

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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Words of Wisdom

- *We cannot control the evil tongues of others; but a good life enables us to disregard them.*
- *The scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying (J. Flavel).*
- *Most people are bothered by those passages of scriptures they do not understand, but the passages that bother me are those I do understand (M. Twain)*
- *Some family Bibles are passed down from generation to generation because they get so little wear*

PENTECOST The word Pentecost (Greek “ Fiftieth”) appears as one of the designations of the “ feast of weeks” (Exod. 34:22; Deut. 16:10), which comes between Passover and Tabernacles. In the Hellenistic period, the feast also called for renewal of the covenant God made with Noah (Gen. 9:8-17) Later, after the destruction of the Temple in 70, the feast began to lose its agricultural association and became linked with Israel’s sacred history by celebrating the giving of the Torah on Sinai. Luke gives new significance to the first Pentecost following the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. For Luke it is the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise that His followers would receive power when the Holy Spirit would come upon them. Luke does not tell us where the followers of Jesus were assembled when the Spirit came, but the subsequent scene seems to be in the Temple court. The Spirit’s coming was attended by “ sound like the rush of a violent wind” filling the house where they were gathered, and is marked by the appearance of “ tongues, as of fire,” then the apostles “were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages” For Luke, what happens at Pentecost is a promise of what will happen among all the nations when the gospel will be preached to the gentiles.



It may be said, that from the day of Pentecost to this hour there has been in the Church but one Holy One, the King of kings, and Lord of lords himself, who is in all believers, and through whom they are what they are; their separate persons being but as separate developments, vessels, instruments, and works of him who is invisible. Such is the difference between the Church before the Spirit of Christ came, and after. Before, God’s servants were as the dry bones of the prophet’s vision connected by profession, not by an inward principle; but since; they are all the organs as if of one invisible, governing soul, the hands, or the tongues, or the feet, or the eyes of one and the same directed mind, the types, tokens, beginnings, and glimpses of the eternal Son of God. Such is the Christian Church, a living body, and one; not a mere framework artificially arranged to look like one. Its being alive is what makes it one; were it dead, it would consist of as many parts as it has embers; but the living Spirit of God came down upon it at Pentecost, and made it one, by giving it life.




THIS WEEKEND * MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY *****

Sat., June 6 – 5:00 P.M. – **Doctor Sophie Azzi** by Dr. Dany Abou jaoude
 Sun., June 7 – 10:00 A.M. – **Katherine Karam** by Family

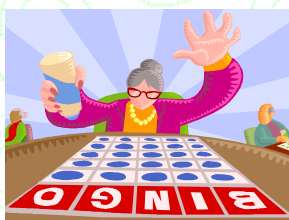
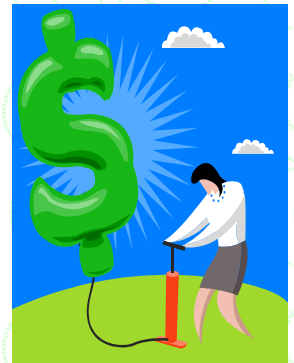
Monday	June 8	6:30 P.M	John Saba Karam by Aziz & Pete Koury
Tuesday	June 9	6:30 P.M	Carol Marinetti by Suzanne Smith & family
Wednesday	June 10	* * * *	No Daily Mass (day-off)
Thursday	June 11	6:30 P.M	Daniel Corey by Sanna Baurkot
Friday	June 12	6:30 P.M	Katherine Howard by James & mary Ellen Stevens

NEXT WEEKEND * 3rd SUNDAY OF PENTECOST *****

Sat., June 13 – 5:00 P.M. – **Manor Melhem** by wife Josephine / & **James Baka** by Frances Melhem & Family
 Sun., June 14 – 10:00 A.M. – **Yasmine Moussa** by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moussa
 - **Emile Khoury** (Lebanon) (9 Day Mass) by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Constantine and son

