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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday November 14, 2010 – Sunday November 21, 2010

The Grace of Prayer

Is it easy for you to pray? Oh sure, I know that if you're in trouble or need something badly enough, you can summon up petitions quite readily. That kind of "prayer" is easy.

But what about being genuinely conscious of God and intimately communicating with that Divine Presence? I might ask too if it is even possible for us humans to be so close to God.

Think of what it would be like. You look around and see other people going about their business: attending movies, dinner parties, playing cards, taking classes in this and that... and you just have no desire to join them. Instead, you prefer to stay in your room or your little back yard. You want only to speak to God and listen for His reply.

You become aware of Jesus' closeness as His Spirit holds you safe in our Father's love. If painful memories from the past or worrisome future fantasies distract you, that's OK. You're not frightened, paralyzed by these distractions. They are only necessary reminders that you need to stay close...very close...to Him and rejoice that the Lord is right here

So I ask again: Is it easy for you to pray? Is it possible to pray...like that?

Well, I think it is not easy...but I believe it is possible. Prayer requires what piano teachers everywhere demand from their students: "Practice! Practice! Practice!" Do it every day...do it often everyday. Do not skip a single day!

But even though you're faithful to your daily prayer workout, I'm convinced those efforts **ONLY** result in devout, intimate and pure contact with God when the Holy Spirit makes it happen...and when it does happen...what a blessing...what a grace!!!

Submitted by Subdeacon Earl Matte y

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:



Hector & Rose Khoury

Delore Shaker

Amy Burke

Helen Azzarello

Nina Rachid

Hanneh Chammas

Eve Maroun

Michel Farah

Agnes Torok

Ophelia Polovina

Ann David

Dorothy Mattar

Wanda Maroun

Bruce Lindhurst

Phil Adado

Joe Faris

Ann Faris

Helen Zerka

Nadia Sob

Elisabeth Fanderl

Sue Stubbert

Michelle Garey

Fayez Zerka



Liturgy Schedule

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 November 14th: Announcement to Zechariah

- 10A.M: (Rom 4:13-25, Lk 1:1-25) Elias Chammas
- Rep. Paul (Hap) Maroun (40 day) by Family
 - Rep. Said & Julia Maroun by Sam
 - Rep. Adel Toufic Alsabie & Roger Nesser by Laila Nesser

MONDAY 15: St. Albert the Great

- Rep. Ghantous Tayar by Mary Ann Sheehan

TUESDAY 16: St. Matthew the Evangelist, Apostle

- Rep. Helen M. Hogan by Mary Ann Sheehan

WEDNESDAY 17: St. Gregory the Wonderworker, Confessor

- Rep. Linda Macksood by Vincent Harrison

THURSDAY 18: St. Romanos (Raymond) Martyr No Mass

FRIDAY 19: St. Barlaam

- Rep. Mr. Philip Jesurathnam by James & Theresa Manoharan

SATURDAY 20: St. Bernward

- Rep. Linda Macksood by Aziz & Diane Massad

SUNDAY November 21st: Announcement to the Virgin Mary

- 10A.M: (Gal 3:15-22, Lk 1:26-38) Ferris Anthony
- Rep. Ghantous Tayar by Najib & Siham Massaad
 - Rep. Mark Grab (4th Anniversary) by Pat & Vickki Haley
 - Rep. Wadad Anthony by Ferris Anthony

SUNDAY November 28th: Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth

- 10A.M: (Eph 1:1-14, Lk 1:39-45) Erik Lindhurst
- Rep. Sarah Marshall M. Charlotte Sirhal
 - Rep. Jean Rossie by Aziz & Diane Massad
 - Rep. Juliet Haddad by Saffa & Linda Kouza

Altar Servers Schedule:

November 21: Team 3

November 28: Team 1

Ushers Schedules

November 21: Team 2

November 28: Team 3

Church Cleaning November

Mona Massoud

Coffee & Donuts November

Coffee: Najib Massaad

Donut Pick-up: Najib Massaad

Mark Your Calendar

December:

- Dec. 5: Organizational Christmas Party
Dec. 18: Cleaning of the Temple (10 am)
Dec. 31: New Years Party

Announcements:



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 November 16th are Mark 13: 1-13.



Annual Holiday Food Drive

Please remember the families that we help feed at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Both of these holidays are fast approaching. Please deposit non-perishable food items in the collection box in the Narthex. Cash donations can be given to Deacon Marty. Food baskets and gift cards will be provided to families of children who are suffering from cancer. Let us share our abundance with those in need!



