

Our Lady of Lebanon Church - Easton



13th SUNDAY PENTECOST

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Gospel Reflections : Lk 8:1-15

Jesus' use of parables was no innovation in the context of his time and environment: there are many instances in the Old Testament of this way of teaching and the rabbis of Jesus' time used it continuously. However, Jesus' method undoubtedly did cause surprise. It followed a sermon which he began by plainly proclaiming that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand, and therefore that all must turn from sin to the Lord. With the teaching in parables, it is not the subject matter which is different, but his hidden way of making it understood.

Suffice to say that Jesus did not make use of parables as a more expressive or clearer way of teaching. Doubtless the images clarify and are an aid to understanding, but they also puzzle. Only the one who begins to search, to ponder, to inquire, spurred on by a narrator who challenges his hearers to the utmost, will be in a position to understand. Each evangelist in his own way gives the reasons for the parables. For Matthew, understanding the parables presupposes a heart open to revelation, sincerely desiring to welcome the Word and to put it into practice – in spite of the obstacles it meets and its apparent setbacks.

Is it not true for us also that at certain times, everything conspires to prevent us from receiving this Word and to make us doubt its coming into the world? It is two thousand years since 'the Sower went out to sow, and sometimes it is very tempting to say: what a mess he made of it, how much has been lost! And does our own reaction to the wild extravagance of God consist of grasping without delay the word which we hear, so that we, in our turn, are possessed by it, caught up in the way of obedience and missionary zeal for his service? If so, then we too understand the parables!

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).*



Ice Cream Sundae

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked. "Fifty cents," replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it. "Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired. By now, more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient. "Thirty-five cents," she brusquely replied. The little boy again counted his coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said. The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies. You see, he couldn't have the sundae, because he had to have enough left to leave a tip.



WEEKDAYS



THIS WEEKEND * 13th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST *****

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

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

Monday	Aug 24	6:30 P.M	Susan Estephan by Sharon John & family
Tuesday	Aug 25	6:30 P.M	Father Youakim Moubarac (burial ceremony in Kfarsghab)
Wednesday	Aug 26	* * * *	No Daily Mass (day-off)
Thursday	Aug 27	6:30 P.M	Josephine Melhem by Julia & Mike Stevens
Friday	Aug 28	6:30 P.M	Katherine Howard by Teresa Canone

WEEKEND of August 22-23 * 14th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST *****

Sat., Aug 29 – 5:00 P.M. – Karam Simon (40 Day Anniversary) by family

Sun., Aug 30– 10:00 A.M. –



AMOUNT

**THANK YOU
&
GOD BLESS**

Total Collections: \$ 3300.00

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
Assumption of the Virgin Mary : Aug 14 Vigil Mass.	\$ 163.00
Collection Saturday, Aug 15 , 2009	\$ 486.00
Collection: Sunday, Aug 16, 2009	\$ 583.00



BINGO	CALLER	KITCHEN	PAYOUT
Aug 25	Mona Melan	Aziz Koury	Antonios Jabbour Owtill karam
Sep. 1	Badway karam	Aziz Koury, Susie Karam & Louise Jacob	Antonios Jabbour Muncy Farhat

Readers

Saturday, August 22	Marie Hanni
Sunday, August 23	Naomi koerwitz
Saturday, August 29	John Simon
Sunday, August 30	Simon Koorie

Scripture Readings

13th Sunday of Pentecost

1 Cor 3: 1– 11 / Lk 8: 1-15



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.



ST. THERESA SODALITY

Following the 6:30 P.M evening mass, there will be a meeting of the St. Theresa Sodality this Monday, August 31 , 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this meeting as decisions will be made in term of upcoming events.

Parish Council There will be a meeting of the Parish Council this Sunday, August 23rd at 7:00 p.m in the Rectory. Topics for the meetings will include evaluation of Heritage Day festival , CCD classes and other important issues .

ROOFING We are in the process of accepting new proposals and bids to renovate or change the old roof of our church. Please submit your quotes to the parish office or to the building committee no later than August 31st. (only free estimates and quotes are accepted)

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.

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, Habib Nehme , E.K and L.B.

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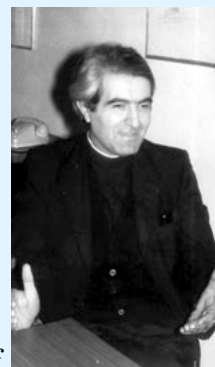
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www.catholicweb.com church ID : 55071



Youakim Moubarac (1924 - 1995)

Youakim Moubarac was born on August 16th, 1924 in Kfarsghab in a Maronite family of long sacerdotal tradition. After ecclesiastic studies in the Maronite Seminary of Ghazir, Young Youakim was sent in 1946 to France by his superiors. Once his studies ended in the Seminary of the Carmelite Friars, he was ordained priest in 1947 and appointed at the service of the Church of Saint Séverin in Paris.



From 1950 till 1962, Father Moubarac assured the secretariat of his master Louis Massignon. He participated between 1962 and 1965 in the Council Vatican II within the Maronite delegation. After 1965, he dedicated himself to his work of promotion of Islamic Christian dialogue, of protection of Palestinian and especially Lebanese causes from 1975.

From 1990, Father Youakim worked on the rediscovering of the spiritual Syriac roots of the Maronite Church. He taught several disciplines such as theology, the Islam, the Semitic languages, ... in several French, Belgian, Swiss and Lebanese universities and left important works, part of which remains unpublished. In addition to his academic activity, he assured the responsibility of several Parisian parishes up to the middle of 1980s.

Father Youakim died on May 24th, 1995 and was buried in the graveyard of the Abbey of Jouarre, France.

His remains were returned to Lebanon and a burial service will be celebrated in his village Kfarsghab by the Maronite Patriarch Cardinal Nasrallah Peter Sfeir on Tuesday August 25, 2009

