raise money. If you shop at VG's or know anyone who does, please save your receipts and turn them in to the office or you can put them in the drop box in the Narthex.

If you would like a ticket for the Raffle and Dinner held on May 31st at the Grand Blanc Golf Club following the golf outing they are available from any choir member, Duane Gardner or the church office.

A very special thank you to all those who helped with cleaning the church, decorating the church and donating bake goods for our bake sale. God Bless each of you. Altar Society

This is your last chance to get in those recipes for the bake sale. If you would like to submit any recipes please see Linda Macksood, Yvonne Weissert or Dee Gardner.

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.



NON-GOLFERS

Mark Your Calendars for **Saturday, MAY 31, 2008**

We have reserved the
Grand Blanc Golf Club
5270 Perry Road
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Dinner and Raffle
All you can eat buffet for \$25 per person

Come visit with friends and have a good time.

If you have any questions see Duane, Chuck, Freda and Pam at 810-733-1259.



Saint Mary of Egypt



St. Mary of Egypt lived between the end of the 5th century and the beginning of the 6th. She was a prostitute in Alexandria, and decided to join a pilgrimage sailing to the Holy Land, knowing that even holy pilgrims can be tempted. When they arrived in Jerusalem, she went with the pilgrims to visit the Church of the Resurrection on the feast of the Holy Cross, but she was unable to enter the doors of the church, as though an invisible hand was pushing her away. She tried four times to get in, but every time was prevented. Finally she began to realize how her sinful life was keeping her away from God. She saw the ikon of the Mother of God above the doors of the church, and began to pray, weeping bitterly, repenting of her sins, and vowing to go wherever Christ might lead her if only she would be able to enter the church. Then she was allowed to go in. She fell at the feet of the Lord on the Holy Cross, realizing how God accepts true repentance. Returning to pray again in front of the ikon of the Theotokos, she heard a voice tell her, "Cross the Jordan and you will find peace." So she walked all day, till she came to the place on the Jordan River where John had baptized Jesus. In the church she received Holy Communion, then went into the desert to live as a hermit. For 47 years she lived in the desert, seeing no human beings and suffering horrible temptations as she tried to make up for the evil deeds of her early life. One year, during Great Lent, Father Zossima, a priest-monk from one of the monasteries of Palestine went out into the desert to fast and pray, as was the custom. He met Mary, hardly recognizing her as a woman or as a person at all. She asked his blessing and told her story, then asked him to return the next year to bring her Holy Communion, which she had not received all the time she was in the desert. The next year he returned, and brought her the Holy Body and Blood of the Lord. She went back into the desert and asked him to come again the next year. When he returned, he found her lying dead and a note she had written in the dirt. It said that she had died there immediately after receiving the Holy Eucharist the year before. Father Zossima prayed over her body and tried to dig a grave in which to bury her. But he had only a stick of wood and the ground was very

hard. Exhausted, he sat down to rest. When he looked up, he saw a big lion licking the saint's feet. Despite his fear, he approached the lion and found that it was friendly. The lion dug the grave with his powerful paws, and Fr Zossima buried St Mary there. The lion went peacefully into the desert and Fr Zossima returned to his monastery, where he told the story of St Mary of Egypt. It touched all of the monks in their hearts, so they kept her memory out of respect for her and out of love for God. Father Zossima died in the monastery when he was nearly 100 years old.

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Our Lady of Lebanon Altar Society's Annual Salad Supper Bingo



Doors open at 4:30
Supper Served at 6:00

Tickets \$10
price includes one book

Tickets are available from any Altar Society Member or the church office.
(810-732-2370).

No one under 18 years of age will be permitted