

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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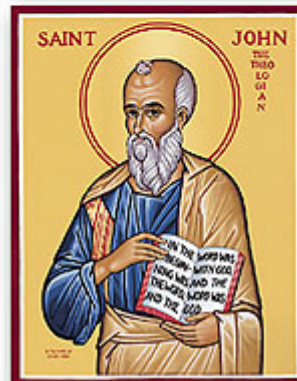
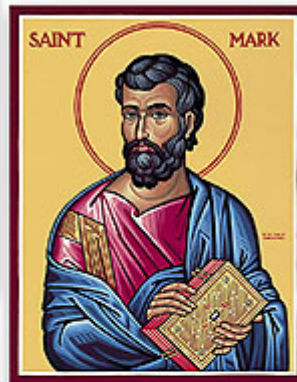
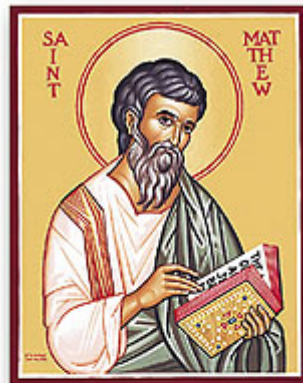
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The Four
Evangelists



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A Word of Thank You

I simply would like to express my gratitude for the outpouring of love and encouragement you showed me at the occasion of my graduation this past weekend. Although I've always enjoyed learning, as a pastor I do it for additional reason. I learn knowing that if I have no choice but to weekly subject my parishioners to 5-7 minutes of unscripted talking, it'd better be logical, intelligent, fresh, interesting, and relevant. I usually aim for one of these attributes a week, and succeed at times. I guess what I'm trying to say that wanting to serve you in the best way I can is a big part of my academic life, and celebrating my graduation with you meant a lot to me.

I'm currently in the middle of another Master's degree, this one in Counseling Psychology. I hear this too comes in handy to priests. I hope to finish this degree in a couple of years, and God willing, go into a PhD program in Psychology after that.

Please keep me in your prayers as you have, and I thank you again for the love, appreciation and support you have shown me, not only now, but also through all seven years I've been with you. I hope you already know the feelings are mutual.

Yours in Christ,

Abouna Rodrigue Constantin, Pastor.

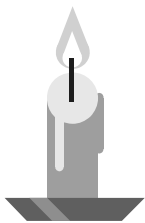
DIVINE LITURGY - June 2010

Wed	2 nd	9am	<i>For Janet Alexander from her husband, Bob Alexander.</i>
Thurs	3 rd	9am	<i>For James & Mary Johns & sister Val from Rochelle Francis.</i>
Fri	4 th	9am	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for John & Anna Thomas from Kathleen Thomas. *Monthly Liturgy for Agnes & Archie Monsour from their son, Larry.</i>
Sat	5 th	4pm	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Maroun & Saydi Chahla & their children Boutros & Karim from Elia Chahla & family. *Monthly Liturgy for William, Mary & Joseph Isaac & Leon Rutz from John & Patricia Rutz.</i>
Sun	6 th	10 am	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Sadie & Joseph Francis, their son Joseph, their daughter Delores, and grandson Joseph from Richard & Dorothy Francis. *Monthly Liturgy for the Deceased members of the Nasseff family from Art & Gerri Nasseff.</i>
Wed	9 th	9am	<i>For Jennie Hill from Judy Crocket.</i>
Thurs	10 th	9am	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Jane Deeb from the Marker family.</i>
Fri	11 th	9am	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Richie Thomas from Helen Thomas & Family.</i>
Sat	12 th	4pm	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Ray Thomas Sr. from the Thomas family. *Monthly Liturgy for Joseph & Barcita Mansur, sons Martin & Peter, grandsons Michael & Martin and Thomas Mansur.</i>
Sun	13 th	10am	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Joe and Mary Ann Nasseff from the family. 40 day Memorial Liturgy for Ruth Grimes from the family.</i>
Wed	16 th	9am	<i>For Jennie Hill from Susan Herbst.</i>
Thurs	17 th	9am	<i>For health and welfare of Nicole Dumonceaux from John & Carolyn Marker. For Val Welch from her sister Patti Dusbabek.</i>
Fri	18 th	9am	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Sadie, John & Gerard George from the family. *Monthly Liturgy for Jenny & Bunny Hill from John George.</i>
Sat	19 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	20 th	10am	<i>For all the living and deceased fathers of our parish. Happy Father's Day</i>
Wed	23 rd	9am	<i>For Jennie Hill from John Zibley.</i>
Thurs	24 th	9am	<i>For Freda & Sadie Josephs from John George.</i>
Fri	25 th	9am	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Betty & Joe Monsour from Tom & Mary Beth Dooher & Family. *Monthly Liturgy for Albert & Rose Miller from the family.</i>
Sat	26 th	4pm	<i>*Monthly Liturgy for Joseph & Sadie Monsour and Tony and Joe Monsour from Margaret and Mary Ann. *Monthly Liturgy for Peter M. & Tina S. Isaac.</i>
Sun	27 th	10am	<i>For the health and welfare of Julie Baker from Jim & Nikki Abbott *Monthly Liturgy for Agnes & Archie Monsour from the Marker family.</i>
Wed	30 th	9 am	<i>For Val Welch from her sister Patti Dusbabek.</i>

