



## **Our Lady of Lebanon**

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## **Fifth Sunday of Pentecost Season**

### **Calling of the Apostles**

**June 12, 2016**



## From the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians 3:7-14

### Brothers and Sisters,

Whatever gains I had, these I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. More than that, I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and (the) sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ (Jesus).

Brothers, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

**Praise be to God always!**

## From the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 10:1-7

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.

The names of the twelve apostles are these:

First, Simon Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon the Cananean, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.

Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

**This is The Truth, Peace be with you.**

## THE CALLING OF THE TWELVE

The primary method of Jesus' ministry was MEN. The first thing we saw Him doing following His baptism was to call a few men to follow Him. Jesus had a lot of disciples. It was out of this group of disciples that Jesus chose twelve men. They had a special calling.

The word disciple describes a student, a learner. It is one who sits at the feet of another and who learns.

There were a lot of people who had come to learn from Jesus. They came for all sorts of reasons. Some came because they were impressed by the miracles that He could work. Others came because they liked the way He put the scribes and the Pharisees into the place. Some came because they had an inner longing that they could not explain. And still others came because they were frustrated by the military dominion of Rome and were hoping for a leader around whom they could rally. It was from this mixed group that Jesus chose out 12 apostles.



### What is an Apostle?

The word apostle comes from the Greek word Apostolos. It is a compound word mad up from the joining of two Greek words together: **Apo:** out - **Stello:** to send

But the resulting compound means more than merely one who is sent out. It was used those who were commissioned and sent out with authority. That is the idea here. These men were sent out with the authority of Jesus. They were to be His deputies (Messengers/Ambassadors).

### God still desires disciples today

Many may think that the term disciple refers only to the early followers of Christ. We know that they were a praying, worshipping, loving, giving, and evangelizing group of men and women who refused to keep the truth of the gospel to themselves. Yet, God still desires disciples today—ordinary people like you and me whom God can use to do extraordinary things.

### **REMEMBER IT**

*Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.*

**Matthew 10:1**

## Deacon's Corner

They say that we get wiser as we get older. And to a certain extent I would agree with that statement. I agree simply because as we get older and have experienced much of our lives over a long period of time, all of those experiences give us more knowledge that we apply to our own direction, so I believe we do get wiser.

The most important thing in "getting wiser" is what we do with that knowledge? We can use it to benefit ourselves and others around us, or we can simply set it aside and continue our lives the way we always have. And I know for me that would be a mistake. How about you?

Do you strive to continue to learn more about life as time goes on? Do you ever, as I so often do, ask God to help direct me in a better direction as He would see fit for me? Remember that our life is not ours to control. Our life is in the hands of God as "Thy will be done". So while we might think we are in charge, we are not.

The good thing is to know that God will always walk the journey of life with each and every one of us every day. Whether we are happy or sad, in good times and in bad, all the times of our lives, He is with us. And this is what is so wonderful about Christ's teachings: They have not and they will not change as time goes on.

Therefore, it is easier for each of us to walk with Him every day on our own spiritual journey and when that journey is complete, we can look back and know that we have done the right thing and will be rewarded with eternal salvation.

So, don't worry as the way of life may change for whatever reason, as long as you know that Christ's teachings are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

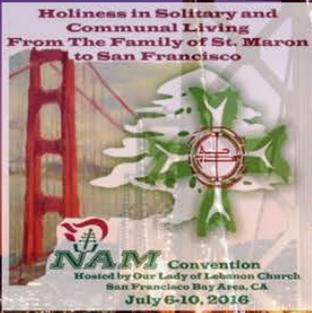
### **Mass Intentions for Next Sunday June 19, 2016**

**09:30 Mass: For all fathers, living and deceased and for the gift of fatherhood**

**11:30 Mass: For all Fathers, living and deceased and for the gift of fatherhood**

# 53rd Annual NAM Convention

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### Hisham El Hajj

is an award winning Lebanese performer. In 1993, Hisham won the Golden Award in the Lebanese art program 'Studio Al Fan'. Hisham has performed in many concerts and festivals in Lebanon and abroad, and represented Lebanon at the 2004 Francophone in Burkina Faso, Africa. In 2008, Hisham was selected as the Best Arabic Young Singer at the Oscar Festival in Egypt. In 2010, Hisham released his world famous duet "Baladna" featuring the Egyptian singer Amina. The video tells the cultural heritage of both Lebanon and Egypt. This work was a turning point in Hisham's career and led him to win a "Murex d'Or" in 2011 for the Best Arabic Song.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Thursday, July 7

Evangelical & Classical Concert by  
International Artist

### Joumana Mdarwar,

Angelic Voices of OLL Children,  
Young Lebanese American Singer  
Leila Milki

### Friday, July 8

Middle Eastern Night  
Special performances by  
OLL Children, Youth,  
and Young Adults.

