

February 28, 2016
Bulletin #9

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Prodigal Son

- ***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 Friday at 12:05 p.m. [*Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass*]
Monday 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: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Readings: 2Cor 13:5-13 and Lk 15:11-32

Table fellowship, who eats with whom, is key in Luke's Gospel. The Pharisees and the scribes regularly have difficulty with Jesus' open-door policy. The Gospel contains three stories that illustrate who is welcome at the table of the Lord.

The three stories, the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son, all contain common elements: something lost, the search, and finally, the joy at the discovery or return of what was lost. All three lost "objects" are important, so important that the daily routine is interrupted. The shepherd leaves his sheep, the woman stops and sweeps her home, and the father stands along the road looking for his son to return. The shepherd cannot afford to lose even one of his sheep, the mark of a married woman is a headdress made of ten silver coins (possibly her dowry), and a child is priceless. Until the lost "thing" is found, life does not go on as usual. God is concerned with the lost person, with the sinner.

All three stories have a happy ending (in the case of the father and son at least a happy reunion). All three "finders" celebrate their finding with a party. The shepherd and the woman call their friends and neighbors in, the father kills the fatted calf. The return of sinners is not an isolated event, it affects the whole community. Further, these parties illustrate that repentance will be met with celebration not retribution. The return of sinners is a sign of the reign of God.

The story of the son and father has an additional twist. The story could have ended with the reunion of the father and son, but instead it continues with the reaction of the elder brother. The elder brother represents the faithful. Can they live with God's open-door policy for sinners?

The story does not answer. No one knows if the elder son actually goes in and eats or goes out to the field and pouts. The elder son is asked to take on the joy of the father, the faithful are asked to take on the joy of God at repentant sinners. The Pharisees and scribes are asked to resemble God, to be happy when people return to God.

The story of the father and son pushes our natural sense of justice. Whom would you like to be like? The father? The younger son? The elder brother? It is easy to identify with the one lost and to admire the welcoming father. The difficult role is the elder brother. A faithful believer is inevitably cast in the role of the elder brother. What will the elder brother do?

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, February 27-28: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Saturday, February 27, at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Louis J. John (Anniversary) by the Family
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, February 28, at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Cecilia John (3rd Anniversary) by her children and grandchildren
- ✠ Eugene Blum (Birthday) by his wife Mary Margaret Blum

Weekday Masses

Monday, February 29: No Mass. Msgr Day off.

Tuesday, March 1 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

Wednesday, March 2 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Julia Tappe by Chamse Rahi
- ✠ Tom George by Danny & Tama Dimmick

Thursday, March 3 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Julia Tappe by Mickey & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Tom George by George & Jean Weisner

Friday, March 4 at 5:30 p.m.: Stations of the Cross, Benediction and Lenten Meal

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

✠ Kay Garvey by Gary Weisner

Next Weekend, March 5-6: Sunday of the Paralytic**Saturday, March 5, at 4:00 p.m.: No Benediction during Lent**

✠ Emilia & Peter Misko by The Hostage Family

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, March 6, at 10:30 a.m.: No Benediction during Lent

✠ Living and Deceased members of the Nicholas and Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and the David Abraham Ghaphery Family

✠ Irene Breiding (Anniversary) by her grandson Dalton Haas

✠ Intentions of Haileigh Johnson (Birthday) by Dalton Haas

✠ Tom Jalad (Anniversary) by the Family

Calendar of Parish Events at a Glimpse

Sunday, February 28	Women's Society Meeting – <i>starting after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>
St. Maron Dinner	Note: <u>No work Tuesday & Friday</u>
Week of March 7 → → → →	Work Days for St. Maron Dinner – <i>starting at 9 a.m.</i>
Monday, March 7 th → → → →	Baking Cookies for Dessert
Wednesday, March 9 th → → →	Cook & Shred Chicken
Thursday, March 10 th → → → →	Make Kibbee
Saturday, March 12 th → → → →	Set Up Hall for Dinner
Sunday, March 13 → → → →	St. Maron Dinner served – <i>11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</i>
Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, March 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall</i>
Palm Sunday, March 20	The Passion of the Lord
Easter Sunday, March 27	The Resurrection of the Lord
Lebanese Bake Sale	–Sponsored by Women's Society
Sunday, April 3 → → → →	Orders & Payment Due for Lebanese Bake Sale
Sunday, April 10 → → → →	Spinach Preparation – <i>starting after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>
Mon.-Thu., April 11 thru 14 →	Baking Days – <i>starting at 9 a.m. the dough will be ready to shape & fill</i>
Wednesday, April 13 → → → →	Order Pick-Up for Bake Sale – <i>Wednesday, from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.</i>
Thursday, April 14 → → → →	Order Pick-Up for Bake Sale – <i>Thursday, from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</i>
Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, April 16, 2016</i>
Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, October 8, 2016</i>
Mahrajan (Festival)	<i>Sunday, August 14 (Mass at 10:30 a.m. and booths open at noon)</i>

