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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Pentecost 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, 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: Pentecost Sunday

Readings: Acts 2:1-21 and Jn 14: 15-20

Pentecost! The feast of our becoming church. A celebration of the great event when all peoples become one. Just as the breath of God animated our first parents, the mighty wind brings to birth a new people of God. No law can unite every nation, race and tribe. This only happens when people gather together to pray and seek God's guidance. The fire of divine wisdom widens our horizons so that prejudice disappears and the barriers between us vanish. Then everyone can sing the praises of God in one voice.

Saint Paul understood the unity that Christ intended for the Church. He knew that there are many people with unique gifts and different ministries, but they are all the body of Christ. So too, there is only one Spirit, one Lord of all. Whether Jew or gentile, slave or free, woman or man, black, red, white, yellow or brown, we are all one people, baptized into one body. What a mystery when the body of Christ comes to the table to receive the body of Christ -His broken Body offered for ours, our broken lives offered to heal a broken world.

"*Peace be with you,*" Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into each of us. A tiny spark is a blaze burning with God's love and mercy. God's grace melts our icy hearts with love to pardon those held bound by hatred and unforgiveness. Everything we do must be done for the common good. Without God's Spirit we perish, and all our efforts turn to dust. The Great Fifty Days may end, but the task of bringing about God's reign has just begun.

Reflection: Pray with the psalmist: "Lord, send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!"

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, May 14-15: Pentecost Sunday (Descent of the Holy Spirit)

Saturday, May 14 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ John Wilson by Vic Canestraro
- ✠ Kay Garvey by John & Dee Shibben

Sunday, May 15, at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Gladys Howard (Anniversary) by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family

Weekday Masses

Monday, May 16: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos Day off

Tuesday, May 17 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Last Will
- ✠ Intentions of the benefactors of the church and Msgr. Bakhos

Wednesday, May 18 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Nimnoom Ghaphery

Thursday, May 19 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Marian Harris by her son Paul & Family
- ✠ Intentions of the benefactors of the church and Msgr. Bakhos

Friday, May 20 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Marian Harris by her son Paul & Family
- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

This Weekend, May 21-22: Sunday of the Holy Trinity

Saturday, May 21 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Robert Rose (Birthday) by Dave and Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ John Wilson by Vic Canestraro

Sunday, May 22, at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Shirley Dietz by Mary Lish
- ✠ Kay Garvey by Nettie Seidler

Calendar of Parish Events at a Glimpse

Cedar Club Rummage Sale	<i>Saturday, June 11, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Old Basement Hall. Start saving!</i>
Mahrajan (Festival)	<i>Sunday, August 14 (Mass at 10:30 a.m.; Booths Open at Noon)</i>
Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, October 8th</i>

May Flowers for the Blessed Mother (Sunday, May 1 thru May 29)

Flowers for the May Procession and for the Blessed Mother in May will be sponsored as follows:

Sunday, May 15	Sandra Dusick & Sandra DeMuth
Sunday, May 22	Nettie Seidler & Mary Lish
Sunday, May 29	Charlotte Khourey & Mary Stees

Rummage Sale (Saturday, June 11, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Old Basement Hall)

The Rummage Sale sponsored by the Cedar Club will be on Saturday, June 11, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Drop-Off Times will be 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., and include Tuesday, May 31, Wednesday, June 1, Thursday, June 2, and Monday, June 6, Tuesday, June 7, and Wednesday, June 8. We cannot accept: Television sets, computers or tires. If there are any questions, please call Linda at 304-242-6853.

Father's Day Masses (From Saturday, June 18 until Thursday, June 24th)

Special Remembrance during the Week of the fathers:

June 24th: Helen Fielding (Anniversary of her death) by her husband Don Fielding (FL)

Deceased Fathers and Grandfathers:

- † John Wilson by Vic Canestraro
- † Eugene Blum by Mary Margaret Blum & daughters
- † Arthur Long (Anniversary) by his wife Sylvia Long
- † Tom Jochum and Tim Shia by the Family
- † Michell R. Farrah by Emilie Kawas (FL)
- † William Fitzgerald by Rosemary & Dick Coury
- † Habib Khourey, Louis Khourey, Sr., & Nassif Nader by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family
- † Charles "Pud" Howard, Bruce Cody Riggs & Franklin Howard by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family
- † Matt Simonetti and Thomas Ryncarz by Richard and Mary Ryncarz
- † William and Michael Josephs (MN) by Shawn and Cyndi Josephs and Family
- † Tony George and Sam George (MN) by Margaret George
- † Holly Bine by his son Ken Bine
- † Samuel Gaudio by his daughter Shirley Bine
- † Elias Frenn by children Dr. Adel, Diane and grandchildren Andreah & Justin
- † Joseph Linton by his sons Steve and Mike

