

## Our Lady of Lebanon Church - Easton

# 7th SUNDAY OF RESURECTION



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### Words of Wisdom

- **NO FOR FOCA**
- *Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ (St. Jerome)*
- *A lot of Kneeling will keep you in good standing*
- *Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you want.*
- *Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.*
- *Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.*
- *We cannot control the evil tongues of others; but a good life enables us to disregard them. (Cato the Elder)*



**ASCENSION** Despite the great importance and influence of the early church's belief in the ascension of Christ, it is described explicitly in the New Testament only twice. In Acts, after the Resurrected Christ reminded His Apostles that they will be empowered by the Holy Spirit, He was "lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight" (Acts 1.9). In the Hellenistic world the ascent of a king,

prophet, hero, or holy man to the heavens, the place of the gods, was a well known motif dignifying the divine status of the one who ascended. Under the influence of Platonism, all human souls were believed to be immortal and returned to the heavens when cleansed of their mortal attachments. Christ's ascension similarly demonstrated His divinity, but more importantly, through the church's prophetic interpretation of the Jewish scriptures, ascension of Christ also signaled the beginning of a messianic kingdom and the empowerment of Christ's followers by virtue of their identification with Him through the rite of Baptism. The earliest *kerygma* of the church proclaimed not only Christ's Resurrection but also His ascension into heaven and enthronement at God's right hand. Christians celebrated the inauguration of this messianic kingdom and the mortality of the present age, for when Christ was given dominion over the demonic powers of this age, so were the members of His church. The authors of the New Testament believed that Psalm 110, celebrating the king seated at the right hand of God, referred to the ascended and victorious Christ who was exalted over all heavenly powers.



**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.



**THIS WEEKEND \*\*\* 7 TH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION -\*\*\***

Sat., May 23 – 5:00 P.M. – Amira Moussa (anniversary) by family

Sun., May 24 – 10:00 A.M. – Adeline karam ( second anniversary) by family  
- (Baby) Claire Deckey by Naomi Karam Koerwitz

Monday	May 25	10:00 A.M	Funeral Mass for Carol (George) Marinetti
Monday	May 25	6:30 P.M	Father Youakim Moubarak by Father Paul Damien
Tuesday	May 26	6:30 P.M	Joe Marzuoli by Stephen, Suha and Peter Constantine (1 of 2)
Wednesday	May 27	* * * *	No Daily Mass (day-off)
Thursday	May 28	6:30 P.M	Almerinda Intenzo (2 of 3) by Estelle Sach
Friday	May 29	6:30 P.M	Anna John by Joe & Nellie DeRaymond

**NEXT WEEKEND \*\*\* PENTECOST SUNDAY \*\*\***

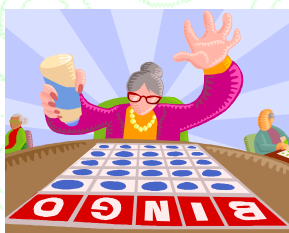
Sat., May 30 – 5:00 P.M. – Kamel Melhem by Rema Melhem & Family

Sun., May 31 – 10:00 A.M. – PENTECOST - Special Intentions.



Collection Saturday, May 2, 2009	\$ 632.00
Collection: Sunday, May 3, 2009	\$ 861.00
Collection Saturday, May 9, 2009	\$ 575.00
Collection: Sunday, May 10, 2009	\$ 670.00
Collection Saturday, May 16, 2009	\$ 526.00
Collection: Sunday, May 17, 2009	\$ 700.00

**THANK YOU  
&  
GOD BLESS**



BINGO	CALLER	KITCHEN	PAYOUT
May 26	George Koorie	Aziz Koury Naomi Shiner	Antonios Jabbour
June 2	Rose Sabra	Rosanne Constantine Jawhara Karam & Aziz Koury	Antonios Jabbour

**Readers**

Saturday, May 23	Mona Melan
Sunday, May 24	Antoinette Elias
Saturday, May 30	Claire Willard
Sunday, May 31	Joe Jacob
Saturday, June 6	Sharon John
Sunday, June 7	Karam Family

**Scripture Readings**

**7th Sunday after Resurrection**

Eph 1: 15 – 23

Jn 13: 31-35



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



## HERITAGE DAY

**AUGUST 1st and AUGUST 2nd**

All are welcomed to join  
Heritage Day team.

