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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday November 6, 2011– Sunday November 13, 2011



The Wisdom of a Prayerful Man

Father William Lynch was the spiritual director at Sacred Heart Seminary for all four years that I was a student there. “The Rule” mandated that each seminarian seek his direction once a month, at least, as part of priestly formation.

My meetings with Father began as a gripe session where I whined about the rigors of seminary life. My complaint one day concerned a fellow-seminarian. It went like this:

“Father, I see this guy saying his prayers ... as we all do ... participating in the common spiritual exercises. But then ... when prayers are over ... he gossips about the professors with his sarcastic remarks. Father, isn’t prayer supposed to make a person better ... even holy? Well, in his case, it’s not working!”

This was Father Lynch’s kindly reply: “Of course, Earl, we do not judge other people. But let me suggest a solution to this religious paradox you present.

It is very possible that someone can fully participate in all our spiritual exercises ... morning prayer and meditation, the Mass, spiritual readings, rosary, examination of conscience, vespers ... and yet that person may never really be at prayer.

You look surprised. Well, you see, prayer is not a multiplication of words, even holy words. It is not a bunch of activities. It is something I call ‘spiritual mindfulness’ ...

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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

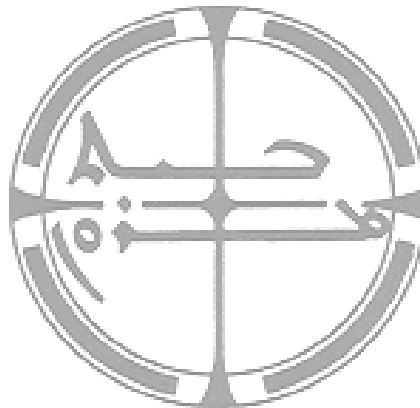
Monday thru Friday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Please pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Hector & Rose Khoury
Delore Shaker
Ann David
Helen Azzarello
Wanda Maroun
Fayez Zerka
Bruce Lindhurst
Eve Maroun
Nina Rachid
Agnes Torok
Ophelia Polovina
Ronda Kaufman
Fouzi Zerka

Patsy Joseph
Dorothy Mattar
Hanneh Chammas
Sue Stubbett
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Helen Zerka
Nadia Sob
Patti Pollack
Aryielle Dyer-Stone



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 November 6th: Consecration of the Church

10A.M.: (Heb 9:1-12, Mt 16:13-20) MYO

- Rep. Msgr. Beshara by Altar Society
- Rep. Violette Naffah by Frances & Salwa Haddad
- Int. Nina Rachid by Choir

MONDAY 7: St. Achillas

- Rep. Louise Macksood by Ralph & Helen Burgess

TUESDAY 8: St. Michael the Archangel

- Rep. Josie Knight by George & Louise Faris

WEDNESDAY 9: Saint Benignus

- Rep. William Richards by Matt Faris

THURSDAY 10: St. Moura, Confessor

No Mass

FRIDAY 11: St. Mennas, Martyr, St. Martin, Confessor

- Rep. Raymond Faris by Kila Kaleel & Family

SATURDAY 12: St. Josaphat of Polotsk

- Rep. Elias Zerka by John, Danny & Joyce Zerka

SUNDAY November 13th: Announcement to Zechariah

10A.M.: (Rom 4:13-25, Lk 1:1-25) Ferris Anthony

- Rep. Violette Naffah by Fouzi & Eliane Zerka
- Int. Sue Rasak by Choir
- Rep. Esther Blahed (1yr) Yakooop & Nahla Easi

SUNDAY November 20th: Announcement to The Virgin Mary

10A.M.: (Gal 2:15-22, Lk 1:26-38) David Allen

- Rep. Joe DelSesto by Duane & Dee Gardner
- Rep. Jamil Dakki by Imad & Fatin Dakki
- Rep. Hanna Rizk by Lazar & Najida Hanna

The Wisdom of a Prayerful Man Continued.....



Just consciously being in the presence of God while doing ... nothing.

If our friend, or if you yourself Earl, would spend twenty minutes every day being aware that 'the Lord is with thee' ... he/you, would become better. Living with God in your mind absolutely ... guaranteed ... makes you a good, maybe even a holy person."

My monthly talks with Father Lynch changed a good deal after that session. I seemed to find fewer and fewer things to complain about. What I did find, and what I now miss, is a spiritual director with the wisdom of a prayerful man. I miss Father William Lynch.

