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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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13th 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: 13th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: 1Cor 3:1-11 and Lk 8:1-15

Jesus' use of parables was no innovation in the context of his time and environment: there are many instances in the Old Testament of this way of teaching and the rabbis of Jesus' time used it continuously. However, Jesus' method undoubtedly did cause surprise. It followed a sermon which he began by plainly proclaiming that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand, and therefore that all must turn from sin to the Lord. With the teaching in parables, it is not the subject matter which is different, but his hidden way of making it understood.

Suffice to say that Jesus did not make use of parables as a more expressive or clearer way of teaching. Doubtless the images clarify and are an aid to understanding, but they also puzzle. Only the one who begins to search, to ponder, to inquire, spurred on by a narrator who challenges his hearers to the utmost, will be in a position to understand. Each evangelist in his own way gives the reasons for the parables. For Matthew, understanding the parables presupposes a heart open to revelation, sincerely desiring to welcome the Word and to put it into practice — in spite of the obstacles it meets and its apparent setbacks.

Is it not true for us also that at certain times, everything conspires to prevent us from receiving this Word and to make us doubt its coming into the world? It is two thousand years since 'the Sower went out to sow, and sometimes it is very tempting to say: what a mess he made of it, how much has been lost! And does our own reaction to the wild extravagance of God consist of grasping without delay the word which we hear, so that we, in our turn, are possessed by it, caught up in the way of obedience and missionary zeal for his service? If so, then we too understand the parables!

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, August 6-7: 13th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, August 6

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

at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Emilia & Peter Misko by the Hostage Family

✠ George Lewis by Chamse Rahi

Sunday, August 7, at 10:30 a.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family

✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie Seidler & Family

Weekday Masses

Monday, August 8: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos Day off

Tuesday, August 9 at 9:05 a.m.:

✠ Bob Kupchak by Bettie Jane & John Fadoul

✠ Marie B. Thomas by her son Manuel & his Family

Wednesday, August 10 at 9:05 a.m.:

✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

✠ Julia Tappe by Sylvia Long

Thursday, August 11 at 9:05 a.m.:

✠ Adib & Sadie Chidiac (parents), Nadim (brother) & Mona (sister) by Msgr. Bakhos

✠ Julia Tappe by Sylvia Long

Friday, August 12 at 9:05 a.m.:

✠ Mariam Harris by her son Paul & Family

✠ Helen Fielding (Date of death) by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

Next Weekend, August 13-14: Mahrajan (Lebanese Festival)

Saturday, August 13 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, August 14, at 10:30 a.m.: Outdoor Mass at Oblebay Park

✠ Patricia Holmes by Bill & Carol Dougherty

✠ Kay Garvey by Sandra DeMuth & Family

Calendar of Parish Events at a Glimpse

Tue. Aug. 9 at 9:00 am	<i>Make & Bake Cookies</i>
Wed. Aug. 10 at 9:00 am	<i>Zaatar Bread & Sweet Sesame Seed Bread</i>
Mahrajan (Festival)	<i>Sunday, August 14th, (Mass at 10:30 a.m.; Booths Open at Noon)</i>
Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, October 8th</i>
Riyanna Robbins Fundraising	<i>Saturday, October 8th, 5-11:00 p.m. at Elm Grove Civics, 21 Sycamore Avenue</i>
Fall Spaghetti Dinner	<i>Sunday, October 16th, 11:30a.m.-4:30 p.m. – in the Cedar Hall</i>

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

Raffle Early Bird Prize Winner

--On Sunday, July 31st, the raffle drawing for the early bird prize winner took place in the Cedar Hall after Mass. Congratulations to the winner was Amanda Thomas. Her prize was \$100.00..

--There will be a **Pony Ride** this year at the Festival

--There will be a **new dance group** to replace Alhambra Troupe who retired

--Anonymous Sponsor

Many Thanks to a lawyer, friend of Msgr. Bakhos, for sponsoring **the Raffle Prizes** of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250. Also he sponsored other items needed for the Mahrajan. May his family be rewarded many folds.

--Baking Days for Mahrajan

Ladies & Men are asked to plan to help prepare baked goods for our Mahrajan on the following days:

--Tuesday, August 9, at 9:00 a.m.: make & Bake Cookies,

--Wednesday, August 10, at 9:00 a.m.: make & Bake Zaatar Bread & Sesame Seed Sweet Bread.

Please bring a covered dish for lunch. Thanks

--Mahrajan Eve Night Gathering: (Cedar Hall, Saturday, August 13, at 6:00 p.m.)

