

Westchester Maronite Catholic Mission

Bulletin 18

Sunday December 9th 2007

Birth of John the Baptist

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General Informations

Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism / Confirmation)

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

Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession)

Before and after Liturgies, or by appointment

New Parishioners

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

Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)

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

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Pastor for hospital visitation and communion

Members of the Mission

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

Application Form

New members, please fill out the application form to receive all emails, correspondence and updates on all the events. Current Members, please see Antoine Najjar to review your current information. Again, you can fill out the application form online by visiting our website.

Mailing List

Dear Parishioners, PLEASE DO NOT use the mission mailing list for your personal advertisements. The mission mailing list is used for community announcements from the priest. Thank you for your understanding.

Announcements

1- News concerning our 2nd annual Family Dinner

I am very happy with the success of our 2nd Annual Family Dinner on November 30th 2007. Our Beloved Bishop was thrilled by all the progress we have made over the past year and re-confirmed his full support to our Mission. For those who couldn't make it last Friday, we had more than 192 people, and Mission members gave updates on the status of our Mission: what we have done so far what our plans are, including our fundraising campaign. The Fundraising Committee also presented to our Bishop Checks for more then \$386K for our Mission Building Fund with additional pledges over the next 3-4 years. Thank you for everyone who made our dinner a successful event.

2- Mission Advisory Council & Stewardship Advisory Council December 12th

The next meeting of the Mission Advisory Council will be on Wednesday December 12th 2007 at 7:30 PM. Location: 312 West Street Harrison NY 10528. All members and Moderators must be in attendance. Thank you for Ziad and Diana Fadel for hosting the fifth meeting at their house. The stewardship Advisory Council will meet before the Mission Advisory Council at 6:30 pm

3- Mass Intentions

- Sunday December 9th 2007:
 - Wadih and Marie Chbat requested by Nick Chbat and Hayat Brakat
- Sunday December 23rd 2007:
 - Hanneh Shikhani (1st anniversary) requested by Father Jean Younes
- Sunday January 6th 2007:
 - No intention (please call Fr Jean Younes to schedule a mass for your deceased).

4- The Voice of Liturgy - Scripture Readings:

Sunday, December 9th:

Birth of John the Baptist

Reading: Gal 4:21-5:1

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66

Sunday, December 23rd:

Genealogy Sunday

Reading: Rom 1:1-12

Gospel: Mt 1:1-17

5- Family Visits

Abouna would like to thank the families who welcomed him in their homes during his pastoral visits, especially, Richard and Pascal Rizk Abouna is looking to reach out to every parishioner and visit every family that gives him the opportunity to connect and to minister to everyone in a deeper and solid way. Please contact him, at your convenience at 718-344-2744, to schedule a pastoral visit.

6- Many Thanks

Thank you MYA for your event "Raffle" during the community dinner
Thank you for the MYA for their effort to support the mission by organized event fundraising like "Raffle" .The MYA raised \$1,371.00. God Bless you and we are waiting for more events.

7- Christmas Party Sunday December 23rd 2007

You are all invited to attend our mass on Sunday December 23rd at 4:00 pm and after that mass the children will sing some Xmas hymns led by Diana Fadel. Also the hospitality committee invites everyone and especially the children to a special dinner (Santa Claus will be visiting us). Please register your name after the mass or contact Abouna Jean at abounajeanyounes@hotmail.com or Hayat Barakat at (914) 273-4129 to confirm your presence.

8- 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.

9- MYO Meeting December 9th

Our next MYO meeting is scheduled for Sunday December 9th at 2:15 PM before our scheduled Mass at the Sisters of Divine Compassion Good Counsel Campus. We will meet in one of the classrooms.

10- MYA Meeting December 16th

I am happy to inform you that the next MYA meeting will be held at Dave & Busters in West Nyack, NY at 3:00 PM on December 16th. The address and phone for the restaurant is below. We will be ordering off the menus. The location is very convenient for people in New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut:

Dave and Buster's
4661 Palisades Center Drive
West Nyack , NY 10994
(845) 353-1555

At the meeting, it will be good to see everyone again so we can go over the calendar for the next year. We will also discuss what we can do to be more active in working with the other groups in the Mission. Please call or email Tony Hokayem at (203) 536-5163 or tony.hokayem@nationalcity.com to reserve your spot so he can finalize the reservations.

Financial Report

Starting Balance 11/25/07

\$43,775.92

INFLOW:

- Collection on Sunday 11/25/07	\$1102.00
- Pre paid family Dinner Seat 30 th 11	\$6575.00
- Donation	\$5000.00
- Donation game:	\$100.00
- MYA Raffle	\$1371.00
- Donation	\$20.00

Total Inflows:

\$14168.00

OUTFLOW:

-Steave the Magicien (Dinner November 30th	(Chk# 1033): \$300.00
- Colonial Mansion Caterers (Dinner November 30th	(Chk# 1034): \$6083.75
- Health Insurance Fr. Younes December 2007	(Chk# 1035): \$675.00
-Retirement & disability Fr. Younes December 07	(Chk# 1036) \$100.00

Total Outflows:

\$7158.75

Ending Balance 12/09/07

\$50785.17

**Divine Liturgy Schedule
at Westchester Maronite Mission 2007 & 2008**

**Location: All Masses will be celebrated at
The Sisters of the Divine Compassion
@ Good Counsel Campus
52 North Broadway White Plains, NY 10603**

Sunday December 23, 2007 (4:00 PM)

Sunday January 6, 2008 (Epiphany 4:00 PM)

Sunday January 20, 2008 (4:00 PM)

Sunday February 3, 2008 (4:00 PM)

Sunday February 17, 2008 (4:00 PM)

Sunday March 2, 2008 (4:00 PM)

Sunday March 16, 2008 (Palm Sunday 3:00 PM)

Thursday March 20, 2008 (Wash of the feet at 8:00 PM)

Friday March 21, 2008 (Great Friday at 8:00 PM)

Sunday March 23, 2008 (Easter Sunday at 4:00 PM)

Sunday April 6, 2008 (4:00 PM)

Sunday April 20, 2008 (4:00 PM)

Sunday May 4, 2008 (4:00 PM)

Sunday May 25, 2008 (4:00 PM)

Sunday June 1, 2008 (4:00 PM)

Sunday June 22, 2008 (4:00 PM)

Sunday July 6 or 20, 2008 (4:00 PM)

Sunday September 7, 2008 (4:00 PM)

Sunday September 21, 2008 (4:00 PM)