



Our Lady of Lebanon Church - Easton

4th & 5th SUNDAY OF RESURECTION



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Sunday, May 2 & 10, 2009

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Mary as God's Ideal Woman

God has two pictures of us: one is what we are, and the other is what we ought to be. He has the model and He has the reality: the blueprint and the edifice, the score of music and the way we play it. God has to have these two pictures because in each and every one of us there is some disproportion and want of conformity between the original plan and the way we worked it out. The image is often blurred, the print is faded. Like un-hatched eggs some of us refuse to be warmed by the Divine Love which is so necessary for the incubation to a higher level. We all fall short of what God wants us to be. There is actually only one person in all humanity of whom God has one picture, and in whom there is a perfect conformity between what He wanted her to be and what she is –and that is Mary, the Mother of Our Lord. But Mary is the equal sign, the Ideal that God has of her, what she is and in the flesh. The Model and the copy are perfect; she is all that was foreseen, planned and dreamed. The melody of her life is played, just as it was written. --Bishop Fulton Sheen, That Tremendous Love.



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)*

Wisdom: Why Women Cry?

A little boy asked his mother, "Why are you crying?" "Because I'm a woman," she told him. "I don't understand," he said. His Mom just hugged him and said, "And you never will." Later the little boy asked his father, "Why does mother seem to cry for no reason?" "All women cry for no reason," was all his dad could say. The little boy grew up and became a man, still wondering why women cry. Finally he put in a call to God. When God got on the phone, he asked, "God, why do women cry so easily?" God said: "When I made the woman, she had to be special. I made her shoulders strong enough to carry the weight of the world, yet gentle enough to give comfort. I gave her an inner strength to endure childbirth and the rejection that many times comes from her children. I gave her a hardness that allows her to keep going when everyone else gives up, and take care of her family through sickness and fatigue without complaining. I gave her the sensitivity to love her children under any and all circumstances, even when her child has hurt her very badly. I gave her strength to carry her husband through his faults and fashioned her from his rib to protect his heart. I gave her wisdom to know that a good husband never hurts his wife, but sometimes tests her strengths and her resolve to stand beside him unflinching. And finally, I gave her a tear to shed. This is hers exclusively to use whenever it is needed." "You see my son," said God, "the beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears, the figure that she carries, or the way she combs her hair. The beauty of a woman must be seen in her eyes, because that is the doorway to her heart - the place where love resides."



WEEKEND ** 4th SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION - Our Lady of Lebanon **
Sat., May 2 – 5:00 P.M. – **John Saba karam** (1 Year anniversary) by Salam Karam & Family.
Sun., May 3 – 10:00 A.M. – **For the 1st Communion Children and their parents** by Father Paul.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

NO DAILY MASS - ALL WEEK - from MONDAY to FRIDAY, MAY 8

NEXT WEEKEND * 5TH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION -*****
Sat., May 9 – 5:00 P.M. – **Simon Yamin** by (late) Katherine Howard & niece Marlene Bedway.
 - **Louise Joseph** (birthday remembrance) by husband, daughters & grandchildren
Sun., May 10 – 10:00 A.M. – **For all our mothers (the living and the departed)** by Father Paul.

Monday	May 11	6:30 P.M	Anna John by George & Cathy Baurkot
Tuesday	May 12	6:30 P.M	Daniel Corey by Rose and Sam Symia
Wednesday	May 13	* * * *	No Daily Mass (day-off)
Thursday	May 14	6:30 P.M	Katherine Howard by Barbara, Jessie, Elizabeth Morello
Friday	May 15	6:30 P.M	Helen Melhem by Charlotte Assise & family

WEEKEND AFTER * 6TH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION *****
Sat., May 16 – 5:00 P.M. – (anniversary mass) **James Stevens Jr. & Ida Stevens** by children & grandchildren
Sun., May 17 – 10:00 A.M. – **TERESE NEHME** by daughter Charlotte Elias.



BINGO	CALLER	KITCHEN	PAYOUT
May 5	Mona Melan	Aziz koury	Antonios Jabbour
May 12	Badway karam	Aziz koury	Owtil Karam Antonios Jabbour

Readers

Saturday, May 2	Marie Hanni
Sunday, May 3	1st Comm. Children
Saturday, May 9	Jeannette Kassis
Sunday, May 10	Michael Koury
Saturday, May 16	Tony Lynn Melhem
Sunday, May 17	Marta Gabriel.

Scripture Readings
4th Sunday after Resurrection
 Heb 13: 18 - 25
 Jn 21: 1 - 14



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.



AS OUR BLESSED MOTHER brings us to her Son Jesus, it is our task also to bring others to the Lord. Come and join us celebrate and honor Mary and our mothers at the **Maronite Day** on Saturday, May 9th from 1 to 6 p.m . at the **National**

Blue Army Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. (Mountain View Road in Washington,NJ). This event is sponsored by the MYA . Other Maronite parishes are also invited to join us. We will have a spiritual talk, a procession in the Rosary garden followed by confessions and Liturgy. All present mothers will be honored at the end of the mass. The buses for the shrine leave the church's parking lot at 12:00. There are about 20 seats left if you would like to go. Also anyone who would like to go that hasn't signed up please let us know ASAP. Please contact Rhonda Elias or Deena Boulos right away to add your name to the list. The event will run from 1 until 6 please see the flyer for further details.



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) , J.K & C.J .



SUNDAY , MAY 3rd , 2009

Name	Parents
Arnone, Brandon	Joe & Rubie Melan
Assise, Mary	Nicole & David Assise
BouDaher, John-Michel	Charbel & Miray BouDaher
Boulos, Antoinette	Badaoui & Jamal Boulos
Ghaleb, Lea	Amine & Zeina Ghaleb
Jabeir, Joseph	Joseph & Rebecca Jabeir
Jaoude, Raquel	Abraham & Rachel Jaoude
Melhem, Jennie	Joe & Joumana Melhem
Melhem, Nick	Maynard & Toni Lynn Melhem
Richardson, Natalie	Mark & Noelle Richardson

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THANK YOU

Rene Melan would like to thank all who helped preparing and baking the bread in thanksgiving for her recovery. Many thanks also for those who bought this bread. May Our Lord bless you, keep you healthy and reward all of you A hundred fold. We made \$ 450.00 for the church benefit.

LAWA

The Lebanese American Women's Association is sponsoring a scholarship fund. If you like to apply, please contact Sharon John At (610) 253-2165 after 6:00p.m, with your name, address, phone number, name of school and guidance Counselor. Deadline is May 5th.

REPORT	INCOME	EXPENSES
JANUARY	\$ 23,623.56	\$ 26,722.96
FEBRUARY	\$ 20,340.63	\$ 17,410.61
MARCH	\$ 18,553.73	\$ 14,298.12



ST. THERESA SODALITY

There will be a meeting of the St. Theresa Sodality this Monday, May 4 , 2009, at 6:30 p.m All members are urged to attend.

CAMEL BEACH WATER PARK

Date: June 26, 2009

RAIN DATE: June 27, 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.

2nd Collection

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National Shrine of
Our Lady of Lebanon

(All funds collected are sent from the Chancery directly to our Shrine in North Jackson, Ohio.)