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Bulletin #1

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Finding the Lord in the Temple

- ***Weekend Masses:** Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. [*Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass*]
Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. [*Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass*]
 - ***Weekday Masses:** Tuesday to Thursday at 12:05 p.m. [*Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass*]
Monday & Friday No Mass
 - ***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** First Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m.
First Sunday of the month after 10:30 a.m. Mass
 - ***Confession:** Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment
 - ***Baptism:** Please call the Pastor as soon as baby is born; at least one Godparent must be Catholic
 - ***Weddings:** Please make arrangements at least **six** months in advance before any other plans are made
 - ***Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Pastor at 304-233-1688
 - ***Parish Council:** Lou Khourey, Carol Dougherty, Mike Linton, Rita Strawn, P.J. Lenz, Mary Stees
 - ***Choir Members:** Earl Duffy, George Thomas, Lou Khourey, Robert Harris, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski
 - ***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer
 - ***Altar Server:** Mike Linton
 - ***Altar Boys:** Dalton Haas, Shaun Hancher & Luke Lenz
 - ***Cedar Club:** Linda Duffy, President 304-242-6853
 - ***Women's Society:** Sandra Dusick, President 304-232-7395
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- ***Bulletin Announcements:** Submit all Bulletin Information to Msgr. Bakhos by Noon on Tuesday every week
 - ***New Parishioners:** We welcome you with great joy & invite you to officially register as one of our parishioners
 - ***Cedar Hall Rental Fees:** Call the Church Office at 304-233-1688 or 304-639-1372
 - ***Parking:** Saturday & Sunday parishioners may park in both lots; Monday-Friday park **ONLY** in the 3 Alley spaces
 - ***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven

Gospel Reflection: Finding the Lord in the Temple

Readings: Heb 7:11-19 and Lk 2:41-52

The Child Jesus in the Temple: when he was twelve years old he remained in Jerusalem. His parents not knowing where he was seek earnestly everywhere for him, but do not find him. They seek him among the people they know, and among all these they do not find him. Jesus is therefore sought for by his parents, by the father who is his guardian, and was the companion of his flight into Egypt; and yet when he is looked for he is not found. Jesus is not found among his kindred and blood relations; not among those who have bodily ties with him. In the company of the throng my Jesus cannot be found. Learn where those who seek him will find him; that you, seeking with Mary and Joseph may find him.

And *seeking him*, says the Evangelist, *they found him in the temple*. Not anywhere, but in the Temple. And not simply in the temple, but sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions. Do you therefore seek him in the temple of God: seek him in the Church: seek him among the teachers who are in the temple, and who depart not from it. If you so seek him you will find him. Further, if any one calls himself a teacher, and has not Jesus with him, he is a teacher only in name, and with such a one Jesus the Word of God, and his wisdom, cannot be found.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, January 2-3: Finding of the Lord in the Temple

Saturday, January 2

At 3:30 p.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

At 4:00 p.m.:

† Ida Shia Lewis (Anniversary) by George, Cindy & George Jr.

† Emilia & Peter Misko by the Hostage Family

Sunday, January 3 at 10:30 a.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass

† Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & David Abraham Ghaphery Family

† Nicholas Abraham Ghaphery

Weekday Masses

Monday, January 4: No Mass. Msgr's Day off

Tuesday, January 5 at 5:30 p.m.: Epiphany Eve Mass (Blessing of the Holy Water)

† Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)

† John Fragale by Mary Rose Kukula

Wednesday, January 6 at 12:05 p.m.: Epiphany Day Mass (Blessing of the Holy Water)

† Tom George by Carol & Baron Johnson

† Emily Vince by Ted & Malinda Wierbichai

Thursday, January 7 at 12:05 p.m.:

† Larry Joseph (TX) by Dr. MaryAnn Cater

† Emily Vince by Barb & Joe Chincheck

Friday, January 8 at 12:05 p.m.:

† Tom George by Kenny & Nancy Joseph

† Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

Next Weekend, January 9-10: First Sunday of Epiphany

Saturday, January 9 at 4:00 p.m.:

† Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen by her Will

† John Wilson by his wife Judy and Family

Sunday, January 10 at 10:30 a.m.:

† Deceased of the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty

† Vernon Hancher (Anniversary) by his wife Regina and children Sondra, Scott & Shelly and grandchildren.