Please join us for a pre-Mahrajan gathering. All chairpersons, volunteers and parishioners are invited to join us for an evening of fun and friendship to kick off our 83rd. Mahrajan (festival). The event will take place on Saturday, August 13th, at 6:00 p.m. Lebanese DJ music and dance. There will be a covered dish dinner and beverages will be provided. If you would like to donate a covered dish please contact Carol Dougherty at 740-782-0146 so that the food items can be coordinated. The items promised so far are the following: Msgr. Bakhos, fish, salad and pita bread, Carol Dougherty, Lebanese style rice, Rita Strawn, Lentils, Mary Thomas, green beans and Shirley George, cucumbers in sour cream, Nettie Siedler, mini meat pies, Fran Saseen, dessert and 7up, Luane Frazier, cheese platter, Thomasina Giemer, Jello cake and peach ice tea, Mike Linton, Lemonade and peach ice tea, Shirley Bine: Sheet cake, Janet Shutler: Watermelon and Lebanese Potato Salad by Linda Duffy.

This is an opportunity to unwind, relax and have fun and enjoy each others company before the exciting day ahead. This is a long standing tradition in the Lebanese community so save the day and come and share the evening with us.

--Help Needed for Pastry Booth: *Oglebay Park, Sunday, August 14*

We are asking for volunteers to sign up to work at the Mahrajan Pastry Booth.

Please call Maryann Carl at home at 304-843-1199 if you are willing to help with any of these tasks. If no answer, please leave your name and phone number for her to call you back.

--Volunteer workers are needed from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to package pastries.

--Additional volunteers are needed from 10:30 a.m. to Noon to help set up the tables.

--Others are needed from Noon to 6:00 p.m. in 2-hour shift minimums to assist our customers.

Those who are asked to operate the Cash Register as Pastry Booth Cashiers will be contacted by Michelle Marinacci to arrange attendance at a special Training Session probably on Friday or Saturday, August 12 or 13.

Many people are not needed in the Food Line and Oglebay Kitchen this year so please consider volunteering for pastries.

As in past years, if you can Volunteer to work other Mahrajan Booths call the Church Office at 304-233-1688 to leave your Name, Phone Number.

--Help Also Needed for Children's Booth: *Oglebay Park, Sunday, August 14,*

Please be generous with your time and offer 2 hours to help with the Activities and Games at the Children's Tent at the Mahrajan. Call or text Judy Harris at 304-780-8190 to let her know when you can help. If there is no answer, leave your name & phone and she will call you back. One or two people for each shift would be a blessing.

Fundraising for Baby Girl Riyanna *(Saturday, October 8th, from 5 to 11 p.m.)*

A Fundraiser for Riyanna Robbins, daughter of parishioners Tony & Amanda Ashby, granddaughter of Mark & Cindy Thomas and great granddaughter of Rita & Rex Strawn. She fell into a fire and suffered 3rd degree burns in May just a couple days before we celebrated First Communion for her sister and father at our church. A Steak Fry fundraising event will take place to help her family with the mounting expenses of her continued treatments on Saturday, October 8th, from 5 to 11 p.m. at the Elm Grove Civics, 21 Sycamore Avenue. The menu will include: Rib Eye Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, and Roll. Door prizes, a 50/50 Raffle, and a Chinese Auction will be included. A DJ will provide entertainment. Cost is \$20.00 each. For more details call Cindy at 304-281-4400.

Fall Spaghetti Dinner *(Sunday, October 16th, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.)*

Mark your calendar so you won't forget to attend Our Lady of Lebanon Church's Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for Sunday, October 16th, from 11:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you for our delicious Italian-style spaghetti dinner with meatballs or marinara sauce, tossed salad, Italian bread, dessert ad beverage.

Full-Price Tickets will be available at the door for \$8.00 Adult; \$5.00 Child (under 12.)

Choose to **pay in advance and save!** **Discounted Tickets** will be **available until Sunday, October 9th**, priced at **\$7.00 Adult; \$4.00 Child** (under 12.) For tickets or more information call 304-233-1688. Tickets will be available after the Spaghetti Dinner Mailing is sent.

You may want to bring address labels to complete your Door Prize Ticket Stubs at the event and for the 50/50 Raffle Cash Raffle and the Gift Basket Raffle sponsored by Our Lady of Lebanon Women's Society that features many wonderful items.

A Bake Sale of many scrumptious, homemade baked goods will also be held throughout the day. Please note: All parishioners are asked to bake some delicious items to be included at our Bake Sale Table. Bring your donations to the Cedar Hall before Mass either Saturday or Sunday, October 15th or 16th. A baking date for our take-out dessert will be listed in a future bulletin. Please plan to come and help on that date.

We will also need **volunteers** to work **in the Cedar Hall** and **in the Kitchen**.