Stations of the Cross & Light Dinner (All Fridays during Lent after 5:30 p.m. Mass)

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:30 p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., followed by Benediction of the Cross. The “*Stations of the Cross*” is a devotion which consists of following the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by recalling the fourteen prominent events that took place from the time of the trial under Pontius Pilate until His death and burial on Mount Calvary.

We give thanks to the Cedar Club members who did sponsor the first Lenten Meal on Friday, February 12, and on Good Friday, March 25, following the Friday prayers. Also we offer thanks to the generous families who will sponsor the light meals during the other Fridays of Lent.

Date:	Volunteers:
4 th Friday, March 4	Meal Sponsor: Thomasina Geimer, Kim Gibbons, Charlotte Khourey, Shirley Bine, Susan Saseen <i>Pope Francis asked that this day is a time of special prayer to “be 24 hours for the Lord.”</i>
5 th Friday, March 11	Meal Family Sponsor: Chris & Jeannette Wakim
6 th Friday, March 18	Meal Sponsor: Carol Dougherty, Mike Linton & Msgr. Bakhos
Good Friday, March 25	Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club & Parishioners

St. Maron Dinner (Sunday, March 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m)

St. Maron Donations Welcomed

We greatly appreciate all donations for food, ingredients, paper products, and general expenses for the St. Maron Dinner. Please enclose your donation in an envelope marked “*St. Maron Dinner Donation*” and put it in the Offering Basket or mail to: *Our Lady of Lebanon Church, St. Maron Dinner Donation, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003*. Any donation large or small will help this event become one of the best ever.

Our St. Maron Lebanese Dinner will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on **Sunday, March 13**. Take out will be available. Plan to bring your family, friends, and neighbors.

Tickets purchased at the Door cost full price: \$17.00 Adult and \$8.00 Child (under 12). Early Bird Discounted Tickets that are PAID in Advance by SUNDAY, MARCH 6th, cost \$15.00 Adult & \$7.00 Child (under 12). By next week you should receive your St. Maron Dinner mailing inviting you to purchase your tickets early and be able to take advantage of the Early Bird Discounted Ticket prices. Additional “St. Maron Dinner – Ticket Order Forms” and additional sheets for the 50/50 Raffle and Gift Basket Raffle will also soon be available at the church entrance (or call the church office at 304-233-1688 or Charlotte at 304-639-1372) to arrange to purchase tickets.

Our delicious homemade Lebanese menu (*valued at over \$20 each*) includes: *kibbee, grape leaves, hummus, chicken & rice, vegetable, salad, pita bread, yogurt, dessert & beverage* (no tax is added).

The dinner will also feature a bake sale of homemade treats, free door prizes, a 50/50 Raffle, and the “*Under the Sea*” Gift Basket Raffle which will feature several bottles of wine.

Cedar Club Meeting (Monday, March 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall)

Cedar Club Meeting will be held on Monday, March 14th in the Cedar Hall at 6:00 p.m. Following business meeting, refreshments served by Nini Miller and Mike Linton

\$25 Donation for Easter Lillies (Due Friday, March 25)

Easter Lillies in memory of loved ones to decorate the church and the tomb of Christ are sponsored by the following generous parishioners:

