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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Announcement to Zechariah

- ***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 Thursday 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
 - ***Sacristan:** 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
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- ***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

Announcement to Zechariah

Readings: Rom 4:13-25 and Lk 1:1-25

After decades of marriage and constant prayers, the old couple, Zechariah and Elizabeth, had still not been blessed with a child. They prayed with faith to have a baby; however, Zechariah showed skepticism when the angel finally told him he was going to have a son. In today's Gospel, we see Zechariah both as a man of faith and a man of doubt.

1-ZECHARIAH, A MAN OF FAITH:

Zechariah kept praying God and hoping the Lord would give him a child, despite his old age. Finally, the angel came to tell Zechariah that his wife's sterility was miraculously removed and she would conceive and give birth to a son. The Old Testament gives us other examples of childless couples who had babies thanks to God's blessing and intervention:

A = God granted Abraham and Sarah a son in their old age: "Your wife Sarah is to bear a son, and you shall call him Isaac," said the Lord to Abraham. (Gn.17:19) Abraham was "100 years old," and Sarah, in her nineties.

B = "Isaac entreated the Lord on behalf of his wife (Rebekah), since she was sterile. The Lord heard his entreaty, and Rebekah became pregnant."(Gn.25:21)

C = Monoah's wife "was barren and had bore no children. An angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, "though you are barren and have no children, you will conceive and bear a son." (Judges 13:3) The woman bore a son and named him Samson."

D = Hannah was "an unhappy woman." (1 Sam.1:15), because "the Lord had made her barren." She prayed to have "a male child" and promised to "give him to the Lord for as long as he lives... she conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the Lord for him."

E = The Gospel of the Announcement to Zechariah tells us that Elizabeth's barrenness is miraculously eliminated and she will give birth to St. John the Baptizer.

2- ZECHARIAH, A MAN OF DOUBT:

Despite his strong faith and deep hope in God, Zechariah showed skepticism when the angel Gabriel announced that he was going to have a son. He questioned the heavenly messenger's announcement, stating why the birth of a child was impossible to him and his wife due to their old age. This moment of doubt cost Zechariah a long nine-month silence. Indeed, as a proof, he was given a strange sign: he was "MUTE" until these events took place. As the evangelist says, Zechariah "REMAINED SPEECHLESS" during nine months, because he had "NOT TRUSTED" the angel's message. "IN DUE SEASON", according to the words of the angel -meaning after God's promises were fulfilled by the birth of John the Baptizer- Zechariah regained his speech and sang a canticle of thanksgiving to the Lord.

When we question the Church, and God Himself.. .and ask for proof for every event in our life, we are acting like doubting Zechariah and we should remain "MUTE, UNABLE TO SPEAK."

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, November 12-13: Annunciation to Zechariah

Saturday, November 12 at 4:00 p.m.:

† Ann Otterbeck by Mike Fahey

† Rosalie DeAngelis by Blake Hickman

Sunday, November 13, at 10:30 a.m.:

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

† Gloria Sterling by her brother Jim & her sister-in-law Shirley George

Weekday Masses

Monday, November 14: No Daily Mass. Msgr. Bakhos Day Off

Tuesday, November 15, at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Mark Long (Anniversary) by his mother Sylvia
- ✠ Ann Otterbeck by Lou & Charlotte Khourey

Wednesday, November 16, at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Joseph A. Benline (Anniversary) by his wife Helen
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Thursday, November 17, at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

Friday, November 18: No Daily Mass. Msgr. Bakhos Day of Vacation***Next Weekend, November 19-20: Annunciation to Mary*****Saturday, November 19 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Joan Ferrera Slack by Larry & becky Ferrera
- ✠ Special Intention by Mary Rose Kukula

Sunday, November 20, at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Harry Seabright (Anniversary), Ernest Truelove & Edwina Sinila by Mary Lish & Family
- ✠ Josephine Ferris (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees & Libby G. Magnone

Calendar of Parish Events

Cedar Club	<i>Monday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall</i>
Decorate for Christmas	<i>Wednesday, November 30th, starting at 9:00 a.m.</i>
Msgr. Bakhos 25th Anniversary & Parish Christmas Party	<i>Sunday, December 4th, with singer John Mensore and pianist Dan Marrin</i>
Children's Christmas Party	<i>Sunday, December 11th, after Mass</i>

Christmas Poinsettia in Memory of:

A bouquet of yellow roses will decorate the altar of the Blessed Mother in Memory of Helen Fielding by her husband Donald Fielding, Florida.

- ✠ Louise N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr., & Gladys Howard by the Lou & Charlotte Khourey Family
- ✠ John F. Kukula by his wife Mary Rose & Cathy & Todd & Mick
- ✠ Suzanne Linton by husband Mike
- ✠ Frances & Joseph Linton by sons Steve & Mike
- ✠ John & Mary Ritts by John & Opal Ritts
- ✠ Msgr. Bakhos' parents Adib & Sadie, his sister Mona & his brother Nadim by Steve & Mike Linton
- ✠ The deceased of our parish by Steve & Mike Linton
- ✠ Rachel Nader Farrah by Emilie Kawas
- ✠ Joseph Kawas by Emilie Kawas
- ✠ Rosine & Latif Thomas by Nellie Magyar & Family
- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Donald (Florida) [2 Poinsettias]
- ✠ A Friend for a special intention
- ✠ For the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Mr. & Mrs. John T. John by their daughter Maryann Carl

Cedar Club Meeting (Monday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall)

The Cedar Club members will meet on Monday, November 14th. Business meeting and general discussion regarding future plans. Hosting this evening will be Rita Strawn and Mary Thomas.

