

HOLY FAMILY MARONITE CHURCH

Monthly Bulletin

“The Glory of Lebanon will adorn my Sanctuary” Isaiah 60:13

Mission Statement: Building on and sharing the Maronite spiritual tradition of our grandparents.

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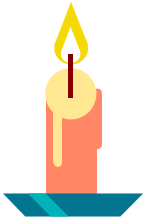
April 2010 Vol. 5, issue #4 Season of the Glorious Resurrection

Jesus Ascends
To Heaven



DIVINE LITURGY - APRIL 2010

Thurs	1 st	7pm	<i>For Richard Hecimovich from Mary Ann Mansur. For Jane Deeb from Rose & Rueben Karsten.</i>
Fri	2 nd	9am	<i>For deceased of Aside & Kzaley families from Jim, Teresa & Pat Kzaley. For Richard Hecimovich from Willfred Abbott.</i>
Sat	3 rd	7pm	<i>For all the living and departed members of Holy Family Church.</i>
Sun	4 th	10am	<i>For all the living and departed members of Holy Family Church.</i>
Wed	7 th	9am	<i>*Monthly Mass for Agnes & Archie Monsour from son, Larry. For Jane Deeb from Larry & Candy Monsour</i>
Thurs	8 th	9am	<i>For the health and welfare of Nicole Dumonceaux from John & Carolyn Marker. *Monthly Mass for Jane Deeb from the Marker family.</i>
Fri	9 th	9am	<i>*Monthly Mass for Richie Thomas from Helen Thomas & Family. *Monthly Mass for the Departed Members of the Holy Family Society.</i>
Sat	10 th	4pm	<i>*Monthly Mass for Joseph & Barcita Mansur, sons Martin & Peter, grandsons Michael & Martin and Thomas Mansur. *Monthly Mass for Sadie & Joseph Francis, their son Joseph, their daughter Delores, and grandson Joseph from Richard & Dorothy Francis.</i>
Sun	11 th	10am	<i>*Monthly Mass for Ray Thomas Sr. from the Thomas family. *For the Deceased members of the Nasseff family from Art & Gerri Nasseff.</i>
Wed	14 th	9am	<i>*Monthly Mass for Agnes & Archie Monsour from the Marker family. For James & Mary Johns & sister Val from Rochelle Francis.</i>
Thurs	15 th	9am	<i>For Jennie Hill from Linda Coury. For Jane Deeb from Leon & Pat Anderson.</i>
Fri	16 th	9am	<i>*Monthly Mass for Peter M. & Tina S. Isaac. For Richard Hecimovich from John & Carolyn Marker.</i>
Sat	17 th	4pm	<i>*Monthly Mass for the Departed Members of the Whebbe family from the family *Monthly Mass for Michael Josephs and the deceased members of the Josephs family from Joyce Josephs & Family.</i>
Sun	18 th	10am	<i>*Monthly Mass for Sadie, John & Gerard George from the family. *Monthly Mass for Maroun & Saydi Chahla & their children Boutros & Karim from Elia Chahla & family.</i>
Wed	21 st	9am	<i>For Val Walsh from Kathleen Thomas. *Monthly Mass for Joe and Mary Ann Nasseff from the family.</i>
Thurs	22 nd	9am	<i>For Freda & Sadie Josephs from John George. *Monthly Mass for Jenny & Bunny Hill from John George.</i>
Fri	23 rd	9am	<i>For Joseph & Barcita Mansur, sons Martin & Peter, grandsons Michael & Martin and Thomas Mansur from Margaret Mansur Lamone. For Ted Snyder from Tom & Mary Margaret Boldt.</i>
Sat	24 th	4pm	<i>*Monthly Mass for Joseph & Sadie Monsour and Tony and Joe Monsour from Margaret and Mary Ann. *Monthly Mass for Albert & Rose Miller from the family.</i>
Sun	25 th	10am	<i>*Monthly Mass for William, Mary & Joseph Isaac & Leon Rutz from John & Patricia Rutz. Memorial Mass for Hill & Thomas Families from Michael Hill.</i>
Wed	28 th	9 am	<i>For Jennie Hill from Judith Cooper For Jane Deeb from Jim & Cheryl Lynn Kzaley</i>
Thurs	29 th	9am	<i>In memory of James & Mary Johns from their daughter, Rochelle Francis. For Richard Hecimovich from John & Carolyn Marker</i>
Fri	30 th	9am	<i>For Jennie Hill from John Zibley For the Unemployed Families in our parish from Leon & Pat Anderson.</i>



Light a Candle

Pray for the Health of these Our loved Ones

Marvette Bukowski, Mary Gubash, Helen Kzaley, Ed Ludke, Joseph Koury, Peter Solberg, Dorothy Latuff, Helen Thomas, Phil and Annette Atkins, Rochelle Francis, Tom Corey, Marie George, Julie Vasquez, Vanessa Miller, Nicole Dumonceaux, Bernadette Seliski, David Grimes, Patrick Mansur.

