



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday December 25, 2011– Sunday January 1, 2012**



## *Finding God in Unexpected Places*

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen once shared these thoughts about Jesus' birth:

Joseph searched for a place for the birth of Him to heaven and earth belonged...

Certainly there would be room in the village inn. There was room for the rich; there was room for everyone who had a tip to give to the innkeeper. But when finally the scrolls of history are completed ... the saddest line of all will be: There was no room in the inn.

"But there was room in the stable. The inn was the gathering place of public opinion ... the rendezvous of the worldly, the rallying place of the popular and the successful. But there's no room in the place where the world gathers. The stable is a place for outcasts, the ignored and the forgotten. The world might have expected the Son of God to be born in an inn; a stable would certainly be the last place in the world where one would look for Him. The lesson is: divinity is always where you least expect to find it.

God is everywhere, so keep your eyes – and heart – open.

*Thank you for sharing in our humanity, Divine Messiah.*

*Submitted by Deacon Marty*

### **Clergy**

Rev. Paul Tarabay, O.M.M.  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
Subdeacon Earl Matte  
The Maronite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### **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

### **Parish Staff**

Michelle Tennis - Secretary  
Pat Haley – Caterer  
Dan Bartos - Custodian

### **Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours**

Monday thru Friday  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

*Please pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:*



Dorothy Mattar  
Hanneh Chammas  
Sue Stubbert  
Nina Rachid  
Ann Faris  
Helen Zerka  
Nadia Sob  
Fouzi Zerka  
Ron Delling

Anthony Mansour  
Hector & Rose Khoury  
Delore Shaker  
Ann David  
Helen Azzarello  
Patsy Joseph  
Fayez Zerka  
Bruce Lindhurst  
Joe Faris  
Zeidan Zerka  
Agnes Torok  
Ophelia Polovina  
Ronda Kaufman  
Wanda Maroun



### **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 December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

**12 MIDNIGHT:** (Rom 1:1-12, Mt 1:1-17) Aziz Massad

- Int. of all Parishioners

**10A.M:** (Rom 1:1-12, Mt 1:1-17) Clergy

- Int. of all Parishioners

### MONDAY 26: Felicitations to the Virgin Mary

- Rep. Fran Mansour by Friends of the Family

### TUESDAY 27: St. Stephen, the First Martyr

- Rep. Josie Knight by Barhoum & Colette Rizk

### WEDNESDAY 28: The Adoration of the Magi

- Rep. Ray Faris by Gary & Marion Guerrier

### THURSDAY 29: Flight into Egypt and the Killing of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

NO MASS

### FRIDAY 30: The Return from Egypt to Nazareth

- Int. of Sharon Griffiths by Ralph & Helen Burgess

### SATURDAY 31: St. Sylvester

6P.M.

- The Faris & Shaloub Families by Ralph & Helen Burgess
- Rep. Elias Zerka by George & Nada Damouni

### SUNDAY January 1<sup>st</sup>: The Circumcision of Jesus

**12:00 NOON** (Heb. 7:1-10, Lk 2:21-24) MYO

- Int. of all Parishioners

### SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

**10A.M:** (2 Cor. 10:1-11, Jn 1:29-34) Joe Pavlovich

- Rep. Nouhad Badr by Nahib & Siham Massaad
- Rep. Samir Deep by Mona & Josef Massoud
- Reps. Jergis & Mary Kouza by Saffa & Linda Kouza

### Announcements:



#### Masses

Please note that Saturday's Mass on New Year's Eve will be held at 6:00 PM and that Sunday's Mass on New Year's Day has been moved to 12:00 Noon.



#### Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee will meet Monday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm.



#### Parish Council

The Parish Council will meet Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the library.



#### Altar Society Meeting

Father Paul has asked for a special meeting of the Altar Society in January. This will be held Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.



#### Blessing of Homes

Fr. Paul will be blessing homes after the feast of the Epiphany from Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. There is a list of parish households outside the church. Be sure to check your name if you would like Abouna to come and bless your home. Also, please provide the best day and the daytime phone number where you can be reached.



#### Altar Society Epiphany Breakfast

The Altar Society will be hosting an Epiphany breakfast on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> after 10:00 Mass.



#### Adult Conversion Classes Scheduled

We will be starting our Adult Conversion Classes Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> after 10:00 mass. Anyone interested in attending should contact Deacon Marty or the church office for a registration form.



#### Lectors Needed

We are still looking for volunteers to read the Epistles in Arabic at Sunday Masses. If you would be interested in helping out with this, please contact the parish office at 732-2370.

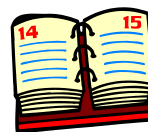


#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Sami & Aida Hayek on the birth of their grandson Robin Miled Alboustany who was born December 15, 2011. Robin is the son of Miled & Joanne Alboustany. May God bless the family on this joyous occasion.

*Every Precious Gift Comes From Above*

*James 1:17*



#### Altar Servers Schedule

January 1: Team 1  
January 8: Team 2

#### Ushers Schedules

January 1: Team 1/MYO  
January 8: Team 2

#### Church Cleaning January: Mary Matte

“While in reverence the cherubim and seraphim veil their faces,  
she lives with Him, a mother with her infant son, in the intimacy of each day”

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year

## Breakfast With Santa



Santa made a special stop at Our Lady of Lebanon Church Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. The children of the parish had the chance to tell him what they wanted for Christmas as well as to get their pictures taken with him. The ladies of the parish provided made Zaatar, Cheese Bread and Knafeh for breakfast. Everyone had a great time. We want to thank Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to share breakfast with us here at Our Lady of Lebanon Church and to parishioner Dawood Yousif who took photos for us. We would also like to thank all of the ladies who spent time decorating, cooking and cleaning for this event. A special thank-you goes out to Ahlam Solomon who organized this fund raiser which besides being a lot of fun brought in \$550 for the parish funds. Anyone who would like copies of the photos taken should contact the church office.

### Mark Your Calendar

#### December:

Dec. 31: New Year's Party

#### January:

Jan. 8: Epiphany Breakfast

Jan. 8: Adult Conversion Classes Begin



**And the Word became flesh,  
and dwelt among us**

*John 1:14*

### Holiday Devotion Schedule



#### New Year's

Saturday Dec. 31: Mass 6:00PM  
Sunday Jan. 1: Mass 12:00 Noon



#### Epiphany

*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

Thursday Jan 5: Mass 6:00PM  
Friday Jan 6: Masses 9:00AM & 6:00PM

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# New Year's Eve Party

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Saturday, December 31, 2011 at 8:00 PM  
Dinner served at 8:30 PM

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\$50 Adults  
\$30 Kids 4 or older  
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**Stewardship**

*Weekend Dec. 17 – Dec. 18, 2011*

**Weekly Envelopes**

Distributed	170
Received	77
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,542.00
Fuel	\$ 90.00
Online Donations	\$ 275.00
Loose	\$ 233.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,140.00</b>

**Second Collection**

Christmas Appeal	\$ 35.00
Budgeted for December	\$ 15,000.00
<b>Amount needed for Dec.</b>	<b>( \$7,043.00)</b>



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