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers

Ann Lee Baudin, Mary Margaret Blum,

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

Bassam Deeb, Virginia Joseph, Diane Palotay, Riyanna Robbins, Rob Thomas (OH), Jim Dellget, Bill Daniel, Dolores Joseph, Barb Sobota, Betty Shia, Linda Duffy, Sandra Dusick, , Jim George Sr., Peggy Justice, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi,

Happy Birthday

August 7: Rita Strawn
 August 10: Kory Bratton, Thomasina Geimer
 August 14: Mary Thomas
 August 16: Tara George Musilli
 August 17: Judy Bedway
 August 20: Tricia Committee
 August 22: Kathleen George
 August 23: Georgene Weisner Manning, Bill Daniel
 August 25: Al Depto
 August 26: Philip Geimer, Nathan Wakim, Jessica George
 August 29: Debbie Elias Davis
 August 31: Joseph R. Simon

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,243.00	Sunday Collection
44.00	Candles
360.00	Parking
450.00	Mahrajan (Ad Book, Raffle Tickets, Table Reservations, etc.)
648.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Families of the Church
\$2,775.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

What's New?

Condolences: Marie B. (Zainoon) Thomas

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Thomas family on the loss of their beloved Marie who passed away in Wheeling this week. Marie was the daughter of Abert and Wanita Abraham Zainoon. Her children are Manuel, P.J. and Debbie. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the Funeral service on Monday, August 1st. 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.

Parish Food Pantry

The start of a Food Pantry is a way of helping those of our parishioners in need. You never know who needs this service, it could be the person around you at church. By donating cans of food, boxes of food, etc, this idea will get off the ground to a good beginning, a marked barrel will be located at the entrance of the church. Please drop whatever you can afford and Msgr. Bakhos will distribute the food on your behalf on those who call us for help. May you be rewarded many folds. Msgr. Bakhos

Thank You

We want to thank you for your on-going support of much needed donations. These items help to ensure the success of the YWCA Wind Program. Your Partner in service – Women inspired in New Directions Staff

Up to God

Politics has become so all-possessive of life, that by impertinence it thinks the only philosophy a person can hold is the right or the left. This question puts out all the lights of religion so they can call all the cats gray. It assumes that man lives on a purely horizontal plane, and can move only to the right or the left. Had we eyes less material, we would see that there are two other directions where a man with a soul may look: the vertical directions of “up” or “down”.

Both figured in the crucifixion of our Lord. Even those cruel men who crucified knew that these were the directions that counted. So they shouted to Him: “Come down,” and we will believe. Somehow or other that echo has been caught up and it is being bruited about the world today. “Down with religion!” “Down with capital!” “Down with labor!” “Down with reactionaries!” “Down with progressives!”.

Have we not been tearing down long enough? Can one build a world with the word “down”? Is there no other cry in our vocabulary? Did not the Captain Christ give another: “If I be lifted up, I will draw all things to myself.”

Lifted up! Who shall lift us up? Crucifying dictators? Maybe! But where shall we be lifted? To the cross, the prelude of the empty tomb, the cross of Christ our Redeemer. Hear that word “up.” Shout it abroad! “Up from class hatred; up from envy; up from avarice; up from war; up beyond the margin of the world; up beyond the ‘troubled gateways of the stars’ UP...UP...UP to God!”

Bishop Fulton Sheen, Lessons on Faith & Truth, 1947, pp.46-47.

Good Advice: Humility

--The true way to be humble is not to stoop till you are smaller than yourself, but to stand at your real height against some higher nature that shall show you what the real smallness of your greatest greatness is. —Phillips Brooks

--Never be haughty to the humble; never be humble to the haughty. --Jefferson Davis

--Do not practice excessive humility. —Dr. John Todd

Famous Quotes: Achievement

--Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly. --Robert F Kennedy

--I’m a slow walker, but I never walk back. Abraham Lincoln

--For a man to achieve all that is demanded of him he must regard himself as greater than he is. Johann Goethe

--When spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion. Ethiopian proverb

--Every calling is great when greatly pursued. Oliver Wendell Holmes

--Don’t let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do. John Wooden

--The harder you work, the luckier you get. Gary Player

--There is no such thing as a great talent without great willpower. Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out. James B. Conant

--Three great essentials to achieve anything worthwhile are, first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense. Thomas Edison

Prayer

In every time of struggle there is peace on quiet prayer,
 For the Lord is always waiting to uplift us from despair.
 Does not matter, place or moment, He will always hear the prayers.
 That call out to Him, in earnest, for his grace of love and care.
 With a tender touch of mercy, He will brush away our tears
 And becalm the swelling passions, the engulf a heart in fears,
 For He is the Master Healer of all wounds and griefs we bear
 And our Comforter and Savior in the peace of quiet prayer.