Light a Candle

Pray for the Health of these Our loved Ones

Gerri Nasseff, Bob Miller, Gloria Thomas, Aaron Koury, Marvette Bukowski, Mary Gubash, Helen Kzaley, Ed Ludke, Joseph Koury, Peter Solberg, Dorothy Latuff, Helen Thomas, Maryann Raines, Phil and Annette Atkins, Rochelle Francis, Tom Corey, Marie George, Julie Vasquez, Vanessa Miller, Nicole Dumonceaux, Bernadette Seliski, & Patrick Mansur.



Maronite Liturgical Calendar

June 6	3 rd Sunday of Pentecost
June 13	4 th Sunday of Pentecost
June 20	5 ^h Sunday of Pentecost
June 27	Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Maronite Synaxarion

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

June 1	St. Justin, Martyr (+ 168)
June 2	The Four Evangelists
June 3	St. Autel, Confessor (+ 327)
June 10	St. Barnabas, Apostle
June 11	St. Bartholomew, Apostle
June 13	St. Aqualina of Jbeil, Martyr
June 14	Elisha the Prophet
June 19	St. Jude Thaddeus (Laba), Apostle
June 29	The Apostles Peter and Paul
June 30	The Twelve Apostles

Our Condolences



Our condolences go to the **Ruth Alice Grimes** family on their loss. The family wishes to “thank everyone who gave donations, food, time and prayers in her remembrance. Your generosity in our time of sorrow showed us just how many lives she touched.” The Funeral was held at Holy Family Church on Wednesday, May 12th followed by burial at Resurrection Cemetery. The ladies of the Holy Family Society prepared and served a special Mercy Meal in her memory to all those who attended the funeral.

Born in Spirit!

We welcome **Andrew James Warrington**, son of James and Lorayne Etoll Warrington, who was baptized May 1, 2010 into our Holy Family Church community. May his baptism be for him and his family a source of grace and salvation. Congratulations!



Happy Father's Day

Our love and prayers go out to all the fathers of our parish. We ask the Lord to bless you and grant you health, peace and joy as we celebrate this special day with you. We wish you good health and much happiness this coming year. God bless!

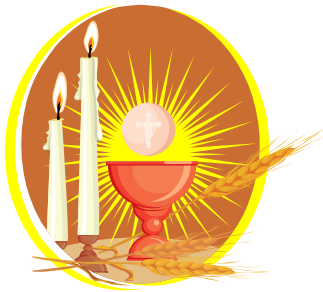


Parish Council to Sponsor End of Season Breakfast June 27th, 2010

Please join the Parish Council for brunch as we celebrate as a parish our first season at our new location. This is an opportunity for us all to reflect on recent events, our transition, our new beginning. This is a time to rejoice in our efforts and the fruition of our dreams.