Tribute to Fairuz by **John Fayyad,**  
**Nada Khoury, Marc Homsy,**  
and Lebanese Super Star  
**Aline Lahood**

### Saturday, July 9

Entertainment by  
**Rony Barrak,**  
and famous Lebanese singer  
**Hisham El Hajj**



### Joumana Mdarwar

is one of Lebanon's most popular religious singers. She performs about 50 concerts annually in Lebanon and around the world. She was featured at the Beatification of St. Naamtallah El Hardini in Rome; and at the Canonization of St. Rafqa, the beatification of Abouna Yaaqoub and Brother Estephan in Lebanon. In 1997, Joumana had a special performance in the presence of Saint Pope John-Paul II in Lebanon. Her voice is particularly associated with the music of Joseph Khalifé who composed her best repertory.



### Aline Lahood

studied singing and dramatic art. She acts in TV, plays and directs short films. She won the international prize at the Megahit festival in Turkey. In 2006 she starred in Elias Rahbani's musical "Jawharat Al Aalam" in Qatar. In 2009, she performed with the Caracalla dance group at Baalbeck International Festival. She won the Murex d'Or 2013 for best performance as an actress and singer at Casino du Liban. In 2014, she joined the third season of the French edition of *The Voice*. Aline impressed the judges during the blind audition with her superb rendition of "Khedni Maak" from the repertoire of her mother, the Lebanese singer Salwa Al Katrib.



### Rony Barrak

is a famous Lebanese composer and musician renowned for his great talent with the darbuka. At the age of 17, Rony won the Gold Medal on LBCI in competition for talented young musicians. He has performed with some of the biggest names in Jazz, and has played with philharmonic orchestras all over the world. His style encompasses a broad range of music, mixing Latin music, jazz, funk, and percussion. He has a passion for developing new projects which has allowed him to play during live performances of video game music.



### Leila Milki

is a singer, songwriter, and pianist from the Bay Area. She is a dynamic and multilingual performer who integrates her classical piano training with her Middle Eastern roots to create thoughtful instrumentation, engaging melodies, and heartfelt harmony. She is a USC Renaissance Scholar who is pursuing her musical passion full-time, striving to translate her artistic expression into an accessible platform for emotional and social empowerment.



### John Fayyad, Nada Khoury, Marc Homsy

are devoted to singing for charities and humanitarian causes by performing Lebanese music. Nada and Marc are graduates of the Lebanese Academy of Fine Arts in interior design, and John is a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist. They enjoy bringing happiness to the under-privileged by performing songs that evoke happy memories from Lebanon. John, Nada, and Marc will perform a Tribute to Fairuz at the NAM Convention.

## Mass Celebration



Commemoration of the Resurrection: P. 493  
Anaphora of Saint Mark: P. 835

## Sunday Readings



Reading: Philippians 3:7-14  
Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:1-7

## Mass Intentions



### 09:30 AM

The deceased of the Shaker Family *(Req. by the Breit Family)*  
Peter and Libby Guttas *(Req. by Sara Guttas)*  
Paul Struven *(Rep. by Salem Rogers)*

### 11:30 AM

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Schedules	9:30 A.M. Mass	11:30 A.M. Mass
Altar Servers	Joseph and George Estephan Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra	Youssif and Reem Hattar, Estifan Azzo, Cassandra chahoud, Ramez Sayegh
Readers	Margaret Budz	Gisele Mulcahey (Arabic) Diala Chahoud (English)
Ushers	Robert Antoun Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Joe Gharib George Zakhem, Stephen George

# Announcements

## ✳ Father's day

In honor of father's day, our parish will host a luncheon following the 11:30 Mass on Sunday June 19 and we invite all the fathers and their families in our parish to attend so we can thank you for your dedication to parish family. For more information, please contact Nakhoul and Manal Nehra.

## ✳ Lebanese Festival

The Lebanese Festival - September 9 -11, 2016 - is our major Parish Event and volunteers are needed and are welcome on all committees. If you are interested in getting involved please contact **Rima Antoon** (630-881-7536), **Jackie Tamer** (773-882-7105) or the Parish Office (630-932-9640). Your support through monetary donations, volunteering your time, spreading the word and festival attendance will contribute to the greater good of Our Lady of Lebanon Church.

## Let us remember

And pray for our Beloved Ones who died during the month of June

† Mansour Allen	† Genevieve Jage	† Sam Nasser	† Alphonse Salame
† Peter Guttas	† Raymond Kelly	† Edna Cecilia Neely	† George Thomas
† Libby Guttas	† Abe Kay	† Salameh Muhawi	† Bridget J. Toland
† Edward J. Jage			

## COLLECTION

**Sunday June 05, 2016: \$ 2,737.00**

*"We make a living by what we get,  
But we make a life by what we give."*

**(Winston Churchill)**