



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday May 8, 2011– Sunday May 15, 2011**

## Did Jesus Dance the “Dabke”!



Well, He was a guest at a wedding party. Yes, it was that same feast famous for the changing of water into wine. Some scripture scholars suggest that Jesus may have been related to either the bride or the groom ... or both. At any rate, most of the people there were friends with whom He had grown up.

Jesus did not come to the party for the purpose of exercising His miraculous powers. He told His mother that His “time” had not yet come. No, He came, as all the other guests did, to have fun.

I do not imagine Jesus sitting in a corner all evening discussing “important” issues. I do imagine some of the pretty, more vivacious guests coaxing Him out onto the dance floor to participate with them in the folk dance of the Mid-East ... the Dabke.

How comfortable Jesus always seems to be among people!

How amazing that God feels more at ease with His humanity than we natural mortals sometimes do! Too often, we are embarrassed to be humanly sensitive. God forbid, for instance, that anyone ever see us cry ... especially us guys. To express emotion is difficult for many people.

In fact, I have friends whom I have never seen really laugh. Oh, they smile, giggle, and they’re very pleasant in conversation. But, I’ve never heard a real hearty laugh from them.

Such spontaneous reactions might indicate a lack of control. Better to remain reserved.

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### Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
Subdeacon Earl Matte

### 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  
Richard Baka – Custodian

### Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

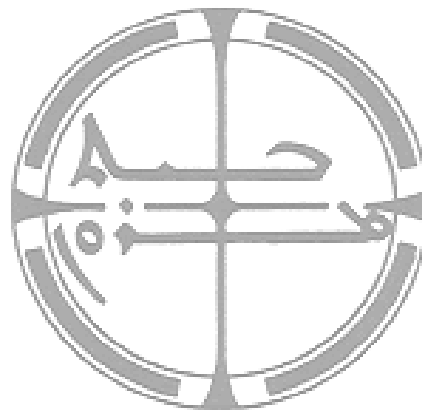
Monday thru Friday  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

*Please pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:*



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

Eliane Zerka  
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 May 8<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Resurrection

- 10A.M.:** (2Tim 2:8-13, Lk 24:13-35) Diane Massad
- Rep. Lia Odeshev by Adeeb & Mayson Stepho
  - Rep. Edward Hanna (1 yr.) by Lazar & Nahida Hanna
  - Rep. Jann Alex by Barhoum & Colette Rizk

### MONDAY 9: Isaiah the Prophet, Confessor

- Rep. Thomas Alex by John & Kathleen Gazall

### TUESDAY 10: St. Simon the Zealot, Apostle

- Rep. Paul (Hap) Maroun by Violet Deibis

### WEDNESDAY 11: St. Ignatius of Laconi

- Rep. Albert Karam by Josie Knight

### THURSDAY 12: St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus, Confessor

- **No Mass**

### FRIDAY 13: St. Adai, One of the 72 Disciples, Apostle

- Rep. Ray Faris by Jane Valley

### SATURDAY 14: St. Matthias

- Rep. John Abdella by Aziz & Diane Massad

### SUNDAY May 15<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Week of the Resurrection

- 10A.M.:** (Heb 13:18-25, Jn 21:1-14) Mary Matte
- Reprs. Kamel & Najla Assaf by Fouzi & Eliane Zerka
  - Int. Eliane Zerka & Michael Hermiz by Lazar & Nahida Hanna
  - Rep. Albert Karam (40 day) by Family

### SUNDAY May 22<sup>nd</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Week of the Resurrection

- 10A.M.:** (Eph 2:1-1-, Jn 21:15-19) Bob Pollack
- Reprs. Fr. Butrus George & Kamel Abou Jamra by Robert & Nawal Gebrael
  - Reprs. Mary Nessian Hermiz & Shamoun Hanna by Lazaar & Nahida Hanna
  - Rep. Jann Alex by Duane & Dee Gardner
  - Rep. Albert Karam by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

#### *Did Jesus Dance the "Dabke"?! Continued...*



Years ago when I was doing marriage counseling, it always surprised me to discover that, after the honeymoon, many husbands and wives never again told each other ... in actual words ... "I love you."

How sad to be ... what ... ashamed (?) of having emotions?! Embarrassed to be human?

Well, Jesus was never like that. He showed tender feelings, allowed Himself to appear vulnerable. The Son of God, at a wedding party, let Himself have a good time and ... being beautifully human and generously, unashamedly friendly ... Jesus, I'm sure, danced.

*By Subdeacon Earl Matte*

## Announcements:



### *Bingo-Workers*

We would appreciate the help of any men from the parish who would be willing to work the floor on Wednesday night. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sharon Griffiths at 621-3377.



