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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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New 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: New Sunday

Readings: 2 Cor 5:11-21 and Jn 20:26-31

For John, the day of resurrection is also the day of the giving of the Holy Spirit, and so on “that first day of the week,” he appears to them saying, “Receive the holy Spirit” (20:19,22). He sends them forth, empowered by the Spirit, to continue the mission that he began.

The story of “doubting Thomas” becomes not only a word of blessing for those in the future who will not see but still believe but also the story of a believing Thomas. His statement of belief is the deepest expression of faith in the Gospel. He acknowledges Jesus as Lord (a statement of a relationship in faith) and God.

In what is considered to be the original ending of the Gospel, the evangelist tells us that there were many more works of Jesus, “but these are written that you may [come to] believe ... and that through this belief you may have life in his name” (20:31). This is an example of a theme found throughout the Gospel: God’s revelation in Jesus leads to belief, which leads to eternal life, summed up so beautifully in John 3:16, “For God so loved the world....”

In a story added to the text of the Gospel by a later writer, we hear of another post-resurrectional appearance, this time by the shore of the Sea of Tiberias (Galilee). This is a scene of reconciliation between Jesus and Peter; the disciple who denied knowing Jesus three times is now called to express his love for Jesus three times. Jesus tells Peter, who had expressed a desire to follow Jesus at the Last Supper, that he will in fact follow him, but the path will be one of suffering as Jesus predicts the apostle’s crucifixion.

As John’s presentation of Jesus is that of a glorified Christ even during his earthly life, the readings taken from this time present us with Christ in his glory. Jesus speaks of being the shepherd whose “sheep hear my voice ... they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish” (10:27-28). These words only come to be fully understood after the resurrection. Mary Magdalene came to recognize him in the garden only when he called her by name (20:16). The good shepherd, who laid down his life for his sheep, is still with them.

At the Last Supper, Jesus already looks forward to the gift of the Holy Spirit, calling the disciples to follow his example of love. They have experienced this in the washing of their feet, and they will come to know the depth of this love when he gives his life for them. Only when he returns will they come to understand this fully, but he is preparing them. His promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit is a source of comfort, for he tells them that he will not leave them alone but will send the Spirit who will “teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you” (14:26). Whether on Easter or on Pentecost, the gift of the Spirit is gift to believers.

Before he dies, Jesus is presented as having prayed what is traditionally known as the “High Priestly Prayer.” He prays first for the disciples, for he knows that they will encounter difficult times. But his prayer does not stop there; he also prays “for those who will believe in me through their word” (17:20). The evangelist wants future believers to know that no matter how far we are removed from the historical Jesus, the risen Christ is still present to us. Jesus’ prayer is one of unity for his followers, for he knows that they will encounter difficulties in the future that will risk their unity. For him, the unity of believers is a sign of the Spirit’s presence in their midst.

It is this same Spirit whose presence we celebrate on Pentecost when Jesus promised this Spirit at the Last Supper. Pentecost celebrates the fulfillment of that promise.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This 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 Arthur 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 & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
 ✠ Julia Tappe by Mary Lish

Weekday Masses**Monday, April 4: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos Day off.****Tuesday, April 5 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Tom George by Emily Saseen & Family
 ✠ Kay Garvey by her niece Carine & Family

Wednesday, April 6 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 Last Will

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

- ✠ Marian Harris by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family
 ✠ Kay Garvey by her niece Carine & Family

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

- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions
 ✠ Kay Garvey by her niece Carine & Family

Next Weekend, April 9-10: Third Sunday of the Resurrection**Saturday, April 9 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Tom George by George & Patty Fahey
 † Special Intention

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

- ✠ Thomas & Elias George
 ✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family

Calendar of Parish Events at a Glimpse

Women's Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, April 3, after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>
<u>Lebanese Bake Sale</u>	–Sponsored by Women's Society
Sunday, April 3 →→→→	<u>Orders & Payment Due for Lebanese Bake Sale</u>
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</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*)

Our 2016 May Queen will be Marianna Al-Khouri. All girls and boys under 10 years old are encouraged to participate in the procession. Please call Charlotte ASAP at 304-639-1372 so that we will have the correct spelling for the children's names and for the parent's names and phone number; also we need to have an accurate can of participants so we can order the appropriate number of flower bouquets for the attendants to carry to the Blessed Mother.

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 & Nabiha "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 & Children*
- ✠ *Elizabeth Gaudio by her daughter Shirley Bine*
- ✠ *Mary J. Shipley by her daughter Thomasina Geimer*
- ✠ *Garcia Condelli by daughter Sylvia Long*

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

Marge John,

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), Mary Margaret Blum, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi (daughter of Eva Lee Powell), ...

