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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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5th Sunday of Pentecost

***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: 5th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Phil 3:7-14 and Mt 10:1-7

“Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.” “For think not at all” he says, “because they insult me, and call me demoniac, that I hate them and turn away from them. Nay, as I sought earnestly to amend them in the first place, so keeping you away from all the rest, to them do I send you as teachers and physicians. And I not only forbid you to preach to others before these but I do not suffer you so much as to touch upon the road that leads thither, nor to enter into such a city.’ Because the Samaritans too are in a state of enmity with the Jews. And yet it was an easier thing to deal with them, for they were much more favorably disposed to the faith; but the case of these was more difficult. But for all this, he sends them on the harder task, indicating his guardian care of them, and stopping the mouths of the Jews, and preparing the way for the teaching of the apostles, that people might not hereafter blame them for entering in to men uncircumcised (Acts 11:3), and think they had just cause for shunning and abhorring them. And he calls them *lost*, not “stray”, *sheep*, in every way contriving how to excuse them, and winning their mind to himself.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, June 11-12: 5th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, June 11 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Amelia Fitzgerald (Anniversary) by Rosemary & Dick Coury
- ✠ George Joseph (Anniversary) by Larry & becky Ferrera

Sunday, June 12, at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Mimi Rohanna (Anniversary) by her daughter Mary Lish & Family
- ✠ Tom George by his aunty Nettie & Family

Weekday Masses

Monday, June 13: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos Day off

Tuesday, June 14 at 9:05 a.m. Rosary and Litany at 8:45 a.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Last Will
- ✠ Continued good health of Fran & Bob Saseen in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, June 15 at 9:05 a.m. Rosary and Litany at 8:45 a.m.:

- ✠ Kay Garvey by a friend
- ✠ Living and Deceased parishioners by Msgr. Bakhos

Thursday, June 16 at 9:05 a.m. Rosary and Litany at 8:45 a.m.:

- ✠ Living & Deceased parishioners by Msgr. Bakhos

Friday, June 17 at 9:05 a.m. Rosary and Litany at 8:45 a.m.:

- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions
- ✠ Intentions of the benefactors of the Church & Msgr. Bakhos

June 18-24: Fathers Day Masses

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 wife Shirley and his son Ken
- ✠ 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
- ✠ For our fathers and grandfathers by Bill & Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Anthony Condelli by his daughter Sylvia Long
- ✠ Elias and Edward Joseph, George Joseph Sr., Lawrence Ferrera Sr., by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Mike Joseph and Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Steve Schlog by Bob & Fran Saseen
- ✠ Elmer E. Albaugh (father) and Rodney M. Albaugh (brother) by Denny Albaugh
- ✠ George Popovich and Augie Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich

Living Fathers and Grandfathers:

- ✠ Jan Hendrickson by Josh & Ingrid Hendrickson (PA)
- ✠ Paul J. Harris by Judy Harris & 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
- ✠ Larry III, Tony & Larry Ferrera Jr., by Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Bob Saseen by the Family
- ✠ Joe Popovich & PJ Lenz & Don Fielding by Joe & Nikki Popovich

Calendar of Parish Events at a Glimpse

Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, June 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall</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>

Cedar Club Meeting (Monday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall)

The Cedar Club will meet on Monday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m. Review of the Rummage sale on Saturday will be discussed. All members will bring a covered dish for this **last meeting for the summer**. Meetings will resume in September.

2016 Mahrajan News (Sunday, August 14 from noon to 7:00 p.m.)

- There will be a Pony Ride this year at the Festival,
- There will be a new dance group to replace Alhambra Troupe who retired
- Sponsor or sponsors for the Raffle Prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 are needed

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers

Great granddaughter of Rita Strawn, Jim Dellget, Sandra Dusick, Bill Daniel, Dolores Joseph, Barb Sobota, Betty Shia,

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

Virginia Joseph, Mary Margaret Blum, Jim George Sr., Peggy Justice, Gene Howard (brother of Charlotte Khourey), Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi (daughter of Eva Lee Powell), ...

