

Westchester Maronite Catholic Mission

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Sunday April 5th 2009

Sunday Healing of the Paralytic

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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 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-Lebanese Registry

We urge all the Lebanese Born 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 soon as you can. To obtain registration forms, visit the Lebanese Consulate of New York at www.lebconsny.org

Address:

Consulate General

Nine E. 76th St., New York, NY 10021

Telephone: (212) 744-7905, -7906

Fax: (212) 794-1510

2- Mission news + Holy Week

We have now started the lent season. I want to thank all those who made the effort to come on Monday for a special Ash Monday Mass. A special thank you to Father James Root who gracefully offered to replace me, as I was due to replace another Priest in Waterbury, CT.

Lent is a time for repentance. I hope you will all use this special time in the year to think about your life and how you can align it more with our Lord Jesus Christ teachings.

3 Mission Advisory Council & Stewardship Advisory Council May 13th, 2009

The next meeting of the Mission Advisory Council will be on Wednesday May 13th, 2009 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 will meet before the Mission Advisory Council at 7:00 pm

4- Welcome to Westchester

We, at Westchester Catholic Mission welcome everyone to join us in worship as we give thanks for the gift of faith. Westchester Mission is an Eastern Rite Catholic Church located in the heart of Westchester County at White Plains 52 North Broadway. 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.

5- The Voice of the Liturgy and Mass intentions



* Sunday April 5th, 2009 Palm Sunday at 3:00 pm

Reading: Phil 1: 1-13

Gospel: John 12: 12-22

Here are the upcoming Masses and Holy Week events please pencil them in your calendars:

Holy Week ceremonies:

a- Holy Thursday Mass - Thursday April 9th at 7:00 PM, no coffee hour

b- Holy Cross worship - Friday April 10th at 7:00 PM followed by Lenten Dinner.

c- Easter Sunday- **CHANGED DATE!!!** We have changed the date and we will celebrate **Easter on the Easter Eve Saturday April 11th at 6:00 PM**. That way, you will be able to celebrate Easter Sunday quietly with your families. *The egg hunt will be substituted with gift bags for the children because of the timing of our Mass.*

6 - Financial report

INFLOW:

Collection of Sunday 03/22/09	1,586.00
Eparchy Mission Grant (2 nd of 4)	2,500.00
Donation outside collection	40.00
Interest	2.16

Total Inflows: 4,128.16

OUTFLOW:

Check 1107 Eparchy of St Maron (Fr Jean disability & retirement April 09)	100.00
Check 1108 Eparchy of St Maron (Fr Jean medical insurance April 09)	760.00
Check 1109 St Gregory the Enlightener (Down Payment for Father Day Hafle)	500.00
Check 1110 Antoine Najjar (Prepayment stamps & supplies for Survey)	334.94
Check 1111 NAM 2009 Commemorative Ad Book (Full page Ad)	500.00
Check 1112 Sisters of the Divine Compassion	975.00

Total Outflows: 3,169.94

Operating Bank Accounts Balance as of 04/01/09

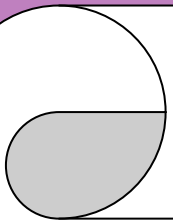
Extravantage for Business	1,445.26
Money Market Check Access	30,212.39
CMRI PROMO	14,093.97
CD	75,000.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>120,751.62</u>

Mission news

a- **Mission Survey:** if you haven't done so please fill the survey and mail it in the return envelope. If you haven't received it, please print the attached form, fill it and mail it to: Antoine NAJJAR at 400 Toni Lane - Mamaroneck, NY 10543

b- **Renewal of Mission Councils:** the term of our current Mission Councils will end in May 2009. If any of you is interested in serving our Mission in our Advisory Council, Stewardship Council or Building Fundraising Committee for the next 2 years, please get in touch with me as soon as you can.

c- **Father's day Party June 12, 2009:** The parish Council of Westchester Maronite Mission would like to invite you to celebrate Father's day party on Friday June 12 at 7:30 pm at White Plains (Hall of the Armenian Church). Please keep this date in your agenda and more details will come soon. We are looking for volunteers to help put on a great event and have fun. To help, please contact Jean and Saloma Mounayar: smounayar@aol.com or Roger Abi Habib: roger@skoolit.com



d- Thank you: An anonymous member of the church donated the Candles and the decoration of the gift bags for our kids. At the same time, a big thanks you to Hayat Barakat, Dana Barakat, Noha Daher, Michael Daher, Ronny Credi and Tony Hokayem for their help to decorate all the Candles for Palm Sunday. Also a big thank you for the parishioners who donated the candies baskets for Palm Sunday: Milia Makhraz, Moufid Makhraz, Sana Minassian, Sonia Credi, Saloma Mounayar. In addition a Big thank you for the families who donated the flowers for Great Friday: Rida Abi Habib, Diana Fadel, Doris Bacconi, Paul Kassas, Rida Khoueiri, Chafic El kadi and Andree Chebeir.

e- NAM Silver Massabki award: Some of you know that one of the highest honors bestowed on any member of NAM is the Silver Massabki Award. It is given to a parishioner (or a couple) who have contributed time, talent and treasure on a parish level over the past year. Our Mission joined NAM officially in 2008 and for that year, all our families were offered free membership. As a result, anyone in our Mission can be nominated for this award. To help me select an award winner, I have created a selection committee from respected members of our Mission. I would like you to nominate the person or couple who you think deserves to win this award for their contribution to our Mission in 2008. Nomination forms with more details about the award are distributed today at Mass. Please fill them and return them to Antoine Najjar (400 Toni Lane - Mamaroneck, NY 10543) by Sunday April 26th at the latest. The selection committee will meet on that date. The award will be officially given at our June 12, 2009 Father's Day Hafli.

f- May 10th 2009 First anniversary for the death of our beloved Jean Daher. The Divine Liturgy will be offered to the soul of Jean Daher requested by his wife Noha and family. Our condolences go to the Daher family on the loss of their beloved Jean.

g- Our second First Communion celebration will be on May 17th: I hope all of you can participate to show our support to the children of our Mission during this very important moment in their lives.