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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Easter Sunday

- ***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:** Monday No Mass
Tuesday to Friday at 12:05 p.m. [*Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before 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: Easter Sunday

Readings: Phil 2:1-11 and Mt 28:1-10

Such is the end and destiny of the Church, which Saint Paul describes as the fullness of Christ. It was born of the emptying of God's love; it is filled by all the virgins and martyrs, confessors and pontiffs, saintly mothers and fathers, devoted husbands and wives, sacrificing missionaries and apostolic priests, simple children who never grew wise with the false wisdom of the world, and all members of Christ's Mystical Body who once again filled up the Divine Chalice with love, which Love drained in making and redeeming us.

Thus the end of the chapter of time will be when the Mystical Body of Christ, which is his Church, will have grown to its fullness, just as the glory of the physical body of Christ came when it had reached its fullness on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The end of history will come at the moment when Love which came down from heaven in an Emmanuel disguised in lowliness, becomes transfigured in its fullness as the Church, the glory of the Great Original, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Evil will end when the last baptized child, hewn from the great quarry of humanity, shall be shaped and squared and cut for service in the great living temple whose architect is Love -which is God.

Bishop Fulton Sheen, In the Fullness of Time, p.132.

Christ is Risen! Truly Risen

Easter Greeting

St. Ephrem wrote about reality of the redemption:

Death could not devour our Lord unless he possessed a body, neither could hell swallow him up unless he bore our flesh; and so he came in search of a chariot in which to ride to the underworld. This chariot was the body which he received from the Virgin; in it he invaded death's fortress, broke open its strong-room and scattered all its treasure.

He who was also the carpenter's glorious son set up his' cross above death's all-consuming jaws, and led the human race into the dwelling place of life. Since a tree had brought about the down fall of mankind, it was upon a tree that mankind crossed over to the realm of life.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, March 26-27: Easter Sunday

Saturday of the Light, March 26:

- 4:00 p.m. NO Mass
- 7:00 p.m.: Easter Vigil Mass & "Rite of Peace"
- ✠ Kay Garvey by John & Dee Shibben
- ✠ Special Intention of Mary Ryncarz

Easter Sunday, March 27:

- 10:30 a.m.: Easter Day Mass & "Rite of Peace"
- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family

Weekday Masses

Monday, March 28: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos Day off.

Tuesday, March 29 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Tom George by Lois Jacobs and Janet Jacobs
- ✠ Kay Garvey by Sandra Dusick

Wednesday, March 30 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Marian Harris by Minta Lothes-Kosanic, Laura Chapman, Shawn Fluharty, Dean Williams, Cassandra Wells and Nancy Supler
- ✠ Kay Garvey by Mike & Steve Linton

Thursday, March 31 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Last Will
- ✠ Kay Garvey by Jean Weisner and Family

Friday, April 1 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Tom George by Bob Kull & Eileen Lopp
- ✠ Kay Garvey by Frances Parravani

Next Weekend, April 2-3: New Sunday**Saturday, April 2,****At 3:30: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament****At 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ John Wilson by Dr. Vic Canestraro
- ✠ Catherine Artheur by her daughter Carol Burkhart
- ✠ Emilia & Peter Misko by the Hostage Family

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

- ✠ Living and Deceased members of the Nicholas and Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Julia Tappe by Mary Lish

Calendar of Parish Events at a Glimpse

Women's Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, April 3, after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>
Lebanese Bake Sale	–Sponsored by Women's Society
Sunday, April 3 →→→→	Orders & Payment Due for Lebanese Bake Sale
Sunday, April 10 →→→→	Spinach Preparation – starting after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Mon.-Thu., April 11 thru 14 →	Baking Days – starting at 9 a.m. the dough will be ready to shape & fill
Wednesday, April 13 →→→→	Order Pick-Up for Bake Sale – Wednesday, from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 14 →→→→	Order Pick-Up for Bake Sale – Thursday, from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, April 16</i>
Cedar Club Bingo	<i>Sunday, April 24, in the Cedar Hall after Sunday Mass</i>
May Crowning	<i>Sunday, May 8 – May Queen will be Mariana AlKhouri</i>
Mahrajan (Festival)	<i>Sunday, August 14 (Mass at 10:30 a.m.; Booths Open at Noon)</i>
Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, October 8</i>

Cedar Club Bingo (*Sunday, April 24 in the Cedar Hall after Sunday Mass*)

Bingo sponsored by the Cedar Club will be held on Sunday, April 24, after Mass in the Cedar Hall. More information will be provided in the upcoming bulletins.