	Amount
Collection Saturday, May 16, 2009	\$ 526.00
Collection: Sunday, May 17, 2009	\$ 700.00
Collection: Saturday, May 23, 2009	\$ 409.00
Collection: Sunday, May 24, 2009	\$ 609.00
Ascension Thursday Collection	\$ 188.00

**THANK YOU
&
GOD BLESS**



BINGO	CALLER	KITCHEN	PAYOUT
JUNE 9	George karam	Aziz Koury	Antonios Jabbour
JUNE 16	Dora Elias	Aziz Koury	Antonios Jabbour Owtil Karam

Readers

Saturday, May 30	Marie Hanni
Sunday, May 31	Joe Jacob
Saturday, June 6	Sharon John
Sunday, June 7	Karam Family
Saturday, June 13	Richard Russack
Sunday, June 14	Simon koorie

Scripture Readings

Trinity Sunday / 3rd Pentecost
 Rom 11: 25-36 / 1Cor 2: 1-10
 Mt 28: 16-20 / Jn 14: 21-27



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.

PARISH



BREAKFAST

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a parish breakfast in our church hall on Sunday, May 31, 2009, immediately following the Liturgy. Tickets are \$ 10.00 per family and \$ 3.00 per individual. Breakfast will be continental style. Please respond by May 28th. Tickets may be purchased from any Holy Name Society member after the weekend liturgies.



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: karam Simon (Skimo) , Jeanette Kassis, Lynette karam Leendertz , our brother C.J &



CAMEL BEACH WATER PARK

Date: June 25, 2009

RAIN DATE: June 26, 2009

Cost: \$ 18.99 OVER 21 / \$ 13.99 UNDER 21

The MYO is sponsoring a bus trip to Camel beach Water Park in Tannersville, PA. The buses will depart from the Kohl's parking lot on Route 248 at 9:00 a.m. The MYO will provide snacks and beverages. A tee shirt will be distributed to everyone prior to the trip. The MYO requests everyone to wear the tee shirt the day of the trip. The MYO requests payment at the time of reservation. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, May 27, 2008.

Please contact Rhonda Elias at 610-905-0050 or Peter Koorie at 610-258-5798.

HERITAGE DAY

Saturday

August 1st

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Sunday

August 2nd

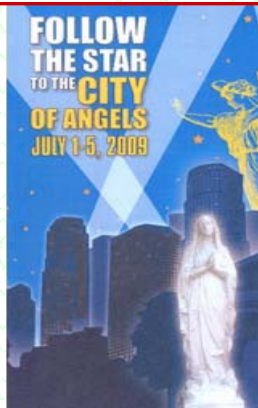
All are welcomed to join

Heritage Day team.

Raffle tickets will be mailed to all parishioners this coming week.

It is the best festival in town and we hope to continue this great tradition for years to come.

May Our Lord God Bless you for your dedication, generosity and your love to your church



46th Annual NAM Convention

Sponsored by:

The National Apostolate of Maronites

Hosted by:

Our Lady of Mount Lebanon - St. Peter Cathedral

Los Angeles, California

July 1 – 5, 2009

The 46th Annual Maronite Convention, sponsored by the National Apostolate of Maronites and hosted by Our Lady of Mt. Lebanon-St. Peter Cathedral of Los Angeles, CA. The event will be held July 1- 5, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel. The convention theme, ***Follow the Star to the City of Angels***, will be the guiding inspiration throughout the week. There will be several events and activities that will be entertaining as well as informative. You will be able to enjoy lectures and workshops, exhibits at the hospitality suite, world known speakers will highlight our Thursday and Friday events and much more. In addition to the presentations and workshops for Maronite of all ages, there will also be several social events to take part in. On Wednesday there will be a “Welcome to Los Angeles Reception and Entertainment,” on Thursday a special concert, on Friday a Hollywood Night Dinner & Dance and on Saturday the traditional Grand Banquet. There will also be a talent show on Thursday. This is a great opportunity to showcase your talent and win recognition and prizes. There will be in person auditions on both Wednesday & Thursday. To participate in this great event please submit any entrees to your parish for review. The Silent Auction will take place Thursday & Friday. The Raffle will have several great prizes to win and also many other activities to participate in with your entire family.

Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches of the Vatican will be our guest speaker on Thursday, July 2, 2009 at the Luncheon in his honor. He will be addressing the relationship between our Maronite Church and the Vatican. We are deeply honored to have him as our guest. Super Star Joumana Mdarwar will perform at a special concert on Thursday as well.

Mr. Carlos Slim Helu, entrepreneur and philanthropist, will be joining us for a special Luncheon in his honor on Friday, July 3, 2009. He is well known for his huge success in the communications industry and is among the richest people in the world.

Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood will be our honored guest for the Grand Banquet taking place Saturday, July 4, 2009. We look forward to seeing you at these great events.

We will be joined by many distinguished guests. The 2009 Maronite Convention will be an exciting event as well as a spiritually affirming experience for all ages. We would like for Maronites spread throughout the United States to join us for a few short days to celebrate our faith and heritage. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to come together as one people and also have a chance to enjoy what the City of Angels has to offer. For more information please visit: www.namnews.org. Mark your calendars for this special event. We hope to see you all here in the Golden State!

Room Rate: *NAM Registrants* pay \$140.00 per night (sing / dbl / trip /quad). **Hotel:** Call the **Hyatt Regency Century Plaza** at (310) 228-1234 for room reservation.

You must be registered for the convention to make hotel reservations. Registration forms are available at all parishes. You may also contact the national office at (914)964- 3070.

Lebanese Festival

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church, 3679 Providence Road, Newton Square, PA will hold its 10th Annual Lebanese Heritage Festival on Saturday, June 20, 2009 from 12 noon to 11 P.M and Sunday June 21, 2009. Mass 11:00 A.M, 12 Noon and after until 9:00 P.M. Food, fun, games, raffles. Also featuring a live band playing Middle Eastern music, rides, etc... all of these activities will take place on our beautiful facilities. Please join us. We guarantee you a wonderful day to enjoy with family and friends. For more information please call the rectory at (610) 353-5952

OLOL parishioners are all invited by Fr. Paul Moawad to participate in this event.

2nd Collection

June 6th & 7th

KOC for ARC

The Knights of Columbus will be present on Saturday, June 6th and Sunday, June 7th to collect and raise money for the ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens) . This special collection was approved by our Bishop and we encourage all parishioners to be generous toward the needy members of our community.



A Time to Laugh

Disliked Dictator

The dictator of a small country was bitterly disappointed that nobody would use the newly issued postage stamps bearing his portrait. He questioned his postmaster, who explained that the stamps were not sticking. Seizing a stamp, the dictator licked it and stuck it on an envelope. "Look!" he shouted. "It sticks perfectly!" The postmaster faltered for a moment, then explained, "Well, sir, the truth is that the people have been spitting on the wrong side."

Pray Informed Prayers

Rev. Arley Fadness of Harrisburg, South Dakota, told of being a student at Augustana Academy in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. On Sunday afternoons the students would go in small groups to a nearby hospital to visit the sick and take turns praying for their recovery. Finally, it was Fadness's turn. Nervously he prayed for God to heal the woman and spare her any recurrence of the illness. After his "Amen" he went back into the hall, only to be told that they were in the maternity ward!

REQUIEM



Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go to the family, friends, and relatives of our sisters **YASMAINE**

SHORTELL & SUSAN ESTEPHAN

who passed away this week . May the Lord grant eternal rest to their souls , and may He grant comfort and consolation to all those who mourn their death. May all the faithful departed rest in Peace.



MAY FLOWERS

Thank you for Nehme Nehme for donating all the flowers during the month of May. May Our God bless you and all the members of your family.



ST. THERESA SODALITY

There will be a meeting of the St. Theresa Sodality this coming Monday, **June 8, 2009**, at 7:00 p.m in the church hall. All members are urged to attend. **(remember that we are having a Covered dish)**

RETREAT

This year the Ladies Guilds' of both Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral and St. Raymond's Cathedral are co-sponsoring a Retreat that will be woven into the August 13-16, 2009 Pilgrimage at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, Ohio.