## CAMEL BEACH WATER PARK

**Date: June 25, 2009**

**RAIN DATE: June 26, 2009**

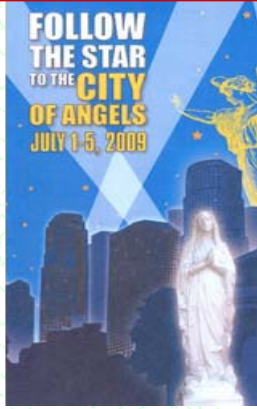
**Cost: \$ 18.99 OVER 21 / \$ 13.99 UNDER 21**

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.

## Invitation

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.



## *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](http://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 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*

### ***Destructive Healing***

One nice morning two men were out fishing on a large lake. It was a beautiful morning-seventy-eight degrees and sunny with a light breeze-and the fish were biting. They had caught their limit and were enjoying the day. One fisherman noticed a man walking on the shore. He could not believe his eyes. He said to his friend, "If I did not know any better, I'd say that was Jesus over there."

The man on the shore waved them in. They rowed to the shore, and indeed it was Jesus. They began talking with him, and one man asked him if he really could heal sick people.

Jesus said, "Yes, of course, I'm good at that."

The man then asked him to heal some chronic physical problems he had. Jesus touched the affected areas, and one by one each place was restored to healthy functioning. The man never felt better. He was more alive than he had ever felt and had a renewal of youthful energy.

Jesus then looked at the other fisherman. The man's eyes got wide, and he said, "Don't you come near me. I'm on 100 percent disability."

# REQUIEM

Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go to the family, friends, and relatives of **CAROL GEORGE MARINETTI** who passed away this Thursday . May the Lord grant eternal rest to her souls , and may He grant comfort and consolation to all those who mourn her death. May all the faithful departed rest in Peace.

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**Services: *Calling hours*** will be held Sunday from 2:00pm until 5:00pm with Prayer of the Incense at 4:00pm and Monday from 8:15am until 9:15am in the Morello Funeral Home, Inc., 3720 Nicholas St. Palmer Twp.

**A *Divine Liturgy*** will be held Monday at 10:00am in Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 4<sup>th</sup> and Ferry Streets in Easton.

**Entombment** will be held on Tuesday in Denison Cemetery, Swoyersville, PA.

# RETREAT

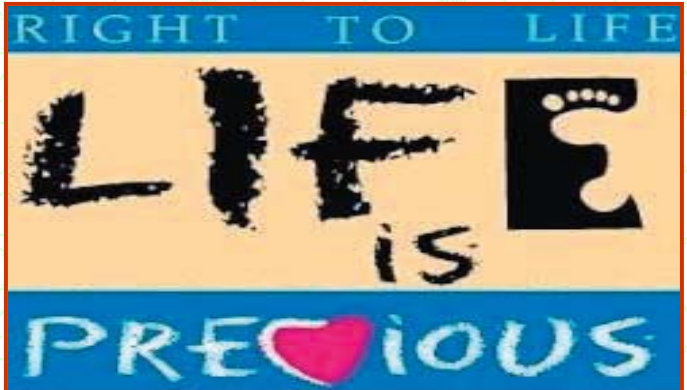
This year the Ladies Guilds' of both Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral and St. Raymond's Cathedral are co-sponsoring a Retreat that will be woven into the August 13-16, 2009 Pilgrimage at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, Ohio.

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.



# 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.



Pamphlets outlining the pro-active policy of the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) to protect children are available in the back of the church, or by logging on to [www.usccb.org/ocyp](http://www.usccb.org/ocyp) Likewise information on our eparchial website [www.stmaron.org](http://www.stmaron.org)

***It takes a dedicated team effort to safeguard our children. Thank You.***

## MAY : MARY'S MONTH

Though May is a contraction of the name Mary, the month was probably named for *Maia Maiesta*, the Roman goddess of grain. Each year on the first day of May, the ancient Romans likewise honored *Flora*, the goddess of flowers, who was represented by a small statue wreathed in garlands. Devotions specifically to Our Lady on the first days of May date from the time of St. Philip Neri (16th century), who began the custom of decorating the statue of the Virgin with spring flowers. Then, after, *Annibale Dionisi*, an Italian Jesuit, proposed devotions to Mary throughout the entire month, the Church did incorporate the pre-Christian May celebration and gave them a Christian dimension as it had done with many other pre-Christian customs and festivals.