Calendar of Parish Events at a Glimpse

Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, January 11th at (New Time 6:00 p.m.) in the Cedar Hall</i>
Ash Monday Mon., February 8	Mass & Distribution of Ashes – at 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Soup & Hoagie Sale Mon, & Tue, February 15, 16 Wednesday, February 17 → Thursday, February 18 →	– sponsored by the Women’s Society [more information in future bulletins] Work Day for Soup & Hoagie Sale – starting at 9 a.m. 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Pick Up Day for Soup & Hoagies in the Cedar Hall 11:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Pick Up Day for soup & Hoagies in the Cedar Hall
St. Maron Dinner Week of March 7 Sunday, March 13	[more information in future bulletins] Work Days for St. Maron Dinner – starting at 9 a.m. St. Maron Dinner served – 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Palm Sunday , March 20	The Passion of the Lord
Easter Sunday , March 27	The Resurrection of the Lord
Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, April 16, 2016</i>
Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, October 8, 2016</i>

Cedar Club Meeting (*Monday, January 11th, 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall*)

The Cedar Club Meeting will be held on Monday, January 11th (**New Time at 6:00 p.m.**) in the Cedar Hall. Agenda will include upcoming events for the new year. All members will be providing refreshments for this meeting.

Maronite Clergy Retreat (*Monday, January 11 – Friday January 15, 2016*)

The Annual Maronite Clergy Retreat will take place in Phoenix Arizona from January 11 until 15th. There will be no daily Mass at our church during those days. Msgr. Bakhos.

Faithful Departed Masses (*from January 30th until February 5th*)

Before Great Lent, the church urges parishioners to remember their parents and beloved ones in the offering of the Mass which is the pleasing to God; it is the offering of love of the Son of God on the Cross.

6 Masses will be offered for the following Faithful Departed:

- ✠ Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen by her Will
- ✠ Deceased of the Saad & Joseph Families
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Deceased of the Chidiac, Linton & Albaugh Families

Soup & Hoagie Sale (*Orders Due: Mon., Feb. 8; Pick-up Days: Wed. & Thur., Feb. 17th & 18th*)

The Women’s Society of Our Lady of Lebanon Church has scheduled its Soup & Hoagie Sale.

Quarts of **Homemade Soups** Include: *Chicken Noodle Soup, Chicken & Rice Soup, Chili, Ham & Bean Soup, Lentil Soup, Potato Soup, Vegetable Beef Soup, Meatless Vegetable Soup and Stuffed Pepper Soup.*

Three Hoagies will be available: Ham & Swiss, Italian or Turkey & Cheese.

Deadline for Order Forms & Payment: Monday, February 8th. (Be sure to mark the time you wish to pick up your order on the form). Orders and payment may be mailed to the church or placed in the weekly offering basket.

Pick-Up-Days: **Wednesday, February 17th, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.;** OR
Thursday, February 18th, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

To make this event a success we need several volunteers Tuesday and Wednesday, February 16th and 17th. We need helpers to assemble, label and package the Hoagies and to packing the orders for pick up. We also need several volunteers to make and donate desserts. In the past items such as: *Pies, Texas Sheet Cake or other cakes, brownies, any flavor fudge, Lebanese treats (such as twist cookies, coconut cake, pizzelles), sugar*

free or nut free items, etc. If you can offer a few hours, call Charlotte at 304-639-1372 or 304-277-3230 & leave a message.

You should receive order forms in the mail soon; additional order forms will be available soon at the church entrance. Order early – quantities are limited; Take Out Only.

Thanks to all individuals who have already volunteered to make and donate soup, to make and donate desserts, to give of your time and talent for our sale, or to make a Cash Donation which help defray expenses.

Note: We need a volunteer to coordinate the cooking of the Chili and the Vegetable Beef soup. If you can help with this soup, please call Charlotte at 304-639-1372. The Cedar Hall Kitchen will be used to prepare and cook the Stuffed Pepper soup on Saturday & Sunday, February 13th & 14th. (Anyone else wanting to schedule a day to prepare their soup in the church kitchen is asked to coordinate the day they choose with Charlotte.)

