

HOLY FAMILY MARONITE CHURCH

Monthly Bulletin

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

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The Massabki Brothers
(Three Maronite Martyrs)



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My/Our Seven Year Anniversary

As some of you may recall, on July 20th, 2003 Bishop Robert Shaheen ordained me, and shortly after that I was put in charge of Holy Family Church where I have been happily serving for the past seven years. Together we faced a few challenges, and accomplished a lot in such short time, and still have a lot of work ahead of us. Hopefully you have enjoyed the journey as much as I have, because I have. A lot.

I was blessed to witness and share in the rejuvenation, even the rebirth of a community of people who care about each other, their parish and their priest. You supported me and challenged me. You have given and asked for love. You have listened and talked to me. You have allowed me to lead but also shared in the leadership. As a result, with the growth of the parish, I too have grown as a priest and as a human being, and I have God and you to thank for that.

On Sunday June 27, I learned that my parish is as good as I am at keeping secrets. I discovered that the Italian luncheon sponsored by my parish council that day was a surprise celebration of my seven year ordination anniversary. I was very moved by the gesture and the appreciation, and I sincerely hope that I convey to you the appreciation I feel for you.

To my parish council who organized and sponsored, as well as Jerry and Londa Whebbe who cooked the wonderful meal, Mary Deeb and Mary Boldt who decorated, and all those who helped and those who attended, I offer my thanks and prayers. The words of Joe Mansur and Joe Coury were thoughtful and truly humbling. It feels wonderful to see oneself through the eyes of someone who cares for they tend to see us in much kinder light than our own eyes.

Finally, it is much easier to be indifferent than to care, to be angry than to reconcile, to drop the ball than to effect a change, to curse than to bless. But it is much less rewarding. I thank you and commend you for not travelling the easy road. I look forward to seven more years of serving you.

Yours in Christ,

Abouna Rodrigue Constantin, Pastor.

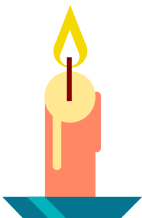
DIVINE LITURGY - July 2010

Thurs	1 st 9am	<i>For Jennie Hill from Judith Cooper</i>
Fri	2 nd 9am	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for the Departed Members of the Holy Family Society.</i>
Sat	3 rd 4pm	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Jenny & Bunny Hill from John George.</i>
Sun	4 th 10 am	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Joe and Mary Ann Nasseff from the family. *Monthly Liturgy for Betty & Joe Monsour from Tom & Mary Beth Dooher & Family.</i>
Wed	7 th 9am	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Agnes & Archie Monsour from son, Larry.</i>
Thurs	8 th 9am	<i>For the health and welfare of Nicole Dumonceaux from John & Carolyn Marker.</i>
Fri	9 th 9am	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Richie Thomas from Helen Thomas & Family.</i>
Sat	10 th 4pm	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Joseph & Barcita Mansur, sons Martin & Peter, grandsons Michael & Martin and Thomas Mansur. *Monthly Liturgy for the Deceased members of the Nasseff family from Art & Gerri Nasseff.</i>
Sun	11 th 10am	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Ray Thomas Sr. from the Thomas family. *Monthly Liturgy for Sadie & Joseph Francis, their son Joseph, their daughter Delores, and grandson Joseph from Richard & Dorothy Francis.</i>
Wed	14 th 9am	<i>For James & Mary Johns & sister Val from Rochelle Francis.</i>
Thurs	15 th 9am	<i>For Ruth Grimes from Sheila Forrest.</i>
Fri	16 th 9am	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Peter M. & Tina S. Isaac.</i>
Sat	17 th 4pm	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for the Departed Members of the Whebbe family from the family *Monthly Liturgy for Michael Josephs and the deceased members of the Josephs family from Joyce Josephs & Family.</i>
Sun	18 th 10am	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Sadie, John & Gerard George from the family.</i>
Wed	21 st 9am	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Jane Deeb from the Marker family.</i>
Thurs	22 nd 9am	<i>For Freda & Sadie Josephs from John George</i>
Fri	23 rd 9am	<i>For Val Welch from her sister Patti Dusbabek.</i>
Sat	24 th 4pm	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Joseph & Sadie Monsour and Tony and Joe Monsour from Margaret and Mary Ann. *Monthly Liturgy for Albert & Rose Miller from the family.</i>
Sun	25 th 10am	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for William, Mary & Joseph Isaac & Leon Rutz from John & Patricia Rutz.</i>
Wed	28 th 9 am	<i>For the intentions of all the members of our parish.</i>
Thurs	29 th 9am	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Maroun & Saydi Chahla & their children Boutros & Karim from Elia Chahla & family.</i>
Fri	30 th 9am	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Agnes & Archie Monsour from the Marker family.</i>
Sat	31 st 4pm	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for John & Anna Thomas from Kathleen Thomas.</i>

Light a Candle

Pray for the Health of these Our loved Ones

Nikki Abbott, Geri Nasseff, Bob Miller, Gloria Thomas, Aaron Koury, Marvette Bukowski, Mary Gubash, Helen Kzaley, Ed Ludke, Peter Solberg, Dorothy Latuff, Helen Thomas, Phil and Annette Atkins, Rochelle Francis, Tom Corey, Marie George, Julie Vasquez, Nicole Dumonceaux.



