

Our Lady of Lebanon Church - Easton

Consecration of the Church Sunday

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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).*

**A Week Without
God Is:**
Sinday
Mournday
Tearsday
Wasteday
Thirstday
Fightday
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Sunday(s) of the Church

One or two Sundays of the Church are celebrated each year: Renewal of the Church and Consecration of the Church. If 1 November occurs on a Monday or Tuesday, only the Consecration of the Church is celebrated, with its proper ceremony. Although not a liturgical "season" as such, this Sunday (or Sundays) begins the Liturgical Year by focusing on the Church. It is a time when, as the Gospels focus on the Jewish Temple and Jesus as the New Temple (see John 2:19), we are asked to renew our lives and re-consecrate ourselves to Christ and his life of redemption. We also remember that in the Universal Church we are members of an Eastern Tradition. It is a fitting (liturgical) New Year's beginning. In the cycle of the Lectionary this annual commemoration focuses on the Assembly of Believers, in which faith is found and the Catholic Faith is practiced. The following is the first formal, liturgical prayer (after the Doxology) that the priest says to open the Year: *O Lord Jesus Christ, by your incarnation you perfected the Old Testament, and by your manifestation you brought forth the New Testament. In your love for all people you betrothed the Church of all nations, and in your grace you established its foundation on Peter and the Twelve Apostles. Now make us worthy to thank you and exult with Simon Peter at your heavenly banquet, to rejoice with Paul in your paradise, and to find happiness with John in your Kingdom. Then, with all who have accomplished your will, we will glorify you, O Christ, your Father, and your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*

This beginning makes several points: The relationship of Christ to the Church is an intimate, nuptial one, following St. Paul's imagery in Eph 5:25-26, 32. The Church, the Bride of Christ, dressed this day in white and green, is ready for the heavenly wedding feast.

- 1) *Christ established the Church on the faith of Peter, the Rock, and the Apostles. Apostolic and guided by Spirit, the Church is infallible and indestructible. The phrase "the nations," is a favorite description of the Church's mission in the Syriac Teachers. The Church is further grounded in the duty to evangelize, as Paul did, in his universal mission to the Gentiles ("the nations"), and Paul's words in his New Testament Letters.*
- 2) *The Church is the "foundation" of the Kingdom of love and grace.*
- 3) *Those who have accomplished the will of Christ—therefore the will of the Father—are exulting in the Kingdom and waiting for us to join with them in happiness, a statement of the doctrine of the "Communion of Saints"*

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WEEKEND * ALL SAINTS - CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH *****
 Sat., Oct. 31 – 5:00 P.M. – Katherine Howard by Donald Solomon & family
 Sun., Nov. 1 – 10:00 A.M. – for all Parishioners by Fr. Paul Damien

WEEKDAYS ↓

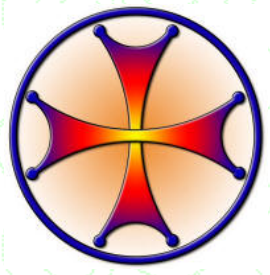
Monday	Nov. 2	6:30 P.M	2009 Deceased members of our parish by Fr. Paul Damien.
Tuesday	Nov. 3	6:30 P.M	Leila Karam by Tony & Mireille Karam & family.
Wednesday	Nov. 4	*****	NO DAILY MASS **** DAY-OFF
Thursday	Nov. 5	6:30 P.M	Wanda Lauer by Tara Symia Simonetta.
Friday	Nov. 6	6:30 P.M	Karam Simon by Mr. & Mrs. Maynard Badway.