<i>Happy Birthday</i>

June 14:	P.J. Lenz, Kathy Boehm
June 15:	Becky Joseph Ferrera, Megan Hummel
June 20:	Nick Ghaphery, Jr.
June 23:	Mary Beth Weisner
June 27:	Lindsay Lenz, Peggy Justice, Jodi Deeb

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>

\$1,556.00	Sunday Collection
26.00	Candles
131.00	Refunds
565.00	Mahrajan (Ad Book, Raffle Tickets, Table Reservations, etc.)
240.00	Parking
105	Utilities
\$2,623.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

What's New?***Congratulations: Louie Khourey***

Congratulations to Louie Khourey who graduated from Vassar College on Sunday, May 29th with a History Major and Film Minor. He will be working in Boston, MA at the USA Attorney's office in the economy crimes division as a paralegal. He plans to take the last examination in the fall. We are proud of you Louie.

Condolences: Mary Daniel

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Daniel family on the loss of their beloved Mary who passed away in Wheeling this week. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Church on Wednesday, June 8. The choir of the church served the funeral Mass and the Women's Society served the Mercy Meal at the Cedar Hall after the interment. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid and we extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow.

NAM Convention *(Wed to Sat. July 6 Thru 10)*

The 53rd Annual Maronite Convention will be held in San Francisco Bay Area, CA. We hope that you would consider supporting NAM by purchasing raffles tickets. We have been sent tickets to sell: \$5 donation per ticket and \$20 for a book of 5 tickets. See Msgr. Bakos if you wish to purchase tickets.

- 1st Prize: 2 Round Trip Tickets to Europe or Beirut, (value at \$900)
- 2nd Prize: iPad Pro 9.7 inch, (value at \$600)
- 3rd Prize: Joe Malone Ladies Perfume Set. (value at \$300)
- 4th Prize: Michael Kors Men's Watch, (value at \$250)
- 5th Prize: Genuine South Seas Pearl Necklace, (value at \$250)

<i>Famous Quotes</i>

--Believe not all that you see nor half what you hear.

--What a man desires he easily believes.

--Seeing is believing.

--Every man who attacks my belief diminishes in some degree my confidence in it, and therefore makes me uneasy, and I am angry with him who makes me uneasy. --Samuel Johnson

Reflection:

Money does not buy happiness.

We spend so much time chasing dollars, worrying about dollars, and counting dollars. It may surprise you to learn that satisfaction with life is no more likely among the rich.

Consider this for a moment: in this country, more people buy lottery tickets than vote. We all want to be rich. At least we all think we want to be rich. But lottery winners often find that instead of enjoying a lifetime of happiness because of their wealth, they face family feuds and disputes with friends. These events take away much of what the winner really valued in the first place. Ask one Illinois man who won thirteen million dollars, then weeks later received divorce papers and a demand for half the money from his wife.

There is a new movement in the U.S. called the minimalists. These are people who have decided to live on less money. They buy less, spend less, make less, and have less stuff. They also spend less time at work and more time with their friends and family. The minimalists have made a conscious conclusion that money did not buy them what they wanted most. They don't chase after money just because most people do.

Remember, if money could buy happiness, there would be high-priced happiness stores on every block.

A study of life satisfaction looked at twenty different factors that might contribute to happiness.

Nineteen of those factors did matter, and one did not. The one factor that did not matter was financial status.

Spirituality: Miracle

Oozing Oil, Blood, Miraculous Soufanieh Phenomenon Appears With Message to The World

Jesus Christ's calvary scars reappeared on the forehead, hip, hands and feet of phenomenal Mirna el-Akhrass for the first time in years as she relived Christ's agony on Thursday 12, Good Friday and Easter eve.

During her trance, el-Akhrass said Jesus Christ and his mother Virgin Mary have reappeared to her calling on the Christianity to unite the Greek Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church, starting with the adoption of a unified Easter. An icon of the Virgin Mary worshiped at Mirna's house in Damascus (Soufanieh neighborhood) started oozing oil on Thursday for the first time since 10 years during which Virgin Mary and Jesus stopped giving messages to Mirna.

