



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday March 7, 2010 – Sunday March 14, 2010**

## 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  
Sr. Therese Tayar & Alicia Massad – Religious Ed.  
Mary Matte – Altar Society  
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar Society



## WHO IS THE PRODIGAL SON? AM I?

Our Lenten Countdown Continues this week with the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Today we explore the two themes of **Repentance** and **Forgiveness** with the youngest and oldest son.

Are we any different? This parable reminds us of the words of Jesus in the Gospel: *“You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye”* (Mt 7,5).

Perhaps the faithful parishioner’s who stay with the church (like the oldest son) need to practice more **penitence and humility** than the others especially in welcoming them back after being far away? We follow the rules, but with a lack of love.

**Let us all repent and grow in the Father’s likeness. “For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”**

*Submitted by Abouna Hanna*

- \* **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 Stubbert  
Michelle Garey  
Luba Elia

Delore Shaker  
Amy Burke  
Helen Azzarello  
Sarah Marshall  
Hanneh Chammas  
Hap & Eve Maroun  
Phil Shaker  
Agnes Torok  
Fran Adado  
Ann David  
Dorothy Mattar  
Wanda Maroun  
Linda Macksood

**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 March 7<sup>th</sup>: The Parable of the Prodigal Son

**10A.M.** (2Cor 13:5-13, Lk 15:11-32) MYO

- Rep. Elias Zerka (1 year) by Family
- Rep. Wajdi Badr (3 year) by the Badr Family
- Reps. Gereous & Nazira Zerka by Fouzi & Eli ane Zerka and Family

### MONDAY March 8: St. John of God

- Rep. Ray Faris Mr. & Mrs. James Linden

### TUESDAY 9: The Forty Martyrs

**Mass 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm**

- Int. of Marty & Nina Rachid by the Altar Society .

### WEDNESDAY 10: St. Macarius of Jerusalem

- Rep. Maragee Issa Gorla, Issa Gorla & Miriam Dahman by Sabria Massoud Issa

### THURSDAY 11: St. Eulogius

- Rep. Charlie Rossie by the Aziz Family

### FRIDAY 12: Pope St. Gregory the Great, Doctor of the Church, Confessor

**Mass 5:30 pm Adoration of the Cross at 6 p.m.**

Rep. Eddie Rashid by Robert & Nawal lGebrael

### SATURDAY 13: St. Roderic

- Rep. Maria Lopez (40 day) by Millie Hendrick

### SUNDAY March 14<sup>th</sup>: Healing of the Paralytic

**10A.M.** (1Tim 5:24-6:5, Mk 2:1-12) Ferris Anthony

- In Memory of Norman Weissert by Yvonne Weissert
- Reps. Elias Sleiman Badr & Aziz Chammas by John & Fadia Badr

### SUNDAY March 21<sup>st</sup>: Healing of the Blind Man

**10A.M.** (2Cor 10:1-7, Mk 10:46-52) Erik Lindhurst

- Rep. Aziz Chammas (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by Family
- Rep. Roger Nesser by Francis & Salwa Haddad



## LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Our Lady of Lebanon Church will be hosting a Communal Penance Service on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> after 5:30 Mass. Reverend Gary McInnis will be preside over the service and will give the homily. The service is open to all Catholics. Please make an effort to attend this service and take advantage of the opportunity to receive the sacrament of confession.

*True integrity is shown when no one is looking!*

*Author Unknown*

## Announcements:

### Bible Study



Please join us for Mass at 6:00 pm on Tuesdays to be followed by our weekly Bible Study classes at 7:00 pm. This schedule continue throughout Lent. Readings to be discussed are posted on the bulletin board.

### Adoration of the Cross



Mass will be held at 5:30 pm on Fridays followed by adoration of the Cross at 6:00 pm during Lent. Please come and take advantage of this opportunity to worship. Note that there will be no morning adoration or Mass on Fridays until after Easter.

