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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday April 17, 2011– Sunday April 24, 2011



I Like Priests!

Of course we Catholics are supposed to like our priests. So why do we criticize them? Here's what I mean.

If Father preaches over eight minutes, we say he's long-winded; if his sermon is short, we say he doesn't prepare much. ... If he visits his parishioners, he's nosy; if he doesn't visit them he's a snob. ... If the priest has made the parish financially sound, he's a businessman (no priest wants to be called that); if he talks about unpaid bills, he's materialistic. ...

If he encourages fund-raisers, he's bleeding the people; if he doesn't have them there's no life in the parish. ... If he takes time in confession to advise people he's taking too long; if he's quick, he doesn't care. ...

If he celebrates Liturgy in a quiet voice he's boring; if he puts feeling into it he's acting. ... If he starts Mass on time his watch must be fast; if he starts a little late, he must have slept-in. ... If he sings, he's showing off; if he doesn't, he doesn't care what the Mass sounds like. ... If he buys decorations for the church he's wasting money; if he leaves things as they are, he's letting the place run down. ... If he's young, he lacks experience; if he's old, then he's out-of-step with the time and he should retire. ...

But if he does retire ... or if he goes on vacation ... or if he gets sick ... or if he dies ... there may be nobody to take his place.

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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.
Cindy Shaheen – 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:



Michelle Garey
Dorothy Mattar
Hanneh Chammas
Duane Gardner
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Helen Zerka
Nadia Sob
Wanda Maroun
Sue Stubbart

Hector & Rose Khoury
Delore Shaker
Amy Burke
Helen Azzarello
Patsy Joseph
Fayez Zerka
Bruce Lindhurst
Eve Maroun
Michel Farah
Agnes Torok
Ophelia Polovina
Ann David
Patti Pollack

HOSANNA!
CRUCIFY HIM...

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 April 17th: Palm Sunday

10A.M: (Phil 1:1-13, Jn 12:12-22) Erik Lindhurst

- Living & Deceased of the Shaheen & Okal Families by Family
- Int. Eliane Zerka by Choir
- Rep. Paul Stepho by Adeeb & Mayson Stepho

MONDAY 18: St. Apollonius the Apologist

5:30 PM: Mass

6:00 PM: Stations of the Holy Cross

- Rep. Dorothy (Jean) Rossie by Phil & Marie Faris

TUESDAY 19: St. Alphege

5:30 PM: Mass

6:00 PM: Adoration of the Holy Cross

- Int. of Lamisse Diab by Hector & Rose Khoury

WEDNESDAY 20: St. Marian

5:30 PM: Mass & Rite of the Lamp

THURSDAY 21: Thursday of the Mysteries

Mass 6:00PM: Celebration of the Eucharist & Washing of the Feet

- Living & Deceased Priests

FRIDAY 22: Great Friday of the Crucifixion

9:00AM: Liturgy of the Presanctified

6:00PM: Right of the Burial of the Cross

Great Friday Dinner before & after the Liturgy starting at 5:00 pm

SATURDAY 23: Great Saturday of the Light

No Mass - 11:45AM: Prayer of Forgiveness and Confession

SUNDAY April 24th: Easter Sunday

10A.M: (1Cor15:12-26, Mk 16:1-8) Clergy

- Int. of All Parishioners

SUNDAY 1st: 2nd Sunday of the Resurrection (Our Lady of Lebanon) 1st Holy Communion

10A.M: (2Cor 5:11-21, Jn 20:26-31) MYO

- Int. of All Parishioners

I Love Priests continued...



So, if you have a priest ... treasure him. Because he is another Christ, respect him. Because he represents God, trust him. Because he offers your prayers to God, remember him. Because he's the "doctor of your soul", show him where you hurt. Because he leads you to God, listen to him. ...

And because he is human, do not condemn him too harshly. Because he is human, a kind word will cheer him up. And because he is human, if you must tell his faults, tell them to God so that God may correct them.

I like priests. I've never personally met a bad one. ... Flawed ones certainly, imperfect ones absolutely, opinionated ones most probably. But these dedicated men are members of a sacred brotherhood and whether you and I like them or not ... God loves them.

By Subdeacon Earl Matte

Announcements:



Volunteers Needed

We need men to serve as litter bearers for Good Friday & Easter Sunday (four each day). **We are also still looking for two additional men to participate in Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet.** If you are able to help with either of these activities, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.



Festival Food Meeting

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in volunteering with purchasing, preparation and sales of food for our upcoming July festival on Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00PM. Please come and share your thoughts and ideas.