Maronite Liturgical Calendar

Apr 4	Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection
Apr 11	2 nd Sunday of the Resurrection
Apr 18	3 rd Sunday of the Resurrection
Apr 25	4 th Sunday of the Resurrection

Maronite Synaxarion

This is the list of some feasts celebrated in the Maronite Church this month.

April 23	St. George
April 25	St. Mark the Evangelist
April 27	St. Simon the Apostle
April 29	St Catherine of Sienna, World day of Prayer for Vocations
April 30	St James, Son of Zebedee

Feeding the Homeless! A volunteering opportunity.

The first Saturday of every month, beginning April 3rd, we need 2-3 volunteers to prepare and serve lunch between 9 am to 1 pm at Catholic Charities, on the corner of 17th and Chicago in Minneapolis. Transportation can be provided if necessary. Joe Coury will be heading this effort to help our community. We are joining St. Maron's Church in this effort. This is an opportunity to extend a hand to the needy in our community and make new friends at our sister church in Minneapolis. So please contact Joe by phone (651-245-6382) or email (joecoury@courycartage.com) if you are able to provide a helping hand.

Sunday Breakfasts Great Success

The families and Church Groups that sponsored Breakfasts in the month of March, wish to express their sincere "thank you" to everyone for their donations. These breakfasts are always such a success as well as a wonderful opportunity for us to be together as a community. Please give them your thanks when you talk to them. It's a great deal of work, but a load of fun at the same time. These are special times to enjoy with friends and family. It's also a great time to meet new friends as well. Say "hello" and start up a conversation.

The **Leach family, the Holy Family Society and the Men's Club provided us with wonderful meals after our service.** These breakfasts make a significant impact on our church finances. These breakfasts generated more than **\$4,000.** "Thank You" to all those who participated in the preparation and serving of these breakfasts. Thanks also go to our Church families for supporting these efforts. Your participation and your generosity are essential to the success of these functions. Please remember to thank these families for taking time out of their busy schedules to prepare these culinary feasts.

Up-coming Events and Schedule

Date	Upcoming Event
March 28 th	Sunday Breakfast sponsored by the Maronite Men's Club.
April 11 th	Sunday Breakfast sponsored by the Mary & Mike Nasseff family.
April 18 th	Annual Lebanese Dinner -- tickets are now on sale.
April 21 st	The first meeting for the Fall Festival planning will be held in the Social Hall on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00 pm.
April 25 th	Sunday Breakfast sponsored by the Hill & Thomas families.
April 29-May 2 nd	Festival of Nations.
May 23	First Communion.

Annual Lebanese Dinner Just Around the Corner - April 18th



Contact the Rectory at 651-291-1116 to reserve your tickets for the Lebanese Dinner. The tickets are limited so order now. Your last chance to purchase tickets in advance is APRIL 11th.

Serving from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm.

**The cost is \$15 for a Full Dinner
\$8 for Half Dinner.**

The tickets are also available for purchase online on our Web site:
www.holyfamilymaronitechurch.org

Put the date on your calendar, **Sunday, April 18th**. Contact the rectory (651.291.1116) to pledge your support and volunteer your talent and service to making our Annual Lebanese Dinner another success story. Look for coming information on tickets. In the meanwhile, contact the rectory to reserve tickets - a limited number will be available. Consider giving the tickets as gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays, just for fun! Let us know if you can put up a flyer or poster board at your place of business, health club, etc. **GET INVOLVED IN PROMOTING THIS EVENT TO THE COMMUNITY! Everyone can be a spokesperson.**

There will also be a Deli Counter selling items from the dinner menu ala cart and many other Lebanese food items as well. Complete dinners will be available for takeout as well.

We are seeking Lebanese pastry items to be donated and sold at the Deli Counter. We are also looking for door prizes that can be given away during the dinner. Anyone interested in making a donation for either area please contact either Ed Joseph or the church and leave your name and a phone number so we can make plans.

