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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday February 27, 2011 – Sunday March 6, 2011

The Church Prays the Creed ... Pay Attention



Every Sunday at Mass we recite the Nicene Creed. It is the Church's official Statement of what we Catholics believe. I've said the Creed so often and I know the words so well that its easy, for me, to sort of "sleepwalk" through it.

So, OK, I'm now going to concentrate. I'm going to pay attention to the familiar words. Let's see. The first part is about God the Father "Maker of heaven and earth ...

That's clear enough. The second part concerns Jesus: "...for us men and for our salvation He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered, died and ..." ... wait a

minute!

Did I skip something?

Jesus was born ... and in the very next sentence He's dead! There's a big jump from the beginning of Jesus' human life to it's end. It seems to me that there's a huge gap where Jesus should be.

Why doesn't the creed proclaim the human deeds of our Lord? ...what He said, His miracles, His association with sinners? What about His opposition to the religious establishment of the day? I'd like to state my belief in social justice.

But the Creed ignores all that. The fact that a first century Jew spoke in parables, forgave sinner, welcomed strangers doesn't seem to interest the Creed writers at all.

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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:



Phil Adado
Albert Karram
Hanneh Chammas
Ed Solomon
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Helen Zerka
Nadia Sob
Elisabeth Fanderl
Sue Stubbert
Michelle Garey

Duane Gardner
Hector & Rose Khoury
Delore Shaker
Amy Burke
Helen Azzarello
Nina Rachid
Fayez Zerka
Bruce Lindhurst
Eve Maroun
Michel Farah
Agnes Torok
Ophelia Polovina
Ann David
Dorothy Mattar
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 February 27th: Sunday of the Faithful Departed

- 10A.M: (1Thes 5:1-11, Lk 16:19-31) Bob Pollack
- Reps. Antoine & Nohad Massoud by Aziz & Diane Massad
 - Reps. Gereos & Nazira Zerka by Fouzi & Eliane Zerka
 - Rep. Hanna Rizk b y Elias & Simone Raad

MONDAY 28: Sts. Koura & Marana, Disciples of St. Maron, Confessors

- Rep. Charlie Rossie by Earl & Mary Matte

TUESDAY March 1: St. Domnina, Disciple of St. Maron, Confessor, St. Afdokia of Baalbek, Confessor

- Rep. John Abdella by Tom & Suzanne Taylor

WEDNESDAY 2: St. John Maron, Confessor

- Int. Antoinette Nasar by Jean Aziz

THURSDAY 3: St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church, Confessor, St. Katharine Drexel, Confessor

- **No Mass**

FRIDAY 4: St. Casimir

- Rep. Brian Rizik by Yvonne Weisert

SATURDAY 5: St. John Joseph of the Cross

- Rep. John Abdella by Duane & Dee Gardner

SUNDAY March 6th: Miracle of Cana at Galilee

- 10A.M: (Rom 14:14-23, Jn 2:1-11) MYO
- Rep. Thomas Alex by Lila Kaleel & Family
 - Rep. Fran Adado by Alberta Kelush
 - Rep. Hanna Rizk by El ias Abou Diwan & Family

SUNDAY March 13th: Cleansing of the Leper

- 10A.M: (Rom 6:12-23, Mk 1:35-45) Elias Chammas
- Rep. Norman Weisert by Yvonne
 - Reps. Sam Denise Marino by Family
 - Rep. Jamil Dakki (40 day) by the Family



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Oh, but what is important to them is that this ancient Jew was the Son of God. What He did or said does not make Him the Savior of humanity. It is Who He is that makes Him our Redeemer.

And for that reason the creed boldly, joyfully, and officially professes: "We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ ... Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, one in Being with the Father."

So pay attention ... for this is our Creed.

By Subdeacon Earl Matte

Announcements:



Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee will meet Monday February 28th at 7:00 pm.



Parish Council

The Parish Council will meet Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm in the library.



Bible Study

Please join us for our weekly Bible Study class Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm. This week we will be studying Luke 6:1-11.

Scripture is the lens through which we see all of life!



