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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday July 11, 2010 – Sunday July 18, 2010

Are We Just Lucky

My boyhood hero was my parish priest. Father Zipple, associate pastor of St. Michael's, could do or say no wrong...at least, in my eyes.

But after a high school basketball game...that we lost...I was surprised to hear Father say: "Well, that was bad luck".

Luck?!?! Do we believe we lost because we were unlucky? What about (you're a priest, Father!)...What about...the Will of God?

Father Zipple explained his remark this way: "I do believe in God's Will, but I don't think God plans His day around me".

At the time, I thought Father's explanation was so wise, clever, and even funny.

But since then, after years of experiencing many failures and a couple of successes, I think Father's explanation was more clever than wise...and I believe now that Father was wrong.

The greatness of God does allow Him to "plan His day around" me".

We are that important to God...important enough for Him to give His Son's life for us...important enough for His spirit to take up residence in our souls...important enough for God to make Himself available to us individually...everyday...at our convenience.

You could say, I guess, that we are just lucky. Or let's say we are very, very blessed.

Submitted by Subdeacon Earl Matte

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:



Phil Adado
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Helen Zerka
Jean Rossie
Aziz Massad
Sue Stubbart
Michelle Garey
Lori Meadows
Elisabeth Fanderl
Ed Soloman

Hector & Rose Khoury
Delore Shaker
Amy Burke
Helen Azzarello
Sarah Marshall
Hanneh Chammas
Hap & Eve Maroun
Phil Shaker
Agnes Torok
Ophelia Polovina
Ann David
Dorothy Mattar
Wanda Maroun
Linda Macksood
Fayez Zerka
Bruce Lindhurst
Bob Griffiths



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.

- * **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 July 11th 8th Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M: (Rom. 8:1-11, Mt 12:14-21) Elias Chammas

- Rep. Michael Komanecky by George & Virginia Rizk
- Int. Hap & Eve Maroun by the Maroun Family
- Rep. Edward Hanna by Fouzi & Eliane Zerka

MONDAY 12: St. John Gualbert

Rep. Fran Adado by George & Louise Faris

TUESDAY 13: Joel the Prophet

Rep. Edward Khoury by Joan Lowe

WEDNESDAY 14: Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha, Confessor

Rep. Nancy Larocco by Mary Ann Sheehan

THURSDAY 15: Sts. Kyriakos & Yolitta, Martyrs No Mass

FRIDAY 16: The Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

- Rep. Ghantous Tayar by Gino & Sawsan Kalo

SATURDAY 17: St. Marina Nun of Qannoubine, Confessor

- Rep. Edward Khoury (40 day) by Sami Hayek & Family

SUNDAY July 18th 9th Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M: (2Cor 5:20-6:10, Lk 4:14-21) Ferris Anthony

- Reprs. Jacob, Mary & Louie Zerka by George & Virginia Rizk
- Reprs. George & Mary Faris by Phil & Marie Faris
- Rep Mike Nemer by Samira Nemer & Family

SUNDAY July 25th 10th Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M: (1Cor 12:1-11, Mt 12:22-32) Erik Lindhurst

- Reprs. George & Mary Faris by Phil & Marie Faris
- Rep. Edward Hanna by Sami & Hayek & Family
- Rep Ghantous Tayar by Lazar & Nahida Hanna



Nina and I wish to thank all of the parishioners, family and friends from Our Lady of Lebanon. who offered their prayers and support and Masses on the death of Nina's sister Luba. We are blessed to have such wonderful and caring friends.

Deacon Marty and Nina Rachid

Altar Servers Schedule:

July 18: Team 3

July 25: Team 1

Ushers Schedule

July 18: Team 2

July 25: Team 3

Church Cleaning July

Eva Joubran & Linda Kouza

Coffee & Donuts July

Coffee: Mary Matte
Donut Pick-up – Diane Massad



Announcements:



MYO Retreat

Parents of the youths attending the MYO retreat need to attend a meeting Wednesday, July 14th at 6:00 pm in the church hall. If you have not filled out your child's medical forms, please be sure to bring your health cards to the meeting. The cost for the retreat is \$250.00 per child. Unless you have made previous arrangements with Father Hanna, the balance owed for the retreat is due at this time as well.



Sunday Coffee & Donuts

We are looking for volunteers to pick-up our Sunday morning donut order at Tim Horton's on Linden Road and to make coffee Sunday mornings. Diane Massad and Mary Matte have graciously volunteered to cover these duties for the month of July. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church for the remainder of the year. Please sign up if you are able to handle one or more of these dates.