Coloring Easter Eggs

Children from the parish are invited to come and color Easter eggs on Saturday, April 23rd at 12:00 noon. The eggs will be used for an Easter Egg Hunt after Easter Sunday Mass. Please make sure your children are dressed in old clothing as their clothes may get soiled.



First Communion Parent Meeting

Abouna would like to meet with the parents of the First Communicants Saturday, April 23rd at 12:00 noon. This is a meeting for parents only. Children are welcome to come and dye Easter eggs in the hall while the meeting is in progress.



Salad Supper Bingo

The Altar Society would appreciate donations of canned pop and bottled water for their upcoming Salad Supper Bingo. These may be dropped off at the church office.



Eparchial Appeal

We have collected \$1,515.00 towards our parish goal of \$6,500.00 for the Annual Eparchial Appeal. Money from the appeal helps to fund many of the Eparchy's special needs such as missions, the seminary and educational materials. We will be collecting these envelopes through Sunday April 24th. Envelopes may be turned in during our Sunday collection or mailed directly to the Eparchy.



Condolences

We wish to extend our condolences to the Gebrael family on the death of Nawal's uncle, Kamel Abou Jamra who passed away Wednesday, April 6th in Lebanon. May God grant his soul to everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Maronite Heritage Institute



The dedication of the Maronite Heritage Institute will be held Thursday, May 19th through Sunday, May 22nd in St. Louis, Missouri. A copy of the scheduled events is on the bulletin board in the church hall. We hope that as many of our parishioners as are able will attend this historic event.

Mark Your Calendar

April

- Apr. 16: Church Cleaning
- Apr. 17: Palm Sunday
- Apr. 24: Easter

May

- May 1: 1st Communion, May Crowning
- May 7: 1st Saturday Devotions
- May 8: Mother's Day Breakfast
- May 11: Salad Supper Bingo
- May 15: Altar Society Sunday



Project Roots

The Eparchies of St. Maron and Our Lady of Lebanon are joining together to help people reconnect with their Christian spiritual roots in Lebanon and the Middle East. An office has been established in Los Angeles to assist those interested in:

- 1: Obtaining sacramental records from their country of origin.
- 2: Connecting with family members living in their places of origin and through the world where they emigrated.
- 3: Obtaining Lebanese citizenship if desired.
- 4: Obtaining immigration records if desired; and
- 5: Remaining connected with the Maronite Church here and throughout the world.

For more information please go to the Project Roots website: <http://www.projectroots.net/start.html> or call (310)-276-1939.

Altar Servers Schedule:

- April 24: Easter Sunday All Servers
- May 1: Team 1

Ushers Schedules

- April 24: Team 2
- May 1: Team 3/MYO

Church Cleaning April Aida Hayek

Coffee & Donuts March

- Coffee: Mon Shaheen
- Donut Pick-up: Najib Massaad



2011 Holy Week Easter Schedule



- Palm Sun: April 17th** 10:00 AM: Mass, Blessing of Palms and Procession
- Mon: April 18th** 5:30 PM: Mass
6:00 PM: Stations of the Holy Cross
- Tues: April 19th** 5:30 PM: Mass
6:00 PM: Adoration of the Holy Cross
- Wed: April 20th** 5:30 PM: Mass & Rite of the Lamp
- Thurs: April 21st** **Thursday of the Mysteries**
6:00 PM: Celebration of the Eucharist and Washing of the Feet; Adoration and Confessions until midnight
- Fri: April 22nd** **Great Friday of the Crucifixion**
9:00 AM: Liturgy of the Presanctified
6:00 PM: Rite of the Burial of the Cross. Great Friday Dinner before and after the Liturgy starting at 5:00PM
- Sat: April 23rd** **Great Saturday of the Light**
11:45 AM: Prayer of Forgiveness and Confession
No Mass at 5:00 PM
- Easter Sun: April 24th** 10:00 AM: Mass
- Sun: May 1st** 1st Sunday after Easter
10:00 AM: Mass in English
1st Holy Communion
May Crowning

(There will be no Mass in Arabic due to 1st Holy Communion)

Stewardship

Weekend April 9-10, 2011

Envelopes Distributed	170
Weekly Envelopes received	69
Weekly envelopes	\$ 1,992.00
Fuel	\$ 160.00
Loose	\$ 167.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 2,319.00
Second Collection	
Eparchial Appeal	\$ 225.00
Budgeted for March	\$ 17,500.00
Amount needed for April Budget	(\$11,799.00)

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Salad Supper

Our Lady of Lebanon
Maronite Catholic Church
Altar Society
Wed. May 11th
Doors open 4:30 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm
Admission \$10.00
Information call
732-2370

No one under age 18 will be permitted to attend.

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Palm Sunday Prayer

Almighty God, on this day, your son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. *Amen.*



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