Submitted by Sub Deacon Earl Matte

Altar Servers Schedule:

November 13: Team 2

November 20: Team 3

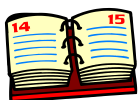
Ushers Schedules

November 13: Team 1

November 20: Team 2

Church Cleaning November:

Eva Massoud



Announcements:



Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, November 7th.



Stewardship Committee

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



Parish Council

The Parish Council will meet Tuesday November 8th at 7:00 pm in the library.



Bible Study Classes

Please join us in our next Announcement Season Bible Study class. This will be held Tuesday, Nov. 8th at 6:00 PM. This week's class will be held in the classrooms. The reading for this coming Tuesday is **Luke 5:27-39**

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



Friday Adorations

Our Friday adorations will resume this Friday, November 11th at 11:00 AM



MYO

The MYO will have their first meeting with Father Paul on Saturday, November 12th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. We hope everyone will try to attend. Father Paul is looking forward to meeting the youths of the parish!

Mark Your Calendar

November:

Nov. 8 : Bible Study 6:00 pm

December:

Dec. 4: Organizational Christmas Party

Dec. 31: New Year's Party



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

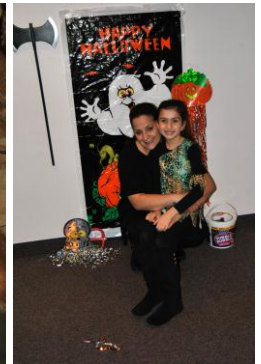
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host - by the Divine Power of God - cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. *Amen.*

2011 MYO Children's Halloween Party



Our Lady of Lebanon Children's Halloween Party, Sunday, October 30th was a lot of fun for everyone. The children played games, ate pizza and went home with lots of candy. Thank you to Johnny Solomon, Noha Zerka and the MYO for making this event possible. Also thanks to all who donated food and candy and money to help cover the costs of the party. Be sure to check out additional photos on the bulletin board next to the office!



Saint Mennas — Feast Day November 11th



Saint Mennas the Martyr and Wonder-worker is one of the most well-known Egyptian saints in the East and the West, due to the many miracles that are attributed to his intercession and prayers. His feast day is celebrated November 11th.

Mennas was born in Egypt in 285 AD, in the city of Niceous (Nakiyos or Nikiu), which lies in the vicinity of Memphis. His parents were ascetic Christians but did not have any children for a long time. His father's name was Eudoxios and his mother's name was Euphemia. On the feast of the Virgin Mary, Euphemia was praying in front of an icon of Saint Mary with tears that God may give her a blessed son. A sound came from the icon saying "Amen". A few months later, Euphemia gave birth to a boy and named him Mennas.

Eudoxios, a ruler of one of the administrative divisions of Egypt, died when Mennas was fourteen years old. At the age of fifteen Mennas joined the Roman army, and was given a high rank due to his father's reputation. His appointment was in Algeria. Three years later he left the army longing to devote his whole life to Christ. He headed towards the desert to live a different kind of life.

After spending five years as a hermit, Mennas saw in a revelation the angels crowning the martyrs with glamorous crowns, and longed to join those martyrs. While he was thinking about it, he heard a voice saying: *"Blessed are you Mennas because you have been called to the pious life from your childhood. You shall be granted three immortal crowns; one for your celibacy, another for your asceticism, and a third for your martyrdom."* Mennas subsequently hurried to the ruler, declaring his Christian faith. His endless sufferings and the tortures that he went through have attracted many of the pagans, not only to Christianity, but also to martyrdom.

The soldiers who executed Mennas set his body to fire for three days but the body remained unharmed. Mennas' sister then bribed the soldiers and managed to carry the body away. She embarked on a ship heading to Alexandria, where she placed the saint's body in a church.

When the time of persecution ended, during the papacy of Pope Athanasius of Alexandria, an angel appeared to the Pope and ordered him to load Mennas' body on a camel and head towards the Western Desert. At a certain spot near a well at the end of Lake Mariout, not far from Alexandria, the camel stopped and wouldn't move. The Christians took this a sign from God and buried Mennas' body there.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Menas

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Stewardship

Weekend Oct. 29 – Oct. 31, 2011

Weekly Envelopes

Distributed	170
Received	71
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,197.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 25.00
Fuel	\$ 41.00
Online Donations	\$ 105.00
Loose	\$ 108.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 2,476.00
Second Collection	-0-

Budgeted for October \$ 16,000 .00

Amount needed for Oct. (\$1,783.00)



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 before the
 lord and
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 Him.**

Psalm 37:7

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