While we have many volunteers we are currently looking for a few more, anyone interested please contact the church. We welcome anyone interested, young, old, experienced or inexperienced, it doesn't make any difference, we are looking forward to a fun time together and an opportunity to help out our church.

We are also seeking donations to help offset the cost and improve the contribution to the church. If you are interested in making a donation to the dinner fund please contact the church or any one of the Dinner Coordinators.

As the Dinner gets closer we will be posting a list of those who have volunteered their time and those that have made donations in support of the dinner so the parish can recognize them for their efforts. Hope to see you all at the dinner. Bring family and friends, thank you.

Historic HFC Video – Copies Now Available

Thanks to the efforts of Art Nasseff we have additional videos available for sale. This video documents many of our memories of our time at the Robie Street Church. The video is narrated by Art and documents many of the celebrations of days past. For many of us, this is the only documentation of our families and of the church. The videos are available for \$15 each plus \$3 for shipping and can be purchased through our Church Offices. All profits will go to the church thanks to Art and his family.

Festival of Nations 2010 -- April 29 through May 2

The Festival of Nations is just around the corner! Please support our church by volunteering for this 30-year time-honored event. As in years past, we will be scheduling time slots for work at the Festival of Nations at the RiverCentre in St. Paul. **We need *many* volunteers for various positions and times. Please contact Anna Gubash Grimes at 651.207.8682 or annapiess@hotmail.com as soon as possible to get on the schedule.** Volunteers will receive free entry to the Festival of Nations and a meal. *That means you will also have an opportunity to enjoy the event for free and have some fun as well!* We also welcome our youth that are at least 16 years of age to join us.

Following is the food preparation schedule:

Sunday, April 25 (following 10:00 a.m. mass/breakfast)	Prep for tabouli
Monday, April 26 (5:00 p.m.)	Prep for tabouli
Tuesday, April 27 (5:00 p.m.)	Prep parsley & prepare for kibbi
Wednesday, April 28 (following 9:00 a.m. mass)	Make kibbi, cook grape leaves, various prep Set-up at RiverCentre (evening)

Proceeds from the Festival of Nations will go toward paying off our mortgage. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact chairpersons Joanna Conover (651.731.1905) or Jackie Gubash-Mueller (651.423.4831). ***We thank you for any time you may be able to donate to this event!***

Investment Opportunity

The stewardship committee is considering creating a group of investors that would carry the current Holy Family Church mortgage of approximately \$750,000. This group would hold a seven year contract for deed at a rate of 5% paid annually. The minimum investment would be \$50,000. Although this is a large investment, interested parishioners could secure a home equity loan from Wells Fargo or US Bank at a rate of 4.00 - 4.25% and earn 5%. Other parishioners may have CD's earning far less, that could be converted to this investment and earn a much better rate of return. This investment will not be FDIC insured but will be backed by the church property including the rectory. The most recent appraisal has valued these properties at 1.8 million. If the mortgage is converted, Holy Family will save \$160,000 over the next seven years and investors will earn a very attractive rate of return. More details will be discussed at the breakfast April 11th. **If you are interested, contact a member of the Stewardship Committee, Abouna, or the Church Offices.**

Fall Festival Planning is Underway

The first meeting of the event chairs will be held in the Social Hall on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00 pm. Please contact Vicki Whebbe (whebbe@comcast.net or 651.457.4067) with questions or to volunteer. We need everyone's help in order to continue to make this our premier money making event for the year.

Friday Lenten Dinners A Huge Success

It is Holy Friday and I feel like I should be buying groceries and setting up for a Lenten Dinner. But, there is no fish fry this day -- not again till Lent next year. I'm not sure what to do with the extra time but I'm sure my wife will fill the gap. The real reason I'm sitting here and putting this note together is to personally thank all those who helped make these Lenten Dinners such a success. John George, Chris Bernard, Tom George Don Deeb, and Greg Corey were our in house chefs and the core throughout all six dinners. They not only worked on Friday but Thursday as well preparing food. They kept the kitchen and entire operation running smoothly and efficiently. They had a lot of help from Tom Boldt and Tony Joseph who kept the food tables amply supplied and filled all the gaps that needed to be filled. This team experimented with new dishes and introduced variety into the menu while reducing overhead and labor.