Maronite Liturgical Calendar

July 4	7 th Sunday of Pentecost
July 11	8 th Sunday of Pentecost
July 18	9 th Sunday of Pentecost
July 25	10 th Sunday of Pentecost

Maronite Synaxarion

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

July 10	The 3 Massabki Brothers, Maronite Martyrs
July 17	St. Marina, Nun of Qannoubine
July 20	St. Elias
July 23	St. Sharbel
July 31	The 350 Maronite Martyrs, Disciples of St. Maron



Born in Spirit!

We welcome **Emma and Lily Monsour**, daughters of Gabriel and Jillian Monsour who were baptized June 19th into our Holy Family Church community. May their baptism be for them and their family a source of grace and salvation. Congratulations!

Crowned!

Jennifer Marie Spiess and James Leuer were crowned husband and wife on Saturday, June 5th, the first wedding at Holy Family Church in our new location in Mendota Heights, with a reception following in the Church Social Hall. Our community prays that Jennifer and James lead a holy, happy and fulfilling married life, blessed with virtuous children and good deeds. Congratulations!



Up-coming Events and Schedule

Date	Upcoming Event
September 10 & 12	Holy Family Church Annual Lebanese Fall Festival & Bingo
September 25-16	St. Maron Fall Festival
November 13-14	St. Maron Bake Sale

Fall Festival Update

This year's Fall Festival will again be held at our new location: 1960 Lexington Avenue, Mendota Heights. We will have bingo there on Friday evening, September 10th, and the outdoor festival after the 10:00 AM liturgy in the sanctuary on Sunday morning, September 12th. Look for your family's **booklet of raffle tickets** to arrive in your mailbox this month! We are asking each family to sell or purchase the book of five tickets for \$40 or single tickets for \$10 each. The prizes remain the same as last year:

- Grand Prize = \$1,500
- Second Prize = \$500
- Third Prize = Dorm-sized refrigerator (donated by Simon's Appliance)

Simply mail the stubs back to the rectory with the money collected. Or, put the envelope in the collection basket. All parishioners who return their stubs and payment by August 14th will be eligible for a drawing. This year there will be two drawings of \$100 thanks to the donations made by the David Persons family and the John Marker family. If people care to write a check, have them make the check payable to the Holy Family Church. This is an opportunity for everyone in the parish to support.

Silent Auction

Time is flying by and the fall festival will be here before you know it, have you thought about making a donation to the silent auction? If you can think of it we will take it, if you can't think of it we can help with ideas. A sporting basket is always a great seller as is a wine or beer themed basket. Are you someone or do you know someone that owns a business and would be willing to donate a service or gift certificate? Do you get your nails done regularly and think your nail tech might be willing to donate? please ask them.

How about donating something you are good at, three deserts to be ordered by the recipient. A care package sent to the new college freshman. Are you a member of a golf course? Will they donate a round of golf for 4? The possibilities are endless and we need all the support we can get to make this a great success.

To donate or for ideas please contact Mary Beth Dooher at the98prez@hotmail.com or 651-688-7034.

Thank you and God Bless
Mary Beth Dooher

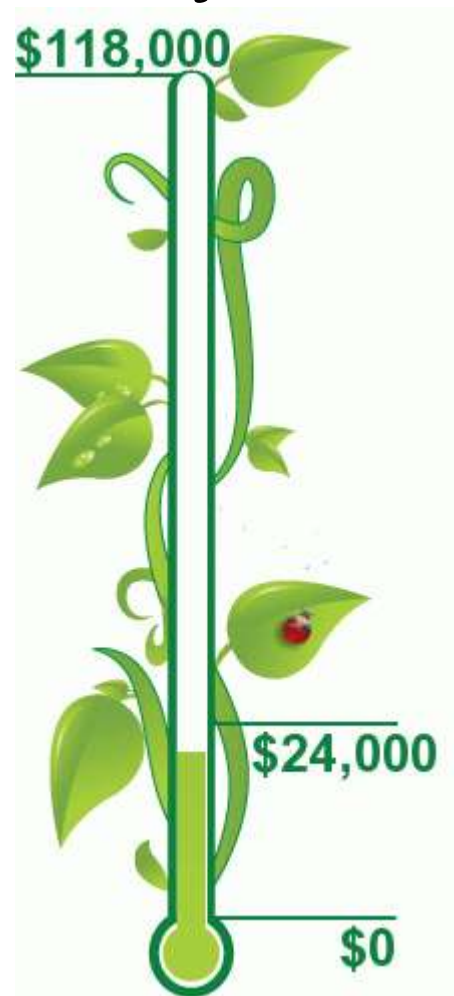
Capital Campaign Update - We Need Your Pledges

May marked a new beginning for the capital campaign - Year 4. We are beginning the FOURTH year weakly with approximately \$24,000 already collected. This is more than \$10,000 behind last year at this time. We ended last year nearly 30% down from the first year. If this trend continues we will not continue to make our mortgage payments.

