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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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18th 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 9:05 a.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

18th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: 1Peter 1:22-25 and Mk 12:1-12

The parable of the murderous vinedressers outlines a fundamental crisis in the life of the Messiah and the history of salvation. God, having spoken unwearingly through the prophets to those in charge of the Vine of Israel, finally appeals to them through his Son. With unparalleled authority Jesus proclaims the coming of the vine harvest which is to take place at the end of time. The earth must yield its fruit, the people of God must welcome his Messiah!

But the children are no better than their fathers, just as their forebears rejected the holy men and the prophets, so the scribes and Pharisees are preparing to murder the heir to the Vine which is so dear to God's heart. Because of them, the people to whom the promise was made are in danger of losing their privilege as the chosen race, and of breaking the covenant through which God's plan had to be fulfilled. It is quite clear here that Jesus is announcing his death. He came into the world and his own did not receive him: they ended by rejecting the Son and heir and by crucifying him outside the city walls. The parable concludes with a warning which is also prophetic: the Church of the risen Lord will take up anew the mission which formerly fell to Israel.

Matthew expresses the conviction that this new people will cause the Vine to bring forth fruit. But these other vinedressers, in their turn, must not disappoint the Lord who continues to expect produce from his vineyard. We must never fail to remember that the Church has been built on the rejected corner stone: founded by an outcast and precisely because he was an outcast she, like her Master, must open her doors to those this world has banished and, like him, make decisions which will be penalized, perhaps, by a death outside the city. If she does not, God would be able once more to raise other children for Abraham from these stones.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, September 10-11: 18th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, September 10 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ John F. Kukula (Anniversary) by Mary Rose Kukula, Cathy, Todd & Nick
- ✠ Louis Seabright by Eva Powell

Sunday, September 11, at 10:30 a.m.:

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

Weekday Masses

Monday, September 12: No Daily Mass. Msgr. Bakhos Day Off

Tuesday, September 13, at 9:05 a.m.:

- ✠ Louis Seabright by Nettie Seidler
- ✠ Living & Deceased of the Weidman & Elias Families & Al & Josephine Weidman

Wednesday, September 14, at 9:05 a.m.: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Living & Deceased of the Weidman & Elias Families & Al & Josephine Weidman

Thursday, September 15, at 9:05 a.m.:

- ✠ John, Roseie, Tillie, Philip & Edward George
- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

Friday, September 16, at 9:05 a.m.: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos Day of Vacation

Next Weekend, September 17-18: 1st Sunday of the Cross

Saturday, September 17, at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Special Intention of the Ryncarz Family
- ✠ Louis Seabright by Nettie Seidler

Sunday, September 18, at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Tom George by his uncle Jim & aunt Shirley George
 ✠ Joseph & Nell Duffy (parents) by Earl & Linda Duffy

Calendar of Parish Events at a Glimpse

Cedar Club	<i>Monday, September 12th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Old Basement Hall</i>
Mahrajan Evaluation Meeting	<i>Wednesday, September 21st, at 6:00 p.m.</i>
Women Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, September 25th, after Mass</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 Ave.</i>
Fall Spaghetti Dinner	<i>Sunday, October 23rd, from 11:30a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Cedar Hall</i>
Christmas Party	<i>Sunday, December 4th, with John Mensore accompanied by a famous pianist</i>

Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Wednesday, September 14)

On September 14th of each year, Christians observe a great feast day dedicated to the Cross: the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast commemorates the discovery of the precious Cross of Jesus Christ. The Cross remained lost for nearly 400 years. It was discovered in the fourth century by Saint Helen, King Constantine's mother. Saint John Chrysostom, in 395, speaks of the three crosses discovered by the Empress Helen beneath the mount of Golgotha: that of Christ was identified because it was found in the middle and bore the inscription.

A certain legend states that the Empress Helen did not know where on Golgotha to look for the buried cross. As she searched, she came upon a sweet-smelling plant and decided to dig under the spot. It was there that she found the Holy Cross. From that time on, according to Tradition, the plant was named Basilikos in Greek, Basil in English, which means literally: royal, regal, or "The Plant of the King."

A centuries-old ceremony is repeated every year on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Precious Cross of Christ, surrounded by sweet-smelling basil and flowers, is first lowered to the ground, to denote that 400 years it was buried, lost, and then it is raised to commemorate its discovery by Saint Helen in the fourth century and its eventual recovery from the Persians in the seventh century.

Renew Your Food Handlers Health Card

Note: Every year all parishioners and volunteers who handle food and/or washes dishes at our church events needs to register to renew their Food Handlers Health Card by completing a required Food Handlers Class. (Most of our current Health Cards expire September 17th.) Volunteer food workers permit cards are issued at no cost. **Classes at the Wheeling City/County Building will be on the 1st floor.**

Please call 304-234-3682 ASAP to register (or cancel) for the class of your choice at a time and date convenient to you. Class space is limited. Volunteers registered are listed below:

September	Monday 12	At 10:30 a.m.	Wheeling City/County Building - <i>Carol Dougherty, Mike Linton, Linda Hostutler, Charlotte Khoury, Thomasina Geimer,</i>
September	Tuesday 13 <i>Only 1 more space available</i>	At 7:30 p.m.	Wheeling City/County Building - <i>Ann Lee Bauduin, Shiley Bine, Kathy Boehm, Sandra DeMuth, Linda Duffy, Luane Frazier, Shirley George, Don & Roberta Henning, Peggy Justice, Lou Khourey, Mary Lish, Nini Miller, Liz Murad, Veronica Mushet, Nettie Seidler, Aundrea Spain, Mary & Bill Stees, Rita & Rex Strawn, Mary & George Thomas, Jean Weisner, ...</i>
September	Thursday 15	At 10:30 a.m.	Wheeling City/County Building
October	Tuesday 11	At 7:30 p.m.	Wheeling City/County Building
October	Thursday 13	At 10:30 a.m.	Wheeling City/County Building <i>(This new date was added)</i>
October	Wednesday 19	At 4:00 p.m.	Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Park <i>(Note: Date has been changed)</i>

Cedar Club Meeting (*Monday, September 12th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Old Basement Hall*)

The first meeting of the Cedar Club after the summer months will be held in the Old Basement Hall Monday, September 12th, at 6:00 p.m. The Agenda will include election of new officers and discussion of future activities. Hostess for the evening will be Linda Duffy.

Mahrajan Evaluation Meeting (*Wednesday, September 21st, at 6:00 p.m.*)

This is an important meeting to discuss the future of the Mahrajan. Anyone interested is urged to attend.

Women's Society Meeting (*Sunday, September 25th, after 10:30 a.m. Mass. in Cedar Hall*)

The members of Our Lady of Lebanon Church Women's Society will hold its first meeting this fall on Sunday, September 25th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please plan to attend so that we can finalize plans for our fall and winter events including the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner, Parish Christmas Party on December 4, and also plan for the Children's Christmas Party.

Steak Fry Fundraiser for Riyanna (*Saturday, October 8th, from 5 to 11 p.m.*)

A Steak Fry Fundraiser is scheduled on Saturday, October 8th, from 5 to 11 p.m. at the Elm Grove Civics, 21 Sycamore Avenue, to help with continuing expenses 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.

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. Proceeds from this event will help her family with the mounting expenses of Riyanna's continued treatments.

Fall Spaghetti Dinner (*Sunday, October 23rd, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.*)

IMPORTANT: Please mark your calendar for Our Lady of Lebanon Church's fall Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, October 23, from 11:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.** Look for a mailing soon so you can save money by paying in advance and order your tickets to be held at the door.

Tickets paid by Sunday, October 16th, are priced at \$7.00 adult; \$4.00 Child. All tickets sold at the door on Sunday, October 23rd, cost \$8.00 adult; \$5.00 Child. The Italian Gift Basket Raffle theme is *Buon Appetito*. There will be a 50/50 Raffle, free Door Prizes and a Bake Sale

Please make a donation of your favorite homemade baked goods for our Bake Sale Table such as pies, cake, cookies, fudge, bread, brownies, Lebanese items, etc.

All Souls Masses (*October 29 until November 4th*)

The Church remind the faithful to remember their deceased Family Members on the week of All Souls. All week Masses will be celebrated for the repose of their souls.

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

✠ *Deceased of the Khourey & Howard families by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie*

✠ *Virginia Khourey Bryan & Deceased of the Nabiha & Habib Khourey Family by the Khourey Family*

✠ *Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions*

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

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

✠ *Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)*

✠ *Grazia Condelli (Birthday) by Sylvia Long*

✠ *Mary & George Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich*

✠ *Helen Fielding, Augie Montalbano & Freda Hartman by Joe & Nikki Popovich*

✠ *The Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty*

✠ *Ralph & Mary J. Shipley & Robby Hunter by Thomasina Geimer*

✠ *Deceased family members of Thomasina Geimer*

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers

Mary Blum, Diane Palotay,

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

Shirley George, -0Bassam Deeb, Virginia & Dolores Joseph, Riyanna Robbins, Jim Dellget, Barb Sobota, Betty Shia, Jim George Sr., Peggy Justice, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi, Jean Hummel (grandmother of Megan Hummel)

Your Church Support Last Week


\$2,254.00	Sunday Collection
24.00	Candles
100.00	Parking
96.00	Mahrajan (Ad Book, Raffle Tickets, Table Reservations, etc.)
152.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Families of the Church
\$2,656.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

What's New?

Fridays Vacation Days for Msgr. Bakhos

On all Fridays starting September 16th, through the end of the year, Msgr. Bakhos will take his one day a week vacation. Please take note that there will be no daily Mass during all these Fridays. Daily Masses will continue to be celebrated on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Weekend Masses will continue at their usual times. Thanks.

Please Donate to the Food Barrel

Just a reminder . . . to replenish the Food Barrel . . . and help our families in need. 
Such as: soup, tuna, jelly, rice, sauce, pasta, etc.

Missing but Not Found

Several of our Mahrajan "Blue" aprons have not yet been turned back in. If you accidentally wore one home, please return it to OLOL as soon as possible. You may give it to Msgr. Bakhos, Mike Linton or a member of the Women's Society.

A Few Frozen Items Still Available for Sale

Please see one of OLOL Women's Society members after Mass Saturday or Sunday if you wish to purchase some of the following frozen items:

\$1.00 ea.	Sesame Sweet Bread	\$2.00	Mamouls - pkg. of 2
\$2.00	Pita Bread - pkg. of 10 small	\$2.00 ea.	Spinach Pies (plain)
\$50.00	Lamb Shish Kabob - pkg. of 10 skewers		

Second Collection for the Victims of Louisiana Flood (Sat.-Sun., Sept. 17-18)

Most Rev. Joseph E. Kurtz, President of the USCCB has asked that all diocese in the United States take up a special collection for the victims of the flooding in Louisiana. This collection will be held on Saturday and Sunday September 17 and 18, 2016.

Bishop Elias would like to have all of our parishes participate in this special collection. The funds collected will help our Maronite Families in Louisiana who need assistance, along with sending funds directly to Catholic Charities USA. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lebanon parish and the donation will be forwarded by one check. If someone would rather donate through a credit card they can call the Chancery 314-231-1021 or donate directly on our Eparchy's website: www.eparchy.org

Please be prepared for the special collection the weekend of September 17-18.