- ☼ Gladys Howard & Louise N. & Louise H. Khourey, Sr., by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family
- ☼ The Schlog and Saseen Families by Bob & Fran Saseen
- ☼ Sue, Frances & Joe Linton by Mike Linton
- ☼ Deceased members of the Bine and Gaudio Families by Shirley Bine
- ☼ In honor of Dalton Haas
- ☼ In honor of Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ☼ For the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty
- ☼ In Memory of Ralph & Mary Joseph Shipley, Robby Hunter and Beloved Family by Thomasina Geimer
- ☼ In honor of Dolores and Bob Oser
- ☼ In honor of Jerry McGlumphy and Family
- ☼ In Memory of Kay Garvey by Mary Margaret Blum and Sue Flading
- ☼ In Memory of John F. Kukula by his wife Mary Rose Kukula and Family
- ☼ Msgr. Bakhos’ parents Adib & Sadie, brother Nadim & sister Mona by Steve & Mike Linton
- ☼ Sue, Frances and Joe Linton by Msgr. Bakhos

Diocesan Appeal

The Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon is now taking place. A copy of a letter from Bishop Elias Zaidan was sent to every family in the mail, together with a special gift. The Eparchy relies upon you to support our Maronite parishes, like this one, and train our future Maronite priests. Every family is asked to participate in the Appeal at a level which is meaningful for them and be generous. You can make your donation with a check or credit card. Our parish's goal for this year's Appeal is \$3,000.00. Please be generous and support your Eparchy. Thank you.

Many Thanks for those who fulfilled their Easter Obligation for this year. May God reward you and bless your fasting.

Catherine Gaudio, John & Rose Palmer, Jane & Joe Palmer, Peggy Palmer, Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Tom & Judy Brock, Mike Linton, George & Patty Fahey, Shirley Bine, Joe & Nikki Popovich, Linda Hostutler, Bill & Carol Dougherty, Sandra Dusick, Thomasina Geimer, George & Jean Weisner, Bill & Mary Stees, Gary A. Weisner, Veronica Mushet, Myron Law, Mary Rose Kukula, Ron & Susan Burns, Marge C. John, Al Depto, William & Mary Daniel, Sheriff Pat Butler, Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family, Sue Jochum, Bill & Tricia Committee, Millet & Susie Fadoul, Garry & Pauline Ferrell, Randy Weisner, Msgr Bakhos Chidiac, Elia Nader (FL) (nephew of Msgr Bakhos), Bob & Fran Saseen, Altmeyer Funeral Homes, The Frenn Family, Mary Seabright Lish, Earl & Linda Duffy, Mark & Catherine John, Mark & Barb McLaughlin, Mark Alan Schroeder, Larry & Lillian Siebieda, Mary Beth Weisner,

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers

Barb Sobota, Joe McCutcheon, Dorothy Kupchak, Gene Howard (brother of Charlotte Khourey)

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

Mary Ryncarz, Rizzo Palotay, Dolores Oser, Jonas George, Josephine Weidman, 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),

Happy Birthday

March 1: Dottie Kupchak
 March 2: Ann Lee Bauduin, Ava Murad
 March 4: Jeff Sengewalt
 March 5: Philip Carl
 March 6: Kristen McLaughlin
 March 15: Shelby Imer, Scott Hancher
 March 18: John Shibben, Kenny Imer, Bill Stees, Patrick Petros
 March 21: Caroline Stees McDowell
 March 22: Jennifer Imer
 March 26: Joseph John
 March 30: Gregory John
 March 31: George Lewis, Cheryl Bewley, Jonas George

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,354.00	Sunday Collection
650.00	Diocesan Appeal
295.00	Hall rental
500.00	Donation to the Church
2,837.00	Soup & Hoagies
30.00	Easter Lillies

100.00	Donation toward the Renovation of the Basement Hall
110.00	Donation toward the Endowment Fund
10.00	Utilities
120.00	Parking
35.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$6,041.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

Brass Plaque for the Basement Hall

Please remember in your prayers the following additional benefactors
who contributed toward the Restoration of the Basement Hall 2016

–Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Pastor

Diamond (\$500 & over)

Drs. MaryAnn Cater & Robert Vawter, OLOL Cedar Club, Louis & Charlotte Khourey,
Patrick & Jacqueline Petros, ...

Gold (\$200-\$499)

Holly Bine (Memorial), Kay Garvey (Memorial), Joe & Nikki Popovich, Mark Alan Schroeder, Larry &
Lillian Siebieda, Mike Linton, Gary Weisner, ...

