

January 10, 2016
Bulletin #2

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Epiphany

- ***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



- ***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: First Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: 2 Cor 10:1-11 and Jn 1:29-34

'After' and 'before'. The paradox of these terms expresses the point that not until he who was to come has arrived and been manifested is it possible to know who the Baptist is, or what his function is to be; just as in the Prologue it was made clear that only in the light of the historical coming of the eternal Word was it possible really to understand the history of God's chosen people, Israel. John states explicitly that his baptism was undertaken with one final end only – that the one far superior to John might be manifested to Israel. When John sees Jesus he knows that this purpose has been achieved.

But the evangelist has not yet fully made his point, for it is essential to his presentation of the true significance of John that even John's recognition of Jesus should itself rest upon revelation, and that he should clearly affirm that the true baptism would be a baptism with the Holy Spirit, by him upon whom the Spirit would visibly come and with whom he would visibly stay. The true baptism is the gift of the Spirit, and the true baptizer is he with whom the Spirit perpetually dwells. The Baptist bears simple and adequate testimony to the descent of the Spirit upon Jesus, and lest any reader of the Synoptics might misconceive the story, his abiding with him. So here is the end of the Baptist's witness to Jesus.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This 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 & Family

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

- ✠ Deceased of the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Vernon Hancher (Anniversary) by wife Regina & children Sondra, Scott, Shelly & grandchildren

Weekday Masses

Monday, January 11: No Noon Mass. Maronite Clergy Retreat

Tuesday, January 12: No Noon Mass. Maronite Clergy Retreat

Wednesday, January 13: No Noon Mass. Maronite Clergy Retreat

Thursday, January 14: No Noon Mass. Maronite Clergy Retreat

Friday, January 15: No Noon Mass. Maronite Clergy Retreat

Next Weekend, January 16-17: Sunday of the Priests

Saturday, January 16 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ George McCulley by Dave & Cynthia Reasbeck
- ‡ Special Intention

Sunday, January 17 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Tom George by aunty Nettie Seidler & Family
- ✠ Gloria Sterling by her sister Nettie Seidler & Family

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>
<u>Ash Monday</u> Mon., February 8	Mass & Distribution of Ashes – at 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
<u>Soup & Hoagie Sale</u>	– sponsored by the Women's Society
Monday, February 8th → →	<u>Order & Payment Due</u>
Mon. & Tue, February 15, 16 →	Work Day for Soup & Hoagie Sale – starting at 9 a.m.
Wednesday, February 17 → →	11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. <u>Pick Up Day</u> for Soup & Hoagies in the Cedar Hall
Thursday, February 18 → →	11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. <u>Pick Up Day</u> for soup & Hoagies in the Cedar Hall

<u>St. Maron Dinner</u>	<i>[more information in future bulletins]</i>
Week of March 7 Sunday, March 13	Work Days for St. Maron Dinner – starting at 9 a.m. St. Maron Dinner served – 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
<u>Palm Sunday</u> , March 20	The Passion of the Lord
<u>Easter Sunday</u> , March 27	The Resurrection of the Lord
Hall Rental	Saturday, April 16, 2016
Hall Rental	Saturday, October 8, 2016

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 11th 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:

- † Frances Linton (9th Anniversary) by sons Steve & Mike
- † Deceased of the Kourey & 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
- † Deceased of the Bine & Gaudio & Paesani Families by Shirley Bine
- † Deceased of the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty
- † Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart
- † Suzanne Linton by her husband Mike
- † Frances & Joseph Linton by sons Steve & Mike
- † Adib & Sadie Chidiac (parents), Nadim (brother) & Mona (sister) by Steve & Mike Linton
- † Deceased of our parish by Steve & Mike Linton

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* available for \$6.50 per quart and *Stuffed Pepper Soup* available for \$8.00 per quart.

Three Hoagies will be available: Ham & Swiss, Italian or Turkey & Cheese. Cost is: \$7.00

Deadline for Order Form & Payment: Monday, February 8th. (Be sure to mark the day and 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: **Thanks to Kathleen George who volunteered to coordinate Chili and to Shirley Bine & Rita Strawn for volunteering to coordinate the Vegetable Beef Soup.**

If you can help peel & chop the vegetables for the Vegetable Beef Soup on Monday, February 15th, in the Cedar Hall please contact Charlotte (304-639-1372) or Shirley Bine. The Cedar Hall Kitchen will be used by Rita Strawn on Tuesday, February 16, to prepare the Chicken Noodle Soup. And the Stuffed Pepper soup will be prepared in the Cedar Hall 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 by calling Charlotte.

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers

Jonace George, Shirley Dietz, Kay Garvey, Josephine Weidman, Dolores Oser,

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

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

Happy Birthday

January 10: Marjorie John, Mary Petros
 January 11: Jennifer Klein
 January 17: George Weisner
 January 18: Marge Saseen
 January 22: Nick Bedway
 January 23: Dale Seidler Jr., Lisa Breiding
 January 26: Chris DeMuth
 January 28: Nikki Popovich
 January 29: Sandra Dusick, Matthew Deeb

Your Church Support Last Week

\$2,409.00	Sunday Collection
50.00	Donation to Church
30.00	Parking
12.00	Refunds
30.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$2,561.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

What's New?

Parish Condolences: Julia (John) Tappe

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the John and the Ghaphery families on the loss of their beloved aunty Julia who passed away in Wheeling. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the funeral Mass on Saturday, January 9th. May the Blessed Mother intercede for her and lead her to the light of Christ. We extend the parish's condolences to her family in their time of sorrow.

Congratulations on Your Retirement

Lou Khourey did retire at the beginning of this year. He likes to enjoy the rest of his life with his family and friends. We are very happy for him and wish him a new horizon full of life.

Msgr. Bakhos wishes to retire at the end of this year on the occasion of his 25th Anniversary to the priesthood. He also likes to enjoy the rest of his private life with his best friends in hunting and fishing.

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.

Old Basement Remodeling

A new company started installing new dry walls in the old basement instead of the dark paneling. A new electric light LED system will replace the old one. The old hall will be used in case of emergency in case the Cedar Hall is rented and for other small events. This job will cost the church around \$20,000. If anyone is blessed enough we appreciate any donation.

Average Monthly Utilities of Our Church in 2015

Electricity	\$724.92
Gas	\$510.92
Water	\$99.00
Average Monthly	\$1,334.84

Thanks for your support

Wisdom: What Is an American?

What is an American?

The following was said to be written by a dentist in Australia:

An American "You probably missed it in the rush of news last week, but there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American. So I just thought I would write to let them know what an American is, so they would know when they found one.

An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani, or Afghan. An American may also be a Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache, or one of the many other tribes known as native Americans.

An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them chooses. An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American is from the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God given right of each man and woman to the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need. When Afghanistan was overrun by the Soviet Army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country. As of the morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan. The best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best athletes.

Americans welcome the best, but they also welcome the least. The national symbol of America welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America. Some of them were working in the Twin Towers in the morning of September 11, earning a better life for their families. (I've been told that the people in the Towers were from at least 30, and maybe many more, other countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.)

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao Tse-Tung, and every bloodthirsty tyrant in the history of the world. But, in doing so you would just be killing yourself. Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

So look around you. You may find more Americans in your land than you thought were there. One day they will rise up and overthrow the old, ignorant, tired tyrants that trouble too many lands. Then those lands, too, will join the community of free and prosperous nations. And America will welcome them!

Prayers: God

You are goodness and mercy and compassion and understanding.

You are peace and joy and light.

You are forgiveness and patience, strength and courage, a helper in time of need, a comforter in time of sorrow, a healer in time of injury, a teacher in times of confusion.

