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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday May 29, 2011– Sunday June 5, 2011



Read any Good Books Lately?

I just finished “Blood Brothers” by Elias Chacour. It’s the story of a Christian Palestinian family whose ancestors have lived in the Holy Land since the time of Jesus. The theme that runs through the entire book is “forgiveness”.

One incident in the book tells of a priest who gives Last Rites to an old woman whose sons have been feuding for years. She lives with her eldest boy ... and here is the tragic part of the story: Since the sons refuse to speak to each other, the absent children are not told that their mother is sick ... and indeed, that she is dying.

Finally, too late, all the boys find out. But their Mom has already died ... resulting in unbearable grief and recrimination for the whole family.

The book suggests that its only forgiveness that could have, and possibly still can, heal that family.

Jesus preached such forgiveness ... absolute and generous forgiveness and He practiced, from the cross, what He preached.

But, I really believe that we almost always compromise when we forgive. I forgive, but I’ll still never talk to that person again. I forgive, but I do not forget. I forgive, but I don’t want him or her involved in the important events of my life anymore. I forgive, but I don’t care what happens to that person who once may have been close ... a family member even ... a brother ... a sister.

I still, however, insist I do forgive. Look, I said a “Hail Mary” for him just last week!

“I say to you, unless you forgive your brother from your heart, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you.”

That’s a direct quote from the Bible, and by the way, if you haven’t read any good books lately, read that one.

By Subdeacon Earl Matte

Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar
Deacon Martin Rachid
Subdeacon Earl Matte

Parish Leaders

Tom Macksood- Parish Council
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Dorothy Bolduc-Peppin - Organist
Alicia Massad – Religious Ed.
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society
Jeanette Walterhouse –
Morningstar Society

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Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

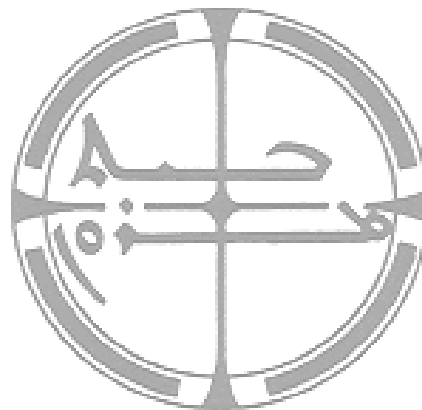
Monday thru Friday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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 Stubbert

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
Dorothy Darga



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 29th: 6th Week of the Resurrection

10A.M.: (Rom 10:1-13, Lk 24:36-48) Elias Chammas

- Rep. Hilda Kelush by Shaheen & Rose Shaheen
- Rep. Farah Shahoud by Georgette Shaoud
- Rep. Albert Karram Novena by Family
- Int. Violette Naffah by Aziz & Diane Massad

MONDAY 30: St. Joan of Arc

- Novena Albert Karram by Family
- Rep. Luba Elia by Ralph & Helen Burgess

TUESDAY 31: St. Mechtildis

- Novena Albert Karram by Family
- Rep. Raymond Faris by Chris Henry

WEDNESDAY June 1st: St. Justin, Martyr

- Novena Albert Karram by Family
- Rep. Jean Rossie by George & Sue Rasak

THURSDAY 2: The Ascension of Our Lord

- **9A.M. & 6P.M.**
- Rep. Fran Adado by Sandy Lupino
- Novena Albert Karram by Family

FRIDAY 3: St. Awtel, Confessor

- Novena Albert Karram by Family
- Rep. Elias Zerka by George & Virginia Rizk

SATURDAY 4: Bl. Margaret Pole

- Novena Albert Karram by Family
- Rep. Josie Knight by Bob & Sharon Griffiths

SUNDAY June 5th: 7th Week of the Resurrection

10A.M.: (Eph 1:15-23, Jn 13:31-35) MYO

- Rep. John Solomon by Family
- Rep. Hilda Kelush by Sam
- Rep. Albert Karram Novena by Family

SUNDAY June 12th: Pentecost Sunday

10A.M.: (Acts 2:1-21, Jn 14:15-20) Joe Pavlovich

- The Maroun Family by Sam
- Rep. Albert Karram by Choir

Mark Your Calendar

June

June 9: Mid East Luncheon
 June 27-July 2: MYO Youth Retreat

July:

July 6-10: NAM Convention
 July 15-17: Festival



Condolences

We wish to extend our condolences to the family of Blanche Alex. Blanche's brother, Ned Albert passed away in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Monday, May 23rd. May he find peace and eternal happiness with our heavenly Father.