### *Bingo-Tickets*

We still have 50 tickets left for the Salad Supper Bingo. If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending, please have them contact the church office.



### *Bingo-Salads*

If you are unable to make a salad for the Salad Supper Bingo and would like to donate cash instead, Linda Kouza will be taking donations after Mass Sunday, or you can contact her at 659-6830. All salads should be dropped off at the kitchen before 3:00 pm Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

### NAM Convention

The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Maronite Convention will be held July 6<sup>th</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup> this year at St. Sharbel Church, Newtown Square, PA. Information and registration forms are available in the back of the church.



### *Graduation*

We will be honoring the 2011 high school and college graduates of Our Lady of Lebanon at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have a student who is graduating this year, please contact the office as soon as possible so that we can add them to our graduation list.



### *Thank You*

Thank you to all of the parishioners who donated money to the Altar Society help with the cost of flowers this Easter. Your generosity is appreciated. ~ *Cindy Shaheen*



### *Visit from Bishop Mansour*

Bishop Gregory Mansour will be visiting our parish Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We hope that as many parishioners as possible will attend Mass this day and welcome him.



### *Condolences*

We wish to extend our condolences to the family and friends of former parishioner Karl Moon. Karl passed away Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> in Saginaw Michigan.

## Mark Your Calendar

### May

- May 11: Salad Supper Bingo  
 May 15: Altar Society Sunday



## Stewardship

Weekend April 30 – May 1, 2011

Envelopes Distributed	170
Weekly Envelopes received	91
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,907.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 75.00
Fuel	\$ 315.00
Online Donations	\$ 105.00
Easter	\$ 120.00
Loose	\$ 393.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,915.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	
Eparchial Appeal	\$ 30.00
Holy Land	\$ 50.00
National Shrine	\$ 415.00
Budgeted for May	\$17,000.00)
<b>Amount needed for May Budget</b>	<b>(\$13,085.00)</b>

## Praying the Rosary Together



Dear Parishioners:

As you know, May is the *Month of Mary*. During this month, we feel a special closeness to Our Lady that extends to all the faithful.

During May, it would be nice if all parishioners from Our Lady of Lebanon Church would commit to saying the rosary together with other members of the parish or with their families. To encourage this, I would like to ask members of the parish invite parishioners into their homes to say the Rosary together.

**We would like to have one household sign up to pray at 7:00 pm for each day of the month beginning Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would be interested in inviting people to your home to pray the rosary together, or if you are willing to just pray it with your family members; we will have a sign-up sheet available at the back of the church. You can also call the office to pick a date and day.**

By praying the rosary together, we will have an increased devotion, a keener confidence and, a greater intimacy with Our Lady and we will know how to petition her with respect, hope in her with confidence and thank her with humble tenderness for all the good she does us.

*Abouna Hanna*



## A Mother's Day Blessing



For our mothers, who gave us life and love,  
 may we show them reverence and love.  
 For mothers who have lost a child through death,  
 may their faith give them hope and their family  
 and friends support and console them.  
 For mothers who have died,  
 may God bring them into the joy of His kingdom  
 We Pray to the Lord for this Day.

*Amen*



## Marriage Bans

The Bans of Marriage are announced for the first time for Nabil Nouna & Carol Rizk.

## Altar Servers Schedule:

May 15: Team 3  
 May 22: Team 1



## Ushers Schedules

May 15: Team 2  
 May 22: Team 3

## Church Cleaning May Mary Matte



## Project Roots

Najla Sawan, Project Roots coordinator for Michigan will be here with us after Masses Sat. and Sun. May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Project Roots is an endeavor of the Maronite Bishops of America and the Maronite Foundation in the World in collaboration with the Middle Eastern Churches.

**Our objective:** preserving Our Pride In Our Lebanese Roots! And to help, free of charge, all Americans of Lebanese descent connect with their roots and register their Vital Life Events (mainly births and marriages). This is no easy endeavor, and we need all the help we can get to make it reach success, hereby making sure Lebanon remains "an Island of Democratic Ideals, a Message of Freedom, a Living Example of Coexistence."

If you are a non-registered American of Lebanese descent, or if you have a non-registered child/marriage, you need to ACT NOW. MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Preserve Your Heritage!

God could not be everywhere  
 and therefore he made mothers.

~Jewish Proverb

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**Salad Supper**

**BINGO**




Our Lady of Lebanon  
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 Wed. May 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Doors open 4:30 pm  
 Dinner 6:00 pm  
 Admission \$10.00  
 Information call  
 732-2570

No one under age 18 will be permitted to attend.



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