Silver (\$100-\$199)

Anonymous, Mary Margaret Blum, Edward Bris (Memorial), Al Depto & Mary C. Davis, Sandra Dusick,
Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Millet & Susie Fadoul, Kay Garvey (Memorial), Robby Hunter (Memorial),
Sue Jochum, Sister Mary Thomasina John (Memorial), Drs. Rajai & Nahla Khoury, The P. J. Lenz Family,
Sylvia Long, Jerry McGlumphy Family, Chris & Jennifer Means, JC Mensore Distribution, Paula Jo Perilli,
Elsie Renzella, Mike & Judy Sofka, Julia Tappe (Memorial), Al & Josephine Weidman, ...

Remodeling of the Old Basement Financial Report (By February 25, 2016)

Cost of the Project	Donations Received	Remaining Balance
\$21,616.00	5,990.00	\$15,626.00

We appreciate every donation small or great to defray the cost of this project.

Around Us

Lenten Retreat (Saturday, March 12, 2016)

Where: National Shrine, North Jackson. Subject: Kingdom of God and Kingdom of mercy

When: Saturday, March 12, 2016. Master of retreat Rev. George Hajj

Registration: \$75.00 including breakfast, lunch and dinner. Info.: 914-964-3070

Easter Meditation: Dare To Care

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.” (Psalm 103:1)

To care means first of all to empty our own cup and to allow the other to come close to us. It means to take away the many barriers which prevent us from entering into communion with the other. When we dare to care, then we discover that nothing human is foreign to us, but that all the hatred and love, cruelty and compassion, fear and joy can be found in our own hearts. When we dare to care, we have to confess that when others kill, I could have killed too. When others torture, I could have done the same. When others heal, I could have healed too. And when others give life, I could have done the same. Then we experience that we can be present to the soldier who kills, to the guard who pesters, to the young man who plays as if life has no end, and to the old man who stopped playing out of fear of death.

By the honest recognition and confession of our human sameness we can participate in the care of God who came, not to the powerful but powerless, not to be different but the same, not to take our pain away but to share it. Through this participation we can open our hearts to each other and form a new community.

Today, I will spend at least two minutes meditating on the love of God for me and for the whole world. I will pray that the world comes to know God's love. Then I will seek to make that love known by sharing it with those closest to me.

Easter Prayer

--Last night I had an awful dream, It pierced my heart to see
 A crowd was gathering around, A cross at Calvary
 --Scorners everywhere, I could hear them mock and jeer
 Crucify this man, I heard them shout and cheer
 --Blood ran down His precious face, From thorns that pierced His head
 I could see His back torn open, As to Calvary He was led
 --The silent Lamb was nailed onto, The timbers of a cross
 Each time I heard the hammer fall, On my pillow I would toss
 --Why did the Savior have to die, I could not understand
 Until my eyes looked down to see, The hammer in my hand
 --It was for my sins He suffered, I had hammered every nail
 The burden for my wretched ways, Hung on His body frail
 --I dropped the hammer in my hand, Fell to my knees and cried
 Forgive me Lord for what I've done, He smiled at me and died
 --The Lord bought my redemption, Took my sins into the grave
 It was I that held the hammer, It was He in love forgave.

A Time to Laugh (286)

The Truck Driver

Late one night, a cheerful truck driver pulled up to a roadside diner for some refreshment. As he was eating, three mean-looking motorcyclists roared up to the diner's entrance. The atmosphere became tense as they stalked in. Immediately, they selected the truck driver as the target of their meanness.

One poured salt and pepper on his head. Another took his apple pie, placed it on the floor, and squished it under a dirty boot. The third upset his coffee, causing it to spill in his lap. The truck driver said not a word. He merely arose, walked slowly to the cashier, calmly paid his check, and made his exit. "That dude sure ain't much of a fighter," sneered one of the invaders. The waiter behind the counter peered out into the night and then replied, "He doesn't seem to be much of a driver, either. He just ran his truck over three motorcycles."

My Son, the Braggart

Mrs. Finkelstein was bursting with pride. "Did you hear about my son Louie?" she asked Mrs. Rosemond. "No. What's with your son Louie?" "He's going to a psychiatrist. Twice each week he's going to a psychiatrist." "Is that good?" "Of course it's good. Fifty dollars an hour he pays, fifty dollars! And all he talks about is me."

An Irish Blessing

May those who love us, love us.
 And those that don't love us,
 May God turn their hearts;
 And if he doesn't turn their hearts,
 May he turn their ankle,
 So we'll know them by their limping.

The Our Father When Needed

A minister parked his car in a "no parking" zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. So he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES. When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note: "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION."