



INTENTION(S) FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY (MASS):

Today: Repose of George and Delores Assiff, By Family

Next Sunday (1 February): Repose of Jean Araj, by Family

8 February: Repose of the Father George Houeaichan, by son George

15 February: Repose of Dany Fares, by Family

FROM LAST WEEK

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS TODAY: Please make your nomination known to Father or to Joe Rached or Dany Sayad.

NEW

VATICAN NEWS: Many people are interested in hearing the latest news from the Holy Father at the Vatican, The news site called ZENIT can provide that news. If you are interested, why not Google www.zenit.org?

HELP WITH ROSTER: We are making progress with updating our parish roster (list), but we still need your help. We still do not have complete information about the names below. Either they have not responded by using the forms; or they have changed data; or they have moved away. If you see your name in the list below, or if anyone has contact information on any of these, kindly contact parishioners Nancy Nichols @ 727-687-2238 or at nlottie@gmail.com; or Amira Ishak @ 813-695-4644 or amira_isaak@yahoo.com , or the parish office @ 813-886-7413 with at least a current home or cell phone number or email **IN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS**. Thank you!-

- 1 Abouchruch, Chaker
- 2 Aboujaoude, Rafic
- 3 Andraos, Elie
- 4 Awad, Jihad
- 5 Ayyoub, Elias
- 6 Bedran, Elie
- 7 Chibani, Saade
- 8 Choefati, Youssef
- 9 Chouefati, Elie
- 10 Daoud, Hanna
- 11 Domeika, Thomas
- 12 Elias, Mike
- 13 Estephan, Wassim
- 14 Faddoul, Chafic
- 15 Farah, Chaker
- 16 Fares, Fadi
- 17 Ferzli, George
- 18 Fraifer, Natalie
- 19 Gabriel, Peter

20 Gerges, Georgette
21 Haddad, Marwan
22 Hajje, Elias
23 Helou, Bassam
24 Kendlaft, Gaby
25 Kerbage, Tarek
26 Khouri, Badwi
27 Khoury, Abdallah
28 Kordis, Maya
29 Makdessi, Albert
30 Mehanna, George
31 Moubarak, Kisra
32 Najem, Diana
33 Nasr, Akram
34 Nichols, Paul
35 Nichols, Sayed
36 Saba, Fadi
37 Saba, Walid
38 Saidi, Henry
39 Salem, Albert
40 Saliba, Sharbel
41 Salloum, Saba
42 Samaha, Steve
43 Saydi, Toni
44 Seller, Peter
45 Seoud, Tony
46 Sfeir, Adib
47 Sfeir, Edward
48 Shamon, Jimmie
49 Shidiac, Joe
Shiner, Ronald

VOCATIONS NEWS

SEMINARY DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: The Vocations Offices of both our Eparchies announce the 2nd weekend for young man thinking about becoming a priest. It will be held at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary in Washington, DC, from 13 to 15 February 2009. If your son has been considering the ministry, please let Father know, and we can make an arrangement for him to join others there for this important consideration (called “discernment”). Young man, is God calling YOU to be a priest?

COLLECTION FOR SISTER MARLA MARIE: Through your generosity \$462.00 was collected for Sister’s Mission.- In addition, several parishioners offered to send her donations privately.

A WORD FROM FROM SISTER MARLA:

Dear Abouna Anthony,

Many thanks for you generous hospitality and friendship on my visit to Sts. Peter and Paul. I so much enjoyed your company and am grateful for the many kindnesses shown to me. The people of the parish were welcoming and encouraging. I am grateful too for the second collection donation given to me for the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light. Please extend my gratitude to

the parish. I invite them to keep in touch and visit my website.

Epiphany Blessings and Prayers,

Sister Marla Marie

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: \$974.60

Next Week's Scripture Commentary, SUNDAY OF THE PRIESTS

Toward the end of the Season of Epiphany, and right before Great Lent (The Great Fast), our ancient Maronite tradition reserves 3 Sundays and 3 weeks to remember the departed, from among priests, The Righteous and Just (All Saints), and the faithful departed in general. The priest, or the bishop, is our faithful companion in our journey to God; he has 2 faces: the face of the Good Shepherd, who governs the flock in wisdom and good governance, and the face of the mediator who always keeps his gaze fixed on heaven, through the ministry of the Holy Mysteries and continuous prayer for his parish.

First Reading: *1 Timothy 4:6-16*

Here is a series of recommendations to the priest, minister and apostle in the Church of Christ. The most important recommendations are:

- 1 being nourished on the words of firm faith; sound teaching
- 2 avoiding profane, false, and silly myths
- 3 training one's self for devotion (following the example of physical training).
This means the Christian effort to live in a good relationship with God and all people, for eternal salvation
- 4 being a model to the faithful, sometimes despite his young age, and in all things
- 5 accomplishing the duty of announcing the word of God and teaching the faithful from the Holy Books and other useful books for preaching and teaching, and
- 6 being faithful to the sublime spiritual gift he has received and was conferred on him through the imposition of the hands of the official episcopacy of the Church on him personally, to be consecrated to the priestly ministry in the Holy Mysteries his whole life long.

Gospel: *Luke 12:42-48*

It highlights the reward of the faithful and vigilant servant steward waiting for the coming of the Lord his master, and the punishment of the inattentive steward who thinks that the coming of his master will be delayed. The application to the priest shows that the priestly authority is related to the faithfulness to the Lord who gave him that authority. Faithfulness to the Lord requires wisdom, that is, the knowledge of the saving plan of God, and the discernment of his will in everything. The fact that the parable stresses service in distributing food to the household would apply directly to the priests who distribute the Body and Blood of the Lord to the faithful ones in the Eucharistic service. The biggest temptation that the priest faces resides in using his priestly ministry for his personal interests, and forgetting or pretending that he forgot that God chose him as a priest for him to be a servant of God and the people in God's matters. The Evangelist Luke points out more than Matthew does (24: 45-51) the terrible punishment that awaits the priest who knows his master's will and doesn't act according to it!