

November 27, 2016
Bulletin #48

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Mary visits Elizabeth

***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

Mary visits Elizabeth

Readings: Eph 1:1-14 and Lk 1:39-45

“In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb.” (Luke 1:39-45)

When Mary finds out she is pregnant, the very first thing she does is set out with haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Mary never gets lost in her own needs. The needs of others always guide her life and her choices.

At Cana, which marked the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry; Mary is the first to recognize the dwindling supply of wine and the first to act. At the end of Jesus’ life, though her own heart is breaking, she is at her son’s side as he dies on the cross. Although it is not recorded, we can be sure that between these two events Mary lived the same way -always putting the needs of others before her own. Jesus obviously learned this lesson very well because his life was likewise dedicated to meeting the needs of others.

In our day and age, we are still capable of compassion. But usually it is a last resort rather than a first response. Unlike Mary; we do not set out with haste to meet the needs of others. Too often, we finally give in and belatedly act to relieve the suffering of others. During these final few days of Advent, when it is so easy to get lost in our own needs, we need to ask Mary to help us feel the needs of others, and to respond with a generous heart.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This 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

Weekday Masses

Monday, November 28: No Daily Mass. Msgr. Bakhos Day Off

Tuesday, November 29, at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Special Intention of Nancy

Wednesday, November 30, at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Deceased of the Chidiac Family by Msgr. Bakhos

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

Thursday, December 1, at 9:05 a.m.:

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

✠ Izabel Ferris Wolfe (Anniversary) by Mary Zaid Stees & Libby G. Magnone

Friday, December 2: No Daily Mass. Msgr. Bakhos Day of Vacation

Next Weekend, December 3-4: Birth of John the Baptist

Saturday, December 3:

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

at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Cathy Sharp Howard (Birthday) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

✠ Emilia & Peter Misko by the Hostage Family

Sunday, December 4, at 10:30 a.m.: Benediction after Mass

✠ Siham Frenn and Evelyn Hall (Anniversary) by Dr Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn

✠ Eugene Blum (Anniversary) by Mary Margaret Blum

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

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*
- ✠ *Sharon Tatalovich by Jay & Liz Murad*
- ✠ *In Honor of Joe & Nikki Popovich*
- ✠ *In honor of Nick & Judy Bedway*
- ✠ *Danny & Milly Manners by their daughter NiNi Miller*

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers

George Weisner, Shirley George and Marge John,

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

Peggy Justice, Diane Palotay, 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

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,195.00	Sunday Collection
35.00	2 nd collection for Maronite Voice
600.00	Bulletin ads
181.00	Christmas Poinsettias
180.00	Parking
475.00	Christmas Party / Silver Jubilee Anniversary of Msgr. Bakhos
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$2,696.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

What's New?

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!

Around Us

A Good Samaritan is Needed

Dr. Adnan Ablu is a beloved husband, father, and neurosurgeon in the Pittsburgh area. He has been married 37 years, has four children, five grandchildren and is loved by many.

In July 2016, Dr. Ablu's experienced kidney failure and he is currently on the waiting list for a new kidney. His blood type is B+ and his family has been tested but unfortunately none of them matched.

Dr. Ablu has touched many lives and families over the years through his service as a neurosurgeon and member of the community. We are reaching out in hopes to raise awareness of his condition and find someone who is willing and able to donate to Dr. A, so he can live a normal life with his family and friends. Please like and share our page on Facebook so we can help spread the word: <https://www.facebook.com/donorfordrabla/> ete a donor form, please visit <https://livingdonorreg.upmc.com/>

For more information regarding transplants, you can visit:

<http://www.upmc.com/services/transplant/organs/kidney-pancreas/living-donor-kidney-transplant/Pages/default.aspx>

If you would like to get in contact with the family, you can email us at donorfordrabla@gmail.com. Thank you so much!

Story: The Carpenter and his son

In the spring of 1989, I stood behind our house holding a hammer in one hand and a saw in the other. I realized I had bitten off more than my little five-foot, one-hundred-fifteen pound frame could handle. Great! I thought. Where is a carpenter when you need one? And then the tears started running clown my cheeks.

For months we had been trying desperately to sell our house. My husband had fallen ill, and we needed to raise money to get him into an experimental cancer program in Tennessee. The program would cost \$35,000, and it was not covered by insurance because it was not an approved medical procedure. We were having an open house the next weekend, but we discovered that the deck had rotted out.

I was one frustrated and tired lady. I had prayed for so many months and had tried so hard to be strong. This particular day I felt a bit cross with my beloved heavenly intercessors. "Saint Joseph," I said in the midst of my teary outburst, you are not a very good real estate agent. Between praying to you and Father Solanus Casey (a Canadian priest who is up for canonization), I thought you two could handle a small problem like selling this house. Now what am I going to do? I need a professional carpenter and I cannot afford to hire one." I had begun to sob in earnest when I heard a voice beside me say, "May I help you? I was just moving in next door and came around the side to get in the back of the garage. Looks like you have a problem.

I was very embarrassed to be caught crying and standing in the rubble of what once was a twenty-by-fifteen-foot deck. I had taken down the deck with a sledge hammer. I must have been an odd sight to this poor stranger who just happened to witness my latest disastrous situation. I wiped away my tears, told him of my problem and my foolish idea that I could rebuild the deck by myself. He looked up to the second story where the deck once stood fifteen-feet off the ground and then back at me with my ten-foot ladder, the only other tool I could find for the job. We both began to laugh.

My dear St. Joseph must not have been too insulted with my prayer. "Say," the man said, "my son and I can build that deck for you. We are pretty good carpenters. I agreed and he went next door, returning with his son and some very impressive professional power tools.

They set to work and by the next day, the deck was rebuilt. I had not bought enough lumber, but he managed to salvage some from the old deck to finish the job. As he and his son were picking up their tools, I thanked them profusely. They refused to take any money for their work.

Just before they left I happened to ask: "By the way, what do you do for a living? You should get into building decks. This is better than some professional carpenters I know could do."

He grinned and handed me his business card: *Joseph's Decking Company, New and Existing Home Construction.*