



Our Lady of the Cedars Maronite Church
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السنة الحادية عشرة - العدد ٥٥٧ - ٦ أيلول ٢٠٠٩

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

الأحد الخامس عشر للعنصرة

Divine Liturgy

Sunday 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Daily Mass: Tue - Sat at 6:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

30 minutes before Mass upon request

Sacrament of Crowning – Marriage

Notify the Pastor four months in
advance for arrangements

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents should meet with the Pastor one
month ahead to make arrangements

Sick and Hospitalized

Contact the Pastor for visitation

Church Office

Monday–Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Daily Readings

Sunday September 6: 1 Thes 1:1-10 Lk 7:36-50
الأحد الخامس عشر للعنصرة – Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Monday September 7: Jas 1:1-8 Lk 17:5-10
Labor Day

Tuesday September 8: 2 Cor 4:1-6 Lk 8:16-21
مولد مريم العذراء – Birth of the Virgin Mary

Wednesday September 9: Jas 1:19-27 Lk 17:20-25
القديسان يواكيم وحنة – Saints Joachim & Ann

Thursday September 10: Jas 2:1-13 Lk 17:26-30

Friday September 11: Jas 2:14-26 Lk 17:31-37

Saturday September 12: Jas 3:1-12 Lk 18:1-8

Sunday September 13: 1 Cor 1:18-25 Jn 12:20-32
الإحتفال بعيد الصليب - Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Observed)

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NEW PARISH PROGRAMS

Adult Catholic Education Program

Our Lady of the Cedars is launching a new faith formation program for adults as part of its mission to cultivate a lively Baptismal and Eucharistic spirituality for its parishioners.

This program will cover the fundamental teachings of the Catholic Church, including our core beliefs (as professed in The Creed), the Sacraments, Christian morality, and prayer.

This program will be tailored after the *United States Catholic Catechism For Adults*, a publication of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which is an adaptation of the *Catechism Of The Catholic Church*, the authentic reference text for teaching Catholic Doctrine and Catechism issued by Pope John Paul II in 1992.

This program will be presented by a series of guest lecturers, mostly from the Roman Catholic Church. It will be conducted on a few Saturdays concurrent with the CCE program. The first session will take place in the Church building on Saturday, September 26th at 12:15 PM. Fr. Leon Strieder from St. Mary's Seminary and the University of St. Thomas will be our first guest lecturer. The schedule for subsequent sessions for fall 2009 will be announced at a later date.

All adults are encouraged to participate in this program.

For more information, please contact Fr. Pierre Khoury at frpierre@gmail.com, or Alberto Tohmé at tohmeag@aol.com.

Mommy and Me

A new "Mommy and Me" group is being organized for children not currently of age to enroll in the church CCE program. We will have several age appropriate activities each month as a way of getting to know our fellow parishioners. If you are interested in participating or would just like more information please email me at OurLadyPlayGroup@gmail.com. In your email, please include name(s) and age(s) of your children and day(s) of the week that work best with your schedules. This will help in organizing future activities and suggestions are welcome!

Mommy and Me

Our first event to kick off this new group will be in the church hall



Pizza and Play Dough Party

11:00 AM on Monday
September 14th



RSVP by no later than Friday, September 11th so we can have an accurate head count

For all Parish information and daily news, visit www.ourladyofthecedars.net



Great Vespers of the Byzantine Church Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

What: Great Vespers will be celebrated according to the ancient Liturgical Tradition of the Byzantine Church.

Sung and served by Texas Byzantine Catholics
Presided by His Grace, Most Rev. Bishop
Nicholas, retired Auxiliary Bishop of the
Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of the United
States.

When: The Leave-Taking of the Feast of the Nativity
of the Mother of God

September 11, 2009 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Where: 1111 St. Joseph Parkway - Houston, TX 77002

Come Pray With Us!

Vespers is the solemn evening worship of the Church. In the Eastern tradition, the Church's day begins with the setting of the sun, and the liturgical day goes from sunset to sunset: "Thus evening came, and morning followed - the first day." (Gen 1:5)

We thank God for the blessing of creation, especially for the gift of light both physical and spiritual, and we humbly ask for pardon for our sins and offenses, and for protection throughout the night.

Welcome new members and visitors

Please provide address and other contact information using the forms in the lobby. Forms may be handed to one of the Priests or ushers.

Almahaba Advertisements

Individuals and companies are encouraged to place ads in Almahaba. Please send an e-mail to almahabaolc@yahoo.com for more information.

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Children Choir ***TODAY***

Practice for the Re-dedication Mass on September 20 (with Bishop Shaheen) will take place today after the 11 o'clock Mass, for about 50 minutes.

Parish Council ***Sep. 8***

The Parish Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday at 7:30 PM.

Daughters of Mary ***Sep. 9***

The Daughters of Mary will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 PM. All parish ladies are invited to attend.

Prayer Group ***Sep. 10***

Weekly meeting every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. The Rosary will be prayed from 7:00 to 7:30, followed by various prayers from 7:30 until 8:30 PM. Next Thursday ONLY, September 10, the Rosary will be followed by an Adoration of the Holy Sacrament. Everyone is invited to participate.

C.C.E. ***Sep. 12***

The CCE program will start its classes on Saturday at Noon. Parents and children should meet at the Church at 11:55 AM for a mandatory meeting. Classes will end at 2:30 PM.

Bible Study ***Sep. 15***

Bible Study will resume on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM and on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM. A baby-sitter will be available for parents with small children who wish to attend Wednesday morning's session.

Re-Dedication of the Church ***Sept. 19-20***

Our Parish will celebrate the Re-Dedication of the Church one year after Hurricane Ike during the weekend of September 19-20. His Excellency Bishop Robert Shaheen will celebrate Mass on Sunday, September 20, and a dinner banquet will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday evening. The banquet's entertainer will be Shadi Sayegh.

Table Tennis (Ping Pong) Tournament ***Oct. 10***

The 2nd annual Ping Pong tournament sponsored by the Knights of the Cedars will take place on Saturday October 10, at 2:00 PM. Practice will be every Saturday (except Sep 19) at 3:00 PM in the Church hall. Dues are \$15 for adults and \$10 for teens Fifteen and under. Contact Joseph Zehri at (713) 539-2219 for more information or to register.

Parish E-mail List

If you would like to receive urgent notifications or last minute news from our parish you can add your email to the Church distribution list by emailing Father Milad at: frmilad@sbcglobal.net