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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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8th 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: 8th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Rom 8:1-11 and Mt 12:14-21

To find a treasure either by a stroke of luck or after a persistent search is real good fortune. What wouldn't one do to find a treasure island or simply to win a lottery? The chance of a lifetime, the unexpected opportunity, is to discover in Jesus the kingdom of heaven. But to take possession of it, we have to sell everything we possess like this merchant, this digger, in order to buy what we desire. And it's too bad for those who will describe as folly what is basically no more than wisdom, the capacity to appreciate and to look for the genuine article. "Ask yourselves", said Newman, "if, in the event of the kingdom disappearing, there might be something in your life you would have to change; if you are aware of nothing to be changed, it is because your life is not staked on Christ and the Kingdom".

A life staked on Christ and the kingdom: that is exactly how demanding is the Christian life received in baptism; that is its hallmark, as against all other ways of life. In social, professional, even family life there are certain limits to be observed, but not in Christian living. This overwhelming passion for Christ is like a great wave which swamps everything and knows no division. Anyone who wants to follow Christ must therefore really "sell everything" and admit not even the smallest proportion of hypocrisy or compromise.

Even less is it a question of being only half free. How can anyone speak of sacrifice, when detachment is only the reverse of attachment to Jesus in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge? Better than any of the great causes, Jesus can arouse only joy, all the joy of the world: the joy of discovering a purpose in life, the joy of feeling caught up in the adventure of holiness. Truly, all the joy of the world!

July 4th: Happy Independence Day

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags. Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward. Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton. At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For over a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

Some of us take these liberties so much for granted, but we shouldn't. So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid. Remember: freedom is never free! It's time we get the word out that PATRIOTISM is NOT a sin, and the Fourth of July has more to it than beer, picnics, and baseball games. I hope you all feel that we live in the BEST country there is and that our Heavenly Father is guiding and protecting us. God Bless America!!!

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, July 2-3: 8th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 2

At 3:30 p.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Emilia & Peter Misko by the Hostage Family
- ✠ Mary Daniel by Bill & Carol Dougherty

Sunday, July 3, at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas and Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ George & Martha Saseen (Wedding Anniversary) by George & Susan Saseen

Weekday Masses

Monday, July 4: No Mass (NAM Convention)

Tuesday, July 5: No Mass (NAM Convention)

Wednesday, July 6: No Mass (NAM Convention)

Thursday, July 7: No Mass (NAM Convention)

Friday, July 8: No Mass (NAM Convention)

Next Weekend, July 9-10: 9th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 9 at 4:00 p.m.:

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

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

- ✠ Virginia Khourey Bryan by Lou & Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- ✠ Tom George by his auntie Nettie Seidler & Family

Calendar of Parish Events at a Glimpse

Mahrajan (Festival)	<i>Sunday, August 14 (Mass at 10:30 a.m.; Booths Open at Noon)</i>
Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, October 8th</i>

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

Jonas George, 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), Patty Olinski and Abbey Woods, ...

Happy Birthday

July 3: Larry Ferrera

July 5: Bill Committee

July 11:	Kenny DeMuth, Justin Wilson
July 12:	Shaun Hancher
July 14:	Chloe Imer
July 15:	Denny Albaugh
July 16:	Payton Wilson, Pamela Obyc
July 17:	Lucille Gibbons
July 20:	Shirley George
July 22:	Grace Klein, Mark Boehm
July 26:	Anna Marie Duymich
July 30:	Dee Shiben, Susan John Burns

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,644.00	Sunday Collection
168.00	2 nd collection: Peter's Pence
37.00	Candles
610.00	Mahrajan (Ad Book, Raffle Tickets, Table Reservations, etc.)
300.00	Parking
70.00	Utilities
60.00	Donation to poor families of the church
\$2,889.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

What's New?

Parish Condolences: George Lewis

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Lewis Family on the loss of their beloved George. George was married to Ida Shia and has two children George Jr. and Cindy Reasbeck. Msgr. Bakhos concelebrated the funeral service on Monday, June 27th at Saint Jude Church, Glen Dale. May the Blessed Mother intercede for him and lead him to the light of Christ. We extend the parish's condolences to his Family in their time of sorrow.

Congratulations Graduates

--Kai E. Alterman, granddaughter of John and Dee Shiben graduated from the University of Texas in Austin. She will be attending George Washington University to pursue a Master degree in Speech Pathology. Kai's sister Zoe graduated from the University of Texas in 2014. We are proud of you and we pray for a bright future.

