



46th Annual NAM Convention

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The National Apostolate of Maronites

Hosted by

Our Lady of Mt. Lebanon-St. Peter Cathedral

Los Angeles, CA

July 1-5, 2009



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Reverend Paul Damien
Our Lady of Lebanon Church
54 South Fourth Street
Easton, PA 18042

Dear Monsignor/Father,

Greetings from Los Angeles, host of the NAM Convention in 2009. We hope you receive this letter while enjoying the best of health, happiness and success.

One of the activities that will be taking place at the convention will be a Talent Show (similar to the popular TV show American Idol) which will showcase talent from the Maronite Parishioners. A set of Guidelines is enclosed for your use.

We would appreciate it if you would share the information with your parishioners and encourage them to participate in this wonderful event. We can accept up to three "auditions" from each parish. These need be submitted for consideration to participate in an in person audition Wednesday, July 1 and Thursday, July 2, 2009. We would appreciate it if you as a pastor and/or a committee decides on who you wish to submit for consideration in representing your parish.

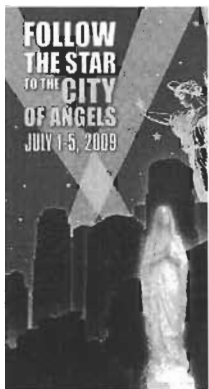
Any audio (in digital form) must be entered by April 15, 2009. The DVD is to be sent to the Chairperson of this event, Mrs. Theresa Jowdy at 1544 Ard Eevin Avenue, Glendale, CA 91202.

As you will read in the guidelines, only a certain number of acts can be presented at the program. The program committee will choose the performances that will be presented during the convention on Thursday evening.

We feel that this will be a great experience for displaying the talent of the Maronite faithful as we "Follow the Star to the City of Angels."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Abdallah E. Zaidan, M.L.M.
Rector



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Guidelines for NAM Talent Show-2009

At the 2009 NAM Convention, Our Lady of Mt. Lebanon-St. Peter Cathedral will host a talent show featuring talent from across the United States. The following are some guidelines for this year's talent show:

- ◆ The first thing to remember is that this is a Church sponsored function and all material submitted must be in good taste.
- ◆ Each audition must be submitted in digital form and should not exceed 5 minutes. All entries must be received no later than April 15, 2009.
- ◆ Topics of talent may include: singing, dancing, comedy, magic, musical instrument renditions, acting, and recital of poem. Submissions may include one person, duet or small groups, such as a small band.
- ◆ The talent show is open to all ages.
- ◆ The contestants have to be present, in person, for an audition taking place Wednesday afternoon and evening July 1 and all day Thursday, July 2, 2009.
- ◆ There will be a committee to judge and rate all participant performances and the finalists will perform on Thursday evening and will receive congratulatory awards.