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St. Rita



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القديسة ريتا

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| Divine Liturgy Sunday: 9:30 & 11:00 AM Tue - Sat: 6:30 PM | Jesus Entrusts the Flock To Peter 5th Week of the Resurrection May 22 - 28, 2011 | Pastor Fr. Milad Yaghi, M.L.M. frmilad@usa.com |
| Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 30 min. before Mass by request | Sunday Eph 2:1- 10 Jn 21:15- 19 | Associate Pastor Fr. Pierre El Khoury, M.L.M. frpierre@gmail.com |
| Sacrament of Crowning (Marriage) Notify the Pastor Four months in advance | Monday Phil 1:1- 10 Lk 22:28- 34 | Subdeacon Jim Pinero jimp1940@aol.com |
| Sacrament of Baptism (and Confirmation) Contact the Parish office to register for the class | Tuesday Phil 1:12- 20 Jn 1:35- 42 | Parish Council President Nicolas Nammour, MD nic_nammour@hotmail.com |
| Anointing of the Sick Contact the Pastor | Wednesday Phil 1:21- 30 Mt 16:21- 28 | Religious Education Director Tommy Cordova tommycordova@gmail.com |
| Maronite Youth Organization Stephanie Rocha stephanie.rocha@hok.com | Thursday Phil 2:1- 11 Mt 18:1- 17 | Choir Director Joseph Rouhana Logopg1@aol.com |
| Parish Secretary Michelle Fuentes sydneyaus@live.com | Friday Phil 2:12- 18 Mt 18:18- 22 | Daughters of Mary Wafa Al- Nimri Wafa.Al-Nimri@fluor.com |
| | Saturday Phil 2:19- 30 Mt 17:24- 27 | Knights of the Cedars Samer Haouila shaouila@yahoo.com |
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Parish Announcements

Welcome new members and visitors

Please provide address and other contact information using the forms in the lobby or by e-mailing frmilad@usa.com.

Almahaba Advertisements

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

Prayer Group May 26

The Prayer Group continues its meetings every Thursday at 7 PM.

Parish E-mail List

To receive time-sensitive and important announcements, or to update your listing, please send an email to frmilad@usa.com.

Vacation Bible School June 6- 10

Please register your children with Mr. Tommy Cordova after Mass or by calling the Church office.

Project Roots June 5

Mr. Tony Choufati will give a presentation on "Project Roots" after the 11 o'clock Mass. This is a program supported by the Maronite Patriarchate to help register in Lebanon, all eligible children born in the USA.

Collections & Donations

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| <i>Last Sunday</i> | <i>\$1,892</i> |
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| <i>Pledges</i> | <i>\$2,200</i> |
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| <i>Building Fund</i> | <i>\$10,000</i> |
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| <i>Village Night</i> | <i>\$15,466</i> |
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Graduation Mass May 29

A Special Mass will be celebrated next Sunday at 11 AM for all parish graduates.

St. Rita of Cascia

Born at Rocca Porena in the Diocese of Spoleto, 1386; died at the Augustinian convent of Cascia, 1456. Represented as holding roses, or roses and figs, and sometimes with a wound in her forehead.

According to the "Life" written at the time of her beatification by the Augustinian Jacob Carelicci, from two older biographies, she was the daughter of parents advanced in years and distinguished for charity, which merited them the surname of "Peacemakers of Jesus Christ". Rita's great desire was to become a nun, but, in obedience to the will of her parents, she, at the age of twelve, married a man extremely cruel and ill tempered.

For eighteen years she was a model wife and mother. When her husband was murdered she tried in vain to dissuade her twin sons from attempting to take revenge; she appealed to Heaven to prevent such a crime on their part, and they were taken away by death, reconciled to God. She applied for admission to the Augustinian convent at Cascia, but, being a widow, was refused. By continued entreaties, and, as is related, by Divine intervention, she gained admission, received the habit of the order and in due time her profession.

As a religious she was an example for all, excelled in mortifications, and was widely known for the efficacy of her prayers. Urban VIII, in 1637, permitted her Mass and Office. Because the many miracles reported to have been wrought at her intercession, she received in Spain the title of La Santa De Los Impossibles.

She was solemnly canonized on May 24, 1900.

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