Happy Birthday

- April 6: Ronald Weisner
- April 8: Jesse John
- April 10: Bernadine Elias, Richard Coury
- 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

\$3,108.00	Sunday Collection
195.00	2 nd Collection
120.00	Bulletin Ad
80.00	Candles
22.00	Refunds
410.00	Donation toward the Renovation of the Basement Hall
660.00	Parking
50.00	Utilities
35.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$4,680.00	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**, Tom **George** (Memorial),
Mariam Bris **Harris**, Louis & Charlotte **Khourey**, Patrick & Jacqueline **Petros**, John & Dee **Shiben**,

Gold (\$200-\$499)

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(Memorial), Joe & Nikki **Popovich**, Mark Alan **Schroeder**, Larry & Lillian **Siebieda**, Gary **Weisner**, ...

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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	11,697.00	\$9,919.00

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

What's New?

Parish Condolences: George Suhon

Our Christmas Party singer George Suhon lost his battle with cancer and died last Sunday at only 57 years old. He was the entertainer for our church community for the last 15 years. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to his wife and family in their time of sorrow.

May the Blessed Mother intercede for him and lead him to the light of Christ.

Diocesan Appeal

We thank Peggy Justice for fulfilling her Easter Obligation.

Reflection: Lebanon

Here are some amazing facts about our "beloved" Lebanon:

(Please take into consideration the tiny dimension of this country while reading the following...)

SHOCKING NUMBERS:

- 1- 17 religious communities
- 2- 40 daily newspapers
- 3- 42 universities
- 4- Over 100 banks
- 5- 70% of the students are in private schools
- 6- 40% of the Lebanese people are Christians (this is the highest percentage in all the Arab countries)
- 7- There's 1 doctor for 10 persons (in Europe & America there's 1 doctor for 100 persons)
- 8- The name LEBANON appears 75 times in the Old Testament
- 9- The name CEDAR appears 75 times in the Old Testament!!
- 10- Beirut was destroyed and rebuilt 7 times (this is why it's compared to the phoenix)
- 11- There's 3.500.000 Lebanese in Lebanon
- 12- There's 5.630.000 Lebanese outside Lebanon!!

OTHER INTERESTING FACTS:

The country was occupied by over 16 countries: (Egyptians, Hittites, Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Alexander the great, The Roman Empire, Byzantine, The Arabian Peninsula, the Crusaders, the Ottoman Empire, Britain, France, Israel, and Syria)

- 1- Byblos is the oldest city in the world
- 2- Lebanon's name has been around for 4.000 years non-stop (it's the oldest nation's name in the world!)
- 3- Lebanon is the only Asian country that doesn't have a desert
- 4- There are 15 rivers in Lebanon (all of them coming from it's own mountains)
- 5- Lebanon is one of the most populated countries in it's archeological sites in the world
- 6- The 1st alphabet was created by Cadmus in Byblos
- 7- The only temple of Jupiter (the main Greek god) is in Baalbeck, Lebanon (the city of the sun)
- 8- The name of the BIBLE comes from the name of our city BYBLOS, (a city in Lebanon)
- 9- Lebanon is the country that has the most books written about it
- 10- Lebanon is the only non-dictatorial country in the Arab world
- 11- Jesus Christ made his 1st miracle in Lebanon
- 12- The Phoenicians created the 1st boat ever
- 13- Phoenicians reached America long before Christopher Columbus
- 14- The 1st law school was built in Beirut, Lebanon
- 15- People say that the cedars were planted by God's own hands (this is why they're called god's trees)
- 16- So would you please stop complaining about your amazing country and see what you can do to save it, not to gossip about it...

Spirituality: Forgiveness

A wealthy Jewish merchant treats a poor old man with rudeness and disdain as they travel together on a train. When they arrive at their common destination, the merchant finds the station thronged with pious Jews waiting in ecstatic joy to greet the arrival of one of the holiest rabbis in Europe, and learns to his chagrin that the old man in his compartment is that saintly rabbi.

Embarrassed at his disgraceful behavior and distraught that he missed a golden opportunity to speak in privacy to a wise and holy man, the merchant pushes his way through the crowd to find the old man. When he reaches him, he begs the rabbi's forgiveness and requests his blessing. The old rabbi looks at him and replies, "I cannot forgive you. To receive forgiveness you must go out and beg it from every poor old person in the world."

Wisdom: Memo from God

Please be aware that there are changes you need to make in your life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfill My promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. I apologize for any inconvenience, but after all that I am doing, this seem' very little to ask of you. I know I already gave you the Ten Commandments. Keep them. But follow these guidelines also.

1- QUIT WORRYING: Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?

2- PUT IT ON THE LIST: When something needs done or taken care of, put it on the list. No, not your list Put it on MY to-do-list. Let Me be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to Me. And although My to-do list is long, I am, after all God. I can take care of anything you put into My hands. In fact, if the truth were ever really known. I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realize.

