



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday April 24, 2011– Sunday May 1, 2011

What if Jesus didn't rise?

Each year we congratulate each other during Easter season saying: "Christ is risen" and we answer "truly risen" (المسيح قام، حقا قام). We know that we received all the fruits of his salvation, of his death and Resurrection, There is no salvation without our participation. There is continuity and complementarity. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist and/or we serve each other, we continue and we participate in what Jesus did. We do them currently. Salvation didn't happen in the past for one time only, but it's happening every day in our life. But did we ever stop to think what would have happened if Jesus didn't rise from the death?

St Paul said in his letter to the Corinthians: "if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God [...] if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins". St Paul is right. Can you imagine a world without Faith? Can you imagine Christianity without the Church? No priests, no sacraments, no Eucharist, no community, no spiritual life... Of course the Resurrection of Jesus is the source of our Christian life. The Life – God - could not stay in death. But what about the teaching and message of Jesus? Aren't they enough to believe in Him as our Lord and God?

The followers of Jesus recognized that this man from Galilee was professing of pure love and faith and they realized that such a message could/would change the world. They made him the Messiah instead of just another Prophet. That is why the Christian faith is not in vain if Jesus did not rise from the dead: the historical truth is meaningless compared to the modern perception and the timeless teachings.

Saint Paul concluded: "But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep". Don't trouble yourself any longer with the thought. Christ has risen! We will, too! Let the celebration continue forever!!! Let us be the children of the Resurrection and live as saved with joy and happiness.

"Christ is risen", "truly risen" (المسيح قام، حقا قام)

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.
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



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 24th: The Glorious Resurrection

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

- Int. of All Parishioners

MONDAY 25: St. Mark the Evangelist, Apostle

- Rep. Albert Karram by Bob & Patti Pollack

TUESDAY 26: St. Marcellinus, Confessor

- Reps. Eugene Fodor & Adam Russell by Dennis Ferrara

WEDNESDAY 27: St. Simon, Brother of the Lord, Apostle

- Int. of Duane Gardner by Josie Knight

THURSDAY 28: St. John, One of the 72 Disciples, Apostle

- No Mass

FRIDAY 29: St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church, Confessor

- Rep. Clarence Dunsmore by Lewis & Jeanette Walterhouse

SATURDAY 30: St. James, Son of Zebedee, Brother of the Lord, Apostle

- Rep. John Abdella by Aziz & Diane Massad

SUNDAY May 1st: 2nd Week of the Resurrection - Our Lady of Lebanon

10A.M.: (1Cor 11:23-32, Jn 6:48-59) MYO

1st Holy Communion/May Crowning

SUNDAY May 8th: 3rd Week of the Resurrection

10A.M.: (2Tim 2:8-13, Lk 24:44-49) Diane Massad

- Rep. Lia Odesheby by Adeeb & Mayson Stepho
- Rep. Edward Hanna (1 yr.) by Lazaar & Nahida Hanna
- Rep. Jann Alex by Barhoum & Colette Rizk



Thanks

Thank you to all of the dedicated parishioners and women of the Altar Society who donated their time and culinary talents for the annual Altar Society Palm Sunday bake sale. Thanks to your hard work, the sale was a great success!



Condolences

We wish to extend our condolences to Bob & Sharon Griffiths on the death of Bob's sister, Janet Bruckler who passed away Friday, April 22nd in Houston Texas. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob and Sharon in this difficult time. May God bless Janet and keep her in His tender care and love for all eternity.

Announcements:



First Communion

There will be a meeting of the children making their 1st Holy Communion along with their parents on Saturday, April 30th at 11:00AM. The children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and will practice for First Holy Communion.



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

There is still time to turn in your donation for the 2011 Annual Eparchial Appeal. We will be forwarding our donations to the Eparchy the first week of May. So far, our parish has collected \$2,335.00 of our \$6,500.00 annual goal. If you have not made a donation and wish to do so, please have your envelopes into the church office by May 2nd. Money from the appeal helps to fund many of the Eparchy's special needs such as missions, the seminary and educational materials.



May 1st Beatification for John Paul II

On Sunday, May 1st, the beatification ceremony of John Paul II will take place in Rome. The May 1 date for this ceremony has been observed since 2000 as "Divine Mercy Sunday" by the Catholic Church. The Divine Mercy feast is associated with the 20th century Polish nun, St. Faustina Kowalska, who was a visionary and mystic to whom John Paul II had a strong personal devotion. Please join in the prayers of the Holy Catholic Church on the occasion of this important event.



NEW 7 WONDERS OF NATURE

The Jeita Grotto located north of Beirut has qualified as one of 28 finalists being voted on as the New 7 Wonders of Nature. The Grotto is a compound of crystallized caves which include upper galleries and a lower cave through which a 6,230 m long river runs. In this cave water in the limestone has created vaults full of various sizes, colors and shapes of stalactites and stalagmites, majestic curtains and fantastic rock formations. Currently, the Grotto ranks 13 on the list of 28 sites competing for the top seven spots. Help move the Jeita Grotto into the top seven on this list by casting your vote online at: http://www.new7wonders.com/community/en/new7wonders/new7wonders_of_nature/voting .

Dearest Parishioners and Friends



Christ is Risen", "Truly Risen" المسيح قام، حقا قام

Happy Easter!

Fr. Hanna & Fr. Joseph



Altar Servers Schedule:

May 1: Team 1
May 8: Team 2



Ushers Schedules

May 1: Team 3/MYO
May 8: Team 1

Church Cleaning May Mary Matte

Stewardship

Weekend April 16-17, 2011

Envelopes Distributed	170
Weekly Envelopes received	95
Weekly envelopes	\$ 3,072.00
Fuel	\$ 60.00
Easter	\$ 20.00
Online Donations	\$ 275.00
Loose	\$ 467.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 3,894.00
Second Collection	
Eparchial Appeal	\$ 620.00
Holy Land	\$ 20.00
Budgeted for April	\$ 17,500.00
Amount needed for April Budget	(\$ 7,905.00)

Mark Your Calendar

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.

St. Catherine of Siena - Feastday April 29th



The 25th child of a wool dyer in northern Italy, St. Catherine started having mystical experiences when she was only six, seeing guardian angels as clearly as the people they protected. She became a Dominican when she was 16, and continued to have visions of Christ, Mary, and the saints.

St. Catherine was one of the most brilliant theological minds of her day, although she never had any formal education. She persuaded the Pope to go back to Rome from Avignon, in 1377, and when she died she was endeavoring to heal the Great Western Schism.

In 1375 Our Lord gave her the Stigmata, which was visible only after her death. St. Catherine's letters, and a treatise called "a dialogue" are considered among the most brilliant writings in the history of the Catholic Church. She died when she was only 33, and her body was found incorrupt in 1430.

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=9

Salad Supper

BINGO

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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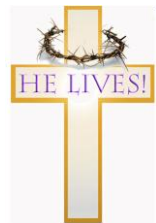


Do not be afraid to open the doors of your mind and heart to Christ and find honest truth and unconditional love.

– Pope John Paul II



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Easter Prayer

God our Father,
by raising Christ your Son
you conquered the power of death
and opened for us the way to eternal life.

Let our celebration today
raise us up and renew our lives
by the Spirit that is within us.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ *Amen*



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