

Westchester Maronite Catholic Mission

Bulletin No 24

Sunday March 16th 2008

Palm Sunday

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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- Holy Week Events:

- **Holy Thursday:** mass at 8:00 PM with the washing of the feet ceremony (no coffee hour)
- **Great Friday:** Burial of Our Lord liturgy at 8:00 PM followed by a Lenten dinner. Red roses will be distributed at the entrance by the ushers. If you are able to donate roses for the Great Friday liturgy (~200 needed), please get in touch with me ASAP.
- **Easter Sunday:** mass at 4:00 PM (no coffee hour) followed by an Easter egg hunt for our children organized by the MYA.

Please get in touch with Hayat Barakat (914-273-4129), Leila Kalache (914-835-1117) or Lina Nakhleh (914-961-3676) to let them know if and what you can bring to the dinner. The **deadline for indicating your participation is this Monday March 3rd.**

2- NEED YOUR HELP- Lenten Dinner on Great Friday:

As it is the tradition in Christian villages in Lebanon, we are planning to organize a Lenten Dinner (only food adequate for Lent will be served) after the Liturgy on Friday March 21st. Our Hospitality Committee is requesting all families to participate by bringing Lenten food (mjaddarah, mdardarah, manakiche, fattouche, labneh, olives...). Please get in touch with Hayat Barakat (914-273-4129), Leila Kalache (914-835-1117) or Lina Nakhleh (914-961-3676) to let them know if and what you can bring to the dinner. The **deadline for indicating your participation is this Monday March 3rd.**

3- - Roses for Great Friday– Thank you!

Thank you John and Anna Stephens, Rida and Nayla Abi Habib , Yazid and Fidaa Mourani for donating the roses for Great Friday Service. May God bless your families.

4- Palm Sunday Candles-Thank you

Thank you for the MYA who worked hard with Hayat Barakat to provide the candles for Palm Sunday. It was so nice to see our youth working together to decorate the candles for our children and thank you for Dana Barakat who opened her house and all the group. Also thank you for the family who donated the candles and God only knows your names.

5- Great Friday –Thank you

We would like to thank Noha Daher and Hayat Barakat for working together to provide all the linen used on Palm Sunday and Great Friday (Black for the cross and the altar and the coffin).

6- May 25th 2008 First Communion

On May 25th 2008 we will be celebrating the First Communion of children enrolled in our Heritage Program. Special sessions to prepare them for this important event are taking place on Saturdays.

Children doing their First Communion outside our mission who wish to be part of this celebration are welcome to join our First communicants to the altar. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Fadia Nassar at (914) 835 4403 or via Email at fadnasny@yahoo.com

7- MYA (age 18 and above) Meeting Sunday April 13th 2008:

I am happy to inform you that the next MYA meeting will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday April 13th at Pizza Uno's in White Plains (14 Martine Ave, White Plains, NY 10606).

Please reserve your place by contacting Dana Barakat or Tony Houkayem.

8- Mass Intentions:

- **Sunday March 16 2008:** For John Stephens Sr for his 80th Birthday requested by the Rached Family.
- **Sunday March 23rd 2008:** John Stephen Jr (1st Anniversary) requested by John and Anna Stephens

9- The Voice of Liturgy - Scripture Readings:

Sunday, March 16th
Palm Sunday

Reading: Phil1:1-13
Gospel: John: 12:12-22

Sunday, March 23:
Resurrection of Our Lord

Reading: 1Cor 15:12-26
Gospel: Mk 16:1-8

10- Mediterranean Festival:

Our MYA organization is planning to organize a Mediterranean festival in June. We are asking everyone to help to make this event successful for our community. Work on the festival has already started. If you would like to be involved, please contact Dana Barakat 914-273-4129 or Roger Abi-Habib 914-967-8367

11- Family visit

I would like to thank the Rached Family & Medhat & Sonia Credi for their warm greetings and hospitality and I hope to visit more of our parish families in the near future. God Bless you.

Financial Report

INFLOW:

- Collection on Sunday 3/1/08	\$1,655.00
- Gross Book proceeds	\$2,476.00.
- Interest received	\$36.56

Total Inflows

\$4,167.56

OUTFLOW:

- Our Lady of Lebanon (Prepaid Church +hall+Classroom rental for Feb 08)
\$ 1,000.00 check # 1001
- Our Lady of Lebanon (Prepaid health and disability Insurance Fr. Younes Feb 08)
\$ 790.00 check # 1002
- Eparchy of St Maron (Bishop's appeal) **\$ 500.00 check # 1003**
- Fr. Jean Younes (Gas for car month Feb 08) **\$ 247.68 check # 1004**
- Fr. Jean Younes (Accessories Cell phone + Laptop Fr. Jean Younes)
\$ 72.00 check # 1005

Total Outflows

\$ 2,609.68

P.S: Please note that due to a minor technical issue, payments have been done via the Our Lady of Lebanon

Operating Bank Accounts Balance as of 03/13/08

Savings

\$52,352.17

Checking

\$19,219.00

**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 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)