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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday September 4, 2011– Sunday September 11, 2011



A Definition of Grace

- When a person works an eight-hour day and receives a fair day's pay for his time, that is a wage.
- When a person competes with an opponent and receives a trophy for his performance, that is a prize.
- When a person receives appropriate recognition for his long service or high achievements, that is an award.

but

- When a person is not capable of earning a wage, can win no prize, and deserves no award – yet receives such a gift anyway – that is a good picture of God's unmerited favor. This is what we mean when we talk about the Grace of God.

For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast (Eph. 2:8-9)

Church Newsletters – Baker Book House

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:



Msgr. Ron Beshara
Dorothy Mattar
Hanneh Chammas
Sue Stubbert
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Helen Zerka
Nadia Sob
Wanda Maroun

Hector & Rose Khoury
Delore Shaker
Ann David
Helen Azzarello
Patsy Joseph
Fayez Zerka
Bruce Lindhurst
Eve Maroun
Nina Rachid
Agnes Torok
Ophelia Polovina
Ann David



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 September 4th: Thirteenth Week of Pentecost

10A.M.: (1Cor 3:1-11, Lk 8:1-15) MYO

- Rep. Albert Karram by Lino Kaspar & Family
- Reps. Charles & Elizabeth Soloman by Ed & Lorriane
- Rep. Hanna Rizk by Dib Al-Zarka

MONDAY 5: St. Sharbel of Raha & His Sister, Martyrs

- Rep. Josie Knight by George & Freda Rasak

TUESDAY 6: St. Michael the Archangel

- Rep Frances Mansour by Bob & Patti Pollack

WEDNESDAY 7: St. Cloud

- Int. Msgr. Ron Beshara by Lewis & Jeanette Walterhouse

THURSDAY 8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Rep. Paul (Hap) Maroun by Julia Shaker & Family

FRIDAY 9: Sts. Joachim & Anne Parents of the Virgin Mary, Confessors

- Deceased Members of the James & Teresa Manoharan Family by James & Teresa Manoharan

SATURDAY 10: St. Salvius

- Rep. Linda Macksood (1yr) by family

SUNDAY September 11th: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10A.M.: (1Thes 2:1-13, Lk 10:38-42) David Allen

- Rep. Josie Knight by Altar Society
- Reps. George & Fuda Soloman by Ed & Lorraine
- Rep. Sayedna George Kwaiter (40 day) by Wilson & Gloria Lahoud

SUNDAY September 18th: 1st Sunday After Holy Cross

10A.M.: (2Tim 2:1-10, Mk 10:35-45) Joe Pavlovich

- Rep. Hilda Kelush by Mon & Elsie Shaheen
- Rep. Albert Karram by Duane & Dee Gardner
- Int. Msgr. Ron Beshara by Bob & Joanne Potts

*No one heals himself
by wounding another*
~ St. Ambrose



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 8th

The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated at least by the sixth century, when St. Romanos the Melodist, an Eastern Christian who composed many of the hymns used in the Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox liturgies composed a hymn for the feast. The feast spread to Rome in the seventh century, but it was a couple more centuries before it was celebrated throughout the West.

The source for the story of the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is the Protoevangelium of James, a gospel written about A.D. 150. From it, we learn the names of Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, as well as the tradition that the couple was childless until an angel appeared to Anna and told her that she would conceive. (Many of the same details appear also in the later Gospel of the Nativity of Mary.)

The traditional date of the feast, September 8, falls exactly nine months after the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Perhaps because of its close proximity to the feast of the Assumption of Mary, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not celebrated today with the same solemnity as the Immaculate Conception. It is, nonetheless, a very important feast, because it prepares the way for the birth of Christ.

http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Birth_of_Mary.htm

Announcements:



Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, September 3rd for the Labor Day holiday.



Altar Society

The Altar Society will be holding their first fall meeting at Sorrento's restaurant, 6395 W Pierson Rd in Flushing Wed., Sept 7th, at 6:00 pm.



Mass Thursday

Mass will be offered at 9:00 am Thursday, Sept 8th, to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Choir

The first practice of the choir will be held Thursday, Sept 8th at 6:00pm.



Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee will meet Monday, Sept. 12th at 7:00 pm.



Parish Council

The Parish Council will meet Tuesday, Sept. 13th at 7:00 pm in the library.



Religious Education Sign-up

We are planning to start religious education classes Sunday, September 18th. As the Eparchy has printed new text books, we will need to reorder them for all students this year. If your child will be attending Religious Education classes this fall, please be sure to sign them up as soon as possible so that they will be guaranteed to have their books at the start of class. Sign-up sheets are available in the back of the church or through the church office.



Sts. Joachim & Anne

Feast Day: September 9th:

By tradition Joachim and Anne are considered to be the names of the parents of Mary, the Mother of God. We have no historical evidence,

however, of any elements of their lives, including their names. Any stories about Mary's father and mother come to us through legend and tradition.

We get the oldest story from a document called the Gospel of James, though in no way should this document be trusted to be factual, historical, or the Word of God. The legend told in this document says that after years of childlessness, an angel appeared to tell Anne and Joachim that they would have a child. Anne promised to dedicate this child to God (much the way that Samuel was dedicated by his mother Hannah -- Anne -- in 1 Kings).

For those who wonder what we can learn from people we know nothing about and how we can honor them, we must focus on why they are honored by the church. Whatever their names or the facts of their lives, the truth is that it was the parents of Mary who nurtured Mary, taught her, brought her up to be a worthy Mother of God. It was their teaching that led her to respond to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will." It was their example of parenting that Mary must have followed as she brought up her own son, Jesus. It was their faith that laid the foundation of courage and strength that allowed her to stand by the cross as her son was crucified and still believe.

Such parents can be examples and models for all parents.

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=22

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

LEBANESE FESTIVAL



Fri. 6-11pm • Sat. Noon - 11pm • Sun. Noon - 8pm

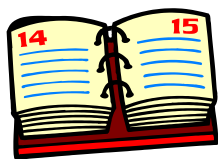
Sept. 9th-11th

Live Lebanese Music
Food & Dessert
Dancing
Beer Tent
Raffles

Fun for the Entire Family

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Altar Servers Schedule:



September 11: Team 2

September 18: Team 3

Ushers Schedules

September 11: Team 1

September 18: Team 2

Church Cleaning September:

Linda Kouza

Stewardship

Weekend August 27 – August 28, 2011

Envelopes Distributed	170
Weekly Envelopes received	59
Weekly envelopes	\$ 1,657.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 160.00
Loose	\$ 84.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 1,901.00
Second Collection	-0-
Budgeted for August	\$ 16,000.00
Amount needed for August Budget	(\$ 6,699.00)

Mark Your Calendar

September:

- Sept 7: Altar Society Meeting
- Sept 11: Religious Education Introduction/Books
- Sept 18: Religious Education classe



October:

- Oct. 2 : Breakfast with St. George
- Oct. 20 : Mid-East Luncheon



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**Prayer for
The Nativity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

Your birth, O Virgin Mother of God, heralded joy to all the world. For from you has risen the Sun of justice, Christ our God.

Destroying the curse, He gave blessing; and damning death, He bestowed on us life everlasting.

Blessed art you among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. For from you has risen of Sun of justice, Christ our God.




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*Grace is what
God gives us
when we don't
deserve*

*Mercy is when
God doesn't give
us what we do
deserve"*

~Anon.



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