2011 Lectors

We are setting up our 2011 lector schedules for Saturday and Sunday masses. We need parishioners willing to read during Mass on either of these days. Readers are scheduled approximately one Saturday or Sunday every six weeks. Anyone who is interested participating as a reader should contact the church office.



2011 Ushers

We are setting up our 2011 usher schedule and are looking for men or women in the parish who are interested in helping out as ushers. The duties of the ushers include welcoming parishioners to mass, seating them, handing out bulletins, collecting envelopes during mass and counting the collection after the final mass on Sunday. Anyone that might be interested in volunteering once or twice a month as an usher should contact Phil Faris at 629 8926 or the church office.

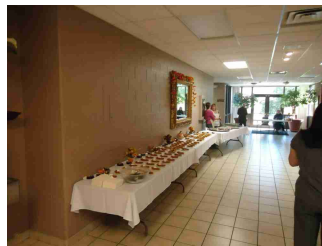
Prayer for Our Nation

'Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done! We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh God, and know our heart today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. *Amen!'*

November 7th Altar Society – Annual Harvest Dinner



Thank you to all of the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon who came out to make the Altar Society's Annual Harvest Dinner a success. The event was held after Mass Sunday, November 7th. Over 150 parishioners shared a meal of chicken, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, salad and pie. We would like to thank the ladies of the Altar Society for their work in setting up, cooking, and cleaning up for this dinner. We would also like to offer a special thanks to our caterer, Pat Haley, who donated and prepared the chicken for the meal.



St. Gregory the Wonderworker

Feastday – November 17th

St. Gregory was born in Pontus (Asia Minor) about 213 and died there between 270 and 275. He occupies a high position among those who built up the Christian Church; his influence extended its influence, and strengthened its institutions. Not much is known about his pastoral work and his theological writings have reached us in a very incomplete state. Nevertheless, the lives of few bishops of the third century are so well authenticated which permits us to reconstruct his work with considerable detail.

His family was pagan, and he was not acquainted with the Christian religion until after the death of his father, when he was fourteen. He had a brother Athenodorus, and, on the advice of one of their tutors, the young men went to study law at the law-school of Beirut. At this time, their brother-in-law was appointed assessor to the Roman Governor of Palestine; the youths therefore had an occasion to act as an escort to their sister as far as Caesarea in Palestine. On arrival in that town they learned that the celebrated scholar Origen, head of the catechetical school of Alexandria, resided there. Curiosity led them to hear and converse with the master, and soon both youths forgot all about Beirut and Roman law and gave themselves up to the great Christian teacher who gradually won them over to Christianity. In his writings, Gregory describes the method employed by that master to win the confidence and esteem of those he wished to convert; how he mingled a persuasive candor with outbursts of temper and theological argument. Persuasive skill rather than bare reasoning, and sincerity and conviction were the means used to make converts. Gregory took up the study of philosophy and soon afterwards added the study of theology. He loved philosophy the best and in his youth, he cherished the hope of demonstrating that the Christian religion was the only true and good philosophy. For seven years he studied and practiced the mental and moral discipline of Origen.

In 238 or 239 the two brothers returned to their native Pontus. Gregory had not entirely given up the original purpose of his journey. He returned to Pontus with the intention of practicing law. His plan changed, however, as he was soon consecrated bishop of his native Caesarea. This fact illustrates in an interesting way the growth of the hierarchy in the primitive Church. We know for a fact that the Christian community at Caesarea was very small at that time, consisting of seventeen individuals, and yet it was given a bishop. We know, moreover, from ancient canonical documents, that it was possible for a community of even ten Christians to have their own bishop. When Gregory was consecrated he was forty years old, and he ruled his diocese for thirty years. The many miracles which won for him the title of Wonderworker were doubtless performed during these years. Although we know nothing definite as to his teaching methods, we cannot doubt that he must have shown great zeal. From an ancient source we have learned a fact that although he began with a following of only seventeen Christians in Caesarea, at his death there remained only seventeen pagans in the whole town.



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Stewardship


Weekend of November 6-7, 2010

Registered Families	170
Envelopes received this week	71
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,031.00
Fuel	\$ 495.00
Loose	\$ 60.00
Online Donations	\$ 105.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 2,691.00
Second Collection	\$ -0-
Budgeted for November	\$ 15,000.00
Amount needed to meet November Budget	(\$ 12,309.00)

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