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers

Marge John,

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

Peggy Justice, Shirley George, Joe Simon, Diane Palotay, Nancy Stees Hartman (sister of Bill Stees), Mary Blum, Jim George, Virginia & Dolores Joseph, Riyanna Robbins, Jim Dellget, Barb Sobota, Betty Shia, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi, Jean Hummel (grandmother of Megan Hummel)

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,982.00	Sunday Collection
122.00	Bake Sale
61.00	Candles
25.00	Christmas Poinsettias
95.00	Parking
325.00	Christmas Party / Silver Jubilee Anniversary of Msgr. Bakhos
75.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$2,715.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

What's New?

Thank You

To: Lou, Mike, Wayne, Rex, Bob & Fran, Linda D., Mary, Sandy, Shirley B., Linda H., Liz, Libby, Allison, Kathy, Ted & Teri.

Thank you so much for your time and hard work in the kitchen making the spaghetti dinner successful. Without you the kitchen would close. Nini

Holiday Food Barrell *(Now thru December 18th, 2016)*

Please bring items for the needy of our parish and place it in the Holiday Barrel for those in need at the entrance of the church. As soon as we can fill a few boxes of food, it will be distributed. If you know of anyone in need, please tell Msgr. Bakhos or send him a note with their name, phone & address.

Parish Project *(October 30th thru November 27th, Five Weeks)*

The **Winter Freeze Shelter** is part of a community effort to help our fellow man, woman and child during the upcoming cold months. In a small way, each and everyone of us can help by collecting a few things from the following list: Bottled water, canned food, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, paper plates, cups, bowls, band aids, antibiotic ointment, Ibuprofen, tissues, gauze, foot powder, back packs, socks, gently used twin XL and regular fitted sheets, feminine products, razors, etc. All items can be placed; in tashe marked container in back of the church by December 4th. It will be delivered to the Youth Service System for the Winter Freeze Program. As you know, "a little bit goes a long way". Thank you for caring and helping!

Around Us

Pork Chop Dinner *(Sunday, November 20)*

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Catholic Church, 4136 Jacob Street, Wheeling, WV will sponsor a Pork Chop Dinner on Sunday, November 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Menu will consist of a pork chop, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, applesauce, and dessert. The cost will be \$8.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Free for children 6 and under. It will be held in the Church Annex which is now handicapped accessible. Telephone 304-232-1777. Carry out available.

Story: Friends are God's way of caring for us

"Friends are God's way of taking care of us" this was written by a Hospice of Metro Denver physician I just had one of the most amazing experiences of my life, and wanted to share it with my family and dearest friends:

I was driving home from a meeting this evening about 5, stuck in traffic on Colorado Blvd., and the car started to choke and splutter and die - I barely managed to coast, cursing, into a gas station, glad only that I would not be blocking traffic and would have a somewhat warm spot to wait for the tow truck. It wouldn't even turn over. Before I could make the Call, I saw a woman walking out of the "quickie mart" building, and it looked like she slipped on some ice and fell into a gas pump, so I got out to see if she was okay. When I got there, it looked more like she had been overcome by sobs than that she had fallen; she was a young woman who looked really haggard with dark circles under her eyes.

She dropped something as I helped her up, and I picked it up to give it to her. It was a nickel. At that moment, everything came into focus for me: the crying woman, the ancient Suburban crammed full of stuff with 3 kids in the back (1 in a car seat), and the gas pump reading \$4.95. I asked her if she was okay and if she needed help, and she just kept saying "I don't want my kids to see me crying," so we stood on the other side of the pump from her car. She said she was driving to California and that things were very hard for her right now. So I asked, "And you were praying?" That made her back away from me a little but I assured her I was not a crazy person and said, "He heard you, and He sent me."

I took out my card and swiped it through the card reader on the pump so she could fill up her car completely, and while it was fueling walked to the next door McDonald's and bought 2 big bags of food, some gift certificates for more, and a big cup of coffee.

She gave the food to the kids in the car who attacked it like wolves, and we stood by the pump eating fries and talking a little. She told me her name, and that she lived in Kansas City.

Her boyfriend left 2 months ago and she had not been able to make ends meet. She knew she wouldn't have money to pay rent Jan 1, and finally in desperation had finally called her parents, with whom she had not spoken in about 5 years. They lived in California and said she could come live with them and try to get on her feet there. So she packed up everything she owned in the car. She told the kids they were going to California for Christmas, but not that they were going to live there.

I gave her my gloves, a little hug and said a quick prayer with her for safety on the road. As I was walking over to my car, she said, "So, are you like an angel or something?" This definitely made me cry. I said, Sweetie, at this time of year angels are really busy, so sometimes God uses regular people."

It was so incredible to be a part of someone else's miracle. And of course, you guessed it, when I got in my car it started right away and got me home with no problem. I'll put it in the shop tomorrow to check, but I suspect the mechanic won't find anything wrong. Sometimes the angels fly close enough to you that you can hear the flutter of their wings.