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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday January 31, 2010 – Sunday February 7, 2010

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Tom Macksood- Parish Council
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Mary Matte – Altar Society
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar Society



What Do You Want To Be?

Robert Lax converted to the Catholic Faith in the mid 1960's. He was known, in his day, for creating experimental poetry and he's mentioned in some theology courses for a constantly repeated question which he would put to anyone he'd meet. He'd ask constantly: "What do you want to be?"

Now, Lax's circle of friends consisted of artists and teachers. So, their answer usually was... "I want to be a well-known painter, sculptor, writer"... or ... "I want to be an instructor at university or some cultural institution."

But, Lax intended his question to be on a more spiritual plane. "BEFORE GOD," ... "What do you want to be?"

What would I answer, I wonder?

"What you should say,"...Lax would insist... "What you SHOULD say is that you want to be a saint!"

What?!? No! I don't want to be that! I know the reality of my own life. I know what saints do...what they give up...what they suffer. No I'm satisfied just to save my soul. Just to keep out of

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- * **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:



Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Helen Zerka
Jean Rossie
Aziz Massad
Sue Stubbart
Michelle Garey
Amy Burke

Francis Adado
Delore Shaker
Fr. David Przedwiecki
Helen Azzarello
Sarah Marshall
Hanneh Chammas
Hap & Eve Maroun
Daniel Smithengell
Agnes Torok
Roger Nesser
Ann David
Dorothy Mattar
Wanda Maroun
Linda Macksood
Phil Shaker

Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

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

Liturgy Schedule

Mon.- Thurs 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.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY January 31st: Sunday of the Righteous and the Just

- 10A.M.** (Heb 12:18-24, Mt. 25:31-46) Earl Matte
- Int. Sam Russo by Teresa & Josie Knight
 - Rep. Hanna Rizk by David & May Gantos
 - Rep. Mike O'Brien by Ralph & Helen Burgess

MONDAY February 1: St. Bridgid of Ireland
No Mass

TUESDAY 2: Presentation of Christ in the Temple
No Mass

WEDNESDAY 3: Sts. Simeon the Venerable & Anna the Prophetess
No Mass

THURSDAY 4: St. Veronica
No Mass

FRIDAY 5: St. Agatha, Martyr
No Mass

SATURDAY 6: St. Paul Miki & Companions

- Rep. Alice Griffiths by Ralph & Helen Burgess

SUNDAY February 7th: Sunday of the Faithful Departed

- 10A.M.** (1 Thes 5:1-11, Lk 16:19-31) MYO
- Rep. Joseph Tayar by Robert & Nawal Gebrael & Family
 - Reps. Khosha Kalo & Shami Dawood by Sam & Samira Kalo
 - Rep. Shamoon Hanna by Thomas & Hanni Hermiz
 - Rep. Peter Joubran by the Family

SUNDAY February 14th: Miracle of Cana at Galilee

- 10A.M.** (Rom 14:14-23, Jn 2:1-11) Mary Matte
- Reps. George Faris & Joseph Faris Jr. by the Faris Family



We wish to extend our condolences to the family of Baseem Kassis who passed away on Tuesday, January 26th and whose funeral was celebrated Friday at St. George Church. Our thoughts are with them in their time of loss.

Altar Servers Schedule:

Feb. 7	Team 3
Feb. 14	Team 4



Church Cleaning for February
Hala & Nahida

Announcements:



The Altar Society will meet Wednesday February 3 at 7:00 in the hall.



The Stewardship Committee and the Parish Council will be meeting the second week in February.



Please keep in your prayers the 26 youths and 4 advisers from Our Lady of Lebanon who will be attending the MYO Retreat in Youngstown, Ohio on February 12. They would appreciate any donations to help fund their trip.



Father Hanna will be out of this coming week so no masses are scheduled Monday through Friday. The office will be open during regular hours.



The second collection on Feb. 7th will be for Catholic Home Missions.



We wish to extend our condolences to the family of Sameer & Manal Dabish on the loss of Manal's grandmother, Jamela Gorial, who passed away on Friday, January 22nd in Iraq. Please keep the family in your prayers in the coming weeks.

What Do You Want To Be continued...

serious sin. That's enough for me. I don't want to be...well... "holy."

But, from what I've read about Robert Lax, I think he'd reply to my half-hearted spirituality like this:

"All that is really necessary to be a saint, Earl, is for you to want to be one.

Don't you believe that God will make you what He created you to be, if you will consent to let Him do it?"

You can only be spiritually satisfied if you let God lead you by any path HE chooses:

You really CAN be a saint. But it's true. You DO have to allow it to happen. It all depends on what you want to be.

Submitted by Subdeacon Earl Matte



St. Anna the Prophetess

Feastday: February 3

Anna the Prophetess was a biblical figure mentioned only in the Gospel of Luke. According to that Gospel, she was an aged Jewish prophetess who prophesied about Jesus at the Temple of Jerusalem. She appears in Luke 2:36-38 in the episode of the presentation of Jesus at the Temple which is why her feast is celebrated the following day.

While Luke gave some elements, Anna's life and background are obscure. From the three verses in Luke, the following is known of Anna: She was a prophetess, she was a member of the tribe of Asher, she was widowed after seven years of marriage, and she was a devout Jew who regularly practiced prayer, and fasting.

Some scholars state that she may have been over 100 years old.

Stewardship

Week of January 17-31, 2010

Registered Families	170
Envelopes received this week	81
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,266.00
Loose and visitors	\$ 13.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 2,279.00
Second Collection	
Haitian Relief	\$ 1,338.00
Maronite Voice	\$ 5.00
Budgeted for January	\$ 18,500.00
Amount needed to meet Jan. Budget	(\$6,677.00)

Mark Your Calendar

February:

Feb 6: St Maron's Feast

Feb 15: Ash Monday

Feb 12-14: Regional Youth Retreat

JANUARY 21ST MID EAST LUNCHEON



Our January 21st Mid East Luncheon was one of the most successful ever. The ladies of the parish served 112 lunches in the hall and an additional 70 lunches to go. Together with food that was sold on Sunday and the donations received, we made a profit of over \$2,100 on the event. We would like to thank all the parishioners for their time and dedication to make this event possible. We would especially like to thank those who donated over \$650.00 to purchase the food to prepare the luncheon. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated and generous parishioners!



St. Maron's Feast



Saturday, February 6, 2010

featuring
*Arabic & American
Music & Cuisine*

Mass will be celebrated at 5pm
Dinner at 6:30pm

Tickets are \$15 for adults and
\$8 for children 12 and under
For tickets see: Church office 732-2370
Or any member of the Parish Council



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