Mid East Luncheon

Be sure to bring your family, friends, and coworkers to our upcoming Mid East Luncheon, Thursday, March 3rd. In addition to our traditional lunch, the ladies of the parish will be offering baked goods for sale this afternoon. We would like to see as many parishioners as possible come and support our parish in this fund raising event.



MYO

The MYO will meet Friday, March 4th at 6:00pm.



Ash Monday

Ash Monday is Monday, March 7th. This is a holy day of obligation for all parishioners. Masses will be held at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.



Altar Society

The Altar Society meeting is rescheduled for Wed. March 16th.

Altar Servers Schedule:

March 6: Team 1

March 13: Team 2

Ushers Schedules

March 6: Team 1

March 13: Team 2

Church Cleaning March Nawal Gebrael

Ahlam Solomon

Coffee & Donuts March

Coffee: Mon Shaheen

Donut Pick-up: Najib Massaad

Prayer for the Deceased

Eternal rest, grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



OUR LADY OF LEBANON

"MID EASTERN LUNCHEON"

& **Bake Sale**

Thursday, March 3, 2011
11am – 2pm

\$10/per plate including drink

Menu

Yakhni & Rice, Baked Kibbee, Hummus, Spinach Pie,
Salad, Pita Bread, Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea



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at:**

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Starving Time

By Talia Hannosh, Age 10

Sometimes I find it hard to be thankful. I find it hard to be in another person's shoes who lives in Iraq and has no food or money.

Well, my father grew up in Iraq. It was hard for him. His father died there when my father was the age of ten. He died there because of the horrid and terrible president, Saddam.

After my grandfather died, my father had to get a job. At that age I couldn't imagine. His mother also had to get a job and it was very difficult for a woman to get a job then. Everybody was pitching in for the family to survive. They managed though.

Well, one day, after everybody got home, my grandmother had no food to cook for dinner. She knew that she had no more money to buy any food. She was so depressed.

My father knew how sad she was, so he quickly snuck out of the house with some money that he had been secretly saving for a day similar to this one. He went around the town finding food that he knew his family would love. After he had received everything he needed, he quickly ran home.

When he walked in the door his mother was so thankful about what he had done, or the family would have starved for days.

After my father told me that story, I tried to be more careful about what I had complained about, because people in America take advantage of *so* many things.

*If you keep on saying things are going to be bad,
You have a good chance of being a prophet. Issac Singer*



Saint Domnina of Syria

Feastday: March 1

Saint Domnina of Syria, also known as Domnina the Younger, was a fifth century ascetic. Her name is mentioned in the Byzantine Synaxarium and according to Theodoret, Bishop of Cyrrhus, Domnina was born to a rich Syrian family.

She became a disciple of Saint Maron.

As a young woman she constructed a straw-covered hut made with millet stalks in the garden of her mother's house, located in Kyra near Antioch. She passed all of her life there. She only ate lentils soaked in water to the point where she became extremely thin and went to church in the morning and in the evening. Domnina covered her face in a veil so that no one could see her face. She had 250 female followers, who passed the time doing manual labor and "assigning their hands to card wool, and consecrating their tongues with hymns."

Her voice, in the words of her biographer Theodoret of Cyrrhus, was "resonant and expressive, and her words were always accompanied by tears. Theodoret writes, in his *Religious History*, that Domnina acquired such a state of religious ecstasy that she could not speak without weeping as she was considered to have been inspired by the love of God.

She died between 450 and 460 AD. Her feast is celebrated March 1st.

Stewardship
Weekend February 19-20 2011

Envelopes Distributed	170
Weekly Envelopes received	66
Weekly envelopes	\$ 1,653.00
Fuel	\$ 110.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 820.00
On Line Donations	\$ 275.00
Loose	\$ 201.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 3,059.00
Second Collection	\$ -0-
Budgeted for February	\$ 19,000.00
Amount needed to meet February Budget	(\$ 10,106.00)



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Mark Your Calendar

March

- Mar. 3: Mid East Luncheon
- Mar. 7: Ash Monday

April

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




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