Announcements:



Memorial Day

The office will be closed Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.



Festival Meeting

There will be a Festival meeting Tuesday, May 31st at 7:00 pm.



Altar Society Meeting/Picnic

The next Altar Society meeting will be on Wednesday, June 1st at 6pm at the Rectory. A brief business meeting will be conducted, followed by a cook out. Dinnerware, meat, buns and condiments will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Husbands are welcome too!



Ascension Thursday

Thursday June 2nd is Ascension Thursday. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at 9:00AM and 6:00PM on Thursday.



MYO

The MYO will meet Friday, June 3rd at 6:00pm. We are planning some fun outdoor activities so the meeting may run a little longer than usual.



Graduation

We will be honoring the 2011 high school and college graduates of Our Lady of Lebanon at 10:00 Mass on Sunday, June 5th. 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.



MYO

Please remember that if your children will be attending the 2011 MYO Youth Conference, their \$150.00 deposit and registration forms are due now. This year's conference is being held June 27th through July 2nd at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA. We are encouraging all active members of the MYO to attend. The retreats are lots of fun and a great experience for the young people. Reservation forms are available from Johnny Solomon or Noah Zerka.

Happy Memorial Day!

First Holy Communion May 1st, 2011



The Liturgy of First Holy Communion was celebrated Sunday May 1, 2011. The members of the First Holy Communion class of 2011 pictured above include: Joseph Chammas, Michael Lindhurst, Kathryn Walterhouse, Joseph Damouni, Kristina Zerka, Anthony Wofford, Richelle Esho, and Nickolas Toma along with Father Hanna and Heather Dakki.

Congratulations to these children and their families.



Stewardship

Weekend May 21 – May 22, 2011

Envelopes Distributed	170
Weekly Envelopes received	82
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,301.00
Fuel	\$ 45.00
Online Donations	\$ 275.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 520.00
Loose	\$ 124.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 3,265.00
Second Collection	-0-
Budgeted for May	\$17,000.00)
Amount needed for May Budget	(\$4,572.00)

Altar Servers Schedule:

June 5: Team 3
June 12: Team 1

Ushers Schedules

June 5: Team 2/MYO
June 12: Team 3



Church Cleaning June
Yvonne Weissert/Elsie Shaheen

OUR LADY OF LEBANON

“MID EASTERN LUNCHEON” & Bake Sale

Thursday, June 9, 2011
11am – 2pm

\$10/per plate including drink

Menu

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



Pre-order available by calling:
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Dine in or pick up
at:

Our Lady of Lebanon Reception Hall
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St. Awtel, Confessor Feastday June 3rd

Saint Awtel, also known as Mar Awtel, Mar Awtlios, Saint Aoutel, Saint Autel is a monk of the 1st centuries of Christianity venerated in the Middle East.

Mar Awtel was born in the middle of the 3rd century. As a youth he was converted to Christianity and baptized. He pledged his virginity to God but his father wanted him to marry and thereby break his pledge of celibacy. To escape he left for the city Byzantium.

While travelling on route in a boat he encountered a severe storm endangering the boat and all on board. He prayed for deliverance and the boat was saved and as a consequence those on board were converted to Christianity and baptized.

He remained for 20 years in Byzantium until his father died, whereupon he returned to his home and became a **monk**. He performed many miracles, one of which was the cure of a pagan man. This cure was the reason for the conversion and baptism of ten thousand pagans. After being a monk for 12 years he became a hermit until he died in 327.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Awte>

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**Banns
of
Marriage**




The Banns of Marriage are announced for the 1st time for Ryan Takacs and Julie El Hayek



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