The Council will be serving a spaghetti lunch with all the trimmings for us all to share together. So, please consider yourselves guests of the Council and join us on Sunday June 27th.

First Holy Communion



Thank you for joining us in celebration of our four young communicants. What a wonderful celebration filled with good food prepared by the Holy Family Society! The food, as always, was wonderfully prepared and enjoyed by everyone in a beautifully decorated setting in honor of our young communicants. The event brought in over \$700. Our gratitude goes to all of you who worked so hard these past weeks cleaning the Church and Social Hall, cooking the food, setting tables, and those who came to join in celebration of our young ones.

A special "Thank You" to Richard Graner who once again, memorialized the event through his photography. We must not forget, during this festive and solemn occasion, the teachers who spend all year preparing our young people for this special day. Please say "thank you" to our teachers: Nikki Abbott, Rebecca Kammeier (1st First Communion Class), Jeanine Gubash Brickley. Congratulations once again to our communicants along with our prayers and good wishes.

To view the pictures of the First communion please visit our website at <http://holyfamilymaronite.org/> and go to Gallery.

Josalynn Abbott ♦ Harrison Braun ♦ Lauren Conway ♦ Ryan Klonc

High School and College Graduates

Holy Family Church is proud of her daughters and sons who graduated this year from High School and college. We congratulate the following graduates and their families on this achievement:

Christina Monsour
Sam Dooher
Laura Berg
Patrick Persons

High School Graduate
High School Graduate
B.A.
B.A. (Cum Laude)



May the Lord accompany them and guide their next steps, whether in College or in the workplace. We wish these graduates much success in the years to come and ask everyone to extend their support and prayers to these young people!

PS: Please let us know of other graduates in the parish to publish their names here.

Capital Campaign Update – We Need Your Pledges



May marked a new beginning for the capital campaign – Year 3. We are beginning the FOURTH year weakly with approximately \$21,000 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.**

Another Successful Festival of Nations 2010!

The Festival of Nations has been a long-time event for Holy Family church. It gives our Lebanese heritage wonderful exposure to the public and brings our culture to the general population when many may never otherwise experience it. It was our first year preparing for the Festival of Nations at our new location—it was great to have easy access to our facilities! With tireless efforts of the women, men and young people, we prepared many pounds of kibbi, hundreds of grape leaves, a field of parsley, cases of eggplant and pans of baklava, along with lots of salad fixings, garlic sauce and hummus. Also made on-site were “tons” of dough for zlabia, our very popular treat. Cheers to our helpers!

Our volunteers were terrific as usual and we were graced by many first-timers. It was so nice to have more of our young adults take part and have a good time amidst the buzz. Thanks to all who volunteered in **any** way and enjoyed the camaraderie. We extend a special thanks to our Lebanese Dancers, for without their involvement, we would not be eligible to participate in the Festival of Nations. We are proud to share our rich culture with others and, with continued support from our parish and friends, we hope the Festival of Nations will continue to be a lasting tradition!

Net profit in the amount of \$4,000 from this event will go toward the Holy Family Church mortgage!

On a personal note, we would like to especially thank everyone who offered extra assistance to us, the "broken" chairpersons! Without so many of you stepping up in our time of need, we would not have been successful.

God bless! Jackie & Joanna

June Fall Festival Update

The Fall Festival will be held this year **September 10-12, 2010**. There will be a bingo Friday evening, September 10 with the daylong outdoor festival beginning after liturgy on Sunday morning, September 12, 2010. Please mark your calendars to volunteer at this important annual fundraiser.

Raffle tickets will be \$10.00 each this year and a discount is available if you purchase a book of five for \$40.00. We are again asking **each family to take one book and will be mailing those out to you in July**. The prizes are as follows:

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

All planning meetings will be announced in church or sent by email.

Contact Vicki Whebbe, 651.457.4067 or whebbe@comcast.net to:

- Add your name to the email list
- Volunteer for food preparation, serving, or chairing a booth
- Volunteer for the same job you performed last year

From the Children's Games Chair (Joanna Conover):

If you are out shopping or at garage sales, the kids games would like gently used (almost new) toys, stuffed animals, happy meal toys etc. Also, children and adult items for the cherry tree, such as gifts you have never used (candles, lotion etc.). Closer to the festival we will need 2 liter bottles of soda. If you have any questions, please contact **Joanna Conover at 651.731.1905**.

