



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday February 8, 2009 – Sunday February 15, 2009**

### Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
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### Parish Staff

Michelle Tennis - Secretary  
Darrell Frye – Maintenance  
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### Parish Leaders

Chuck Solomon – Parish Council  
Dee Gardner – Choir Director  
Dottie Byrnes – Organist  
Freda Hearsch – Religious Education  
Mary Matte– 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.

**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  
Michelle Garey  
Amy Burke

Sarah Marshall  
Hanneh Chammas  
Hap & Eve Maroun  
Joe Faris  
Ann Faris  
Dorothy Mattar  
Wanda Maroun  
Phillip Shaker  
Dianne Fowler



### Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

Monday	10am – 3pm
Tuesday	10am – 3pm
Wednesday	10am – 3pm
Thursday	10am – 3pm
Friday	10am – 3pm



# MASS INTENTIONS

## SUNDAY February 8: Sunday of the Righteous and the Just

10A.M: (Heb 12:18-24; Mt 25:31-46) Reader: Earl Matte  
- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Joanne Adado

## MONDAY 9: St. Maron, Confessor

- Rep. David Matte by Mary Ann Sheehan

## TUESDAY 10: St. Ansgar, St. Blaise

- Rep. Elias Deibis by Mike & Tyl Rizik

## WEDNESDAY 11: Our Lady of Lourdes

- Rep. Joe Ferris by Bob & Sharon Griffiths

## THURSDAY 12: St. Meletius of Antioch, Confessor

- Rep. Margaret LaBranche by Altar Society

## FRIDAY 13: St. Catherine de Ricci

12NOON

- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Najib & Siham Massad

## SATURDAY 14: Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Confessors

- Rep. Ferris Adado by the Aziz Family

## SUNDAY February 15: Sunday of the Faithful Departed

10A.M: (1Thes 5:1-11; Lk 16: 19-31) Reader: Mary Matte

- Rep. Massad Toufic Massad by Altar Society

- Rep. John & Jeanne Shaheen by Daughters

- Rep. Nazeer Zerka by Aziz & Diane Massad

## SUNDAY February 22: Sunday of the Entrance into Lent, Miracle at Cana in Galilee

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

- Rep. Dr. John Zerka by George & Sue Rasak

- Milad Lahoud by Anna Shearer

- Rep. Massad Toufic Massad by Joanne & Bob Potts

## Announcements



A Vocations Discernment Weekend will be held at our Maronite Seminary in Washington DC the weekend of February 13-15. If any one is interested please see Father Hanna.



Please pick up your 2008 contributions reports which are in the Narthex.



January was the coldest month that we ever had since long time. A lot of people were sick. We wish to all of you a good health in February.



As many of you know, our Church will be hosting the MYO regional retreat in February. There will be approximately 200 people in attendance at this retreat. The Flint MYO is asking for help with donations of bottled water, pop cans, and snacks for our guests. If you would like to make this type of donation, or a monetary donation, please see Noha Zerka, Johnny Solomon, or Father Hanna. Thank you for all your help and support.

### Weekly Contributions



January 4 : \$ 3364

January 11: \$ 1757

January 18: \$ 2370

January 25: \$ 2673

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Total \$ 10,164

January Expenses: \$ 20,569.42

## **Symposium on Christianity in the Middle East**

**Saturday, February 21 (9am to 4pm)**

(Hilton Garden Inn, 26000 American Drive  
Southfield, MI, 48034)

**Sunday, February 22 (10am to 12pm)**

(Mother of God Church, 25585 Berg Road, Southfield, MI, 48033)

(Cf. the Hall board for the complete information)

## St. Maron



O Lord, accept the prayers we offer in memory of our Father, St. Maron. Bless and protect the people who bear your name. Make us worthy of his holy legacy that we may carry the message of your Gospel throughout the world. Grant faithfulness to his people and courage to his inheritance. Amen

**Feastday:** February 9

St. Maroun also known as Saint Maron, was a 5th century Syriac Christian monk who founded the Maronite spiritual movement. The Church that grew from this movement is the Maronite Church. St. Maroun was known for his missionary work, healing and miracles, and teachings of a monastic devotion to God.

**Background:** St. Maroun, born in the middle of the 4th century in Syria, was a priest who later became a hermit, retiring to a mountain of Taurus in the region of Cyrhus, near Antioch. His holiness and miracles attracted many followers, and drew attention throughout the empire. St. John Chrysostom sent him a letter around AD 405 expressing his great love and respect, and asking St. Maron to pray for him.

**The Maronite movement:** Maroun is considered the Father of the spiritual and monastic movement now called the Maronite Catholic Church. This movement had a profound influence in Lebanon. St. Maroun spent all of his life on a mountain in Syria. It is believed that the place was called "Kefar -Nabo" on the mountain of Ol-Yambos, making it the cradle of the Maronite movement.

The Maronite movement reached Lebanon when St. Maroun's first disciple Abraham of Cyrhus who was called the Apostle of Lebanon, realised that there were many non-Christians in Lebanon, so he set out to convert them to Christianity by introducing them to the way of St. Maroun. The followers of St. Maroun, both monks and laity, always remained faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. St. Maroun's feast day is celebrated on February 9.

**Spirituality:** Maroun's way was deeply monastic with emphasis on the spiritual and ascetic aspects of living, contrasted by the fact that the 'Khoury,' or, 'priest' of the Maronite rite can marry. For St. Maroun, all was connected to God and God was connected to all. He did not separate the physical and spiritual world and actually used the physical world to deepen his faith and spiritual experience with God.

St. Maroun embraced the quiet solitude of the mountain life. He lived his life in open air exposed to the forces of nature such as sun, rain, hail and snow. His extraordinary desire to come to know God's presence in all things allowed St. Maroun to transcend such forces and discover that intimate union with God. He was able to free himself from the physical world by his passion and fervour for prayer and enter into a mystical relationship of love with God.

**Mission:** St. Maroun was a mystic who started this new ascetic-spiritual method that attracted many people in Syria and Lebanon to become his disciples. Accompanying his deeply spiritual and ascetic life, he was a zealous missionary with a passion to spread the message of Christ by preaching it to all he met. He sought not only to cure the physical ailments that people suffered, but had a great quest for nurturing and healing the "lost souls" of both non-Christians and Christians of his time. This missionary work came to fruition when in the mountains of Syria, St. Maroun was able to convert a temple into a Christian Church. This was to be the beginning of the conversion to Christianity in Syria which would then influence and spread to Lebanon. After his death in the year 410, his spirit and teachings lived on through his disciples and today he lies in "Brad" village to the north of Aleppo.



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## Mark Your Calendar

### February

- 13-15 MYO Regional Youth Retreat
- 22 MYO Dinner and Play
- 21-22 Symposium on Christianity in the Middle East

### Altar Server Schedule

- February 8: Team 3
- February 15: Team 1



### Church cleaning for February:

Nahida Hanna & Hala Kasnar

## 15% Of your total bill will go to Our Lady of Lebanon Church

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