**What is The Rosary?** The Rosary is a beautiful combination of vocal prayer and meditation that centers upon the greatest Gospel mysteries in the life of Jesus Christ and secondarily in the life of the Mother of Jesus. It is an “incarnational” prayer, a prayer consisting of both vocal and mental prayer that serves to incorporate both body and soul into spiritual communion with Our Lord. *A New Guide to Praying*

the Rosary: (Including the Holy Father’s addition of the Luminous Mysteries). Pope John Paul II said the rosary is his favorite prayer, and that praying the rosary can be a valuable part of Catholic’s efforts for peace.” He also stated in his 2003 Lenten message that as people of faith, our goal should be “the improvement of the living conditions of all.” Please pray the rosary for peace, and to end the suffering of the poor who battle poverty and hunger every day.

**How to pray the Rosary?** The Rosary begins with the Apostles Creed recited on the cross, followed by one Our Father, three Hail Mary's and a Glory Be. Then we contemplate significant events in the lives of Jesus and Mary as we pray each of the five decades. Each decade consists of one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's, and one Glory Be. The Rosary is concluded with the Hail, Holy Queen prayer.

### **The Mysteries of the Rosary!**

**The Joyful Mysteries:** The Annunciation; The Visitation; The Nativity; The Presentation, *The Finding of Jesus in the Temple.*

**The Luminous Mysteries:** *The Baptism in the Jordan; The Wedding at Cana; The Proclamation of the Kingdom; The Transfiguration; the Institution of the Eucharist.*

**The Sorrowful Mysteries:** *The Agony in the Garden; The Scourging at the Pillar; The Crowning with Thorns; The Carrying of the Cross; The Crucifixion.*

**The Glorious Mysteries:** *The Resurrection; The Ascension; The Descent of the Holy Spirit; The Assumption of Mary; The Coronation of Mary.*

### **Schedule for Praying the Rosary!**

**The Joyful Mysteries:** (Monday and Saturday); **The Sorrowful Mysteries:** (Tuesday and Friday);

**The Glorious Mysteries:** (Wednesday and Sunday\*); **The Luminous Mysteries:** Thursday.

\*Sundays during Lent are Sorrowful Mysteries and Sundays during Advent are Joyful Mysteries.

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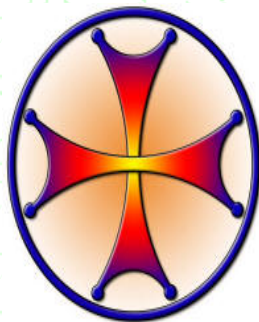
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**Trivia Quiz**

See if you can figure out what these words have in common.

- 1- Banana
- 2- Dresser
- 3- Grammar
- 4- Potato
- 5- Revive
- 6- Uneven
- 7- Assess

Look at each word carefully. You'll kick yourself when you discover the answer. This is so cool.....?



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

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to **Raymond Lahoud** who was awarded his Juris Doctorate Degree from Georgetown University Law Center. May Our Lord, who blessed Raymond with the intelligence and perseverance to master the laws of our society, grant him the wisdom to understand, and to walk by God's Laws, His commandments and His church's teachings. Congratulations to his mother Marie to the family and to all relatives and friends.

**" MABROUK "**

**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*)

**Enquiry**

I am writing to you to see if you can help with the whereabouts of a cousin of mine. My great uncle George Elias Daniel was one of the first immigrants to Easton, the rest of his family came to Australia, where his brother's children still live. We met Marvin and George Daniel, my dad's cousins and kept contact with their sister until her death. My father is asking me to find Marvin's son or at least a contact number for him as we have not heard from him or family for a while. If you can help I would appreciate it greatly. Your website helped my family work out why George went to the US and not to Australia. It was so great to meet Marvin and George so long ago and they were both wonderful men. When coming to Australia my relatives could not communicate too well in English and had their name changed at the immigration by an officer who became upset with them. Our family name is Joseph. [Michael Joseph" <mjoseph@lism.catholic.edu.au]

*In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word. Did you figure it out?*

**Answer to the Trivia Quiz**