Abbott Semann Abou Abdou

On Sunday, July 18, Abbott Semann Abou Abdou, the superior General of the Mariamite Maronite Order will honor us by presiding over our services. We hope that as many parishioners as possible will attend this mass and welcome Abbott Abou Abdou.



Summer Bible School

Sign up sheets for Summer Bible School are now available in the back of the church. We would like to have these returned by Sunday July 25th so that we have an accurate count of children attending and can plan on supplies for the week. Summer Bible School will be held daily Monday Aug. 2nd through Friday Aug. 6th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The cost will be \$5.00 per child. Children ages 3 to 12 will be welcome but younger children **must be potty trained**. For additional information, contact Tonya Solomon (810) 659-0915



Please keep Bob Griffiths in your prayers. He has been extremely ill and is in intensive care at McLaren Hospital. Also remember Dr. John Abdella and Nadia Sob who are in the hospital as well.

*In the end it's not the years in your
life that count.
It's the life in your years!*

THANK YOU

Dear Parish Family:

Words cannot express the feelings my family has for our parish family, for the time and work you people have given us in this wonderful event of the ordination of Tony, our son – and your parish son. I know in my heart, and by the grace of Almighty God, he will make this parish proud. As he begins his journey in his priestly life, pray for him that the decisions he makes are good ones to better the vocation he has chosen.

You people are generous and helpful to anyone who calls upon you for anything that comes our way.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Love,
The Massad family
Aziz, Diane, Tony
Alicia & Paul

Prayer for Volunteers

We give you thanks, O Lord: for those who lead and those who follow; for officers and councils and committees and boards.

We give you thanks, O Lord: For cleaners and dusters, for maintainers and fixers, for those who cook and those who eat:

We give you thanks, O Lord: For administrators and helpers, for counters and record keepers, for bulletin folders and envelope stuffers:

We give you thanks, O Lord: For those who give and those who pray, for those who plan and those who guide; for those with wisdom and those with inspiration:

We give you thanks, O Lord: For our past and for our future, for the many ways that we embody Christ for the needy in the world, for mission and ministry and for a purpose for being the Church: Bind us to your love, and through that love, to one another, for the sake of the gospel. Make us cheerful givers and faithful workers for the kingdom of your Son:

Holy God, Blessed Lord, we thank you for all the good people of faith that you have raised up among us for the work of the gospel. Multiply our gifts by your Holy Spirit. Be in our hands and our minds and our words that we might bring your love to the world. And prosper our work to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen



St. Marina Feastday: July 16

St. Marina, was the daughter of a very rich Christian man. Her name was Mariam, and her mother died when she was little girl. Her father raised her. When he wanted to give her in marriage, so he could go and become a monk, she told him, "O my father, why would you save your own soul, and destroy mine?" He answered saying, "what shall I do with you? You are a woman." She told him, "I will take off my woman's dress and will put on the garb of a man." She shaved off her hair and put on the garb of a man. When her father saw her strong determination and persistent desire, he gave all his possessions to the poor, keeping only a very little for himself, and he called her Marina instead of Mariam.

They went to one of the monasteries, where they lived for ten years. Her father, who was an old man, died, and St Marina was left by herself. She doubled her fasting, prayers. No one knew that she was a woman, and they attributed her soft voice to her intense piety and vigilant prayers.

Once, it was necessary that St. Marina lodge at an inn. The innkeeper's daughter, believing that St. Marina was a man, burned with desire for the young monk. After pursuing the monk and humiliating herself when repulsed, the innkeeper's daughter sought revenge. She accused the righteous St. Marina of seducing her. She did this because she already had illicit relations with a soldier and had conceived by him.

After she was accused of impregnating this woman, Marina was dismissed from the monastery. Marina still did not reveal her identity and became a beggar at the monastery's gates. Marina was forced to take custody of the child and was finally readmitted to the monastery with her "son." There, Marina performed the lowliest tasks and was forced also to perform severe penances. Her sex was finally revealed at her death.

Her wonderful humility, meekness, and patience are celebrated in the lives of the fathers of the desert. She died about the middle of the eighth century.

Mark Your Calendar

July:

July 7-11 NAM Convention
 July 19-24 MYO Retreat

August:

August 2-6 Summer Bible School
 August 15 Assumption



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Stewardship

Weekend of July 3-4, 2010

Registered Families	170
Envelopes received this week	55
Weekly envelopes	\$ 1,548.00
Fuel	\$ 337.00
Online Donations	\$ 105.00
Loose and visitors	\$ 51.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 2,401.00
Second Collection	-0-
Budgeted for July	\$ 17,500 .00
Amount needed to meet June Budget	(\$15,459.00)



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