What is known as the "Soufanieh Holy Phenomenon" started many years ago when the painful stigmata of the Christ appeared on the body of the Syrian-born married young lady Mirna el-Akhrass Nazour. Then she enters in a trance during which she receives messages from the Christ and Virgin Mary.

Ever since the phenomenon appeared, believers from around the world have been visiting Mirna's house in quest for blessings and the local and international press have been covering the event over the years. On feet-washing Thursday, Mirna knew something was about to happen. That is what she told visitors, among whom a group of believers coming from Spain who were praying at her house.

Soon after, Mirna felt a great pain and blood started dropping from her forehead from a 1 cm injury. She was carried to her bed amid large crowds including her American and French physicians, her 12-year-old son Jean Emanuel, her 14-year-old daughter Myriam and her husband Nicholas. Doctors reported that the injuries in her forehead, hands and feet were of 1 cm each. That of her hip was of 12 cm. Mirna that evening did not enter her habitual trance, but she was having visions in great pain. It was 3 p.m., the day and time Jesus was nailed to the cross. The increasing crowds started chants and prayers.

The last time Mirna went into trance was in 1990 when she received a message from Jesus telling her she will not witness the miraculous phenomenon until the first time the Churches unite their Easter celebrations.

On Saturday, Mirna went into a one-hour trance at 1: 45 p.m. after which she woke up with a message from the Son of God: "...do not be afraid, be wise and patient if you fail. Keep hoping and trust me, I will not forsake you..." --Beirut, April 23rd, 2001.

Wisdom: Count your Blessings

WHEN I WHINE

Today, upon a bus, I saw a girl with golden hair. And wished I was as fair.

When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle.

She had one leg and wore a crutch. But as she passed, a smile.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have 2 legs, the world is mine.
 I stopped to buy some candy. The lad who sold it had such charm.
 I talked with him, he seemed so glad. If I were late, it'd do no harm.
 And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you, you've been so kind.
 It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see," he said, "I'm blind."

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have 2 eyes, the world is mine.
 Later while walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue.
 He stood and watched the others play. He did not know what to do.
 I stopped a moment and then I said, "Why don't you join the others, dear?"
 He looked ahead without a word. And then I knew, he couldn't hear.
 Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have 2 ears, the world is mine.
 With feet to take me where I'd go. With eyes to see the sunset's glow.
 With ears to hear what I'd know. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
 I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.

A Time to Laugh (303)

Three men

One day, three men were hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large raging, violent river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so. The first man prayed to God, saying, "Please God, give me the strength to cross this river." Poof!!! God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, after almost drowning a couple of times. Seeing this, the second man prayed to God, saying, "Please God, give me the strength and the tools to cross this river." Poof!!! God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times. The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, "Please God, give me the strength and the tools... and the intelligence... to cross this river." And poof!!! God turned him into a woman. SHE looked at the map, hiked upstream a couple of hundred yards, then walked across the bridge.

SEND THIS TO A SMART WOMAN WHO NEEDS A LAUGH and a man who can laugh at his own kind!

Easter Bunny

A man was blissfully driving along the highway, when he saw the Easter Bunny hopping across the middle of the road. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but unfortunately the rabbit jumped in front of his car and was hit. The basket of eggs went flying all over the place. Candy, too.

The driver, being a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulled over to the side of the road, and got out to see what had become of the bunny carrying the basket. Much to his dismay, the colorful bunny was dead. The driver felt guilty and began to cry.

A woman driving down the same highway saw the man crying on the side of the road and pulled over. She stepped out of her car and asked the man what was wrong.

"I feel terrible," he explained. "I accidentally hit the Easter Bunny and killed him. There may not be an Easter because of me. What should I do?"

The woman told the man not to worry. She knows exactly what to do. She went to her car trunk, and pulled out a spray can. She walked over to the limp dead bunny, and sprayed the entire contents of the can onto the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up the spilled eggs and candy, waved its paw at the two humans and hopped on down the road.

50 yards away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around, waved and hopped on down the road another 50 yards, turned waved, hopped another 50 yards and waved again!

The man was astonished. He said to the woman, "What in heaven's name is in your spray can?" The woman turned the can around so that the man could read the label. It said: "Hair Spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave."