

Our Lady of Lebanon Church - Easton



## 12th SUNDAY PENTECOST

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### *Assumption of the Blessed Mother*

The third of the great feasts of the summer is the commemoration of the death of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, which, in liturgical language is called “**Dormition of Our Lady.**” This, from the liturgical point of view, is the most important feast dedicated to the Virgin. To whomever reads this, sacred Tradition has given us the following account of the death of the Theotokos (Greek word for Mother of God): “As the time drew near for the Lord to draw unto himself his earthly mother, he sent the Archangel Gabriel to Gethsemane to tell her that it is within her power to ascend to heaven whenever she wills. The Archangel, therefore, comes to Gethsemane and enters the house of the Godmother, he stands in front of her, and with all reverence and piety says to her: *“My mistress and my lady, Queen of heaven, and the Creator’s most Immaculate Mother; your only-begotten Son and God sent me to tell you that he called you*



*unto him, to his Kingdom, to his ineffable glory, that you might sit upon his throne at his right hand. He awaited you.”* And this was in the 44th year AD and on her 59th year, also it was eleven years following our Lord Jesus Christ’s Ascension. Upon the Archangel Gabriel’s departure, the Theotokos went up to the Mount of Olives and prayed and blessed God, and thereafter returned to her house and prepared herself for burial. Meanwhile, as though by a miracle, all the Apostles left off preaching wherever they were and gathered at once at Gethsemane where Mary lived. Having revealed to them the reason for their strange meeting, she then consoled them in their sorrow. After this, the Theotokos called the devout widows and distributed to them her garments, and prayed for the salvation of the world, and for the faithful Christians who seek her help and protection, and then blessed the Apostles, and bade farewell unto all those about her, then finally she did lay herself upon her bed and fell asleep. And following her words: *“You my Son and my God, receive my spirit,”* the Son of God did immediately receive his Mother’s most holy soul, and translated it to her throne, at his right side, as the perpetual queen of the angels and all the saints. *“Angelic hosts stood at Zion guarding their master directing a female soul for he cried out sacredly unto her, which begot immaculately; come you venerable one, and glorify yourself together with your Son and your God.”* Now the earthly grave is preparing to receive the body of the most holy of all. The most holy one is sleeping, and the funeral burial at the Vessel of choice is followed by the Apostles. Legend has it that Thomas the Apostle did not arrive in time for the burial. As the others led him to Mary’s tomb to view the remains of the beloved Virgin, they discovered, to their astonishment, that the body was gone. Thus did the belief in her bodily Assumption originate.” Like her Son, Mary underwent physical death, but her body, like his was afterwards raised from the dead and she was taken up into heaven in her body as well as in her soul. The resurrection of the body, which all Christians await, has in her case been anticipated and is already an accomplished fact.



**THIS WEEKEND \*\*\* ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY \*\*\***

Sat., Aug 15 – Special Intention.  
(5:00 P.M.)

Sun., Aug 16 – Kamel Melhem (birthday remembrance) by Mr.& Mrs. Edward Elias & family.  
(10:00 A.M.)

- Yasmine Moussa by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moussa & family.

**WEEKDAYS** ↓

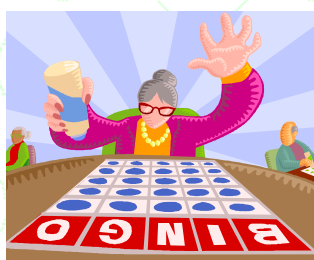
Monday	Aug 17	6:30 P.M	Helen Melhem by Joan Mc. Garvey
Tuesday	Aug 18	6:30 P.M	Anthony Vaccaro by Dora Elias.
Wednesday	Aug 19	* * * *	No Daily Mass (day-off)
Thursday	Aug 20	6:30 P.M	Joseph Jabour by Ona Orta
Friday	Aug 21	6:30 P.M	Samuel Joseph by Rema Melhem

**WEEKEND of August 22-23 \*\*\* 13th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST \*\*\***

Sat., Aug 22 – 5:00 P.M. – Yasmaine Shortell by Dr. & Mrs. Elias Isaac

Sun., Aug 23– 10:00 A.M. – Zakia Nehme Karam (2nd anniversary) by family

	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<p><b>THANK YOU</b></p> <p><b>&amp;</b></p> <p><b>GOD BLESS</b></p>
Collection Saturday, Aug 1, 2009	\$ 404.00	
Collection: Sunday, Aug 2, 2009	\$ 345.00	
Collection Saturday, Aug 8, 2009	\$ 540.00	
Collection: Sunday, Aug 9, 2009	\$ 779.00	



BINGO	CALLER	KITCHEN	PAYOUT
Aug 18	Amine Nehme	Aziz Koury	Antonios Jabbour
Aug 25	Mona melan	Aziz Koury	Antonios Jabbour Owtil karam

**Readers**

Saturday, August 15	Sharon John
Sunday, August 16	Joe Jacob
Saturday, August 22	Marie Hanni
Sunday, August 23	Naomi koerwitz

**Scripture Readings**

**12th Sunday of Pentecost**

**Eph 3: 1– 13 / Mt 15: 21-28**



**DAY OFF** Please be advised that Father Paul ' day off is Wednesday. On that day the Rectory's office will be closed. phone calls will go to an answering machine . For emergencies - Hospital calls- please call Abouna on his cellular or Deacon Anthony Koury.