Living Fathers and grandfathers:

- ♠ Jan Hendrickson by Josh and Ingrid Hendrickson (PA)
- ♠ Paul J. Harris by Judy Harris and Family
- ♠ William Stees by Josie Fertig
- ♠ Dr. Adel Frenn by Andreah & Justin Frenn
- ♠ Jim Thomas by Diane, Adel, Andreah & Justin Frenn
- ♠ Lou H. Khourey by his children Emmalena & Louie

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers

Bill Daniel, Mary Margaret Blum, Barbara Sobota,

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

Jim George Sr., Bill Daniel, George Lewis, George Fahey, Peggy Justice, Gene Howard (brother of Charlotte Khourey), Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi (daughter of Eva Lee Powell), ...

Happy Birthday

May 15:	Austin Musilli
May 16:	Jacqueline Petros
May 17:	Tina Kitlak, David Weisner
May 18:	Millet L. Fadoul
May 20:	John Fadoul
May 21:	Rachel Zinn, Ella George,
May 23:	Jim George Jr.,
May 27:	Emmalena Khourey, Brad McLaughlin
May 30:	Josie Stees Fertig
May 31:	Bill Dougherty

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,613.00	Sunday Collection
583.00	Bake sale
21.00	Candles
905.00	Mahrajan (Ad Book, Raffle Tickets, Table Reservations, etc.)
1313.34	Parking
5.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$4,470.34	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

Around Us

Relics of Saint Sharbel in Pittsburgh

The Relics of the miraculous Saint Sharbel that visited our church last October will visit Our Lady of Victory Maronite church, located at 1000 Lindsay Road, Carnegie, PA, from Wednesday, May 18 until Friday, May 20th. If anyone would like to pay another visit to the Relics while they are in Pittsburgh for extra blessings, call 412-278-0841 for more information about the program.

YWCA Seeks Help for Women Recovering from Drugs & Alcohol

The YWCA is requesting supplies to help women who are recovering from drug and alcohol. Supplies needed include: deodorant, tampons/feminine hygiene supplies, powdered laundry soap, shampoo/conditioner, towels, wash cloths, body wash/bar soap, ibuprofen/acetaminophen, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, alcohol free mouthwash, finger nail clippers, razors, any size ladies underwear. Please place all donations to the project in the box at the church entrance

Famous Quotes

- Accusation: To affirm another's guilt or unworth; most commonly as a justification of ourselves for having wronged him. --Ambrose Bierce
- Answers are what we have for other people's problems.
- No answer is also an answer. --Danish proverb
- When we come to the edge of the light we know, and are about to step off into the darkness of the unknown, of this we can be sure ... either God will provide something solid to stand on or ... we will be taught to fly.
- Whom to Blame. The reason people blame things on previous generations is that there is only one other choice.
- A fanatic is someone who can't change his mind and won't change the subject. (*Winston Churchill*)
- Talk Low, Talk Slow, and Don't talk too much.
- Telephone, Telegram, Tell-a-woman.
- It takes years to build trust and a few seconds to destroy it.
- Money is like manure, it should be spread around.
- Piece of Your Mind. Before you begin to give someone a piece of your mind, consider carefully whether you can spare any.
- Open or Vacant Mind. An open mind is not the same as a vacant mind

Spirituality

God won't ask what kind of car you drove,
 But He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

God won't ask about the square of your house,
 But He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet,
 But He'll ask how many you helped to clothe

God won't ask about your social status,
 But He'll ask what kind of class you displayed.

God won't ask how many material possessions you had,
 But He'll ask if they dictated your life.

God won't ask what your highest salary was,
 But He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

God won't ask how much overtime you worked,
 But He'll ask if your overtime work was for yourself or for your family.

God won't ask how many promotions you received,
 But He'll ask how you promoted others.

God won't ask what your job title was,
 But He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won't ask what you did to help yourself,
 But He'll ask what you did to help others.