May Queen (*Sunday, May 8th during Mass*)

2016 May Queen will be Marianna Al-Khouri. All girls and boys under 10 year old are encouraged to participate in the procession. Please call Charlotte ASAP at 304-639-1372 to spell children's names & parent's phones so we can order the appropriate number of flower bouquets for you.

Mother's Day Masses (*Saturday, May 7, to Friday, May 13*)**6 Masses for the Repose of the Souls of Our Deceased Mothers & Grandmothers:**

- ✠ Sadie Chidiac by her son Msgr. Bakhos
- ✠ Siham Frenn, LaVerne Thomas & Evelyn Hall by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn
- ✠ Louise N. Khourey & Gladys Howard by children Lou & Charlotte & grandchildren Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Emma Nader & Nabihah "Lena" Khourey by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- ✠ Minnie Church Riggs & Cassandra "Cassie" Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL)

- ✠ *Rosella Saseen & her parents Nancepe & Helen & her grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen*
 ✠ *Julian McGlumphy (Anniversary) by Jerry McGlumphy and Children*
 ✠ *Elizabeth Gaudio by her daughter Shirley Bine*

6 Masses for the Intentions of Our Living Mothers & Grandmothers:

- ✠ *Intentions of Charlotte Khourey by Emmalena & Louie*
 ✠ *Intentions of Diane Frenn by her children Andreah & Justin*
 ✠ *Intentions of Shirley Bine by her son Ken*

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers

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

Peggy Justice, George Thomas, Spc. John Niebergall Williams (son of Peggy Nierbergall), Gene Howard (brother of Charlotte Khourey), Barb Sobota, Mary Ryncarz, Dolores Oser, Jonas George, Lucille Gibbons, Nick Bedway, Paige McCoy (niece of Millet, Gina & Linda), Shirley & Jim George, Mary Margaret Blum, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi (daughter of Eva Lee Powell), ...

Happy Birthday

- March 26: Joseph John
 March 27: Shirley Bine
 March 30: Gregory John
 March 31: George Lewis, Cheryl Bewley, Jonas George
 April 1: Patrick Sengewalt
 April 6: Ronald Weisner
 April 8: Jesse John
 April 10: Bernadine Elias, Richard Coury, Liam George,
 April 11: Randy Weisner
 April 12: Justin Frenn
 April 13: Adel Frenn
 April 14: Mark McLaughlin, Lori DeMuth
 April 20: Angela Petros, Craig Haas
 April 28: Ann Marie Weisner Serafin
 April 29: Linda Hostutler, Jeannette Wakim

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,483.00	Sunday Collection
39.00	Candles
490.00	Donation toward the Renovation of the Basement Hall
111.00	Flowers
150.00	Parking
698.00	Utilities
35.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$3,006.00	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)

Donald **Fielding**, Drs. MaryAnn **Cater** & Robert **Vawter**, OLOL Cedar Club, Mariam Bris **Harris**, Louis & Charlotte **Khourey**, Patrick & Jacqueline **Petros**, John & Dee **Shiben**,

Gold (\$200-\$499)

Holly **Bine** (Memorial), Helen **Fielding** (Memorial), Dr. Adel & Diane **Frenn** and Family, Kay **Garvey** (Memorial), Joe & Nikki **Popovich**, Mark Alan **Schroeder**, Larry & Lillian **Siebieda**, Gary **Weisner**, ...

Silver (\$100-\$199)

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

Remodeling of the Old Basement Financial Report (By March 24, 2016)

Cost of the Project	Donations Received	Remaining Balance
\$21,616.00	11,387.00	\$10,229.00

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

What's New?***Parish Condolences: Clarence Pagendarm***

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Pagendarm Family on the loss of their beloved Clarence. Msgr. Bakhos con-celebrated the funeral Mass on Wednesday, March 23rd at Corpus Christi Church. May the Blessed Mother intercede for him and lead him to the light of Christ. We extend the parish's condolences to his wife Rita and her Family in their time of sorrow.

Diocesan Appeal

We thank Mr. Jerry McGlumphy, Denny Albaugh, Ron & Kim Gibbons, Nick & Judy Bedway, Eva Lee Powell and Nini Miller for fulfilling their Easter Obligation.