Jerry and Londa Whebbe were responsible for the lubia and rice and they did an excellent job while working around family priorities all six weeks. The lubia was a hit with everyone. Peggy Corey provided support in the dining room and served beverages throughout all the dinners. Mary Margaret Boldt did a great job of providing staff each week to serve and maintain tables, a difficult and busy job. Mardelle Whebbe not only was a big help each week setting up the serving tables and making coffee, she is a great source for finding things most of us needed and couldn't find on our own. She also baked wonderful cakes each week to top of the meals.

Carolyn Marker was responsible for the front end of the dinner. She had great help from Phil Atkins selling tickets and Deli items each week. Carolyn has also become known for her marble cake she made each week. Her husband Jack had to carry the 50 lb cake into the church basement each week. Both Mardelle's and Carolyn's cakes were big hits! I want to thank all of these people for their six week commitment and dedication to our church and its heritage. Thank you all very much, without your help the dinners would not be possible. I greatly appreciate your support and efforts.

A "special thank you" to the St. Paul Flat Bread Company owned by Don Coury that donated Lebanese bread for all 6 dinners, including bread for sale in our Deli. I also want to thank the many people that were recruited to serve food, clean tables and in general helped out. There are many, space, and mostly my memory, won't allow me to call them all out by name, but thank you all for your help. Without this unselfish support the dinners would not have been a success let alone possible. Last but not least I want to thank all those individuals that made cash and other donations to the fish fry. I appreciate your generosity; it helped a great deal in making this venture a social and financial success.

In summary the Fish Fry dinners generated a net profit of approximately \$10,000. We served approximately 250 people each week - a dramatic change over previous years. Thanks again to everyone involved.

Ed Joseph

Thank you to our Annual Lenten Dinners Sponsors

Jill, Michelle, and Rachel Joseph

Larry & Kathy Josephs

Tom & Judy Leach

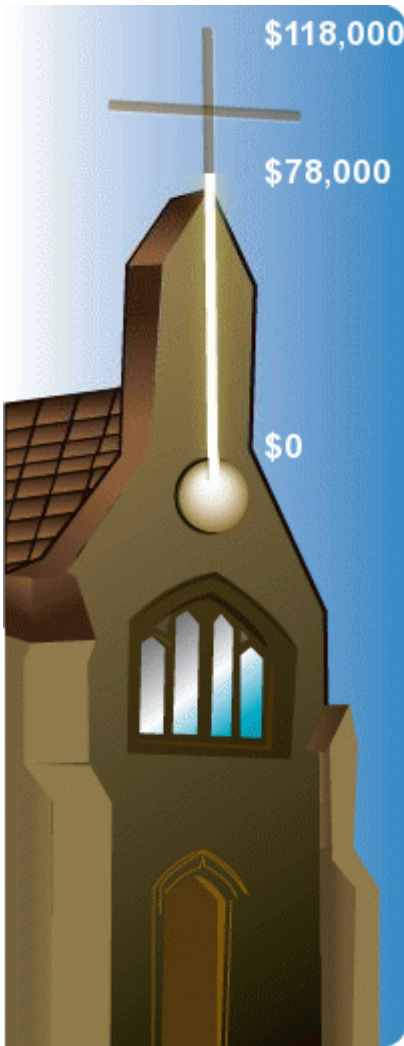
John & Carolyn Marker

The Parish Council

The Maronite Men's Club

Dr. Jennifer Marker Johnson & Scott Johnson

The St. Paul Flatbread Company



Capital Campaign Update

We are ending the THIRD year with nearly \$78,000 already collected. Every donation, every pledge, gets us closer to our goal. **If you have not yet made a pledge, it is not too late. We need everyone to contribute to this project, and be a part of our future. This is a community effort that we hope everyone will find it in their heart to participate in.**

If you cannot pledge the \$1,200 amount, please pledge what you can. Your pledge is needed. We know it is difficult for those on a fixed income, young families, etc. Please pledge what you can and know that it will be used to provide a place of worship for you and yours to come in the future. Our goal as stewards of our church is to have **every member of our parish pledge to the "Continuing the Journey" campaign of our parish. The amount is not as important as the commitment.**

WE NEED EVERY MEMBER OF OUR CONGREGATION TO PLEDGE UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT. We need everyone's support in these difficult times. Pledge what you can, but pledge. This is now the only home for holy family - it is your home so please support it. We can no longer ask the few to make all the sacrifices when we all enjoy the benefits of this church. Start today by requesting pledge envelopes, or putting a check in the collection labeled capital campaign. We need everyone to commit and share in the obligation and joy of building a home for future generations of Maronites. **Let's all work together as our ancestors did to build this community we call Holy Family!**

