



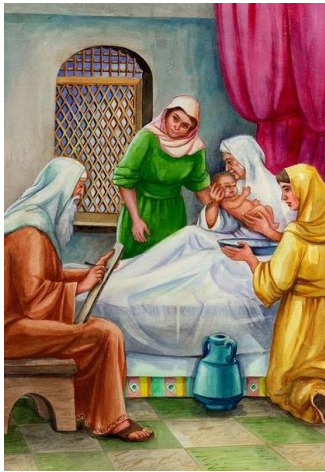
# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday December 4, 2011– Sunday December 11, 2011**



## The Birth of John the Baptist

The birth of John the Baptist is an event in the liturgical year which reminds us of God’s plan of salvation. It calls on us to prepare ourselves for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ through repentance and change of life, so to be ready for the final moment when the Lord calls us to himself. The name John means “the Lord is gracious”. His name was given from above, stating the mission he was destined to portray through his calling people to repentance and change of life, thus preparing the way for the coming of the Lord who will save us all.

Do we take matters seriously, or do we let the events slide away as if they were only a time of eating and drinking and be merry? Repentance calls us to be in state of grace at all times. Do we go to confession often enough throughout the year especially in these solemnities that call us to do so? Where is our gratitude and appreciation for God’s plan to save us, through the reminder of these liturgical events that pass throughout the year? God is truly gracious. In his calling us to be saved; do we hearken to his call through the prophets and heralds he sends?

*Father Victor Daw O.M.M.*

### 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:*

Wanda Maroun

Anthony Mansour



Hector & Rose Khoury

Delore Shaker

Ann David

Helen Azzarello

Patsy Joseph

Fayez Zerka

Bruce Lindhurst

Eve Maroun

Nina Rachid

Agnes Torok

Ophelia Polovina

Ronda Kaufman

Fouzi Zerka

Zeidan Zerka

Dorothy Mattar

Hanneh Chammas

Sue Stubbert

Joe Faris

Ann Faris

Helen Zerka

Nadia Sob

Patti Pollack

Ron Delling



### 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 4<sup>th</sup>: Birth of John the Baptist

**10A.M.:** (Gal 4:21-5:1, Lk 1:57-66) MYO

- Rep. Karen Solomon (11 yr) by Chuck & Family
- Rep. Jean Rossie by Saffa & Linda Kouza
- Rep. Sandy Lapino by Joann & Joey Adado

### MONDAY 5: St. Saba the Hermit, Confessor

- Int. Sue Stubbart by Erik & Lisa Lindhurst

### TUESDAY 6: St. Nicholas (Zakhia), Confessor

- Poor Souls in Purgatory

### WEDNESDAY 7: St. Ambrose, Doctor of the Church, Confessor

- Rep. Alice Griffiths by Robert & Nawal Gebrael & Family

### THURSDAY 8: The Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

**9:00A.M. MASS**

- Rep. Helen O'Brien by Nieces

**6:00P.M. MASS**

- Rep. Albert Karam by Barhoum & Colette Rizk

### FRIDAY 9: St. Juan Diego - NO MASS

### SATURDAY 10: Pope Saint Gregory III

- Rep. Larry Aremia (10 yr) by Jennie Aremia

### SUNDAY December 11<sup>th</sup>: Revelation to Joseph

**10A.M.:** (Eph 3:1-13, Mt 1:18-25) Erik Lindhurst

- Rep. Norm Weissert by Yvonne & Family
- Rep. Nouhad Badr by Jason & Joumana Klanseck
- Rep. Yakooop Disho & Shmoni Poulis by Sam & Samira Kalo

### SUNDAY December 18<sup>th</sup>: Genealogy Sunday

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

- Rep. Nouhad Badr by Josef & Mona Massoud
- Rep. Samir Deeb by Aziz & Diane Massad
- Rep. Violette Naffah by Najib & Sirham Massaad

### Announcements:



#### Jewelry Sale

After mass today, Terese Sorenson, of *Kesh Kesh by Terese*, will be selling her jewelry and other items. Terese will be donating 100% of the proceeds from these sales to the parish. We thank her for her generosity and time.



#### Bible Study Classes

Please join us in our final "Announcement Season" Bible Study class. This will be held Tuesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the library. The reading and topic for this coming Tuesday are John 8:12-32- Light of the World.

*Scripture is the lens through which we see all of life.*



#### Stewardship/Parish Council

The Stewardship Committee will meet Monday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The Parish Council will meet Tuesday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the library.



#### Masses

This Thursday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at 9:00AM 6:00PM. There will be no mass or adoration on Friday.



#### Christmas Decoration Collection

The Altar Society will be taking up collections for holiday decorations after liturgy on Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to make donations outside of this collection can contact Cindy Shaheen or Sharon Griffiths.



#### Lectors Needed

We are 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.



#### MYO Parent Meeting

Johnny Solomon, Noha Zerka and Father Paul have scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM for **all parents** of members of our MYO. Please put this date on your calendar and be sure to attend.



#### Church Cleaning

The Altar Society will be cleaning the church Saturday morning, December 17<sup>th</sup>, and are asking members of the MYO to help with this task. Also please remember, the Altar Society will **not** meet in December.



#### 2012 Ushers

We are looking for men or women in the parish who are interested in helping out as ushers. The usher's duties include welcoming people to mass, seating them, handing out bulletins, collections during mass and counting the collection after the mass on Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering as an usher please contact Joe Pavlovich at 232-7672 or the church office at 732-2370.



#### Adult Conversion Classes

We will be offering classes for anyone wishing to become a Maronite Catholic starting in of January 2012. These classes would last approximately six weeks. Anyone interested in attending should contact Deacon Marty. If we get enough candidates, we can set the time and date the classes will start



#### New Year's Party

Colette Rizk, Shouky Zerka, and Jason Klanseck will be handling details for our upcoming New Year's Eve Party. If you would like more information concerning the event, please contact one of these individuals.



## Breakfast with Santa

Our Lady of Lebanon Church will be hosting Breakfast with Santa after 10:00 Mass Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Santa will be here to have breakfast with the children and have his picture taken with them. We will be selling Zaatar, Cheese Bread and Knafeh for breakfast that morning as well.

If you would like to buy extra Zaatar or Cheese Bread to take home, you can order it in advance by calling Ahlam Solomon at 659-6797 or 449-1504.



Next Saturday and Sunday Our Lady of Lebanon Church will be joining with the Mid Eastern Churches in Genesee County to help provide food to the needy through Catholic Charities.

Catholic Charities will be bringing a food collection truck to collect non-perishable goods for those in need. Their truck is scheduled to be here for an hour before and after both masses.

Any non-perishable food items will be accepted, but **we are especially looking for spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and canned tomato products during this collection**

There are flyers in the back of the church for you to put out at your place of work. We ask that you also contact your family, friends and neighbors to help in collecting food items. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

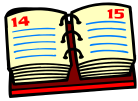
***If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.***

*Mother Teresa*

## Altar Servers Schedule

December 11: Team 3

December 18: Team 1



## Ushers Schedules

December 11: Team 2

December 18: Team 3

## Church Cleaning December: Sawson Kalo

## Holiday Devotion Schedule



### Immaculate Conception

*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

Thursday Dec. 8: Masses 9:00AM & 6:00PM

### Christmas Novena

Thursday Dec. 15-through Friday Dec. 23:

6:00PM Devotions

(Confession ½ hour before and after services)

### Christmas

Saturday Dec. 24: Mass 6:00PM

Mass 12:00 Midnight

Sunday Dec. 25: Mass 10:00AM

### 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



## Mark Your Calendar

### December:

Dec. 6: Bible Study 6:00 pm

Dec. 9-10: Christmas Decoration Collection

Dec. 9-10: Catholic Charities Food Drive

Dec. 13: MYO Parent Meeting

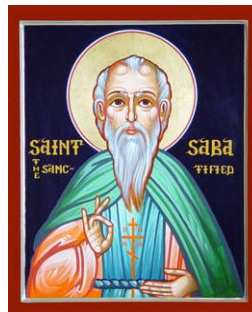
Dec. 17: Church Cleaning

Dec. 18: Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 31: New Year's Party



## St. Saba – Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>



St. Saba was born of pious Christian parents. When St. Saba was five years old, his parents left him with an uncle to go away on military business. At the age of eight, he went to the nearby monastery and studied the Holy Scriptures. His parents returned and urged him to join the world and to get

married. St. Saba refused and became a monk at seventeen.

The saint was given the gift of wonderworking. He spent ten years at the monastery before going to Jerusalem, to St. Euthymius and then onto Abba Theoctistus. He lived there until he was thirty years old. After Theoctistus died, St. Saba went into the wilderness to live in a cave, only returning to the monastery on Saturdays for divine services and a meal with the other monks. After a time, he received permission to abandon his Saturday visits to the monastery and live as a hermit in the cave. He lived in the cave for five years. St. Euthymius watched over him carefully and decided to take him along to the Rouba wilderness.

When St. Euthymius died, St. Saba withdrew to a cave near the monastery of St. Gerasimus of Jordan. Many gathered around him seeking the monastic life and a lavra was established. While St. Saba was walking one day, a pillar of fire appeared to him directing him to a large cave that became the lavra's church.

Many miracles occurred through the prayers of St. Saba, including a spring coming forth from the ground at the lavra, abundant rain in the time of drought, and healing of the sick and the possessed. He is accredited with the composition of the Jerusalem Typikon. St. Saba died in the Lord in the year 532.

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**Stewardship**

*Weekend Nov. 26 – Nov. 27, 2011*

**Weekly Envelopes**

Distributed	170
Received	67
Weekly envelopes	\$ 1,752.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 145.00
Fuel	\$ 30.00
Loose	\$ 243.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,170.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>-0-</b>
Budgeted for November	\$ 16,000 .00
<b>Amount needed for Nov.</b>	<b>(\$5,776.00)</b>



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