

Lebanese Registry / Lebanese Parliamentary Vote for US-based Lebanese citizens:

We urge all the Lebanese who have children born in the USA to register their birth at the Lebanese Consulate in New York City. We are fortunate to have the General Consul of Lebanon, Mr. Antoine Azzam, in our community and city to help facilitate this process. It is crucial that you do this in order to keep the balance of the population in Lebanon, as well as, for your children to receive the full citizenship of Lebanon and to possess a Lebanese passport. Please act upon this urgent matter as soon as you can. To obtain registration forms, visit the Lebanese Consulate of New York at www.lebconsny.org Address: Consulate General 9 E. 76th St, New York, NY 10021 Telephone: (212) 744-7905/06 Fax: (212) 794-1510 **All Lebanese citizens living in the United States** must register with their embassy or consulates and fill a special electoral form if they wish to vote in the next parliamentary elections in 2013. The deadline for registration is December 31, 2012. Please go to the Lebanese Consulate in NY website at: www.lebconsny.org for more information and to download the electoral form.

Join the Order of Saint Sharbel

The order of Saint Sharbel is a national organization of people who have pledged their spiritual strength and financial support for the Seminary of Our Lady of Lebanon in Washington D.C, seminarians and retired clergy of the Eparchy of Saint Maron and the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon. This organization is comprised of two chapters which act under the leadership of both Maronite Bishops of the USA. To become a member please see father Jean Younes after Mass.

NAM Scholarship

NAM has three main scholarship programs (with 6 winners in total) for high school seniors or college students. The deadline for submitting the applications is May 15th. For additional information and to apply please visit the NAM web site at: www.namnews.org

NAM Mid-Atlantic East Regional Convention April 9 to April 11 2010:

Saint Charbel Church in PA and Our Lady Star Of the East in NJ are very excited to invite you to their first NAM Regional Convention. The theme is "Change" in the "Year of St. Maroon" as we celebrate the 1600 Anniversary of his death, and the workshops reflect this theme well. I encourage you to be part of this historical gathering, and meet new families, new friends, and rejoice with your own communities. The Convention will be held at the Clarion Hotel & Convention Center in Egg Harbor Twp - Atlantic City on April 9, 10, 11. It will start on Friday April 9th at 7 PM with prayer followed by dinner. Saturday April 10 will be devoted to Workshops followed by an 8 PM Dinner & Hafli. It will end after an 11 AM Mass followed by Breakfast/Coffee Hour. For registration and more information call NAM National office 914-964-3070 -914-964-3071 or visit www.namnews.org. Application forms are also available in the back of the Church.

MYO -the National Maronite Youth Workshop July 19 to 24 2010

The Maronite Youth office is excited to announce the dates and location for the 2010 National Maronite Youth Workshop (MYO). **Youth participants must be 12 years of age or older by July 19th, 2010.** The Conference will be held at St. Vincent College in Latrobe PA., from Monday, July 19 to Saturday July 24. The cost for the conference this year is \$ 375 per person (double occupancy). I encourage the parents to send their children to be part of this historical gathering, meet new friends, and rejoice with Maronite communities. Father Jean Younes and the MYO Advisers will accompany our children to this National Youth conference. For registration and more information please call Father Jean. Notice: No applications accepted after May 28th, 2010

**Westchester Maronite Catholic Mission**

March 28th: Palm Sunday

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Sunday Mar 28, 2010

**Mass Schedule:
(Mass @ 4:00PM)**

**The Sisters of the
Divine Compassion
@ Good Counsel
Campus
52 N. Broadway
White Plains, NY**

- **Mar 28th** (Palm Sunday) **3:00 PM**
- **Apr 1st** (Holy Thursday) at **7 PM**
- **Apr 2nd** (Great Friday) at **7 PM**
- **Apr 3rd** (Easter Eve) at **6:00 PM**
- **Apr 18th @ 4:00 PM**

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**Mysteries of Initiation
(Baptism / Confirmation)**

Parents & Godparents should meet with the pastor (4) weeks before the baptism to make arrangements, which include parental in-

**Mystery of Crowning
(Marriage)**

Contact the pastor (6) six months prior to any wedding date

**Mystery of Reconciliation
(Confession)**

Before and after Liturgies, or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Pastor for hospital visitation and communion

New Parishioners

Welcome to Westchester Maronite Catholic Mission. Please notify the pastor for registration or address and phone change by visiting our website.

Members of the Mission

All members are expected to serve their Mission according to their offerings of time, talent, and money.

W e l c o m e t o W e s t c h e s t e r

We, at Westchester Maronite Catholic Mission welcome everyone to join us in worship as we give thanks for the gift of faith. Westchester Maronite Mission is an Eastern Rite Catholic Church located at 52 North Broadway White Plains, NY. Our Divine Liturgies are celebrated in both English and Arabic. Westchester Mission has been a "home away from home" for many families that immigrated from Lebanon and the Middle East. According to Mother Teresa, love is a fruit always in season. Let us more and more insist on raising funds of love, kindness, understanding, and peace.