HFC Wish List

We have a list of projects that are waiting for completion but will not be done until sometime in the future. If you or your family is interested in sponsoring one of these projects, please contact us at the rectory or speak to a member of the Stewardship Committee. Remember, these projects cannot be funded by your regular donations since those funds are necessary to pay for the mortgage, etc. What a wonderful legacy for your family by sponsoring one of these projects. A few of the projects include:

- St Cecilia Stained Glass windows (\$2,500) - **Pat & Leon Anderson Gift**
- Tabernacle (\$2,500) - **Maryann & Tom Goebel Gift**
- Bible Table (\$2,500) - **Florence Francis Gift.**
- Priest Pulpit (\$2,500)
- Lectern (\$2,500)
- Stained-glass windows in church entrance (\$4,800) - **Marker Family Gift**
- Carpeting of the church proper (\$6,000)
- Replacement lighting in the church proper (\$2,000) - **Joseph Kourie Gift**
- The Holy Family Icon (\$10,000) - **Mansur Family Gift**
- Replacement of the Social Hall chairs (\$2,000)
- Kitchen Grill (\$2,000)
- Bread Making equipment (\$5,200)
- Kitchen cart (\$100) - **Theresa Kzaley Gift**
- Choir supplies storage (\$500) - **In Memory of Jane Deeb**
- Office equipment and supplies (\$1,000)

Cedars Club Gets Creative

The Cedars Club in an endeavor to support the church and help purchase needed equipment for the kitchen, put on two events that proved to be very successful. Their spaghetti dinner was well attended and was a break from our traditional breakfasts. They drew on the neighborhood as well as parishioners and showed a profit of more than \$1,000. On March 24th they hosted a salad and soup luncheon that brought people from the neighborhood and from nearby office buildings. The food was excellent, and again, it was well attended and showed a profit of more than \$1,000. Both events were an attempt to “try something new”. They should be applauded for their creativity as well as their success.

Online Gift Store

Go to our website www.holyfamilymaronitechurch.org and click on [Gift Store](#) to buy and pay online (by credit card or bank account transaction, with or without a Paypal account) for articles, books, and DVDs from Holy Family. You can also make online donations to Holy Family in the same way.

April Birthdays

Please take a minute to drop us a note if we didn't get it right! Let us know if we are missing your birthday or someone important to you. Just drop a note in the mail, by phone, or in the collection basket.

April 01: Jeanne ABBOTT
April 03: Jim JOSEPH, Kathy THURINGER
April 04: Geri SIMON
April 06: Tom KOURY, Ron GEORGE
April 08: Art NASSEFF, Lauren DEEB
April 09: Zack KOURY
April 11: Christine SOLBERG, Breanna Lynn KOURY
April 12: Joe THOMAS, Dylan Andrew SCHUNO, Thomas Jason KAMMEYER
April 14: Jill NORDSTROM
April 17: Gregory GEORGE
April 20: Joshua KOURY
April 22: Rose KARSTEN, Mary BOLDT
April 21: George YOUNES, Robert MONSOUR
April 24: Joanne McLAUGHLIN
April 26: Regina McLAUGHLIN, Dana BOEHMER
April 27: Rachel JOSEPH
April 30: Erin GEORGE

New Website

www.holyfamilymaronitechurch.org

If you go to the old address www.holyfamilymaronite.org you will be directed to the new website.

Holy Family Church Committees & Volunteers

Administration

Carolyn Marker, Executive Secretary
Pat Anderson, Collections Bookkeeper

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Joe Mansur, President
John Kempe, Vice-President
Vicki Whebbe, Secretary
Chad Abbott
Pat Kzaley Anderson
Joseph Coury
Mary Beth Dooher

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Edward Josephs
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Larry Josephs, Jennifer Marker
Johnson, Scott Johnson &
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Festival of Nations

Joanna Conover
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Lenten Dinners

Ed Joseph

Lebanese Dinner

Ed Joseph

Church Maintenance

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Altar Servers Training

Jim Abbott

Event Photographer

Richard Graner

Church Ushers

Bob Abbott
James Douglas
Mike Hill
Tony Koury
James Mallinger
Bob Mike

**Thank you all for donating your time
and talent to the greater glory of God!**

**If you have a desire to volunteer your
time and your skills to benefit the
Church, please contact the parish office
at 651-291-1116.**

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