NEXT WEEKEND of Nov. 7-8 * Renewal of the Church *****
 Sat., Nov. 7 – 5:00 P.M. – Yasmaine Shortell by Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas
 Sun., Nov. 8 – 10:00 A.M. – Youssef Maroun Jacob by family



BINGO	CALLER	KITCHEN	PAYOUT
Nov. 3	Mike Boulos	Aziz Koury	Antonios Jabbour Owtil karam
Nov. 10	George koorie	Aziz Koury	Antonios Jabbour Muncy Farhat

REQUIEM
 Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go to the family, friends, and relatives of our sister **AGNES PELLICOTTI** who passed away this week . May the Lord grant eternal rest to her soul , and may He grant comfort and consolation to all those who mourn her death. May all the faithful departed rest in Peace. (AGNES was a member of St. Theresa Sodality)



Readers

Saturday, October 31	Naomi Koerwitz
Sunday, November 1	Simon Koorie
Saturday, November 7	Toni Lynn Melhem
Sunday, November 8	Joe Jacob
Saturday, November 14	Naomi Koerwitz
Sunday, November 15	Dora Elias

Rummage Sale
 “Do you have items lying around the house that you no longer use or need? Want to give them away for a worthy cause? The church’s CCD students will be holding a Rummage Sale from 1-7 p.m., on Saturday, **November 14, 2009** in the church hall. Parishioners can drop off their items at the hall between 9 a.m. and 12 noon that day. Proceeds of the sale will donated to the Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter in downtown Easton. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to donate their items and to also come and purchase items for sale. Any questions, contact Marta Gabriel, 610-504-0541, or Rosie Jacob, 610-360-5020.”



MYO / MYA

The MYO/MYA will be sponsoring their **Annual Fall Hafli** on Saturday, November 28, 2009. The party will be held in Our Lady of Lebanon church hall. A full course meal and a full cash bar will be offered. The cost for adults 18 and over is \$40. The cost for children 2 and over is \$15. Children under two years old are free of charge. Tickets will be sold very soon. If you would like to make reservations we can not make them unless you pay on the spot. If you have any questions or would like to help or make donations please contact peter Koorie or Rhonda Elias. Benefits from this party pay for all the children and young adults' events throughout the year

HOLY NAME SOCIETY EVENTS



November 15: Spaghetti Dinner (Our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall)



St. Theresa Sodality Events

*** St Therese Sodality will be holding its **Annual Spinach/Meat Pie Sale** on Saturday, November 7th. Spinach Pies are \$3.00 each and Meat Pies will be \$4.00 each. Orders may be picked up between 1:00 and 4:30 PM. To place an order please call Renee Melan at 610-253-5968. The deadline for orders is Monday November 2nd. The Sodality's charities will benefit from the proceeds. Thank you in advance for your continuing support of our fundraising events.

*** **St. Therese Sodality/MYO Christmas Party** – The children's annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 19th. The Christmas "Pageant" normally scheduled on Christmas Eve will be moved to December 19th immediately following Saturday's Liturgy. The party will begin once the Pageant is concluded. Admission fee for adults will be \$5.00, children are free. All money collected for admission will be used to buy 150 sets of hats, gloves and scarves for underprivileged children in our local area. May God reward you for helping to keep these little ones warm during the cold winter months ahead.

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Bulletin Advertisement

The weekly Bulletin will have a whole page set for advertisements. If you are interested in advertising your business or special events, please call Father Paul.

The Notre Dame High School Choral

is hosting its **First Annual Spaghetti Dinner &**

Musical Showcase, "A Little Night music...without Soundheim." The Dinner will be held Saturday Nov. 7th at 6PM followed by the performance at 7pm. Tickets are \$10 per adult & \$6 per student in advance, \$ 12 per adult & \$8 per student at the door. Tickets can be obtained by contacting Elizabeth Marsh-Gilkerson at hell0kitty80@aol.com or calling 484-347-3980. Thank you for your support!



The Knights of Columbus (345) will be visiting Our Lady of Lebanon parish on October 31st and November 1st. The knights will sell their Christmas Cards that support their scholarships. Please be generous as usual.

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.

Fr. Youakim Moubarac's Scholarship

To honor the memory of a great Maronite scholar: **Father Youakim Moubarac** of Kfarsghab, Our Lady of Lebanon Church in Easton will offer annual scholarships to encourage our families to send their children to Catholic Schools. A special fund was created for this purpose.

All interested parishioners and friends of Abouna Youakim Moubarac will be able to donate directly to the fund and encourage catholic education.