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers

Josephine Weidman, Sally Mulvey (mother of Paul Mulvey), Dolores Oser,

Also Please Pray for Those Who Asked Us to Pray for Them

Nick Bedway, Mary Ryncarz, John Shibben, Joe Elias, Paige McCoy (niece of Millet, Gina & Linda), Peggy Justice, Clara J. Morris, Shirley & Jim George, Kay Garvey, Mary Margaret Blum, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi (daughter of Eva Lee Powell), Barb Sobota,

Happy Birthday

January 3:	Sue Brubach, Rosemary Coury
January 6:	Gina Stees
January 7:	Jacob Fadoul Wilson
January 10:	Marjorie John, Mary Petros
January 11:	Jennifer Klein
January 17:	George Weisner
January 18:	Marge Saseen
January 22:	Nick Bedway

Your Church Support Last Week

\$2,806.00	Christmas collection
2,427.00	Sunday collection
76.00	Candles
30.00	Parking
78.00	Refunds
25.00	Christmas poinsettia
50.00	Donation to Poor Families
1,000.00	Donation toward the Endowment Fund in memory of Tom George
646.00	Utilities
\$7,138.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

In Our Mailbox

“Dear Msgr. Chidiac, On the recent occasion of the 24th anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood, we congratulate you. We thank you for your spiritual service to our Church and to Our Lady.

Your untiring devotion to the Church and to our parishioners is legendary. You arrived at Our Lady's Church 15 years ago, not as a Tourist but as an Apostle. Your sleeves were rolled up and you were ready to work.

Thank you Msgr. for all of your hard work. Thanks also to all of the parishioners and donors who made the financial sacrifices.

Msgr. Chidiac, we certainly have been blessed by your tenure in Wheeling and it really shows.

Yours truly in Christ, Edmund Monseur.”

What's New?

Bulletin Ad Space Available

The Weekly Bulletin Ads on the last page help defray the cost of printing the weekly bulletins and at the same time help promote businesses or are Memorials to deceased loved ones. We have one ad space left for \$120.00 a year. More than 5,000 bulletins are printed every year and many are mailed out of town. Please consider buying this space and use it for your business or memorial.

Memorial Stone Project Update

The Memorial stone project is done. The bronze and brass plaques will be engraved and mounted later in the spring. Many thanks for all your donations.

Wisdom: Happiness

--Make happy those who are near, and those who are far will come. -Chinese proverb

--Cherish all your happy moments: they make a fine cushion for old age. -Christopher Morley

Prayers: Living Prayer

Praying always makes our day come alive and makes every moment precious. By learning to pray always we can have an inner strength even when we feel depressed. But be careful! Do not use prayer as a tool. This is where people go wrong. Prayer is about loving God, not a way to make us feel better. It is unselfish. God answers the prayer of a pure heart.

So how do we pray always? Try something like this:

When you wake up in the morning as you open your eyes say: *Blessed be God who gives sight to the blind.*

Before getting up say: *Thank you Lord for giving me another day. May it be fruitful in your sight.*

When you get out of bed say: *Blessed be God who raises the dead and makes the lame walk.*

When you take a shower say: *Wash me Lord of all my sins.* Think of the gift of water and baptism in Christ.

When you put on your clothes say: *Clothe me with your Holy Spirit.*

When you eat, think of all that it took to get that food on the table. Appreciate the life of the animal or plant that is given for your nourishment. When you walk, think of the path of life and ask God for guidance along the way. When you drive, turn off the radio and pray the rosary. Have moments of quiet. Be aware of God's presence always, as you are aware of the presence of someone you love in the same room even if you are doing other things.

Reflection: Simple & Real Friend

A simple friend has never seen you cry.

A real friend has shoulders soggy from your tears.

A simple friend doesn't know your parents' first names.

A real friend has their phone numbers in his address book.

A simple friend brings a bottle of wine to your party.

A real friend comes early to help you cook and stays late to help you clean.

A simple friend hates it when you call after he has gone to bed.

A real friend asks you why you took so long to call.

