



## Our Lady of Lebanon Church - Easton



# 15th & 16th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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## *Gospel Reflections : Nativity of the virgin Mary*

As to the place of the birth of Our Blessed Lady, there are three different traditions to be considered. First, the event has been placed in Bethlehem.. A second tradition placed the birth of Our Blessed Lady in Sephoris, about three miles north of Bethlehem, the Roman Diocaesarea, and the residence of Herod Antipas until late in the life of Our Lord. The antiquity of this opinion may be inferred from the fact that under Constantine a church was erected in Sephoris to commemorate the residence of Joachim and Anna in that place. The third tradition, that Mary was born in Jerusalem, is the most probable one. We have seen that it rests upon the testimony of St. Sophronius, St. John Damascene, and upon the evidence of the recent finds in the Probatica. The Feast of Our Lady's Nativity was not celebrated in Rome until toward the end of the seventh century; but two sermons found among the writings of St. Andrew of Crete (d.680) suppose the existence of this feast, and lead one to suspect that it was introduced at an earlier date into some other churches. In 799 the 10th Canon of the Synod of Salzburg prescribes four feasts in honor of the Mother of God: the Purification, February 2; the Annunciation, March 25; the Assumption, August 15; the Nativity, September 8.

### *Words of Wisdom*

- *The scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying (J. Flavel).*

### 2009 PA Pro-Life Conference



### *Lighting the Way for LIFE*

Saturday October 24, 2009

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## *The Silent Treatment*

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. The next week the man realized that he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 a.m. for an early morning business flight to Chicago. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence, he finally wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5:00 a.m."

The next morning the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 a.m., and that he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't woken him he noticed a piece of paper by the bed ...It said, "It is 5:00 a.m.; wake up."



**WEEKDAYS** ↓

**THIS WEEKEND \*\*\* 15th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST \*\*\***

Sat., Sept. 5 – **George Karam (2nd Anniversary)** by family  
(5:00 P.M.)

Sun., Sept. 6 – **Yasmaine Shortell** by Cheffie Melhem  
(10:00 A.M.)

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| Monday    | Sep. 7  | 6:30 P.M | <b>Anna John</b> by George and Queenie Jabbour  |
| Tuesday   | Sep. 8  | 6:30 P.M | <b>Katherine Howard</b> by Joseph & Barbara Kassis<br><i>(Nativity of the Blessed Virgin)</i> |
| Wednesday | Sep. 9  | 6:30 P.M | <b>Karam Simon</b> by Cathy & Ron Kitzhoffer  |
| Thursday  | Sep. 10 | 6:30 P.M | <b>NO DAILY MASS</b>  |
| Friday    | Sep. 11 | 6:30 P.M | <b>Jude جود</b> Moussa & all 9/11 victims by parishioners                                     |

**WEEKEND of September 12-13 \*\*\* EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS \*\*\***

Sat., Sept. 12– 5:00 P.M. – **Samuel Joseph** by Dr. George & Kathy Nassoor

Sun., Sept. 13– 10:00 A.M. – **Anthony Vaccaro (40 Day Mass)** by family

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| Monday    | Sep. 14 | 6:30 P.M | <b>Susan Estephan</b> by Marta & Camille Gabriel <b>(Holy Cross)</b> |
| Tuesday   | Sep. 15 | 6:30 P.M | <b>Daniel Corey</b> by George and Queenie Jabbour                    |
| Wednesday | Sep. 16 | *****    | <b>NO DAILY MASS **** DAY-OFF</b>                                    |
| Thursday  | Sep. 17 | 6:30 P.M | Joseph Jabour by Robert & Dolores Ellwood                            |
| Friday    | Sep. 18 | 6:30 P.M | Helen Melhem by Mr. & Mrs. Budwi Jacob                               |



| BINGO   | CALLER        | KITCHEN  | PAYOUT                             |
|---------|---------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Sep. 8  | Mike Boulos   | Aziz Koury & Naomi Shiner                      | Antonios Jabbour                   |
| Sep. 15 | George Koorie | Rosann Constantine, Jawhara Karam & Aziz Koury | Cheffie Melhem<br>Antonios Jabbour |
| Sep. 22 | Rose Sabra    | Aziz Koury                                     | Antonios Jabbour                   |

**Readers**

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|------------------------|------------------|
| Saturday, September 5  | Claire Willard   |
| Sunday, September 6    | John Shaheen     |
| Saturday, September 12 | Marlene Horvath  |
| Sunday, September 13   | Dora Elias       |
| Saturday, September 19 | Jeannette Kassis |
| Sunday, September 20   | Alex karam Jr.   |

**Scripture Readings**

**15 Pentecost**      **16 Pentecost**  
 1 Thes 1: 1– 10 / 1 Cor 1:18-25  
 Lk 7: 36-50 / Jn 12; 20-32



**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.

**Get Well Soon** On behalf of all of us at Our Lady of Lebanon we would like to wish Fr. Bob George a fast recovery after his motorcycle accident.