# MYO / MYA

MYO SITE : <http://ollmyo.blogspot.com/>

**LABOR DAY PICNIC** The MYA will be sponsoring a Labor Day Picnic at Lopatcong Municipal Park on Belvedere Road in New Jersey. This picnic will be held on Monday, September 7, 2009. Live entertainment will be provided by a band. There will be a per table charge. More information will follow. If you would like to reserve a table from now please contact Rhonda Elias.



Congratulations!

## Joined in Marriage

Our Lady of Lebanon Church took on a new look on Saturday, August 15th for the occasion of the Sacrament of Crowning of **Maroun korie and Jennifer Jabbour**. We are happy also for the marriage of **Michael & Miranda Buesing** that took place in the RC Cathedral in Antigua on August 1st. I join with the entire parish in offering our warm and sincere wishes to the happy couples along with their families and friends. May Christ, the Lord, accompany the newly weds, Maroun & Jennifer, Michael & Miranda as they walk together in love and unity.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Bishop Gregory Mansour, informed us of the utmost distinct privilege that His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has named our brother **Anthony Budway** of Providence, Rhode Island a **Knight of the Pontifical Order of Saint Gregory the Great**. This Pontifical Honor is a recognition at the highest level of the Church of his outstanding witness to the Catholic faith in our Maronite Tradition. In addition, eight other Maronites throughout our Eparchy have also received an Honor in this Pontifical Order. Anthony Budway (Tuffy) will receive the insignia of Saint Gregory the Great during a Pontifical Divine Liturgy to be Celebrated at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lebanon in Brooklyn, on Saturday, November 7th at 4:30 PM. I join with the Clergy and Laity of our parish in expressing our sincere congratulations to Tuffy and his family on this very special occasion.

# HERITAGE DAY

MANY THANKS

*To all our wonderful parishioners and volunteers who helped prepare the food and setup the grounds for the Annual Heritage days Festival this past week. You are the pillars and the backbones of our church – the trunk supporting the many branches of our parish – and your dedication to the Blessed Mother Our lady of Lebanon and to the continuation of the Heritage Days is noticeable. May your labor shine before the Lord.*



*Get Well Soon* We take a special moment in our day as we pray for all the sick in our parish, the shut-ins, and those recovering from any illness, surgery, or treatments. May the Good Lord touch them with His healing and restore them to a good health of body and soul.

Please remember in your prayers this week: Agnes Pellicotti, Eva Oliver, Joan Daniel and E.K.

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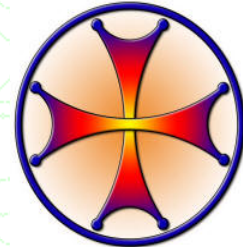
[www.mountlebanon.org](http://www.mountlebanon.org)

You can find us also at:

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**THANK YOU**  
**&**  
**GOD BLESS**



## *Devotion to Mary*

Saint Paul says: "There is one Mediator, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (1 Tim 2:5). What then is the place of Mary in the Universal Church, in the Maronite Church and in our lives? Is devotion to Mary simply a sentiment that can be put aside without hurting our faith, or is she an essential part of the life of the Church and our Creed? God has linked Mary to all of the Mystery of the Incarnation: the Redemption, the Eucharist, the distribution of graces, intercession and mediation. The Church of Christ is linked to all these mysteries and so, too, is Mary, Mother of the Church. To remove her would erase the Mystery of the Incarnation itself and go against the will of God and Christ Himself, who not only associated Mary with His plan of salvation but made her the prototype of the redeemed Christian and an example for the whole Church, of which she is mother. Through her role representing humanity, God took flesh and became man, like one of us. To put Mary aside is anti-theological and anti-historical. By giving God flesh from her flesh, and bone from her bone, she made the Divinity appear and shine to mankind: "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that nursed you" (Lk 11:27). But more blessed is she, because in an eminent way she "heard the Word of God and kept it" (Lk 11:28). The sympathy of God toward mankind is incomplete without the incomparable figure of Mary "who, like Jesus, is a dwelling place of the divine revelation" (Louis Bouyer - *Le Throne de la Sagesse*). Mary gave birth to Jesus our Savior and was proclaimed at the Council of Ephesus (431) Theotokos (God bearer). However, sometimes we do not look deep enough to see that the Lord associated her, by the fact of her maternity, and in His great wisdom and mercy, to be a participant in an eminent way in His life, passion, death, resurrection and in the distribution of all graces. --by Archbishop Francis M. Zayek

### **NAM Free membership for High School Grads**

NAM has always dedicated many programs for our youth and young adults. One of those programs is to offer them one year free membership as they graduate from High School. We, are hoping to establish a list of our High school Graduates so we may assist them through the NAM Scholarship and other beneficial programs pertaining to our youth. If you have anyone that has graduated this past June, all you need to do is call the rectory and provide us with the following information: the graduates full name, address, email and phone number so they can receive a free membership.