From the Silent Auction Chair (Mary Beth Dooher):

We are still accepting donations of gift cards, certificates, liquor, services, or other similar items. Please contact **Mary Beth Dooher at the98prez@hotmail.com or 651.688.7034** to work at the Silent Auction or to make a donation. Thank you all in advance for your help at this event!

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.

Your help is also needed to underwrite the bingo games as in previous events. Rose and Rueben Karsten have already sent in their \$50 check to sponsor a game. 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.

Investment Opportunity

The stewardship committee is moving forward with a plan to create 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.

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.

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)
- Kitchen cart (\$100) - **Theresa Kzaley Gift**
- Choir supplies storage (\$500) - **In Memory of Jane Deeb**
- Office equipment and supplies (\$1,000)
- Proofer & cart (\$2,000) - **funds provided by events sponsored Cedars Club**

June 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.

- June 01: Mona NASSEFF-DAHDAH, Andy GUBASH
- June 02: Donald DEEB
- June 04: Patsy ALBERTSON, Ann BOEHMER, Jim LEACH, John KEMPE
- June 05: Vi STEWART
- June 06: Mike CHARLEY, Aidan Richard KLONCZ
- June 08: Beverly ABBOTT, Adrienne DOROFF
- June 09: David McLAUGHLIN
- June 10: Mark THOMAS, Delena WHEBBE, Bob DEEB, Ashley ALVARADO, Sena GUBASH FERGUSON
- June 11: Tommy DOOHER, James THOMAS, Christian CONWAY
- June 12: Judy GEORGE, Melissa DEEB, Joe Monsour Jr., Julie GUBASH, Adele MANSUR, Nathan Joseph SCHWEMMER
- June 14: Michael WHEBBE Jr, Christopher AZAR, Brian HILL
- June 15: Jeanine GUBASH BRICKLEY
- June 16: Greg GUBASH
- June 18: Janice CASILLAS
- June 19: John GUBASH
- June 20: Andrea SPIESS ARMSTRONG
- June 21: Judy ANDREWS
- June 22: Pete WHEBBE
- June 25: Rick GUBASH
- June 27: Ashley LONGSETH, Ed ABBOTT, Gerard COURY, Anne Marie KHOUEIR
- June 28: Anny STEWART
- June 29: Diane COREY, John MANSUR, Jackie GUBASH-MUELLER
- June 30: Mary Ann BLOCK, Michelle GABRIEL

Holy Family Church Committees & Volunteers

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Carolyn Marker, Executive Secretary
Pat Anderson, Collections Bookkeeper

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

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Dennis Deeb, Chairperson
Edward Josephs
Ray Kempe
Carolyn Marker
Pat Anderson

Liturgical Committee

Mary Boldt
Mary Deeb
Anna Grimes
Barbara Tackaberry

Sacristy Committee

Margaret and Michael Maloney
Mary Ann Raines

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Katie Deeb, President
Gerri Nasseff, Treasurer
Mary Beth Dooher, Vice President

Religious Education

Rebecca Kammeyer (1st - 2nd Grade)
Jeanine Gubash Brickley
(3rd - 4th Grade)
Nikki Abbott (5th - 6th Grade)

MYO Advisor

Rick Gubash

Choir

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Joyce Deeb, Choir Director
Souad Gubash, Choir Director
Karla Abbott, Jeanne Abbott, organists

Event Coordinator

Kathy Douglas

Fall Festival Chair

Vicki Whebbe

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Larry Josephs, Jennifer Marker
Johnson, Scott Johnson &
Carolyn Marker

Festival of Nations

Joanna Conover
Jackie Gubash-Mueller

Lenten Dinners

Ed Joseph

Lebanese Dinner

Ed Joseph

Church Maintenance

Ed Joseph

Altar Servers Training

Jim Abbott

Event Photographer

Richard Graner

Church Ushers

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

**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.**