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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday July 18, 2010 – Sunday July , 25 2010

Dear Parishioners, dear friends,

I'm writing these few words with **two tears in my eyes** one tear of **joy** and one of **sorrow**. It has been a great **pleasure** to see two **big** events successfully accomplished in our Church: the **Ordination** to the priesthood of one of our children and beloved parishioner, Toni Aziz Massad, and the **Festival** Each event brought in a different way **joy to our hearts** and the **graces of God to our life** We showed as a community that we are capable of working together for a greater goal. We showed **that** which **unites us** is much bigger than that which separates us, even if we were different. **Our differences contribute to our richness.**

In the other eye, there is a tear of sorrow for a great loss in my life. My dad is irreplaceable. I felt completely confused, but your prayers and your support are for me a **consolation** in this difficult time.

It reminds me the words of Jesus on the Gospel: *“Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake, but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life”* (Mk 10:29-30). **May God bless you all**, committees and parishioners, for your dedication, and donations and support for what we are accomplishing in our Church and keep you and your family safe. **God loves you, and so do I.**

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:



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

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



Nadia Sob

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 18th 9th Sunday of Pentecost

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

- Reps. Jacob, Mary & Louie Zerka by George & Virginia Rizk
- Reps. George & Mary Faris by Phil & Marie Faris
- Rep. Mike Nemer (6 Months) by Samira Nemer & Family

MONDAY 19: St. Arsenius

Int. Rev. Vincent Farhat by Mary Ann Sheehan

TUESDAY 20: Elias the Prophet

Int. of Miss Mary V. James by James & Theresa Manoharan

WEDNESDAY 21: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Rep. Ted Trisha by Deacon Marty & Nina

THURSDAY 22: St. Nohra, Martyr

No Mass

FRIDAY 23: St. Sharbel, Confessor

- Rep. Ghantous Tayar by Gino & Sawsan Kalo

SATURDAY 24: St. Christina of Tyre, Martyr

- Rep. Edward Khoury (40 day) by Family

SUNDAY July 25th 10th Sunday of Pentecost

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

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

SUNDAY August 1st 11th Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M: (Eph 2:17-22, Lk 19:1-10) MYO

- Reps. Stephen & Mary Bernath by Phil & Marie Faris
- Rep. Ghantous Tayar (40 day) by Abouna Hanna



I wish to thank all of the parishioners, families, and friends from Our Lady of Lebanon church who offered their prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, visits, Masses, and support following the death of my father, Ghantous Tayar. I feel very fortunate to have such wonderful people surrounding me in this time of sorrow. .

Abouna Hanna



Congratulations to Bob and Patti Pollack who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Friday, July 16th. May God bless them with many more years of happiness together.

God promises a safe landing
Not a calm passage.

Announcements:



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.



Final Announcement Summer Bible School

If your child will be attending Summer Bible School we need their application into the office this week. It 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



On behalf of the church and parishioners I would like to extend my thanks to the festival committee and all the volunteers for their dedication and hard work and for all the donations which made this year's festival such a great success. We are currently paying the final festival expenses and should shortly have a report regarding the profits for this year's event.

Abouna Hanna



PRAYER TO SAINT S HARBEL

**Lord, infinitely Holy and Glorified in Your Saints,
You have inspired Sharbel, the saint monk,
to lead the perfect life of a hermit.**

**We thank You for granting him the blessing
and the strength to detach himself from the world
so that the heroism of the monastic virtues of
poverty, obedience, and chastity,
could triumph in his hermitage.**

**We beseech You to grant us the grace of loving and
serving You,
following his example.**

**Almighty God, Who has manifested
the power of St. Sharbel's intercession
through his countless miracles and favors,
grant us your blessings
through his intercession.**

Amen.

Altar Servers Schedule:

July 25: Team 1
August 1: Team 2



Ushers Schedule

July 25: Team 3
August 1: Team 1/MYO

Church Cleaning July

Eva Joubran & Linda Kouza

Coffee & Donuts July

Coffee: Mary Matte
Donut Pick-up – Diane Massad



Festival Picnic

There will be a cookout for all the festival volunteers at 2:00 pm, Sunday, July 25th at the rectory. Please sign up in the back of the church if you will be able to attend.

Also if you chaired, worked or attended the festival we would like to know your opinion on how it ran and how we can improve it next year. There are forms in the back of the church that you can fill out and leave at the office or mail to the parish.



St. Christina of Tyre, Martyr Feastday: July 25

The Martyr Christina lived during the third century. She was born into a rich family, and her father was Governor of Tyre. By the age of 11 the girl was exceptionally beautiful, and many men asked for her hand in marriage. Christina's father, however, wanted his daughter to become a pagan priestess. He placed her in a special room where he had set up many gold and silver idols, and he ordered his daughter to burn incense before them.

In her solitude, Christina wondered who had created this beautiful world. From her room, she was delighted by the stars of the heavens, and she constantly thought about the Creator of the world. She was convinced that the voiceless and inanimate idols in her room could not create anything, since they themselves were created by human hands. She began to pray to the One God with tears, entreating Him to reveal Himself. Her soul blazed with love for the Unknown God, and she intensified her prayer all the more, combining it with fasting.

Christina was visited by an angel, who instructed her in the true faith in Christ. The angel called her a bride of Christ and told her that she would suffer for her faith. Christina smashed all the idols in her room and threw them out the window. Shortly thereafter, Christina's father visited her and asked where all the idols had gone. Christina would not speak, but summoning her servants, her father learned the truth from them.

In a rage, Christina's father began to slap her face. At first, she was quiet, but then she told her father about her faith in the One True God, and that she had destroyed the idols with her own hands. Her father gave orders to kill all the servants who had attended his daughter, and he fiercely beat Christina and threw her in prison. Having learned about what had happened, Christina's mother came crying to her daughter's cell and urged her to renounce Christ. However, Christina remained unyielding. The next day, her father brought Christina to trial and ordered that she worship the pagan gods and ask forgiveness for her sins. Instead, she gave a firm and steadfast confession of her faith in Christ. Her father ordered that Christina be tied to an iron wheel, beneath which was lit a fire. Her body, turning round on the wheel, was scorched on all sides. She was then thrown back into prison.

That night, an angel appeared, healing her wounds and strengthening her with food. Seeing her unharmed, her father gave orders to drown her in the sea. An angel sustained Christina while the stone sank to the bottom, and she miraculously came out of the water and reappeared before her father. Her father subscribed this event to sorcery, and he decided to execute her in the morning. However, that same night, her father suddenly died.

Governor Dion was sent in his place. Dion ordered Christina to renounce Christ, but seeing her unyielding firmness, he again subjected her to torture. She was then thrown back into prison where Dion thought she would eventually perish. However, people began to flock to her, and she converted about 300 people to the true faith in Christ.

In place of Dion, a new governor, Julian, arrived and resumed Christina's torture. Julian ordered that she be locked in a red-hot furnace. After five days the furnace was opened and Christina was found alive and unharmed. Seeing this miracle, many came to believe in Christ the Savior. Finally, St. Christina was executed with a sword.

Mark Your Calendar

July:

July 25: Festival Picnic
 July 19-24 MYO Retreat

August:

August 2-6 Summer Bible School
 August 15 Assumption



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Stewardship

Weekend of July 10-11, 2010

Registered Families	170
Envelopes received this week	34
Weekly envelopes	\$ 1,157.00
Fuel	\$ 20.00
Loose and visitors	\$ 143.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 1,320.00
Second Collection	
Catholic Universities	\$ 47.00
Budgeted for July	\$ 17,500 .00
Amount needed to meet June Budget	(\$14,139 .00)

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