



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday October 9, 2011– Sunday October 16, 2011**



## Holiness & How to Get That Way

Oh, how many kinds of religious people there are in the world! Some of them are super spiritual. These talk about religion easily, freely ... and constantly ... which is why we can hardly refer to them as anything other than “religious”.

Then there are academic believers. They like to ponder the dogmas, doctrines, the great truths of the Church. These are religious thinkers ... theologians.

There’s also a religious group I call “muscular Christians”. They are strong believers that you can always depend upon. In fact, they are so reliable I’m sure their patron saint must be John Wayne.

There are mystics, with a little magic in their religion, the simple faithful whose religiousness is often overlooked, and the complicated, confused seekers of the Faith who are so sincere and so needy.

But there is one thing you can say about all these religious people. In his or her own way, they are all trying to find and develop an inner, spiritual holiness.

To accomplish this, of course, they pray ... and Catholic Christians also receive the sacraments. But, now, I want to suggest that there is another ... indispensable ... means of growth in the spiritual life. In addition to prayer and the Eucharist ... it’s my opinion that most people simply do not grow in spirituality unless they make use of this third means. All religious people, must ... **READ**

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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

### Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

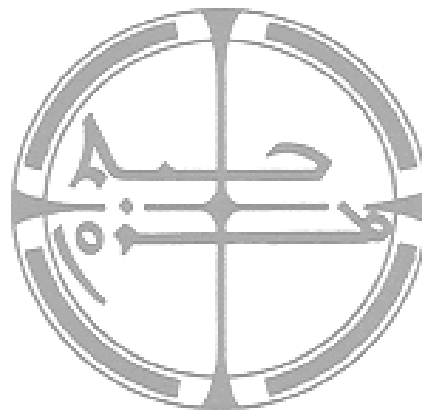
Monday thru Friday  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

*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  
Ann David  
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 October 9<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Holy Cross

**10A.M.:** (1Thes 5:1-11, Mt 24:45-51) Diane Massad

- Rep. Violette Naffah (40 day) by Family
- The living & deceased members of the Shaheen & Okal Families by the Family
- Rep. Josie Knight by Phil & Marie Faris

### MONDAY 10: St. Francis Borgia

- Rep. Msgr. Ron Beshara by George & Louise Faris

### TUESDAY 11: St. Philip the Deacon, Confessor

- Rep. Violette Naffah by Ahlam Solomon

### WEDNESDAY 12: St. Edno, Martyr

No Mass

### THURSDAY 13: St. Edward the Confessor

No Mass

### FRIDAY 14: St. Isaiah the Monk, Confessor

- Int. of Fouzi Zerka by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

### SATURDAY 15: St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church, Confessor

- Rep. Jean Rossie (1 yr) by Family

### SUNDAY October 16<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Holy Cross

**10A.M.:** (Phil 2:12-18, Mt 25:1-13) Mary Matte

- The Deceased of the Old & New Calvary Cemetery

### SUNDAY October 23<sup>rd</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Holy Cross

**10A.M.:** (Gal 6:1-10, Mt 25:14-30) Bob Pollack

- Rep. Hilda Kelush by Ceal Abdella
- The Faris Family by Phil & Marie Faris
- Ints. Of the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon by Eliane & Fouzi Zerka

### Holiness & How to Get That Way continued...



Oh, I know that God is good and He certainly provides for the illiterate in other ways. But for most of us, reading the Holy Bible and other spiritual books and writings provides

ideas we otherwise would not think of. Sacred writers guide us to a deeper understanding of the "truth that sets us free" and their insights are available to us all ... in books.

Humbly and happily I want to thank here a few of the Christian writers who have helped me: C.S. Lewis, Henri Nouwen, Thomas A. Kempis, Hans Kung, Ron Beshara, Pope Benedict XVI, Eugene Kennedy, Wm. Paul Young, Ronald Rolheiser ... oh, don't forget ... Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

*Sub Deacon Earl Matte*

## Announcements:



### Masses

There will be no mass Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.



### Bible Study Classes

Please join us in our Announcement Season Bible Study classes which will begin Tuesday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The classes will be held in the library. The reading for this Tuesday is Luke 1:1-38.

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



### Donations Needed

The children's Halloween Party is scheduled for Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The MYO is requesting donations of candy for this event. If you are able to help out by making a donation, please drop off your candy at the church office or contact Johnny Solomon or Noha Zerka.



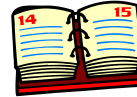
### MYA Food Drive

The MYA of Our Lady of Lebanon Church will be making up food boxes for the needy this fall. They want to fill 20 baskets and are asking that parishioners help by providing non-perishable food items, gift cards or cash to purchase items needed. If you can support the MYA, donations may be dropped off in the food box by the church doors. Gift cards and cash donations can be left at the church office.

### Altar Servers Schedule:

October 16: Team 1

October 23: Team 2



### Ushers Schedules

October 16: Team 3

October 23: Team 1

### Church Cleaning October:

**Sawsan Kalo**

### Mark Your Calendar

#### October:

Oct. 11 : Bible Study

Oct. 20 : Mid-East Luncheon

Oct. 23 Welcome/Farewell Party

Oct 30: Children's Halloween Party

#### December:

Dec. 4: Organizational Christmas Party

Dec. 31: New Year's Party



### Farewell/Welcome Party



Our Lady of Lebanon Church will be celebrating the arrival of our new Pastor, Father Paul Tarabay, and bidding farewell to Father Hanna Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM. We hope all of our parishioners will be on hand to welcome Father Paul to our parish and to say farewell to Father Hanna and wish him luck in his new position.





# St. Teresa of Avila

Feast Day: October 15

Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent. The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer.

As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer.

Teresa was a woman "for God," a woman of prayer, discipline and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical and graceful.

Teresa was a woman "for others." Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She traveled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life. Her writings, especially the *Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*, have helped generations of believers. In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honored.

<http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/saint.aspx?id=1169>



## OUR LADY OF LEBANON

### "MID EASTERN LUNCHEON"

#### & Bake Sale

Thursday, October 20, 2011  
11am – 2pm

**\$10/per plate including drink**

#### Menu

Baked Kafta and Potatoes, Baked Kibbee, Hummus, Spinach Pie, Salad;  
Pita Bread, Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea



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## Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila

Lord,

You know better than I myself that I am growing older and will someday be old.

Keep me from the habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from trying to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains; they are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening sureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet, for a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people; and give, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

Amen.

*The book to read is not the one which thinks for you, but the one which makes you think. No book in the world equals the Bible for that. ~Mccosh*

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## Stewardship

*Weekend Oct. 1 – Oct. 2, 2011*

### Weekly Envelopes

Distributed	170
Received	75
Weekly envelopes	\$ 3,528.00
Fuel	\$ 485.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 50.00
Loose	\$ 87.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,150.00</b>

### Second Collection

Patriarchal Charities	\$ 50.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 100.00
Budgeted for October	\$ 16,000.00

**Amount needed for Oct. (\$11,850.00)**



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