



# Upcoming Events

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## **Our Lady of Lebanon Lebanese Food Festival**

As the summer winds down, I hope you and your family still enjoy the wonderful season of summer. Our Festival is almost upon us. Much work has gone into the planning of this major event. Many individuals and families have been busy all summer long. Now, the Festival is just a few weeks away. We are still asking you to sign up to help put on this major fund raiser. Many of you have already signed up and we thank you for stepping forward and doing your share to make this fund raiser a success. If you have not yet volunteered, please do so TODAY.

The dates for this event are:

**SATURDAY, September 11TH / 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM**

**SUNDAY, September 12TH / 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM**

We kindly ask you to print out the flier that is posted on the church website and post it at your work, school or a public place where it will reach others to come to our festival. Whether or not you are here with us for this event, please keep it in your prayers and pray for those of us who will be working. Pray also for a good weather. Thank you.

**Please Note** due **to the Annual Lebanese Food Festival the Mass schedule for Sunday, September 12 will be changed as follows: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM. Please pray for a good weather and pass the word around.**

**Help Needed for Cooking** we need your help in preparing some of the food for our upcoming festival. Cooking will take place on **Friday, September 3 and Saturday, September 4 starting at 10:00 a.m.** We would appreciate as much help as possible. Please come and give us a hand. As of today, I am very grateful to the following ladies who have been working tirelessly in preparing the food for the festival. Laurice Younan, Juliette Zakhem, Lina Daou, Georgette Daniel, Sabah Dakhoul, Fadia Gharib, Eva Moines, Helen Shaker, Dorothy Pokonosky, Aida Malkoun, Helen Patio, Madeline Malek, Rosanne Haffman. Mariam Younan, Lara Darweesh. Their greatest reward will be granted to them in heaven not on earth. God bless you ladies and you may always remain faithful to your parish community.

Since this is a church fundraiser, parishioners are invited to join one of the committees in preparing for the event by volunteering your time and talents. If you are unable to donate your time, please consider making a monetary donation for completion of the festival preparations. It is the committee's hope to underwrite all expenses associated with this fundraiser in order to maximize profits for the parish. Checks can be made out to Our Lady of Lebanon Church and mailed to the parish office, with a note stating 'Festival'. Thank you and God bless you!

**Lebanese Food Festival Corporate Sponsors** it is not too late to begin asking for corporate sponsors for our Food Festival. Please help prepare for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lebanese 2010 Food Festival by checking with your employer on how they may participate in the following ways:

- Corporate Sponsorship
- Food & Beverage donations

Please contact the parish office on how you can help.

## **Lebanese Food Festival Donation**

**Families:** M/M George Zakhem; Ms. Margaret Budz; Fr. Alfred; Dr. Hoda Asmar; Ms. Sara Guttas; M/M Issa Dandan; M/M Raymond Dandan; Msgr. Alfred's Friend; Shaker family; M/M Sami Daou; M/M William Harb, M/M Robert Merheb, M/M Blum, Dr. & Mrs. Eddy Chedrawy, Dr. & Mrs. Edgar Khoury.

**Corporate Sponsorship:** Fidelity Motor Group; Ziyad Brothers Importing; El Kareh Chicago Meat Market; Trancina's Original Produce; Protection & Finance, INC- Business, Personal Insurance & Financial Planning; Mounsef International, INC. Al-Khyam; Restaurant Depot; Cedars Food, Aladdin's Eatery Chicago, Airport Limousine, Etihad Airways.

**Cash Donation** we would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to OLOL Church to be used for the Annual Lebanese Food Festival. Thanks in advance.

**Please Remember to:** Advertise our Festival; Invite Friends and Neighbors; Come to the Festival and have Fun.

**Volunteer to Help**

- Setting Up Friday: 6:00PM\_\_\_\_\_
- Food Booth Saturday:\_\_\_\_\_
- Cleanup Saturday:\_\_\_\_\_
- Food Booth Saturday:\_\_\_\_\_
- Food Booth Sunday:\_\_\_\_\_
- Advertising:\_\_\_\_\_
- Cleanup:\_\_\_\_\_
- Greet guests:\_\_\_\_\_
- Cleaning & trash removal:\_\_\_\_\_
- Beverages:\_\_\_\_\_
- Sell raffle tickets:\_\_\_\_\_
- Name:\_\_\_\_\_
- Phone#\_\_\_\_\_
- E-mail:\_\_\_\_\_

**Lebanese Food Festival Committee and Volunteers** will meet on Thursday, September 2nd, at 7:30pm. Every one is invited to attend the meeting for the upcoming Lebanese Food Festival. Please save the date!

**Religious Education Program**

It's late August, which means it's time to begin registration for our Religious Education Programs (REP). Programs at Our Lady of Lebanon are designed this year for grades K thru 10. Registration forms are included with this Monthly Event and can also be found on the tables in the Church Foyer and on the parish website. Please complete one form for each child being registered. Due to the economy and the tough times many families have been experiencing, we will keep the registration fee at \$30.00 per child. If you are unable to meet these fees, please see Msgr. Alfred directly for special consideration evaluation.

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 19th. We will be lucky to have 40 minutes of actual class time, which is well below the minimum requirements set by the Diocese and well below the amount of time teachers need to actually teach our children. Therefore, I am considering moving our Youth Program to a weekend (Saturday) afternoon as many Latin Catholic Churches already do to allow for a more balanced and beneficial class schedule and also to avoid the interruptions we experience on Sunday mornings

I would like to hear from parents PROMPTLY about the possibility of moving the Youth Program from Sunday mornings to once a month to a weekend (Saturday) afternoon. In any case, we need to do something to ensure our children and youth receive the best religious education we can provide. If they do not fully understand their Maronite faith, they will eventually drift and leave our Church. We have a most solemn obligation to properly educate our children in the faith and to do whatever is necessary to give the advisors the time in which to do it. Thank you for your full attention in this important matter.

**Religious Education** we are in the process of finalizing our room assignments for the upcoming school year, and we are most grateful that some of our catechists from last year are returning this year. However, at the present time we are in need of more catechists. If you are looking for a way to help some very young children come to know Jesus, and deepen your faith in the process, this is a wonderful opportunity! If you are interested, or even just thinking about it and wanting to get some more information, please see Mrs. Sfire on Sunday or call the Parish Office at (630) 932-9640 hope we hear from you!

**Stewardship** please remember to mail your envelopes to the church while on summer vacations. Thank you for keeping up your support.

**St. George Church** in Cicero, IL will host their Annual Fellowship Festival on Sunday, August 29th, at 6:00pm hosted by the Fellowship of St. John the Divine! Please do your best to help support the event