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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday January 1, 2011– Sunday January 8, 2012



Circumcision of the Lord

(Lk 2:21)

-The feast of peace-

The Church celebrates today the feast of peace, which Pope Paul the sixth proclaimed in 1968, at the time as the Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord as tradition goes.

The pope proclaimed that this day be consecrated to prayers for peace, because peace is at the base of Christian life. This peace takes its source from Jesus Christ, and without peace there is no Christian life. Peace comes from the Holy Scriptures, the practice of the sacraments, and it is something that comes from within to the outside and is not related to outside things.

When Jesus appeared to his disciples, he would first say: "Peace be with you, My peace I give you, do not be afraid." The peace of Jesus drives away fear from our souls, our families, and our parishes. Fear which is the result of sin banishes peace. Therefore the psalmist David says: "My flesh is afflicted because of your anger; my frame aches because of my sin." (Ps 38:4) A Jewish philosopher said to the Jews: "As long as you have lost Jesus, you will not be able to live in peace." This is what we see today in the Middle Eastern world which is going through great tribulations, because it is far from the peace of the Gospel.

The Gospel today invites us to ask for peace and to pray for it in order to overwhelm the whole world. Jesus tells us: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." (Mt 5:9)

By Father Nabil Habchi

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:



Dorothy Mattar
Hanneh Chammas
Sue Stubbert
Nina Rachid
Ann Faris
Helen Zerka
Nadia Sob
Fouzi Zerka
Ron Delling

Anthony Mansour
Hector & Rose Khoury
Delore Shaker
Ann David
Helen Azzarello
Patsy Joseph
Fayez Zerka
Bruce Lindhurst
Joe Faris
Zeidan Zerka
Agnes Torok
Ophelia Polovina
Ronda Kaufman
Wanda Maroun
Sue Rasak



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 January 1st: The Circumcision of Jesus

12:00 NOON (Heb. 7:1-10, Lk 2:21-24) MYO

- Int. of all Parishioners

MONDAY 2: St. Basil the Great

- Rep. Thomas Alex by Ted & Jacqueline Valley

TUESDAY 3: St. Genevieve

- Rep. Jean Rossie by Elias & Hanan Chammas

WEDNESDAY 4: Elizabeth Ann Seton, Confessor

- Rep. Linda Macksood by Bob Neumann

THURSDAY 5: Vigil of the Glorious Epiphany

6:00P.M.

- Rep. Charlie Rossie by Family

FRIDAY 6: Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

9:00A.M.

- Rep. Raymond Faris by Lewis & Jeanette Walterhouse

6:00P.M.

- Rep. Hanna Rizk by Moussa & Jamal Barnaba

SATURDAY 7: Praises to John the Baptist, Martyr

5:00P.M.

- Rep. Margaret Haddix by Moussa & Jamal Barnaba
- Rep. Sub Deacon Charlie Rossie by Jeana Rossie-Miller

SUNDAY 8th: 1st Sunday after Epiphany

10A.M.: (2 Cor. 10:1-11, Jn 1:29-34) Joe Pavlovich

- Rep. Nouhad Badr by Najib & Siham Massaad
- Rep. Samir Deep by Mona & Josef Massoud
- Reps. Jergis & Mary Kouza by Saffa & Linda Kouza

SUNDAY 15th: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

10A.M.: (2 Cor. 4:5-15, Jn 1:35-42) Joe Pavlovich

- Rep. Juliette Haddad by Saffa & Linda Kouza
- Rep. Margaret Haddix by Sam Maroun
- Reps. Nouhad Badr by George & Virginia Rizk

Announcements:



Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee will meet Monday Jan 2nd at 7:00 pm.



Parish Council

The Parish Council will meet Tuesday January 3rd at 7:00 pm in the library.



Altar Society Meeting

Father Paul has asked for a special meeting of the Altar Society in January. This will be held Wednesday January 4th at 7:00 pm.



Blessing of Homes

Fr. Paul will be blessing homes after the feast of the Epiphany from Jan. 6th to Jan. 16th. There is a list of parish household outside the church. Be sure to check your name if you would like Abouna to come and bless your home. Also, please provide the best day and the daytime phone number where you can be reached.



Masses

Friday, January 6th is the Feast of the Epiphany. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held Thursday January 5th at 6:00PM and at 9:00AM and 6:00PM on Friday January 6th.



Altar Society Epiphany Breakfast

The Altar Society will be hosting an Epiphany breakfast on Sunday, January 8th after 10:00 Mass.



Adult Conversion Classes Scheduled

We would like to start our Adult Conversion classes next Sunday, January 8th after 10:00 mass. To date, we have only received one registration form. If you know of anyone who is interested in attending these classes please make sure they see Deacon Marty as soon as possible.



2012 Envelopes

Donation envelopes for 2012 are available in the entrance of the church. Please be sure to pick yours up. If you do not find an envelope with your name, please contact the church office and we will supply you with a box. 2012 Maronite calendars are available as well.

*You can give without loving,
but you can never love without giving.*



We are continuing our food drive for the Holy Angels Warming Shelter and the North End Soup Kitchen. Their truck will be here the week-end of January 8th. Please leave non-perishable food items in the drop box by the church entrance. Also, please invite your friends and family to participate in this worthy cause.



Epiphany Prayer

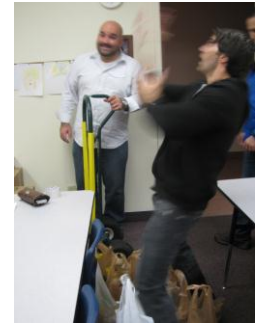
Father, you revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star.
Lead us to your glory in heaven by the light of faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



MYA Food Drive for Boys & Girls Club of Greater Flint



The MYA of Our Lady of Lebanon successfully completed their Christmas food drive. With the help of parishioners and local businesses they raised over \$2,000 dollars. Donations of money and food were used to provide food boxes to the families of twenty children in the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Flint. Each family received a large box of non-perishable food items as well as fresh fruit, potatoes, two whole chickens, personal care items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap and tooth brushes as well as a gift card to Meijers. The MYA worked on this project for two months and delivered the boxes on Thursday December 22nd. They would like to thank all of you for your donations of cash and food which helped to make this event a success!



“They say that in order to receive you must first give. The two go hand and hand. The MYA members who participated in this fundraiser truly felt that although they were the ones giving they received much more in return from those they gave to.”

Give, and it will be given to you... for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

Cheers to the New Year and another chance to get it right!



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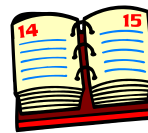
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Altar Servers Schedule

January 8: Team 2

January 15: Team 3



Ushers Schedules

January 8: Team 2

January 15: Team 1

Church Cleaning
January: Mary Matte

Mark Your Calendar

January:

Jan. 8: Epiphany Breakfast
Jan. 8: Adult Conversion Classes Begin
Jan 8: Food Drive

February:

Feb 11: St. Maron's Hafli
Feb 16: Mid East Luncheon
Feb 17-19: Youth Retreat (Cleveland)
Feb 20: Ash Monday



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Stewardship

Weekend Dec. 24 – Dec. 25, 2011

Weekly Envelopes

Distributed	170
Received	79
Weekly envelopes	\$ 1,999.00
Fuel	\$ 75.00
Christmas	\$ 1,977.00
Loose	\$ 761.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 3,140.00

Second Collection

Christmas Appeal	\$ 100.00
Maronite Voice	\$ 10.00
Budgeted for December	\$ 15,000.00

Amount needed for Dec. (\$3,903.00)



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