The Voice of Liturgy: Palm Sunday**Scripture Readings:**

Sunday, Mar 28: Palm Sunday

Reading: **Phil 1:1-13**Gospel: **John 12:12-22**

Thursday, April 01: Holy Thursday

Reading: **Cor 11:23-32**Gospel: **John 13:1-5****Mission & Stewardship Advisory Councils Wednesday April 14th 2010**

The next meeting of the Mission Advisory Council will be on **Wednesday April 14 2010 at 8:00 pm** Location: The Sisters of the divine Compassion 52 north Broadway, White Plains NY 10603. All members and Moderators must be in attendance. The stewardship Advisory Council & the fundraising committee will meet before the Mission Advisory Council at 7:00 PM.

Fundraising Event - June 1st 2010

Our Mission will host a recital by the famous NDU-Louaize Lebanese Choir in a Broadway Theater on June 1st, 2010. This is expected to be a major fundraising event for our Mission. **We need the help of each parishioner**. Please get in touch with Father Jean or any member of the three main councils (Advisory, Fundraising or Stewardship) ASAP to help us make this event a big success.

Lent Season Cereal Collection

We would like to remind you that throughout the Season of Lent the Heritage Program will be collecting Cereal and long shelf life (Parmalat) milk to help provide a healthy breakfast for needy children in Westchester County through the organization "The Children's Hope Chest". For more information please visit their website at www.childrenshopechest.com

Bishop Gregory Pastoral Visit to The Westchester Mission

I am very pleased to announce that our beloved Bishop Gregory will visit us on Sunday April 18th. We have prepared the following program for him and I invite all our parishioners to participate:
2:00 PM: Joint meeting of all Mission councils in the Hall (all parishioners welcome)
2:45 PM: Visit of the Heritage Program classes
3:15 PM: Meeting with our Mission's MYA and MYO organizations in the Hall
4:00 PM: Liturgy
5:15 PM: Coffee Hour in the Hall

Holy Week Information

Given my parish commitments in Danbury, **Father Gaby Al Houayek** (visiting Priest) has graciously offered to celebrate the Holy week Masses (Thursday, Friday & Saturday) with our Mission
- **Rose donations for Great Friday**: we are looking for a few families to donate roses. If you are interested, please get in touch with Sami Khoueiri
- **Lenten Dinner after Mass on Great Friday**: please get in touch with Hayat Barakat if you can bring Lenten food for the dinner
- **Candies/eggs donation for Easter Eve egg hunt**: we are looking for a few families to donate the candies/eggs. If you are interested please get in touch with Rania Hadchiti, Saloma Mounayar or Denise Zihenni

Financial Report**INFLOW:**

Collection of Sunday March 7th, 2010	\$	1,398.00
Catholic Home Mission Grant	\$	1,250.00
Collection from Jean Mounayar Mass 3/16	\$	1,755.00
Total Inflows:	\$	4,403.00

OUTFLOW:

Fr. Jean Younes (Mass Stipend 3/7)	\$	100.00
Millennium Broadway Hotel (Deposit for June Fundraiser)	\$	3,100.00
Total Outflows:	\$	3,200.00

Operating Bank Accounts Balance

Extravantage for Business	\$	9,810.00
Money Market Check Access	\$	55,922.00
CMRI PROMO	\$	91,088.00
Total	\$	156,820.00

Requesting a divine liturgy (Mass for the Living and the deceased)

Masses are offered for the living or departed as a mean of help to their souls. If possible, Masses are scheduled on the date you request, otherwise the nearest date that is opened. People usually give a free-will offering called "stipends" that goes to the priest's charity. Please contact Father Jean Younes to schedule a mass for your living or departed. May the Lord grant rest to your faithful departed and protect your living.

Preparation for First Holy Communion - Schedule

Our First Communion will be on Sunday May 16th at 4 PM in the church in White Plains. The following is the schedule of classes to prepare the children:

- Sat. April 17th: from 4:00 to 5:00 PM at F. Nassar home
- Sunday April 25th: from 4:00 to 5:00 PM at F. Nassar home
- Saturday May 1st: from 4:00 to 5:00 PM at F. Nassar home
- Saturday May 8th: at 1:00 PM First Penance (Confession) at Church in White Plains
- Sunday May 16th: we would like the children to be at Church by 3:15 PM

Fadia Nassar's address: 205 Union Avenue - Mamaroneck, NY 10543

If there are any children from the community doing their First Communion at another Church and would like to join us for the ceremony on May 16th, they are welcome to do so. Please get in touch with Fadia as soon as possible by phone (914) 835 4403 or by e-mail fadnasny@yahoo.com

Vocation Discernment Weekend on April 9, 10, 11, 2010

The office of Vocation in our Maronite Church in the USA will be holding a Vocation Discernment Weekend on April 9, 10, 11, 2010 at the **Maronite Seminary of Our Lady of Lebanon in Washington, D.C.** This weekend is opened to all men, college age and older, who might have a vocation to the priesthood. If anyone in our community is interested to go please you need to call Abouna Jean Younes as soon as possible no later than March 17th, 2010