Famous Quotes: Family

Quotes from the Heart:

"I think the world today is upside- down. It is suffering so much because there is so little love in the home and in family life. We have no time for our children. We have no time for each other. There is no time to enjoy each other. .. Everybody today seems to be in such a terrible rush, anxious for greater development and greater riches, so that children have very little time for their parents. And parents have very little time for their children and for each other.

People who really and truly love each other are the happiest people in the world. We see that with our very poor people. They love their children and they love their families ... Jesus did not say, "Love the whole world." He said, "Love one another." "The family that prays together, stays together."

--Mother Teresa

" ... Family life is the first and irreplaceable school of social virtues, such as respect for persons, gratuitousness, trust, responsibility, solidarity, cooperation. Dear married couples, watch over your children ... transmit to them, with serenity and trust, reasons for living, the strength of faith, pointing them toward high goals and supporting them in their fragility ... Your vocation is not easy to live, especially today, but the vocation to love is a wonderful thing, it is the only force that can truly transform the world."

--Pope Benedict XVI, 2012

Story

The principal of my son Scott's school called to say he had something important he wished to share with me and asked when he might be able to come over and visit. With Scott's graduation only a few weeks away, I presumed the principal's call must have something to do with that event, though the announcement of a teenager's prank crossed my mind. I awaited his arrival and assumed the news was good.

The news was very good indeed: Scott was to graduate valedictorian. In honor of my son's achievement, the principal asked me to write something for the occasion. I said I would be delighted. I was so proud of Scott and his accomplishments.

Sitting at my typewriter. I mulled over the events of Scott's life. Then I realized the true significance of his graduation. It meant he and his classmates would be entering a world of unknowns. We would no longer be there on a daily basis to guide him, advise him or care for him. And so, I wrote the following letter to the world:

"Dear World:

Our children finish school today. It's all going to be quite strange to them for a while, and I wish you would treat them kindly. You see, up to now they have been king of their roost and their parents have always been near to soothe their wounds and repair their feelings. Now things are going to be different. They are starting out on a new adventure. It is an adventure that may include war and tragedy and sorrow. To make their way they will require a great deal of faith, love, tolerance and understanding.

So, world, I wish you would look after them. Take them by the hand and teach them the things they will need to know, but please, world, do it gently if you can. They will have to learn that not all people are just, that not all people are fair, and that not all people are true. But also teach them that for every villain there is a hero, that for every crooked politician there is a great and dedicated leader, and that for every enemy there is a good friend.

It will take time, world, but teach them that a nickel earned is of more value than a dollar found. Teach them to lose gracefully so that they will enjoy winning that much more.

Steer them away from envy, if you can, and teach them the secret of quiet laughter. Teach them to be at peace with their God. Teach them to be strong inside so they can stand the hurt of failure and keep the desire to try again until they succeed. Teach them to be gentle with gentle people, and to be tough with tough people. Teach them to follow their judgment and not the crowd. Teach them to listen to all people, but to filter all they hear through a screen of truth. Teach them to laugh when they are sad, but also teach them that there is no shame in shedding tears. Teach them there can be glory in failure and despair in success. Teach them to disregard cynics and to beware of too much sweetness. Teach them to sell their brains and brawn to the highest bidder, but never to put a price on their heart and soul.

Teach them if you can, not to compare themselves with others, as there will always be greater or lesser persons. Teach them instead to surpass their own accomplishments. Teach them there is a time to gamble, but there is also a time to pass the dice. Treat them gently, world, but don't coddle them; only the test of fire makes the finest steel. Teach them to have sublime faith in themselves as this will give them faith in mankind.

This is quite an order, world, but see what you can do. They are such nice young people -our children."
(Avril Johannes)

A Time to Laugh (310)

Drinking, Gambling, and Golf

A man was walking in the city, when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking bum who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner.

The man took out his wallet, extracted two dollars and asked, "If I gave you this money, will you take it and buy whiskey?"

"No, I stopped drinking years ago," the bum said. "Will you use it to gamble?" "I don't gamble. I need everything I can get just to stay alive." "Will you spend the money on greens fees at a golf course?" "Are you NUTS! I haven't played golf in 20 years!" The man said, "Well, I'm not going to give you two dollars. Instead, I'm going to take you to my home or a terrific dinner cooked by my wife."

The bum was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty bad." The man replied, "That's OK. I just want her to see what a man looks like who's given up drinking, gambling, and golf."

Oooooooooooooooooooooops!

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

Where Ya From?

A man was sprawled across three seats in a theater. When the usher came by he whispered, "Sorry, sir, but you're only allowed one seat."

The man didn't budge. "Sir," the usher said, "if you don't get up, I'm going to have to call the manager." Still, the man stayed put. The usher came back with the manager, but the guy didn't budge. Finally, they called the police.

"All right buddy" said the officer. "What's your name?"

"Sam," the man moaned.

"Where ya from, Sam?" the cop asked.

"The balcony."