



**Merry Christmas 2008!**

*St. Sharbel Mission,*

*Family Club and Youth Club*

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**December 2008 / January 2009 Newsletter**

**Happy New Year 2009!**



*Christmas Message from Father Nadim:*

DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES,  
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR THE GREAT WORK IN THE FESTIVAL ALL COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERS FOR YOUR GREAT WORK IN THE FESTIVAL. WELL DONE- BRAVO.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Christmas Novena:

Tuesday Dec 16 to Wednesday Dec 24 @ 5:30pm @ St. Sharbel Church.

Two Christmas Services:

Wednesday Dec 24 @ 5:30pm – English Mass + Novena + Children Christmas Carols.

Thursday Dec 25 @ 11am – Arabic/English Mass followed by Children Christmas Carols.

Confession will be one hour before the Mass.

PLEASE PLEASE: IN LOVE AND DEVOTION TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST DO NOT WRITE CHRISTMAS THIS WAY: (XMAS) ALWAYS WRITE CHRISTMAS. WE CHRISTIANS SHOULD NEVER BE ASHAMED OF SAYING TO EACH OTHER MERRY CHRISTMAS INSTEAD OF SAYING HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

A prayer for those who are alone:

Gracious God, so many of your children are alone in this world. They face each day and night with the aching knowledge that they have no one else, and wonder if anyone will remember them after there gone. We pray that your great love will comfort the hearts of those with no helper, no advocate. Assure them of their worth and fill them with the peace that only you can give. we ask this for the sake of your love, Amen.

GOD BLESS YOU

FR NADIM

*For confessions, blessings of your home or business, baptisms, engagements, weddings, funerals or visits to the sick and elderly, please contact Fr. Nadim at 702 616 6902 (702 824 1444 Emergencies Only) or [abnadim@gmail.com](mailto:abnadim@gmail.com)*

DAILY MASS: MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00 AM

SATURDAY MASS: 5:30 PM ENGLISH

SUNDAY MASSES: 11: 00AM ARABIC | ENGLISH - 5:30 PM ENGLISH

## Parish News:

### ST. SHARBEL HALL DEDICATION AND FIRST ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Congratulations to all our parishioners and friends for our "Palacio Destino Eventos" Hall Dedication, which was held during our first Annual Festival on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Shahine and all our founding priests joined Fr. Nadim to celebrate this glorious event. In retrospect, please find below the article written in the Silverado News about our Festival:

By [Ashley Livingston](#)

Thu, Nov 27, 2008 (midnight)

#### **Festival**

What: Lebanese American Festival

When: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Dec. 6 and noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 7

Where: St. Sharbel Mission of Las Vegas, 10325 Rancho Destino Road

Cost: free

More information: 616-6902

St. Sharbel Mission of Las Vegas will host the First Annual Lebanese American Festival Dec. 6-7. Father Nadim Abou Zeid said the event will be a celebration of family and the spirit of the Lebanese people. "We are so happy to share our culture, hospitality, traditions and ourselves. We welcome people here and make them part of our family," Abou Zeid said.

Festival organizer Juliette Hanache said both days of the festival will feature food, crafts, entertainment and activities for children. Hanache said traditional Lebanese cuisine for sale at the event will include hummus, tabouli, grape leaves and baklava and the crafts for sale include religious items, handmade jewelry, blankets with the Lebanese flag and CDs and DVDs in Arabic. Live music will be presented by a group of parishioners 7-10 p.m. Dec. 6 and a DJ will play Arabic Christmas and traditional music during the rest of the time, Hanache said. Another touch of culture will be provided by a big screen TV featuring pictures of Lebanon. "We want to introduce Lebanon to people in the community," Hanache said.

"It's not a desert, everyone thinks it is and we have camels. That's not how it is and we want to show pictures of that," she said. A silent auction will also take place during the festival. Money made during the event will fund the building of a new church. The mission recently completed construction on a hall that will temporarily house mass as well as events such as baptisms and weddings. As part of the festivities a ribbon cutting ceremony for the hall will begin at 11 a.m. Dec. 6.

The church has now grown to about 300 families housing Christians from all over the Middle East, she said.

Masses are held in both English and Arabic, she said. The festival is in part a celebration of that dualism. "This is our home, but Lebanon is in our hearts. This is a way to keep our tradition alive and for our kids not to forget where they come from,"



### FIRST TIME ABU ZEID FAMILY REUNION IN LAS VEGAS

FR NADIM, NEHME AND DORI AND HID MOTHER NAWAL ABU ZEID

FIRST TIME ABU ZEID COUSINS MEET EACH OTHER IN LAS VEGAS.

PLANNING TO DO THE REUNION OF THE FAMILY IN 2009.



### JOYFUL TOON

#### **JUNGLE GUIDE**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

- JOHN 16:13 NIV

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*UN Petition for the Unborn Child*

This Christmas as we think about the coming of the Son of God to Earth and reflect on the Holy family in Bethlehem we should see in the little child Jesus, each little child created by God. Just as we love the baby Jesus, we too should love each child God blesses mankind with. Our hearts should be reaching out in love to the babies treasuring the blessing of their lives. If each one of us considers the magnificence of God's love in every baby then it will follow that our hearts will ache with love for them and we will desire only the best for each child. It too will become apparent to those, whom it is not already, how precious to God the little ones are and they will become precious to them. No longer will the destruction of babies for any reason be acceptable and no longer can a heart that loves God's little treasures support in any way the most terrible sin of abortion.

