



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday December 26, 2010 – Sunday January 2, 2011**



## Just On Time

At a time of the year when the days are becoming shorter and we are moving toward the winter solstice, when the snow is everywhere and Christmas decorations shine in the night, when the air is filled with the sights, sounds and fragrances of the season, when the rich enjoy their gifts and the poor dream of being wealthy, the Church is preparing us for the coming of the Light of the World. Through the Advent images of light and darkness, shorter days and longer nights, the Word of God is preparing us for the Light of His presence in a deeper union with Him. Let us welcome the Emmanuel— God with us— in our hearts with joy, peace and Love.

In this Christmas season, I want to express to you how grateful I am for your commitment and loyalty to your spiritual home of Our Lady of Lebanon Church and congratulate each one of you, young and old, on the Birth of Christ who unites us.

May the Lord Jesus, our Sun, shine his light upon you and enlighten your way on your journey toward his kingdom

*Merry Christmas*

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*Abouna Hanna*

### Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
Subdeacon Earl Matte

### Parish Staff

Michelle Tennis - Secretary  
Pat Haley – Caterer  
Richard Baka – Custodian

### Parish Leaders

Tom Macksood- Parish Council  
Dee Gardner – Choir Director  
Dorothy Bolduc-Peppin - Organist  
Alicia Massad – Religious Ed.  
Mary Matte – Altar Society  
Jeanette Walterhouse –  
Morningstar Society

### Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

Monday thru Friday  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

### Please pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Hector & Rose Khoury  
Delore Shaker  
Amy Burke  
Helen Azzarello  
Nina Rachid  
Hanneh Chammas  
Eve Maroun  
Michel Farah  
Agnes Torok  
Ophelia Polovina  
Ann David  
Dorothy Mattar  
Wanda Maroun  
Bruce Lindhurst  
Ed Solomon

Julia Shaker  
Phil Adado  
Joe Faris  
Ann Faris  
Helen Zerka  
Nadia Sob  
Elisabeth Fanderl  
Sue Stubbert  
Michelle Garey  
Fayez Zerka



### Liturgy Schedule

Mon. – Wed. 9a.m.  
Friday 12noon  
Saturday 5p.m.  
Sunday 10a.m.

**Adoration and Rosary**  
Friday 11:00a.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.



## Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY December 26<sup>th</sup>: Sunday after the Glorious Birth

- 10A.M: (Eph 1:3-14, Lk 1:46-55) Mary Matte
- Rep. Mary Maroun Sauder & Family by Sam
  - The Faris Family by Phil & Marie Faris
  - Rep. Esther Blahed (40 day) by Yaakoop & Nahla Easi

#### 12 Noon Arabic Mass

- Int. Sam Hannosh by Amira Jabero

### MONDAY 27: St. Stephen, the First Martyr

- Int. Mr. & Mrs. Paul Simon by Deacon Marty and Nina

### TUESDAY 28: The Adoration of the Magi

- Int. of Deacon Marty and Nina Rachid by Marcus and Michelle Rossie

### WEDNESDAY 29: Flight into Egypt and the Killing of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- Rep. Sarah Marshall by Ralf & Edna Crookston

### THURSDAY 30: The Return from Egypt to Nazareth No Mass

### FRIDAY 31: St. Sylvester I

- Int. of Josef Massoud by Hector & Rose Khoury

### SATURDAY January 1: The Circumcision of Jesus

- Int. of All Parishioners

### SUNDAY January 2<sup>nd</sup>: Finding in the Temple

- 10A.M: (Heb 7:11-19, Lk 2:41-52) MYO
- Repts: Rahel & Shamo Kello by Maysoun & Kery Isho
  - Rep. Jean Rossie by Choir
  - Rep. Paul (Hap) Maroun by Mike & Rhonda Anderson

### SUNDAY January 9<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

- 10A.M: (1Cor 10:1-11, Jn 11:29-34) David Allen
- Rep. Msgr. Habib Kwaiter (1 yr) by Wilson & Gloria Lahoud
  - Rep. Subdeacon Charlie Rossie by Family
  - Rep. Paul (Hap) Maroun by Duane & Dee Gardner



### Thank You

We would like to thank all of our parishioners who have donated so generously to the families of Hurley Hospital. Your gifts of food and money have helped to provide baskets and gift cards to four families this holiday season. Thanks also to all of you who donated poinsettias and money help the Altar Society with cost of decorating the church this Christmas. We would especially like to express our appreciation to Juliet Hermiz, Eliane Zerka, Aida Hayek & Sawsan Kalo and all those who volunteered their time and talents to decorate the hall and church. They did a wonderful job and the church looks great!