God won't ask how many friends you had,
 But He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won't ask what you did to protect your rights,
 But He'll ask what you did to protect the rights of others.

God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived,
 But He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.

God won't ask about how many times your deeds matched your words,
 But He'll ask how many times they didn't.

Wisdom

Question: What are the “four last things ?”

Answer: The “Four Last Things” make up a traditional way of describing our final destiny as **death, judgment, heaven, or hell**. The Catechism of the Catholic Church includes the four in a single sentence: “Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven -through purification or immediately- or immediate and everlasting damnation”.

Death is defined in light of this destiny as being the “end of time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace won for us by Christ”.

Judgment means that “in the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself, the truth of each man’s relationship with God will be laid bare.” I will “reveal even to its furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life.”

Heaven is the “ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness” that comes from seeing God. It is “communion of life and love with the Trinity, the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed”.

Hell is the “state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed”. The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and the eternity of its punishments.

And finally, the purification referred to is, of course, **Purgatory**. “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation, but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven”.

We sometimes get the impression nowadays that the four last things have been reduced to two: death and heaven, the second considered just as certain for an individual as the first. Funeral liturgies announced as a “celebration of the life” of the departed and including fulsome eulogies may well give such an impression. They may also give the one facing judgment more useless praise than thoughtful prayers. rather, the Mass of Christian Burial should assuage our loss and sorrow with the “certain hope of resurrection” not by becoming a premature canonization but by remaining what it is, Christ’s paschal sacrifice offered for the departed with love and with trust in God’s mercy.

A Time to Laugh (298)

Older Women

Andy Rooney says, "As I grow in age, I value women who are over 40 most of all.

Here are just a few reasons why:

An older woman will never wake you in the middle of the night to ask, "What are you thinking?"

She doesn't care what you think. If an older woman doesn't want to watch the game, she doesn't sit around whining about it. She does something she wants to do. And it's usually something more interesting.

An older woman knows herself well enough to be assured in who she is, what she is, what she wants and from whom. Few women past the age of 40 give a damn what you might think about her or what she's doing.

Older women are dignified. They seldom have a screaming match with you at the opera or in the middle of an expensive restaurant. Of course, if you deserve it, they won't hesitate to shoot you if they think they can get away with it. Older women are generous with praise, often undeserved. They know what it's like to be unappreciated.

An older woman has the self-assurance to introduce you to her women friends. A younger woman with a man will often ignore even her best friend because she doesn't trust the guy with other women. An older woman couldn't care less if you're attracted to her friends because she knows her friends won't betray her.

Women get psychic as they age. You never have to confess your sins to an older woman. They always know.

An older woman looks good wearing bright red lipstick. This is not true of younger women or drag queens.

Once you get past a wrinkle or two, an older woman is far sexier than her younger counterpart. Her libido's stronger, her fear of pregnancy gone. Her experience of lovemaking is honed and reciprocal and she's lived long enough to know how to please a man in ways her younger cousin could never dream of.

Older women are forthright and honest. They'll tell you right off you are a jerk if you are acting like one. You don't ever have to wonder where you stand with her. Yes, we praise older women for a multitude of reasons. Unfortunately, it's not reciprocal. For every stunning, smart, well-coiffed hot woman of 40+, there is a bald, paunchy relic in yellow pants making a fool of himself with some 22-year-old waitress. Ladies, I apologize.

Grandma

Grandma's on the net again, the kitchen's not her home.

She used to make us cherry pies, and call us on the phone

She would talk to us for hours; now she leaves us all alone.

We miss her homemade biscuits, and I'll make this little bet,

If you want to contact Grandma, you'll have to surf the net.

Grandma's surfing on the net, you bet. She is surfing on the net.

We've been calling her all morning, and we haven't got her yet.

She's on the E-mail network, with her electronic friends.

If you want to talk to grandma, you'll also have to surf the net.

She's never surfed at Malibu, or caught a wave at Waikiki,

She's never seen a surfboard: hang ten doesn't mean a thing.

She's never met a beach-bum, to her Noon Doggie's just a pup.

But when she heads for her computer, you know the surf is up.

Grandma's getting older and her eyes are getting dim

Her random access memory, is half of what it's been.

When Saint Peter comes to call someday, She'll say. "I can't go yet."

He'll have to wait for Grandma, cause she's surfing on the net.