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. This is no longer a plan - it is our reality. We have moved, we have honored our past by bringing what we could with us, and many in our parish are working hard to build a future for us all. But it is NOT ALL OF US. We are all a part of the Holy Family community and need to contribute to its future. We cannot continue to expect a limited few to support this effort - we are all part of the same community.

For those of you who have not committed to the Capital Campaign, it is again, time for a new beginning. If you cannot pledge the \$1,200 amount, please pledge what you can. Your gift would be much appreciated.

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.



Fall Festival Bingo September 10, 2010

The social hall will be ablaze with activity, the smell of food, and the screams of success. We hope this year to entice more people to join the fun. In spite of the low turn out last year, we netted a **great profit**. We need your help in bringing people in for this event. If you have any suggestions on who to contact, or businesses that would display our flyers, please get in touch with the rectory or Carolyn Marker.

Can you or a group of you get together and sponsor a game? We need your help and support. It's also a great time for people to have fun. We play 18 games, ranging from \$50 to \$250. The odds are great. Thanks to the support of Linda Nordstrom, Mary Deeb and Joyce Deeb Peterson, we have simply outstanding raffle prizes.

If you wish to make a tax deductible donation in support of the event, please contact **Carolyn Marker** at the rectory. If you wish to get a reduced price on your Bingo ticket, send your check for \$25 to the rectory as well. At the door tickets will be \$30.

Come for the food.... Come for the fun.... Come to support your Church.

Fall Festival Bingo Sponsors

BINGO SPONSORS and FESTIVAL DONORS

- 1. Vicki Whebbe \$50.00
- 2. Rose & Rueben Karsten \$50.00
- 3. Carolyn & John Marker \$50.00
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

Coverall # 1 Sponsor: \$250.00

- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.
- 13.
- 14.
- 15.
- 16.

Coverall # 2 Sponsor: 250.00

We thank all those who sponsor the bingo and festival for their generosity!

We understand that not everyone is in a position to do more in this economy for the Fall Festival so we ask for your prayers and support. If you are in a position to help more, your donation is very welcome and you have our sincere "thanks" and appreciation. Simply fill out the appropriate form and send to the Rectory or put in the collection basket

Holy Family Church Fall Festival Donation Pledge Form

Name _____ Telephone #: _____

Address:

Donation: \$ _____ Check/Cash _____

Thank you for your contribution to the Holy Family Fall Festival!

*Holy Family Church Fall Festival
Donation Pledge Form - 2010 Silent Auction*

Name _____ Telephone #: _____

I will donate the following item(s) to the Silent Auction:

Estimated value: \$ _____ Amount Spent: \$ _____

Thank you for your contribution to the Holy Family Fall Festival!

*Holy Family Church Fall Festival
Bingo Sponsor/Donation*

Name _____ Telephone #: _____

I would like to sponsor/donate toward the Fall Bingo:

Donation: \$ _____

BINGO Early Registration (Discounted)

Fill out the attached form and place in the collection basket or mail to the rectory.

NAME _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Number of Bingos Requested _____

Amount Enclosed _____



NOTE: Purchased Bingos will be available at registration, the day of the event. Come early and join us for dinner - great food available!

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.

St. Michael School Offer

Tuition for new students will be \$2,000. Your child will receive the very best in education provided in a warm, friendly, safe and secure environment. Small class sizes, strong academics, competitive sports, computer room, before & after school care. K-8th grade **Open House, Wednesday, August 11th at 6:30 pm.** Contact them at 651-457-2510 for further information or check their website at www.stmichaelweststpaul.org.

Oops!

Oops, we missed Zoe Gubash who had a birthday June 5th. Sorry, Zoe, and Happy Belated Birthday!

July 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.

- July 01: Don COURY Jr.
- July 03: David LONGSETH, Nick KOURY, Joe GUBASH.
- July 04: Tom GEORGE
- July 05: Tony KOURY III, Linda HAEG, Elizabeth LYSDAHL
- July 06: Jim MANSUR
- July 08: Michael ABBOTT, Maryann GOEBEL
- July 09: Rachel DEEB TRESSEL, Bob MILLER, Alicia BOLDT
- July 11: George MIKE
- July 12: Ed MANSUR
- July 13: Joseph WHEBBE, Mabelle MADISON, Martin THOMAS
- July 14: Charles MONSOUR
- July 15: Emily GAUTHIER
- July 16: Samuel JOSEPH, Kathy JOSEPHS
- July 18: Joe MIKE
- July 19: Florence MONSOUR-STEWART, John MONSOUR
- July 20: Dennis DEEB, Kathy DOUGLAS, Jim DOUGLAS, Wilfred ABBOTT Jr.
- July 21: Ellie MUELLER, Melissa KOURY
- July 22: Tom ABBOTT, Carolyn WINTERS
- July 23: Joe GAVNIK, Carolyn MARKER
- July 24: Gregory MANSUR, Christina NORDSTROM, Wilfred ABBOTT Jr., Larry GEORGE
- July 25: Jeff COURY
- July 26: Don COURY, James MALLINGER
- July 29: Theresa LaCOURSIERE, Denise NUTZMANN
- July 31: Patti BERG

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**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
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