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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Announcement to Mary

***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



***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 Mary

Readings: Gal 3:15-22 and Lk 1:26-38

The Maronite theology understands Mary as Mediatrix of all Grace. For we can stop measuring the quantity of her shared suffering with Christ on the Cross, and focus on her unique relationship with Him as mother and son.

In looking beyond salvation as achieved on the Cross, we begin to appreciate the salvation initiated in the Incarnation. The act of God becoming human, the Word Incarnate, is the communion of God's own life and love with the world, through which all are saved. It is the fountain of all Grace, which then, the Cross and Resurrection of Christ confirm as eternal and all merciful. We are saved by the relationship God establishes in the being of Christ united with humans, which despite our rejection by the Cross, God redeems as unilaterally unchanging. There is nothing we can do, no sin so great, that Almighty God will withdraw the salvific relationship He has established with us in the Incarnation.

The salvation of God becoming human in a communion of life and love with us, which is the fountain of all Grace, could only have happened through Mary. She is the only creature that has always freely manifested her being in communion with her Creator. Everyone else from Adam and Eve onwards is tainted by Original Sin; which is to say, we define our person as something separate and distinct from God. It is the original and primary sin -the source of all other sins- because at the core of our beings we perceive ourselves as something over and against God, which is the opposite of his Being, the Incarnation. Mary, free of Original Sin, was conceived in communion with God and affirmed that union in her own self-understanding. It is her communion with God that makes her the only vessel through which God can become Incarnate.

"The Father of mercies willed that the Incarnation should be preceded by assent on the part of a predestined mother, so that just as a woman had a share in bringing about death, so also a woman should contribute to life. This is preeminently true of the Mother of Jesus, who gave to the world the Life that renews all things... The predestination of the Blessed Virgin as Mother of God was associated with the incarnation of the Divine Word: in the designs of Divine Providence she was the gracious mother of the Divine Redeemer here on earth, and above all others and in a singular way the generous associate and humble handmaid of the Lord... For this reason she is a mother to us in the order of grace... Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, benefactress and Mediatrix." (Lumen Gentium, pp 56 ff).

It is entirely possible that God could have become human without the aid of any creature -without a mother, as it were. But we know from science, that then God would not have been human in the same exact sense that we are human, because He would not share our common gene pool. Once God freely and graciously decided upon sharing his Life with us in Divine Communion, then Genetic-Science and heredity preserve the necessity of Mary, as the Mother of God, for God to truly become incarnate. In this regard, she is truly the Mediatrix of all grace.

Thanksgiving: The Divorce

A man in Phoenix calls his son in New York the day before Thanksgiving and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough." "Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams. "We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the father says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her."

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "No way they're getting divorced!" she shouts, "I'll take care of this." She calls Phoenix immediately and screams at her father, "You are not getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "they're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own way."

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This 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

Weekday Masses

Monday, November 21: No Daily Mass. Msgr. Bakhos Day Off

Tuesday, November 22, at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Cecilia John (Birthday) by her daughter Maryann Carl and Children
- ✠ Ann Otterbeck by Steve and Mike Linton

Wednesday, November 23, at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Good health of Eva Moffat by her sister Lucille Gibbons

Thursday, November 24, at 9:05 a.m.: Thanksgiving

- ✠ Karem & Amelia Azar
- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

Friday, November 25: No Daily Mass. Msgr. Bakhos Day of Vacation

Next Weekend, November 26-27: Mary visits Elizabeth

Saturday, November 26 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Ann Otterbeck by Lucille Gibbons
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, November 27, at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Louis Seabright by Sandra Dusick
- ✠ Bill Daniel by Bill & Carol Dougherty

Calendar of Parish Events

Women Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, November 27th after Mass</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>

Women's Society Meeting *(Sunday, November 27th after 10:30 am Mass in Cedar Hall)*

The Members of our Lady of Lebanon Women's Society will hold its meeting on Sunday after Mass. There will be a business meeting and finalize plans for the Christmas party.

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*
- ☼ *Ralph & Mary J. Shipley & Robby Hunter & the Deceased Family of Thomasina Geimer*
- ☼ *For the Schlog and Saseen Families by Bob & Fran Saseen*

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers

Shirley George and Marge John,

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

Peggy Justice, 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

\$1,803.00	Sunday Collection
140.00	Bake Sale
77.00	Candles
55.00	Christmas Poinsettias
197.00	2 nd collection for Maronite Voice
475.00	Christmas Party / Silver Jubilee Anniversary of Msgr. Bakhos
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$2,777.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

What's New?

Condolences

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to Bill Stees on the loss of his beloved sister. May the Almighty God grant repose for her soul and we extend the parish's condolences to Mary & Bill and to her Family in their time of sorrow.

Congratulations on your Baptism

Gabriel Lee Thomas (the great grandson of Rita Strawn) and his great grandma Marlene Elizabeth Ryder had been granted the honor to be the adopted son and daughter of God through the sacrament of Baptism, last Saturday, November 12th, at Our Lady of Lebanon Church. After the Baptism, a nice Reception was held at the restaurant for the Family and friends. Congratulations.

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 the 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!