### NAM Retreat



The NAM Mid West Region Lenten Retreat will be held March 19-21 at Our Lady of Lebanon National Shrine in North Jackson, OH. Please check the flyer on the bulletin board for details. Registration forms are available in the back of the church. The pre-registration deadline for this event is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### NAM Scholarships



Several college scholarships are available for high school students through NAM this coming spring. Scholarships are available for active MYO members who are high school seniors. The applications are available through the church office.

### Lebanese Parliamentary Elections



Please check the bulletin board and read the memo from the Consulate General of Lebanon, Detroit regarding the rights of Lebanese citizens residing in the US to register to vote in the upcoming 2013 Lebanese Parliamentary Elections. Requests to register for the elections are available in the back of the church.



Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Sami & Aida Hayek on the death of Aida's nephew, Wadeh Zogheib. He was buried in Lebanon on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him and all of our faithful departed in your prayers.

### Altar Servers Schedule:

Mar. 14 Team 2  
Mar. 21 Team 3



### Church Cleaning for March

Diane, Nawal, Cindy

Happy 40th

Birthday

Abouna Hanna!

## **OUR LADY OF LEBANON**

### ***“MID EASTERN LUNCHEON”***

**Thursday, March 11, 2010  
11:30am – 2:30pm**

**\$10/per plate including drink**

#### **Standard Menu**

Baked Kibbeh, Meat Pie, Green Bean & Rice Yakhni, Salad,  
Hummus, Pita Bread, Coffee, Iced Tea, Dessert

Or

#### **Lenten Menu**

Pumpkin Kibbeh, Spinach Pie, Green Beans with Oil & Rice,  
Salad, Hummus, Pita Bread, Coffee, Iced Tea, Dessert



**Pre-order available by calling:**  
**(810)732-2370**

**Dine in or pick up at:**

**Our Lady of Lebanon Reception Hall**  
**4133 Calkins Road**  
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## **THE FORTY MARTYRS OF SEBASTE**

**Feastday March 9th**

These holy martyrs suffered at Sebaste, in the Lesser Armenia, ruled by the Emperor Licinius, in 320. They were of different countries, but enrolled in the same troop. Lysias was duke or general of the forces, and Agricola was the governor of the province. The forty went boldly to their leader, and said they were Christians, and that no torments should make them ever abandon their holy religion.

The cold in Armenia is very sharp, especially in March. Under the walls of the town stood a pond which was frozen solid. The judge ordered the saints to be exposed, naked upon the ice of the pond on a bitterly cold night, so that they might freeze to death. In order to tempt them to renounce their faith, a warm bath was prepared at a small distance from the frozen pond, available for any person in the company willing to deny his religion.

According to St. Basil, one soldier yielded and, leaving his companions, sought the warm baths prepared near the lake. One of the guards set to keep watch over the martyrs beheld at this moment a supernatural brilliancy overshadowing them and at once proclaimed himself a Christian, threw off his garments, and placed himself beside the thirty-nine soldiers of Christ. Thus the number of forty remained complete. At daybreak, the stiffened bodies of the confessors, which still showed signs of life, were burned and the ashes were cast into a river. The Christians, however, collected the precious remains, and the relics were distributed throughout many cities; in this way the veneration paid to the Forty Martyrs became widespread, and numerous churches were erected in their honor.

## Stewardship

Weekend of February 27-28, 2010

Registered Families	170
Envelopes received this week	73
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,109.00
Fuel	\$ 90.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 140.00
Online Donations	\$ 275.00
Loose and visitors	\$ 118.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,732.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	
Maronite Voice	\$ 20.00
Caritas of Lebanon	\$ 5.00
Budgeted for February	\$ 19,250.00
<b>Amount needed to meet Feb Budget</b>	<b>(\$ 6,960.00)</b>

## Mark Your Calendar

### March:

- Mar 11 Mid East Luncheon
- Mar 19 Lenten Penance Service
- Mar 19-21 NAM Lenten Retreat
- Mar 27 Altar Society – Cleans Temple
- Mar 28 Palm Sunday Bake Sale



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