No longer will thoughts of self and what a person desires for themselves and others, even if they are good intentions, be placed above the value of the lives of the sweet little innocents. No longer will political affiliations be greater than the love of the babies. Each child will be seen as a treasure of heaven sent to Earth, not as an object which can be destroyed by those on Earth. It will also become obvious that in destroying a baby inside or outside of the womb is a rejection of the Holy Child of Bethlehem, whom Herod in his worldly ways tried to kill. This Christmas is a time to once more find in the love of the baby Jesus a true love for all babies seeing in each one of them Jesus as a baby and treasuring each one as you treasure Him. May God bless you all this Christmas with His peace and His love,

Alan Ames

Financial Report:

Please find below the Profit and Loss report for the third Quarter of 2008. A full detailed Financial Report for the whole year will be prepared and sent out to everyone hopefully by the end of January. Prepared by Hanna Sweis of our financial committee.

**Mission of St. Sharbel of Las Vegas  
Profit & Loss  
July through September 2008**

	<u>Jul 08</u>	<u>Aug 08</u>	<u>Sep 08</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Advertisement	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Donation For Building Fund	12,100.00	2,775.00	2,120.00	16,995.00
Fund Raising	225.00	2,250.00	1,627.00	4,102.00
Monthly Dues	3,705.00	880.00	3,360.00	7,945.00
School	80.00	300.00	3,605.66	3,985.66
Sunday Collection	6,467.00	2,939.00	3,727.00	13,133.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>22,727.00</u>	<u>9,144.00</u>	<u>14,439.66</u>	<u>46,310.66</u>
<b>Expense</b>				
Automobile Expense	0.00	0.00	260.00	260.00
Bank Service Charges	43.75	10.00	30.00	83.75
Interest Expense	5,696.27	0.00	4,645.02	10,341.29
Licenses and Permits	0.00	0.00	75.00	75.00
Medical Expense	0.00	38.02	0.00	38.02
Miscellaneous	19.20	0.00	975.00	994.20
Priest Stipend	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Supplies	18.30	60.28	48.07	126.65
Tax	0.00	617.46	0.00	617.46
Travel	325.00	0.00	338.00	663.00
Utilities	0.00	205.21	224.31	429.52
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>7,102.52</u>	<u>930.97</u>	<u>6,595.40</u>	<u>14,628.89</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>15,624.48</u>	<u>8,213.03</u>	<u>7,844.26</u>	<u>31,681.77</u>
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New Year's Eve Party at St. Sharbel Mission:

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

You have asked and now we are responding to your wishes:

You asked us to have a family style party, with low cost where you are allowed to bring the entire family and children to attend a nice fancy New Year's Party.

Please book your table in advance, details are on the flyer found on the next page.

Absolute NO tickets will be sold at the door .

To ensure success in Food & beverages we need a firm count in advance.

God Bless you and we will see you at the Party!

St. Sharbel Mission of Las Vegas  
Social Committee

**Date: 12/31/08 Time: 7:30-1:00**



# Party

**\$40 ADULTS** INCLUDES CHAMPAGNE @ MIDNIGHT

**\$10 CHILDREN 12 & UNDER.**

*Fashion Show Provided & sponsored by*

*My Perfect Dress*

Come and Join us with your entire Family  
Kids & All to ring in the NEW 2009 YEAR  
AT PALACIO DESTINO EVENTOS

International DJ Music

Raffle for valuable prizes

★ HOT /COLD BUFFET, APPETIZERS ON  
THE TABLES, HOT/COLD BEVERAGES

Bring your children's sleeping bag

Baby sitters will be available after dinner

Palacio Destino EVENTOS HALL

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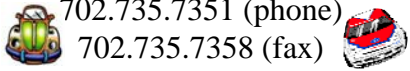
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first raffle ticket



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<p>In Loving Memory of  Deceased Members of  <i>Karam</i>  &amp;  <i>Aizarani</i>  Families  Eternal Memories</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  <i>Louis &amp; Malake</i>  <i>Abi-Nader</i>  &amp;  <i>Khallil Nader</i>  Eternal Memories</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  Deceased Members of  <i>Ziade</i>  &amp;  <i>Khlat</i>  Families  Eternal Memories</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of  <i>Joseph Hanache</i>  &amp;  <i>Juliette Hanache</i>  Parents &amp; Grandparents  of the Hanache family in  Las Vegas  Eternal Memories</p>	<p>In loving Memory of  <i>George J Hanache</i>  &amp;  <i>John J Hanache</i>  &amp;  <i>Marcelle Chamoun</i>  Eternal Memories</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  <i>Joseph Elias Chamoun</i>  <i>Joseph Halim Maalouf</i>  <i>Michelle Tanios Hanache</i>  <i>Gilbert Tanios Hanache</i>  Eternal Memories</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of  <i>Claude Tannous Abboud</i>  Eternal Memories</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  <i>Tannous Abboud</i>  Eternal Memories</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of  <i>Fadi Abboud</i>  Eternal Memories</p>