A simple friend seeks to talk with you about your problems.
 A real friend seeks to help you with your problems.
 A simple friend wonders about your romantic history.
 A real friend could blackmail you with it.
 A simple friend, when visiting, acts like a guest.
 A real friend opens your refrigerator and helps himself.
 A simple friend thinks the friendship is over when you HAVE an argument.
 A real friend calls you after you had a fight.
 A simple friend expects you to always be there for them.
 A real friend expects to always be there for you!

Spirituality: Grace

As a person must be born before he can begin to lead his physical life, so he must be born to lead a Divine Life. That birth occurs in the Sacrament of Baptism. To survive, the person must be nourished by Divine Life; that is done in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. He must grow spiritually and assume his spiritual responsibilities; that is accomplished in the Sacrament of Confirmation. He must heal the wounds of sin; for this there is the Sacrament of Penance. He must wipe out the traces of sin at the end, to prepare for his journey to eternal life; for this there is the Sacrament of Extreme Unction. Man must also prolong and edify the Kingdom of God, for which he is given the Sacrament of Matrimony. He must live under a spiritual government; this is provided through the Sacrament of Holy Orders in the Priesthood.

Nature *makes* human nature, but grace *remakes* human nature. Every person who has been born can also be regenerated, renewed, and revived if he establishes contact with new and divine sources of energy. Christianity puts a high value on human nature, but it does not trust its unaided powers too far. It says that man in his human nature is neither a saint nor a devil; he is neither intrinsically corrupt nor immaculately conceived. He needs divine assistance to perfect this nature. And it is available to him, no matter how wicked he has been in the past; even a man who stoned a martyr like Stephen, as Paul did, can still be saved, not of himself but by the grace of God -as Paul was. And since the new energy and new power to rescue him come from God, it is beside the point for anyone to plead, "*I am not good enough.*" Of course not -no person is good enough. But hidden reserves of power are available to anyone who so desires. That was why Our Savior said: "***Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.***" (Mt 7:7).

Bishop Fulton Sheen, Peace of Soul, 1949, pp.254-255.

Story: Airline Story

Tip: Keep inconveniences in perspective.

This past week I was on a four and a half hour, non-stop flight from Seattle, Washington, to Atlanta, Georgia. In all my years of traveling, I have learned that each time a plane has the opportunity to stop, there is potential for unexpected challenges. Flight delays, weather and airline crews can create unanticipated challenges on any trip. Therefore, I always try to fly non-stop between my destinations.

About an hour into this particular flight, the Captain's voice rang over the intercom. He asked if there was a physician or nurse on the plane. If so, he asked them to identify themselves by ringing the flight attendant call button beside their seat. I listened carefully but heard no one ring their bell. I immediately began to wonder what was happening.

In a few minutes the Captain informed us that there was a medical emergency on board and asked again if there was a physician or a nurse who could help. When there was no response, we were told that we were going to make an emergency stop in Denver, Colorado. He apologized but told us that there would be a medical emergency team waiting to meet us at the gate and that we would probably only be delayed by about thirty minutes.

Though it was necessary, we knew we would all be inconvenienced by the extra stop. About half an hour later, we landed at Denver International Airport and the medical crew immediately came on

board. However, everything took longer than had previously been expected. An elderly gentleman, about 85 years old, had suddenly taken ill. It was not clear whether he had experienced a stroke or heart attack.

Even after the gentleman was carried off of the plane, we still sat there for quite a while. The original "short" stop turned into about an hour and a half. When we finally pushed back from the gate and were in the air, the pilot apologized profusely for the unavoidable delay. He said that since the stop had taken longer than expected, those passengers who needed to make connections in Atlanta would miss their flights but would automatically be booked on the next flight out.

You could almost hear the moans and groans throughout the airplane of everyone who was being inconvenienced by the unexpected stop. Then the pilot did one of the classiest things I have personally ever seen or heard anyone do. He spoke into the intercom and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, I thought you might be interested in one bit of information. The elderly gentleman who was taken off the plane was a Marine in WWII. I am holding in my hand a copy of the Congressional Medal of Honor that was awarded to him and signed by President Harry Truman in 1945." The pilot went on to say, "I realize that we have all been inconvenienced today. However, in light of the fact that this gentleman was a war hero and was inconvenienced for four years of his life in order that we might experience the freedoms that we enjoy today, I thought you all should know that."