Saint Maron Dinners Financial Report

Year	Income	Expenses	Profit
2011	5,926.00	2,188.96	3,737.04
2012	5,947.00	2,085.00	3,862.00
2013	7,484.00	1,410.83	6,073.17
2014	7,759.00	2,588.63	5,170.37
2015	6,669.93	1,940.17	4,729.76
2016	7,831.00	2,016.82	5,814.18

For Sale: Frozen Pita Bread, Kibbee

\$3.00 Pita Bread, pkg. of 10 \$3.00 Kibbee (each)

Around Us***Novena Infant of Prague*** (every Monday starting March 28)

Where: Our Lady of Peace Church, Bethlehem

When: Every Monday, starting March 28; for more information call: 304-242-6579

Help Rebuilding St. John Church After Tragic Fire

“Dear Friends,

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Since our tragic fire on March 30, 2015, St. John Parish, Benwood has not been able to sponsor any fund raisers due to lack of a location to hold them. Thanks to the kindness of Bishop Donahue High School, we will be holding our first fundraising event since the fire. Our parish would appreciate your assistance in promoting the event by placing a notation in your bulletin and posting the flyer wherever your parishioners might view it. We thank you and ask God to bless you and your loved ones.

Trudy Forster, Secretary, St. John Church, P.O. Box 38, Benwood, WV 26031, 304-232-6455.”

Easter Prayer

As a tangible sign of our need and desire to do penance we, for the cause of peace, commit ourselves to fast, and abstinence on each Friday of the year. We call upon our people voluntarily to do penance on Friday by eating less food and by abstaining from meat. This return to a traditional practice of penance, Once well observed in the U.S. Church, should be accompanied by works of charity and service toward our neighbors. Every Friday should be a day significantly devoted to prayer, penance, and almsgiving for peace.

(U.S. Catholic Bishops, The Challenge of Peace).

Story: The Empty Tomb

Jeremy was born with a twisted body and a slow mind. At the age of 12 he was still in second grade, seemingly unable to learn. His teacher, Doris Miller, often became exasperated with him. He would squirm in his seat, drool, and make grunting noises. At other times, he spoke clearly and distinctly, as if a spot of light had penetrated the darkness of his brain. Most of the time, however, Jeremy just irritated his teacher. One day she called his parents and asked them to come in for a consultation. As the Forresters entered the empty classroom, Doris said to them, "Jeremy really belongs in a special school. It isn't fair to him to be with younger children who don't have learning problems. Why, there is a five year gap between his age and that of the other students." Mrs. Forrester cried softly into a tissue, while her husband spoke. "Miss Miller," he said, "there is no school of that kind nearby. It would be a terrible shock for Jeremy if we had to take him out of this school. We know he really likes it here." Doris sat for a long time after they had left, staring at the snow outside the window. Its coldness seemed to seep into her soul. She wanted to sympathize with the Forresters. After all, their only child had a terminal illness. But it wasn't fair to keep him in her class. She had 18 other youngsters to teach, and Jeremy was a distraction. Furthermore, he would never learn to read and write. Why waste any more time trying? As she pondered the situation, guilt washed over her. Here I am complaining when my problems are nothing compared to that poor family, she thought. Lord, please help me to be more patient with Jeremy. From that day on, she tried hard to ignore Jeremy's noises and his blank stares. Then one day, he limped to her desk, dragging his bad leg behind him. "I love you, Miss Miller," he exclaimed, loud enough for the whole class to hear. The other students snickered, and Doris' face turned red. She stammered, "Wh-why that's very nice, Jeremy. N-now please take your seat." Spring came, and the children talked excitedly about the coming of Easter. Doris told them the story of Jesus, and then to emphasize the idea of new life springing forth, she gave each of the children a large plastic egg. "Now," she said to them, "I want you to take this home and bring it back tomorrow with something inside that shows new life. Do you understand?" "Yes, Miss Miller," the children responded enthusiastically -all except for Jeremy. He listened intently; his eyes never left her face. He did not even make his usual noises. Had he understood what she had said about Jesus' death and resurrection? Did he understand the assignment? Perhaps she should call his parents and explain the project to them. That evening, Doris' kitchen sink stopped up. She called the landlord and waited an hour for him to come by and unclog it. After that, she still had to shop for groceries, iron a blouse, and prepare a vocabulary test for the next day. She completely forgot about phoning Jeremy's parents.

