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**The Blessed
Massabki
Brothers**

**الطوبايون
الإخوة
المسابكيين**

Divine Liturgy Sunday: 9:30 & 11:00 AM Tue - Sat: 6:30 PM	July 10 - July 16 , 2011 Fifth Week of Pentecost	Pastor Fr. Milad Yaghi, M.L.M. frmilad@usa.com
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 30 min. before Mass by request	Sunday Phil 3:7- 14 Mt 10:1- 7	Associate Pastor Fr. Pierre El Khoury, M.L.M. frpierre@gmail.com
Sacrament of Crowning (Marriage) Notify the Pastor Four months in advance	Monday Acts 9:19b- 30 Mt 10:8- 15	Subdeacon Jim Pinero jimp1940@aol.com
Sacrament of Baptism (and Confirmation) Contact the Parish office to register for the class	Tuesday Acts 9:31- 43 Mk 13:9- 13	Parish Council President Nicolas Nammour, MD nic_nammour@hotmail.com
Anointing of the Sick Contact the Pastor	Wednesday Acts 10:1- 10, 19- 23a Mt 10:21- 26	Religious Education Director Tommy Cordova tommylcordova@gmail.com
Maronite Youth Organization Stephanie Rocha stephanie.rocha@hok.com	Thursday Acts 10:23b- 27, 34- 43 Mt 10:27- 33	Choir Director Joseph Rouhana Logopg1@aol.com
Parish Secretary Michelle Fuentes sydneaus@live.com	Friday Acts 10:44- 48 Mt 10:34- 39	Daughters of Mary Wafa Al-Nimri Wafa.Al-Nimri@fluor.com
	Saturday Acts 11:19- 30 Mt 10:40- 11:1	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.

Collections & Donations

Last Sunday	\$1,010
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Pledges	\$2,605
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Prayer Group	July 14
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The Group meets on 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.

Olive Trees for Sale

Olive Trees are on sale for \$25 each.

First Communion Photos

Ready for pick-up at the Church office.

The Massabki Brothers, Martyrs of the Maronite Church

In the course of the fighting in Syria and Lebanon in 1860, a great number of Christians died for their faith. Among them were the Franciscan fathers and the Massabki brothers who were all martyred in Damascus, Syria, during the night of July 10th.

On that same night, they had fled to the Church for safety, but their assailants were able to enter and demanded that they abandon their religion. In the name of all, one of the brothers, Francis, refused their demand and said: **"We do not fear the one who kills the body... A crown is prepared for us in heaven, We have our souls ...And we do not wish to lose them. We are Christians and we wish to die as Christians."** They were martyred in the Church before the Altar and their bodies were buried in the Maronite Church of Damascus.

On October 7 1926, His Holiness Pius XI proclaimed the Beatification of the three brothers: *"By the power of these lines are named Most Blessed Martyrs the servants of God Francis, Abdel Mohti, and Raphael Massabki, Maronites of Damascus...and we hereby permit the display of their relics before all the devout, and the celebration, on their day of remembrance, of the Liturgy of the Martyrs."*

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