## Announcements:



### Christmas Schedule

- Dec. 24 6:00 PM - Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 25 10:00 AM - Christmas Service
- Dec. 26 10:00 AM - Mass  
12:00 Noon - Arabic Mass
- Dec. 31 New Years Party



### Celebrate Together

I would like to invite all parishioners to stop by the rectory in the afternoon on Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for a holiday visit.  
*Abouna Hanna*



### Holiday Office Hours

The parish office will be closed on Monday, December, 27<sup>th</sup>.



### New Year's Party

Don't miss the opportunity to celebrate with us at our New Year's Eve party Friday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Johnny Solomon or Andre Zerkaif you would like to purchase tickets for this event.



### Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee will meet Monday January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm.



### Parish Council

The Parish Council will meet Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the library.



### Altar Society

There will be no Altar Society meeting in January.



### MYO

The MYO will meet Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

### Altar Servers Schedule:

- January 2: Team 1
- January 9: Team 2



### Ushers Schedules

- January 2: Team 1/MYO
- January 9: Team 2

### Church Cleaning January

Mary Matte

### Coffee & Donuts January

- Coffee: Mon Shaheen
- Donut Pick-up: Need Volunteer



## The Real Christmas



Merry Christmas! It's that holly berry day with the festive jingle bells – Santa Claus gaiety that we all love. So tear open the gifts and pour the eggnog! It's peaceon-earth day! Let's celebrate ... and *don't you dare* say anything negative that might "spoil" it!

Well, I'm going to tell you what Christmas really means, whether you like it or not. It is revealed that Jesus, the Savior, has come into the world in which we live. He didn't come to Disneyworld, to Never Never Land or to Toyland Jesus comes to *our* land, to *this* world.

It's a world where there is joy ... but also sorrow ... a world where there is happiness ... but also pain. It is a world of peace ... and war.

There are gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh ... but also there are nails, a purple robe and a crown of thorns.

This year, there are couples celebrating their first Christmas in their new homes. There are young men and women celebrating their first Christmas together. There are newborn babies celebrating their first Christmas ... ever.

And there are people too who celebrate their first Christmas without a husband, a wife, a parent, a close friend.

The true Christmas is not just for the jolly and it's certainly not only for children. It's for you and me, no matter what our situation.

Jesus, the Savior comes to each of us every year at this time to bring us what we need... comfort, grace and strength.

Christmas is a glorious day ... not because all our presents fit ... but because it is revealed that the sweet Baby lying in the manger ... is the divine Man hanging on the cross ... demonstrating God's lavish love for us. Because of that I say truly:

*Merry Christmas*

*Subdeacon Earl Matte*

**NEW YEAR'S PARTY 2011**

Presented By  
**Our Lady of Lebanon**

**Friday, December 31, 2010**  
Doors Open at 8:00pm  
Dinner at 8:30pm  
Entertainment at 9:00pm  
B.Y.O.B.

4133 Calhoun Rd. Flint, MI

Adults \$40  
Children 12 & Under \$25

For Tickets Call  
Andre Zarka 810.449.6966  
Johnny Solomon 810.691.8820

Live Entertainment By  
**DJ Ghada**  
"The One Woman Show"

**"To you is born this day  
In the City of David a Savior  
Who is the Messiah, the Lord"**

Luke 2:11

## CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA



Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus took time out of their busy schedule to pay a visit to Our Lady of Lebanon Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Both the children and adults had the opportunity to have their pictures taken with Santa Claus at our "Santa Station". Santa and Mrs. Claus also visited the classrooms and passed out candy to the children





### 2011 Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes are now available in the Narthex. If you do not see a box of envelopes with your name on it please call the church office. If you have contribution envelopes that you are behind on please consider catching them up as soon as possible. Sometime around the middle of January the printing of yearly contribution statements will take place. If anyone has any questions please call the office

### Stewardship

#### Weekend of December 18-19, 2010

Envelopes Distributed	170
Envelopes received this week	78
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,636.00
Fuel	\$ 95.00
Christmas	\$ 115.00
Online Donations	\$ 275.00
Loose	\$ 258.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 50.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,429.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	
Eparchial Christmas Appeal	\$ 50.00
Budgeted for December	\$ 14,000.00
<b>Amount needed to meet December Budget</b>	<b>( \$ 4,200.00)</b>



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