The next morning, 19 children came to school, laughing and talking as they placed their eggs in the large wicker basket on Miss Miller's desk. After they completed their math lesson, it was time to open the eggs.

In the first egg, Doris found a flower. "Oh yes, a flower is certainly a sign of new life," she said. "When plants peek through the ground, we know that spring is here." A small girl in the first row waved her arm. "That's my egg, Miss Miller," she called out. The next egg contained a plastic butterfly, which looked very real. Doris held it up. "We all know that a caterpillar changes and grows into a beautiful butterfly. Yes, that's new life, too." Little Judy smiled proudly and said, "Miss Miller, that one is mine." Next, Doris found a rock with moss on it. She explained that moss, too, showed life. Billy spoke up from the back of the classroom, "My daddy helped me," he beamed. Then Doris opened the fourth egg. She gasped. The egg was empty. Surely it must be Jeremy's she thought, and of course, he did not understand her instructions. If only she had not forgotten to phone his parents. Because she did not want to embarrass him, she quietly set the egg aside and reached for another. Suddenly, Jeremy spoke up. "Miss Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?"

Flustered, Doris replied, "But Jeremy, your egg is empty." He looked into her eyes and said softly, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty, too."

Time stopped. When she could speak again, Doris asked him, "Do you know why the tomb was empty?" "Oh, yes," Jeremy said, "Jesus was killed and put in there. Then His Father raised Him up." The recess bell rang. While the children excitedly ran out to the school yard, Doris cried. The cold inside her melted completely away. Three months later, Jeremy died. Those who paid their respects at the mortuary were surprised to see 19 eggs on top of his casket, all of them empty.

A Time to Laugh (290)

Progress and Nostalgia - Born before 1945

For all those born before 1945, we are survivors!!! Consider the changes we have witnessed!!!

--We were born before TV, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, the PILL and the Internet.

--We were born before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, cellular phones, satellite dishes, and ball-point pens; before pantyhose, dishwashers, cloth dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothing — and before man walked on the moon.

--We got married first — and then lived together. Most families had both a father and a mother. And before we got married, we had to ask for the girl's hand from her parents! And the boy had to prove to the girl's parents that he can support a wife! How quaint can one be!

--We were born when girls dressed on the beach what they wear now in supermarkets; health food meant what your mother cooked; and restaurants were places where you had a meal and not hold interminable conversations on hand-held phones.

--In our days, closets were for clothes, not for homosexuals to "come out of." "Gay" meant being in a good mood. "Bunnies" were small rabbits, and "rabbits" were not Volkswagens. "Designer jeans" were scheming girls named Jean or Jeanne, having a "meaningful relationship" meant getting along well with our relatives, and "making out" referred to how well you did in your exam. "Fast food" was what you ate during Lent, and "Outer Space" was the back of a theater.

--We were born before house-husbands, bra-less sunbathing, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers, and computer marriages. In our times, the hair on the scalp was either black, brown, blonde, or maybe red - or gray if you are old - not green, mauve, blue, pink, orange, etc. or a combination thereof.

--We were born before day-care centers, group therapy, and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, of yogurt or frozen yogurt, or push-button phones, and we never saw males wearing earrings. Earrings were little pieces of jewelry that dangled from the ears of girls, not from the nose, the tongue, the navel, and various other parts of the female - and male - human anatomy.

--For us "time-sharing" meant togetherness — not computers or condominiums; a "chip" meant a piece of wood, an "icon" a Russian religious painting, and a "mouse" a small animal that made girls scream when they saw it. "Hardware" meant a store that sold tools and nails, and "software" wasn't in the dictionary.

--We were born when Great Britain was still an empire, not a satellite of the U.S.; and the U.S. was afraid of Russia, or Germany, or Japan, not of Iraq or North Korea!

--Before 1945, "made in Japan," meant junk, and Iran meant only carpets and caviar. One had to go all the way to Italy to eat a Pizza, MacDonald was just a family name, and instant coffee was unheard of. A film was X-rated when it showed a kiss that lasted for more than 30 seconds.

--In our days, GRASS was something you mow, COKE was a soft drink, POT was something you cooked in, ROCK MUSIC was a grandmother's lullaby, SPEED was something you got a traffic ticket for, and AIDS were assistants in the Dean's office.

--We were certainly born before sex change operations, and same-sex marriages. We made with what we had, and we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think that a woman needed a husband in order to have a baby.

No wonder we are so confused, and there is such a generation gap today!!!