Immediately the airplane was filled with applause. Everyone was cheering and so pleased to know that the gentleman had been cared for in a way that was fitting and appropriate. As we continued to fly, I thought to myself, "Isn't that interesting? We were concerned that we were inconvenienced for a couple of hours and yet, this gentleman's entire life was interrupted and inconvenienced for over four years while he went and fought in a war to protect the freedoms and values that we love and hold dear in this country today."

I breathed a prayer for the gentleman and asked God to bless him for all he had done to help us understand what freedom is all about.

"History does not entrust the care of freedom to the weak or timid." - Dwight D. Eisenhower

Soldiers travel miles in the heat. They risk their lives crossing a border. They don't get paid enough wages. They do jobs that others won't do or are afraid to do. They live in crowded conditions among a people who speak a different language. They rarely see their families, and they face adversity all day every day. I'm not talking about illegal Aliens; I'm talking about our troops!

A Time to Laugh (278)

21st Century Teacher

[applicant addressing the school administration]

Let me see if I've got this right. You want me to go into that room with all those kids and fill their every waking moment with a love for learning.

Not only that, I'm supposed to instill a sense of pride in their ethnicity, behaviorally modify disruptive behavior, observe them for signs of abuse and T-shirt messages.

I am to fight the war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, check their backpacks for guns and raise their self-esteem.

I'm to teach them patriotism, good citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play, how and where to register to vote, how to balance a checkbook and how to apply for a job.

I am to check their heads occasionally for lice, maintain a safe environment recognize signs of potential antisocial behavior, offer advice, write letters of recommendation for student employment and scholarships, encourage respect for the cultural diversity of others, and, oh yeah, always make sure that I give the girls in my class 50 percent of my attention.

I'm required by my contract to be working on my own time summer and evenings at my own expense toward advance certification and a master's degree; and after school, I am to attend committee and faculty meetings and participate in staff development training to maintain my employment status.

I am to be a paragon of virtue larger than life, such that my very presence will awe my students into being obedient and respectful of authority.

I am to pledge allegiance to supporting family values, a return to the basics, and to my current administration. I

am to incorporate technology into the learning, and monitor all Web sites while providing a personal relationship with each student.

I am to decide who might be potentially dangerous and/or liable to commit crimes in school or who is possibly being abused, and I can be sent to jail for not mentioning these suspicions.

I am to make sure all students pass the state and federally mandated testing and all classes, whether or not they attend school on a regular basis or complete any of the work assigned.

Plus, I am expected to make sure that all of the students with handicaps are guaranteed a free and equal education, regardless of their mental or physical handicap.

I am to communicate frequently with each student's parent by letter, phone, newsletter and grade card. I'm to do all of this with just a piece of chalk, a computer, a few books, a bulletin board, a 45 minute more-or-less plan time and a big smile, all on a starting salary that qualifies my family for food stamps in many states.

Is that all? And you want me to do all of this and expect me NOT TO PRAY? Yeah, Right!

Truth

Old actress: *"I really don't know my age. It keeps changing from minute to minute."*

Truth

An American tourist was traveling abroad for the first time. On arrival at his first foreign airport, he was faced with a choice between two passageways. One of which was marked CITIZENS and the other ALIENS. He promptly headed for the first one. When told later that he would have to stand in the other line. He protested, *"But I'm no alien, I'm an American."*

Truth

When the English playwright Oscar Wilde arrived at his club late at night after witnessing the first presentation of a play that had been a complete failure, someone asked, *"How did your play go tonight, Oscar?"* *"Oh,"* said Wilde, *"the play was a great success. The audience was a failure."*

Grace

The President of the largest Banking Corporation in the world was in hospital. One of the Vice-Presidents came to visit him with this message:

"I bring you the good wishes of our board of directors, that you should be restored to health and live to be hundred years. That's an official resolution passed by the majority of 15 to 6 with 2 abstentions."

Truth

Nasruddin was arrested and taken to court on the charge that he was stuffing horsemeat into the chicken cutlets he served at his restaurant.

Before passing sentence the judge wanted to know in what proportion he was mixing horsemeat with chicken flesh. Nasruddin said, on oath, *"It was fifty-fifty, your honor."*

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