3- TRUST MIX: Once you've given your burdens to Me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in Me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on My list Problem with finances? Put it on My list. Problems with your emotional roller coaster? For My sake, put it on My list. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.

4- LEAVE IT ALONE: Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now. I think I can handle it from here" Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave Me your burdens and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with Me and forget about them. Just let Me do my job.

5- TALK TO ME

I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I pray you never forget. Please don't forget to talk to Me OFTEN! I love you! I want to hear your voice. I want you to include Me in on the things going on in yaw life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with Me. I want to be your dearest friend.

6- HAVE FAITH: I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in Me that I know what I'm doing. Trust Me; you wouldn't want the view from My eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You wily have to trust Me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be?

7- SHARE: You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who have forgotten how to cry. Share your faith with those who have none.

8- BE PATIENT: I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes Me a little longer than you expect to handle something on My to-do list Trust in My timing, for My timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush, rush.

9- BE KIND: Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for My sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please know I love each of your differences.

10- LOVE YOURSELF: As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me for one reason — to be loved, and to love in return. I am a God of Love. Love Me. Love your neighbors. But also love yourself. It makes My heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong. You are very precious to me. Don't ever forget that! With all My heart, I love you. (God)

A Time to Laugh (291)

"Stupid people should have to wear signs that just say, 'I'm stupid.' That way you wouldn't rely on them, would you? You wouldn't ask them anything. It would be like, 'Excuse me...oops...never mind, didn't see your sign.'"

It's like before my wife and I moved. Our house was full of boxes and there was a U-haul truck in our driveway. My neighbor comes over and says, "Hey, you moving?" "Nope. We just pack our stuff up once or twice a week to see how many boxes it takes. Here's your sign."

A couple of months ago I went fishing with a buddy of mine, we pulled his boat into the dock, I lifted up this big ol' stringer of bass and this idiot on the dock goes, "Hey, y'all catch all them fish?" "Nope. Talked 'em into giving up. Here's your sign."

I was watching one of those animal shows on the Discovery Channel.

There was a guy inventing a shark bite suit. And there's only one way to test it. "Alright, Jimmy, you got that shark suit on, it looks good... They want you to jump into this pool of sharks, and you tell us if it hurts when they bite you." "Well, all right, but hold my sign. I don't wanna lose it."

Last time I had a flat tire, I pulled my truck into one of those side-of-the-road gas stations. The attendant walks out, looks at my truck, looks at me, and I SWEAR he said, "Tire go flat?" I couldn't resist. I said, "Nope. I was driving around and those other three just swelled right up on me. Here's your sign."

We were trying to sell our car about a year ago. A guy came over to the house and drove the car around for about 45 minutes. We get back to the house, he gets out of the car, reaches down and grabs the exhaust pipe, then says, "Darn that's hot!" See, if he'd been wearing his sign, I could have stopped him.

I learned to drive an 18-wheeler in my days of adventure. Wouldn't you know, I misjudged the height of a bridge. The truck got stuck and I couldn't get it out, no matter how I tried. I radioed in for help and eventually a local cop shows up to take the report. He went through his basic questioning okay ... no problem. I thought for sure he was clear of needing a sign . . . until he asked, "So, is your truck stuck?" I couldn't help myself! I looked at him, looked back at the rig and then back to him and said, "No, I'm delivering a bridge ...here's your sign."

I stayed late at work one night and a coworker looked at me and said, "Are you still here?" I replied, "No. I left about 10 minutes ago. Here's your sign."

Anybody you know need a sign today? The next time someone says something stupid ask them where their sign is.

Letter To God

There was this fellow who worked for Australia Post whose job it was to process all mail that had illegible addresses. One day a letter came to his desk, addressed in a shaky handwriting to God. He thought, *"Oh boy, better open this one and see what it's all about."* So he opened it and read, *"Dear God, I am an 83 year old widow living on a very small pension. Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had 100 dollars in it which was all the money I had until my next pension check. Next Sunday is Easter, and I had invited two of my friends over for dinner. Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with. I have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope. Can you please help me?"*

The postal worker was touched, and went around showing the letter to all the others. Each of them dug into his wallet and came up with a few dollars. By the time he made the rounds, he had collected 96 dollars, which they put into an envelope and sent over to her.

The rest of the day, all the workers felt a warm glow thinking of the nice thing they had done. Easter came and went, and a few days later came another letter from the old lady to God. All the workers gathered around while the letter was opened. It read, *"Dear God, How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me? Because of your generosity, I was able to fix a lovely dinner for my friends. We had a very nice day, and I told my friends of your wonderful gift. By the way, there was 4 dollars missing. I think it must have been those thieves at Australia Post."*