Monsignor Joubran Bou-Mehri and Father James Root, Cathedral Rectors, are supportive of the Ladies in this effort. The Retreat does not replace or detract from the Shrine's schedule. On the contrary, it is incorporated into the Shrine schedule, and is open to catechists, moms, dads, single people, busy people and everyone interested in spiritual refreshment.

Congratulation

Congratulations to all our 2009 graduates. We hope and wish you the best in life and may all your dreams come true. You are the future of our church and we are proud of your achievements.

During this blessed season of Pentecost, May Our Lord God Grant you all the gift of His Holy Spirit so you will walk in his ways all the days of your life.

LAWA SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulation to Bernadette Boulos for being the recipient for the 2009 LAWA Scholarship Award. Our thanks for the ladies of LAWA for their dedication and support. May your actions and generosity inspire and encourage all other Lebanese - American descendants to follow in your footsteps. God bless you all.



Mr. and Mrs. Saadeh Boulos cordially invite all parishoners to attend a graduation party for their daughter, Bernadette Boulos, to celebrate her graduation from Easton Area High School. The party will be held at Our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall on Sunday June 7 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. All are welcome to attend.



Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bassil cordially invite you to celebrate the graduation of their daughter,

Jessica Bassil

from Notre Dame High School

Saturday June 13, 2009

Our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall

6pm-10pm



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moussa cordially invite the parishioners to attend a graduation party

for their son

Joseph Moussa

from Norte Dame High School. The party will be held at

Our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall

on Saturday, June 20, 2009

from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.



Invitations

OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH
Maronite Catholic Church

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 Easton, PA 18042
 Phone: 610-252-5275
 Fax: 610-252-1737

E-mail: ololchurch@yahoo.com

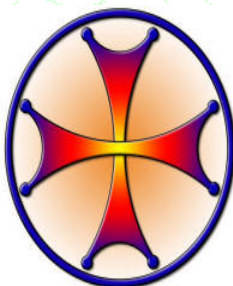


We are on the internet at:

www.mountlebanon.org

You can find us also at:

www.catholicweb.com church ID : 55071



REPORT	INCOME	EXPENSES
JANUARY	23,623.56	26,722.96
FEBRUARY	20,340.63	17,410.61
MARCH	18,553.73	14,298.12
APRIL	20,769.50	25,907.56

Family origin

MY NAME IS ADELAIDE BUSKIRK. I AM RESEARCHING MY HUSBAND'S FAMILY HISTORY. HE IS THE GREAT GREAT GRANDSON OF ANTHONY ASSAD SAR. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF ANYONE CAN GIVE ME ANY FAMILY HISTORY OR WHERE I CAN LOCATE THIS INFORMATION MYSELF. WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE OUR CHILDREN TO KNOW WHERE THEY CAME FROM. ANY INFORMATION I CAN GET WOULD BE OF GREAT HELP. THANK YOU V E R Y M U C H .

Grace

"The word of cheap grace has been the ruin of more Christians than any commandment of works." Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate."* (*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*)

A SOUL-MATE

A soul-mate is someone who has locks that fit our keys, and keys to fit our locks. When we feel safe enough to open the locks, our truest selves step out and we can be completely and honestly who we are; we can be loved for who we are and not for who we're pretending to be. Each unveils the best part of the other. No matter what else goes wrong around us, with that one person we're safe in our own paradise. Our soul-mate is someone who shares our deepest longings, our sense of direction. When we're two balloons, and together our direction is up, chances are we've found the right person. Our soul-mate is the one who makes life come to life. --Richard Bach

Famous Quotes

"The man who does not read is no better off than the man who cannot!"

"The common argument that crime is caused by poverty is a kind of slander on the poor."

"If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you'?"

"Dignity is the capacity to hold back on the tongue what never should have been in the mind in the first place."