To send a get well soon card to Father Bob George please use this mailing address: Sacred Heart Rectory, 1817 first street, Bethlehem, PA 18020

## A Week Without God Is:

**Sinday**  
**Mournday**  
**Tearsday**  
**Wasteday**  
**Thirstday**  
**Fightday**  
**Shatterday**

## CCD Classes



CCD classes for the 2009-2010 school year will take place on **Saturdays** at 3:45pm. Classes will begin on **Saturday, September 12th**. Children who attend Catholic school and will enter the 1st grade this year should plan on joining the 2nd grade CCD class. Catholic school children in 2nd grade should join the Holy Communion class. This year, it is required for all children (public school AND Catholic school) who are making their First Holy Communion to attend class and Mass on a regular basis. Parents, please plan on attending a short meeting at the start of the first class on September 12th. Registration forms are available via email, on the church's website or in the vestibule of the church. It is important to fill out the registration form, so we know how many books and supplies to order. Thank you in advance for sending your children to these very important classes in the Maronite faith.



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, Belva Dieter, E.K., L.B. & Carmella Bigly

## **Wisdom: Explanation of God**

*(THIS ONE IS FABULOUS!!! It was written by an 8 year old, Danny Dutton of Chula Vista, CA, for his third grade homework assignment. The assignment was to explain God.)*

### **EXPLANATION GOD**

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth.

He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way He doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because He hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in His ears, unless He has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your Mom and Dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church. Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind, like His Father and He told His Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K. His Dad (God) appreciated everything that He had done and all His hard work on earth so He told Him He didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So He did. And now He helps His Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones He can take care of Himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important. You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church or do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back anytime He pleases. And... that's why I believe in God.

**CHARITY** To reach out to the needy and the poor in our community, we are in the process of creating our own independent charity project. In the past we used to help through other local non-profit organizations, but our contributions went un-noticed and many people thought that we are not helping our needy brothers and sisters as recommended by the Lord's commandments.

We will have a weekly distribution of canned food, clothing, toys ...etc. a list of needed items will be posted in the bulletin to make sure that we receive only needed items since we do not have space for storage. Distribution dates and place will be published later. This project will be supervised by Muncy Farhat. All helpers are welcome to join the team.

*Lebanese  
Heritage Day*



**Saint Ann Maronite Church**  
**Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009**  
Noon to 7 PM

**Lebanese Foods: Kibbee, Tabouli,  
Hummus, Grape Leaves, Grilled  
Beef, Ka-bobs and more.  
Assorted Pastries**

**Coffee House & Bazaar  
Dance Troupe**

**Baskets & Raffle  
Beverages & Beer  
& Much More**

**For the Children:  
Games and a Fun House**

**Sumner Avenue & Price Street  
West Scranton**



Our Lady of Lebanon Church

**ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL**  
Saturday September 19th, 2009

11:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.  
**LEBANESE HAFLE (Music and Dancing)**  
7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

**LIVE BAND**  
7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

*A Spectacular Presentation of Scenic  
Views of Lebanon from 2:00 - 3:00 & 6-7*

**LUNCH & DINNER 11:30 A.M. - 10:30 P.M.**  
**(AN ASSORTMENT OF DELICIOUS LEBANESE DISHES AND SANDWICHES)**  
*Shawarma, Falafel, Chicken & Rice, Meat Pies, Spinach Pies, Grape Leaves, Tabbouleh, Hummus, Baba  
Ghanouj, Manakeesh Saj, Lebanese Vegetarian Dishes, and more...*

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM 11:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.**  
*Moon Bounce, Children's Games, Face Painting, Arts & Crafts Cotton Candy, Snow Cones, and Popcorn*

**ASSORTMENT OF DELICIOUS SWEETS**  
*Amayef, Mshabab, Macaroons, Cookies and Brownies, Kenafeh*

**SPECIALTY LEBANESE WINES/ARAK/BEER**  
*On site liquor will only be consumed in designated areas*

**NARJEELEH AND ARABIC COFFEE**

**OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CHURCH**  
7142 Alaska Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 202-829-5554  
Directions: OLOL is located on Alaska Avenue, Between Georgia Avenue and 16th Street, N.W.  
[www.ourladyoflebanon-dc.org](http://www.ourladyoflebanon-dc.org)

**HNS**

The next meeting of the Holy Name Society will take place in the crying room after the Sunday mass on September 13, 2009. All members are urged to attend. Also, all new members are welcome.

**Fr. Youakim Moubarac's Scholarship**

To honor the memory of a great scholar: **Father Youakim Moubarac** of Kfarsghab, Our Lady of Lebanon Church in Easton will offer annual scholarships to high School and college Students from our parish. A special fund will be created so all interested parishioners and friends of Abouna Youakim Moubarac will be able to donate to the fund and encourage catholic education.



*Taste  
of Lebanon*



**10th Annual Festival**

**Cedars Hall**

**Our Lady of Lebanon Church**



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Rasouche Rock/Beirut

**September 18, 19, and 20, 2009**

**Lebanese Food and Pastries,  
Folk Dance Troupe,  
Outdoor Market Place, DJ Music,  
Dancing, Entertainment,  
Cultural Displays,  
Children Activities and Face Painting  
~ All three days ~**

**Special events:  
Card Night on Friday  
Backgammon Tournament on Sunday**

**Friday: 6 pm to 12 Midnight  
Saturday: 12 noon to 12 Midnight  
Sunday: Following 10 am Mass to 5 pm**

**Food & Gas Gift Certificates to be raffled  
Sunday 9/20 at 4 pm (9 Prizes totaling \$2000 in all)**

## OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH

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We are on the internet at:

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

You can find us also at:

[www.catholicweb.com](http://www.catholicweb.com) church ID : 55071

## Craft Show

The Altar & Rosary Society of St. Mary Church, located at 830 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Alpha, NJ is sponsoring a Craft Show on Saturday, November 14 from 9AM - 3PM in the basement of the Church. Crafters, please contact: Mary @ 908-995-7919 after 5 PM.

**“Friends of the Poor”** St Jane's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have a “Friends of the Poor” Walk on Saturday September 26th. The day will begin with the 9:00 a.m Mass celebrated by Bishop Barres and the walk will begin shortly thereafter. The walk will be from St. Jane’s Church to St. Francis Retreat House and return to St. Jane’s , 2.5 miles. Please consider helping with this worthy endeavor to help the poor in our midst. Contact Jack Flynn at 610-252-5010 or email [jflynn@dlk.com](mailto:jflynn@dlk.com) to register for the walk or to sponsor a walker



## Story: Heaven



An 85-year-old couple had been married for 60 years. Though they were far from rich, they managed to get by because they watched their pennies. Though not young, they were both in very good health, largely due to the wife's insistence on healthy foods and exercise for the last decade. One day their good health didn't help when they went on a rare vacation and their plane crashed, sending them off to Heaven. They reached the Pearly Gates and Saint Peter escorted them inside. He took them to a beautiful mansion furnished in gold and fine silks with a fully stocked kitchen and a waterfall in the master bath. A maid could be seen hanging their favorite clothes in the closet. They gasped in astonishment when he said, "Welcome to Heaven. This will be your home now." The old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost. "Why, nothing," Peter replied, "Remember, this is your reward in Heaven." The old man looked out the window and right there he saw a championship golf course, finer and more beautiful than any ever built on Earth. "What are the greens fees?" grumbled the old man. "This is heaven," St. Peter replied. "You play for free, every day...."

Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch with every imaginable cuisine laid out before them from seafood to steaks to exotic deserts, free flowing beverages. "Don't even ask," said St. Peter to the man. "This is Heaven, it is all free for you to enjoy." The old man looked around and glanced nervously at his wife. "Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods and the decaffeinated tea?" he asked. "That's the best part," St. Peter replied. "You can eat and drink as much as you like of whatever you like and you will never get fat or sick. This is Heaven!" The old man pushed, "No gym to work out at?" "Not unless you want to," was the answer. "No testing my sugar or blood pressure or..." "Never again. All you do here is enjoy yourself." The old man glared at his wife and said, "You and your bran flakes. We could have been here 10 years ago!"