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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday December 5, 2010 – Sunday December 12, 2010



The Father

“Our Father Who art in heaven...”

Why do we call God that?

We say, “Father” as though He is human. Shouldn’t we give Him a **non**-human name...like the American Indians did: “Great Spirit”? Or why not play it safe and simply say: “God”? Or call Him “Creator”...which would certainly describe what He does?

But if we really need to use a human name, why not “Mother”... or “Parent”?

Even if we admit we live in a patriarchal, male-dominated society there are other masculine names that we could use. What about “Warrior King” (guys should like that), or the feudal “Lord”, or “Just Judge”? all very descriptive and apt titles.

But from Bible times right up to today, we always say “Our Father”. It’s what Jesus and Paul called God. When they addressed Him that way, what do you think they intended?

Well, we know the New Testament used the Aramaic word “Abba” for father which is very intimate, something like “daddy”. It is usually translated as **THE** father.

To the first century biblical mind, **A** father was provider, protector and model of good behavior for the family. But **THE** father was more than that. He was the householder who took care of not only the wife and kids. He took care of everybody on his property: brothers and sisters, clients and dependents, unmarried females and out-of-work males, animals, lands, even tools used.

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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:



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| Phil Adado | Hector & Rose Khoury |
| Joe Faris | Delore Shaker |
| Ann Faris | Amy Burke |
| Helen Zerka | Helen Azzarello |
| Nadia Sob | Nina Rachid |
| Elisabeth Fanderl | Hanneh Chammas |
| Sue Stubbert | Eve Maroun |
| Michelle Garey | Michel Farah |
| Fayez Zerka | Agnes Torok |
| | Ophelia Polovina |
| | Ann David |
| | Dorothy Mattar |
| | Wanda Maroun |
| | Bruce Lindhurst |



Liturgy Schedule

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| 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 5th: Birth of John the Baptist

10A.M: (Gal 4:21-5:1, Lk 1:57-66) MYO

- Rep. Karen Solomon (10 yr) by Family
- Rep. Mike Nemer (1 year) by Family
- Reps. George & Josef Daher by Josef & Mona Massoud

MONDAY 6: St. Nicholas, Confessor

- Rep. Sadie-Bouhasin Cary by Aziz & Diane Massad

TUESDAY 7: St. Ambrose, Doctor of the church, Confessor

- Int. of Stephanie Hendrick by Millie & Family

WEDNESDAY 8: The Immaculate Conception

Mass 9:00AM & 6:00 PM

- Rep. Ghantous Tayar by Saffa & Linda Kouza
- Rep. Thomas Alex by Robert & Nawal Gebrael

THURSDAY 9: St. Peter Fourier; St. Juan Diego No Mass

FRIDAY 10: St. Gregory III

Rep. Helen O'Brien by Nieces

SATURDAY 11: St. Damasus

- Rep. Edward Faris (25 yrs.) by His Son & Family

SUNDAY December 12th: Revelation to Joseph

10A.M: (Eph 3:1-13, Mt. 1:18-25) Diane Massad

- Rep. Norman Weissert by Yvonne & Family
- Int. Dee Gardner & Eliane Zerka by Colette Rizk
- Rep. Juliet Haddad by Saffa & Linda Kouza

SUNDAY December 19th: Genealogy Sunday

10A.M: (Rom 1:1-12, Mt. 1:1-17) Earl Matte

- Rep. Jean Rossie by Aziz & Diane Massad
- Rep. Mary Faris by the Faris Family
- Rep. Linda Macksood by Duane & Dee Gardner

The Father Continued...

Are the fields well prepared? Abba will see to it. Are livestock provided for? See Dad. Do sick children get special care? Do dependents (hiredhands and family) have enough food, shelter, clothing? The father will handle it.

Does everyone have a fair share of everything? Does everyone have enough?

When Jesus referred to God as "Father" this was the accepted concept of The Father: the One Who takes care of everything.

So why do we say "Our Father Who art in heaven"...? Well, because that is who He is.

By Subdeacon Earl Matte



Condolences

We wish to offer our deepest condolences to Yaakop and Nahla Easi on the death of Nahla's grandmother, Esther Blahed, Friday, November 26th in Detroit, MI. Our sympathies and prayers are with the family during this time of mourning

Announcements:



The Christmas Novena will begin on Wednesday, December 15 at 6 pm. Confessions will be heard for ½ hour before and after the 6:00 pm service. Please try to attend these services as we prepare our souls for the coming of Jesus.



Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee will meet Monday December 6th at 7:00 pm.



Parish Council

The Parish Council will meet for the last time this year Tuesday December 7th at 7:00 pm in the library. This meeting will be to thank the old members and welcome the new members.



Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. There will be mass at 9am and 6pm that day.



Bible Study Classes

Please join us in our Tuesday Bible Study classes which are being held at 7:00 pm. The chapter and verses for December 7th are John 11: 1-44.



MYO

A preparation for Christmas will be held during the MYO meeting on Thursday, December 9th 6:00pm.



Church Cleaning

The Altar Society will meet to clean the Temple for Christmas Saturday, December 18th at 10am.



Christmas Decorations

For those who wish to donate money for Temple Christmas decorations, the Altar Society will accept your donations the weekend of Dec. 18th & 19th. Or, you may give them directly to the church office



Baptism

Congratulations to Laurence & Meghan Aremia on the baptism of their daughter, Caleigh Faye Aremia here at Our Lady of Lebanon on Saturday, November 27th. God's grace and joy abide with her.

**You cannot shake hands
with a clenched fist.**



2011 Parish Council Elections

This year our parish needed six individuals (three elected and three appointed) to replace vacancies on our Parish Council.

As only three of the people who were selected by the nominating committee accepted the honor of running for the council, we will not be holding elections this year. The three that accepted will automatically be given spots on the Council. These members are:

Tom Macksood (reelected)
Jason Klansack (reelected)
Cindy Shaheen

In accordance with the Council By-Laws, I have appointed three additional individuals who have agreed to serve as council members

George Rasak
Wilson Lahoud
Raad Kouza

The above members will begin their terms on the Parish Council at our first meeting in January.

I would like to thank all of our council members for their hard work and dedication to our parish especially our outgoing members who have served for two consecutive terms: Scott Shaheen, Marcus Rossie, Nahida Hanna and Johnny Solomon. All the old and new Parish Council members are requested to attend our upcoming meeting on Tuesday, December 7th to help make the January transition a smooth one. *Abouna Hanna*



Fundraiser for Maronite Heritage Institute

St. Maron Church in Minneapolis is conducting a special fund raiser to support the completion of the Maronite Heritage Institute in St. Louis, MO. The Center is being constructed for all the Middle-Eastern Churches and especially the Maronites in the USA. St. Maron Church is selling 1600 raffle tickets at \$50 each with the profit to go towards the project. First prize for the raffle is \$10,000. They have sent us 50 tickets in hopes that some of our parishioners will buy them and support this cause. If you are interested in purchasing one of the tickets, please contact the church office.

Altar Servers Schedule:

December 12: Team 3
December 19 Team 1



Ushers Schedules

December 12: Team 2
December 19 Team 3

Church Cleaning December

Mary Matte

Coffee & Donuts December

Coffee: Najib Massaad
Donut Pick-up: Najib Massaad

MYA Thanksgiving Food Baskets



This November, the MYA of Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church took on a Food for Families project as one of their activities. The MYA members collected Thanksgiving food donations from area business for five families chosen by Tazaire Robison of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Flint. These families received two boxes each, one of all non perishable goods such as canned goods, rice or pasta and a second of a "Turkey Kit" a box filled with everything needed for a Thanksgiving feast. On Wednesday, November 24th, the MYA delivered the food they had collected to the Boys and Girls Club and spent the afternoon volunteering their time with children at the facility.



Mark Your Calendar

December:

- Dec. 18 Cleaning of the Temple (10 am)
- Dec. 31: New Years Party

Stewardship

Weekend of November 27-28, 2010

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| Envelopes Distributed | 170 |
| Envelopes received this week | 73 |
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| Weekly envelopes | \$ 2,559.00 |
| Fuel | \$ 25.00 |
| Loose | \$ 150.00 |
| Christmas | \$ 25.00 |
| Eparchial Assessment | \$ 115.00 |
| Total Sunday Collection | \$ 2,874.00 |
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| Second Collection | |
| Eparchial Christmas Appeal | \$ 30.00 |
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| Budgeted for November | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Amount needed to meet November Budget | (\$ 3,865.00) |



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