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)

Order of Saint Sharbel Lunch With Our Patriarch

If anyone is willing to join the Order of Saint Sharbel and help educating our semanirians to be our future priests he/she is welcome to meet our Patriarch in San Francisco and be appointed as member. The Order of St. Sharbel is sponsoring a luncheon on July 9 during the NAM Convention. The lunch will take place at the Hyatt Hotel in San Francisco from 1:15 pm- 3:15 pm. The Patriarch will be joining us for this luncheon. The lunch is open to all attendees. The cost of the ticket is \$50.00. Please RSVP to the luncheon chair Mireille Ayoub at mireilleayoub@gmail.com. It is crucial that all who attend **RSVP no later than June 27, 2016.**

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Famous Quotes

If you love not the noise of bells, why do you pull the ropes?
 Many a man goes into a bar for an eye-opener and comes out blind.
 Don't name a pig you plan to eat.
 Country fences need to be horse high, pig tight and bull strong.
 Life is not about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce.
 Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
 Life is simpler when you plow around the stumps.
 Mortgaging a future crop is saddling a wobbly colt.
 A bumblebee is faster than a John Deere tractor.
 Trouble with a milk cow is she won't stay milked.
 Don't skinny dip with snapping turtles.
 Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.
 Meanness don't happen overnight.
 To know how country folks are doing, look at their barns, not their houses.
 Never lay an angry hand on a kid or an animal, it just ain't helpful.
 Teachers, bankers, and hoot owls sleep with one eye open.
 Forgive your enemies. It messes with their heads.
 Don't sell your mule to buy a plow.
 Two can live as cheap as one if one don't eat.
 Don't corner something meaner than you.
 It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
 You can't unsay a cruel thing.
 Every path has some puddles.
 When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
 The best sermons are lived, not preached.
 Most of the stuff people worry about happening, don't.
 Lazy and Quarrelsome are ugly sisters.

Reflection

The Meaning of Love

Love is the only way to grasp another human being in the innermost core of his personality. No one can become fully aware of the very essence of another human being unless he loves him. By his love he is enabled to see the essential traits and features in the beloved person; and even more, he sees that which is potential in him, which is not yet actualized but yet ought to be actualized. Furthermore, by his love, the loving person enables the beloved person to actualize these potentialities. By making him aware of the what he can be and of what he should become, he makes these potentialities come true. --Viktor Frankl

Spirituality: Church endures

One day long ago Napoleon said to Pope Pius VII, *"I am going to destroy this Church of yours."* Pius laughed at him and said: *"We clergy have been trying to do that for 1800 years. We haven't succeeded. Neither will you."* That in spite of Napoleon's having captured Rome and imprisoned the pope!

The Church, priesthood, and marriage all have their attackers. At various times critics have predicted that all three will fade away. Yet, with God's help, they endure.

Wisdom

“Have enthusiasm for your work and pay attention to details. Learn the difference between happiness and pleasure. Take the long look at life and be patient for the right moment. Remember that in true love respect comes before ardor.

“Discover the joy of serving others for the love of God and remember that only God can give true and lasting happiness. Keep always in mind that there are no shortcuts to success. Know your strength and never forget your weaknesses. Aim high. Dream big dreams and then make them come true. You can do it if you listen to St. Paul. ‘I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.

“If you must make mistakes, make new ones. To avoid making the old ones, profit by the history of the past. Be a smart ‘General’ and never burn your bridges behind you. Develop a strong sales resistance so that you be not seduced by the world and false advertising. Learn to play as well as work if you want to remain sane. Be thrifty and ambitious, but retain the generosity of youth. Learn self-denial and be brave enough to dare to be different. Learn to recognize and love beauty in nature, in music and in art. And lastly, never forget that there are no transmigration of souls. This life which you now enjoy is the one and only opportunity you will ever have of earning Heaven by following the road map of life laid out by Him who said, ‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.’” (Rev. James R. Coleman)

A Time to Laugh (305)

Discouraged?

As I was driving home from work one day, I stopped to watch a local Little League baseball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first-baseline, I asked one of the boys what the score was. “We’re behind 14 to nothing,” he answered with a smile.

“Really,” I said. “I have to say you don’t look very discouraged.”

“Discouraged?” the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face. “Why should we be discouraged? We haven’t been up to bat yet.”

Soldier

A brigade of Iraqi soldiers are moving down a road when they hear a voice call from behind a sand dune. "One man from West Virginia is better than ten Iraqis."

The Iraqi commander quickly orders 10 of his best men over the dune whereupon a gun-battle breaks out and continues for a few minutes and then, silence.

The voice once again calls out "One man from West Virginia is better than one hundred Iraqi."

Furious, the Iraqi commander sends his next best 100 troops over the dune and instantly a huge gun fight commences. After 10 minutes of battle, again, silence.

The Rebel voice calls out again "One man from West Virginia is better than one thousand Iraqi."

The enraged Iraqi commander musters 1000 fighters and sends them to the other side of the dune. Rifle fire, machine guns, grenades, rockets and cannon fire ring out as a terrible battle is fought.... Then silence.

Eventually one badly wounded Iraqi fighter crawls back over the dune and with his dying words tells his commander, "Don't send any more men it's a trap. There are two of them.

Idiot

Arkansas: Seems this guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a cinder block through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the cinder block and heaved it over his head at the window. The cinder block bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious. It seems the liquor store window was made of Plexi-Glass. The whole event was caught on videotape. Oh, that smarts. Give him his sign.