Reflection: Forget Me Not

Hi Family,

Just a line to say I'm living, that I am not among the dead. Though I'm getting more forgetful, and more mixed up in my head. For sometimes I can't remember, when I stand at the foot of the stairs if I must go up for something or I've just come down from there. And before the fridge so often my poor mind is full of doubt. Have I just put the food away, or have I come to take it out? And there are times when it is dark out, with my night cap on my head, I don't know whether I'm retiring, or just getting out of bed. So if it's my turn to write you, there's no need of getting sore. I may think that I have written and I don't want to be a bore. So remember I do miss you, and I wish that you were near. But now it's nearly mail time, so I must say goodbye, Dears,

Love, Mom & Dad

P.S. There I stood beside the mail box with my face so very red. Instead of mailing my letter, I opened, it instead.

Spirituality: Love of God

Love of God, how strong and true, eternal, and yet, ever new,
uncomprehended and unbought beyond all knowledge and all thought.

O heavenly Love, how precious still in days of weariness and ill,
in nights of pain and helplessness, to hear, to comfort and to bless!

O Love of God, our shield and stay, through all the perils of our way,
Eternal Love, in You we rest, forever safe, forever blest.

Story

After my brother's massive heart attack, he lay in a coma in the hospital's coronary intensive care unit. Tubes and wires hooked him up to machines that kept him alive. A scope showed the wiggly lines of a faltering heartbeat. The only sound in his room was the rhythmical whoosh of the pump forcing air into his lungs. My sister-in-law stood by, helpless.

As a minister I had often been with families in similar situations. I had searched for the right words, the perfect scriptural passage, a phrase of hope, trying to comfort them. But this was a new experience.

During these difficult days, my sister-in-law and I were torn between hope and resignation. We appreciated every visitor. We were grateful for their stories of people who had snapped out of comas and returned to normal. We listened when they talked knowledgeably about the stages of grief. We knew they cared. But many visitors came through the door talking, and kept talking. Was that how I had dealt with my nervousness when I didn't know what to say?

Then a casual friend came to visit. He stood with us around the bed, looking at my brother's body. There was a long silence. Suddenly overcome with emotion, he said, "I'm sorry." There was another long pause. Finally, he hugged my sister-in-law and then turned to shake my hand. He held it a second longer than necessary and squeezed a little harder than usual. As he looked at me, tears came to his eyes. And then he left. One week later, my brother died.

Years have passed and I still remember that visitor. I do not recall his name, but I'll never forget how he shared our grief, quietly and sincerely and without awkwardness. His few words spoke volumes.

A Time to Laugh (279)

Maude

An elderly woman named Maude had a window seat on a big 747 jetliner that had just taken off for Rome. She had been saving for years to fulfill her dream to visit the Eternal City. But it was her first flight, and she was terrified. Even the stately presence of the four bishops seated behind her didn't help. With fear and trembling she finally opened her eyes and peeped out the window, just in time to see one of the plane's four engines break loose from the wing and disappear into the clouds. "We're going to die!" she cried out. "We're going to die!"

The stewardess consulted with the pilot who announced to the passengers that everything was under control and that they could fly back to New York and land safely with three engines. But Maude continued to cry out, "We're going to die!" The stewardess went to her and said, "Don't worry, my dear, God is with us. We have only three engines, but look, we have four bishops." To which Maude replied, "I'd rather have four engines and three bishops!"

The Golfer

A golfer named George finally got home. "George," his wife scolded, "you promised you'd be home at four o'clock. Look, here it is eight o'clock." George protested, "But, honey, please listen to me. Poor old Fred is dead. He just dropped over right there on the eighth green." "Oh, that's terrible," his wife exclaimed. "It surely was," said George. "For the rest of the game it was hit the ball, drag Fred, hit the ball, drag Fred."

Welcome to the Psychiatric Hot Line

If you are obsessive-compulsive, please press 1 repeatedly.

If you are codependent, please ask someone to press 2.

If you have multiple personalities, please press 4, 5, and 1.

If you are paranoid-delusional, we know who you are and what you want. Just stay on the line and we will trace your call.

If you are schizophrenic, listen carefully and the little voice will tell you what number to press.

If you are manic-depressive, it doesn't matter what number you press, no one will answer.