



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday August 30, 2009 – Sunday September 6, 2009**

## Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
Subdeacon Earl Matte

## Parish Staff

Michelle Tennis - Secretary  
Pat Haley – Caterer

## Parish Leaders

Chuck Solomon – Parish Council  
Dee Gardner – Choir Director  
Joan McKnight – 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:



Ray Faris  
Aziz Massad  
Sue Stubbart  
Michelle Garey  
Amy Burke

Agnes Torok  
Helen Azzarello  
Sarah Marshall  
Hanneh Chammas  
Hap & Eve Maroun  
Joe Faris  
Ann Faris  
Helen Zerka  
Ann David  
Dorothy Mattar  
Wanda Maroun  
Phillip Shaker  
Linda Macksood



## Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

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



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY August 30: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M: (1Thes 2:1-13, Lk 10:38-42) Mary Matte

- Rep. Tanious Gebrael by George & Virginia Rizk
- Rep. Najla Assaf by Aziz & Dianne Massad
- Rep. Vivian Kattoola by Lillian Kattolla

### MONDAY 31: St. Abda, Martyr, St. Zakhia, Confessor, St. Aegidius, Confessor

- Int. Linda Macksood by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

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

- Int. Linda Macksood by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

### WEDNESDAY 2: St. Mammias the Great, Martyr

- Int. Linda Macksood by Yvonne Weissert

### THURSDAY 3: St. Gregory the Great

- Int. Linda Macksood by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

### FRIDAY 4: St. Rosalia

- Rep. Ralph Wofford by Jeff & Alicia Wofford & Family

### SATURDAY 5: St. Sharbel of Raha & His Sister, Martyr

5:00 PM

- Rep. Margaret Okal by Lewis & Jeanette Walterhouse
- Int. Linda Macksood by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

### SUNDAY September 6: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M: (1Thes 1:1-10, Lk 7:36-50) MYO

- Reps. Najla Assaf, Massad Toufic Massad & Tanious Gebrael by Nahida Hanna & Family
- Rep. Thomas Alex by the Altar Society
- Rep. Ralph Wofford by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

### SUNDAY September 13: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M: (Rom 8:18-27, Lk 18:9-14) Bob Pollack

- Rep. Tanious Gebrael by Aziz & Diane Massad
- Int. Danny & Asmahan Zerka by Duane & Dee Gardner
- Rep. Margaret Okal by Carl & Linda Lesser



The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Jaime Fabbri & Catherine O'Malley

## Announcements:



The Spiritual Committee will meet Monday, August 31 st, at 7:00 PM.



The Parish Council will meet Tuesday, September 1 st, at 7:00 PM.



The Altar Society will meet Wed. September 2nd at 6:00 PM at Sorrento's .



The MYO will meet on Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup> in the classrooms from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.



We are in need of additional instructors for this fall's Religious Education program. If you are able to teach one of our classes, please contact Father Hanna or the church office. Please consider volunteering your time to important cause.



Attention Parents! Sign-up sheets for Religious Education will be available by the classroom after mass today. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.



Our condolences to Mary Ann Sheehan whose sister, Helen Hogan, passed away last week. Please keep her in your prayers during this difficult time.



Our deepest condolences to Jeffery & Alicia Wofford on the death of Jeffery's father, Ralph Wofford on August 22, 2009. Our prayers and thoughts are with them in their time of sorrow.

*The first step to getting the thing you want out of life is this: Decide what you want.*



## Saint Abda, Martyr

Feastday August 31st

**St. Abda** was bishop of Susa in Iran. He was born in fourth-century Chaldor to a Zoroastrian mother. The latter educated him in good virtues, which made him loved by everyone.

After Abda gained an excellent education and grew up in a virtuous life, he was ordained a priest, and built in his hometown a monastery and a school, which he took personal care of and which grew to have around 60 teachers. Abda baptized for Jesus many lambs in Chaldor, and brought others to the true faith, which caused the magi to arrest him. In his prison, Abda endured humiliations, hunger, and pain persevering in his faith in Jesus, until his miraculous release.

During the persecution that was led by Shapur II against the Christians, a tree-cross grew up from the ground and caused numerous miracles. This tree brought many people around it, where they built a monastery, which Abda later joined and used as a base to preach the Gospel of Life. Abda became a bishop over Kaskhar, and many people followed in his footsteps, becoming disciples of him.

Engaged in a dispute with the local magi in AD 420, he was accused of burning down one of their temples, a pyramid of Ahura Mazda. King Yazdegerd ordered the bishop to restore and repair the building at his own expense, upon Abdas' refusal the King ordered the destruction of the churches. These events soured the relationship between the Christian church and the Persian government which had previously been good, and caused a wave of persecution against the Christians in Persia. Abda is supposed to have helped Maruthas in driving out a demon from Yezdegerd's, nothing else certain is known of him. Tradition adds to this that he was one of the first martyred in the persecution (he was clubbed to death), and for this he is considered a saint. His companions including the priests Hashu and Isaac, the secretary Ephrem, the Hypodeacon Papa, the laymen Daduk and Durdan, and Papa, a brother of Abda were also killed.



## Prayer to the Virgin Mary

*Mary, holy virgin mother, I have received your Son, Jesus Christ. With love you became his mother, gave birth to him, nursed him, and helped him grow to manhood. With love I return him to you, to hold once more, to love with all your heart, and to offer to the Holy Trinity as our supreme act of worship for your honor and for the good of all your pilgrim brothers and sisters.*

*Mother, ask God to forgive my sins and to help me serve him more faithfully. Keep me true to Christ until death, and let me come to praise him with you forever and ever. Amen.*



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**Altar Servers Schedule:**

Sept 6 : Team 2  
 Sept 13: Team 3

**Church cleaning for September:**

Mary Matte

**Mark Your Calendar**

**September:**

Sept 2: Altar Society - Sorrentos  
 Sept 13: Ordination Toni Massad  
 Sept 20: Mass by Abbott Semaan Abou Abdou

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