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## ***Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church***

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### ***Genealogy of Jesus***

\***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

## *Genealogy of Jesus*

Readings: Rom 1:1-12 and Mt 1:1-17

Today, God is identified as both “Wisdom” and “Word.” These are often used in Scripture; the former is presented in the Hebrew Bible as God’s feminine coworker, and the latter in the New Testament as Jesus. Both Wisdom and Word are internally accepted and received, wholeheartedly and faithfully, by those who obediently submit to the will of God in their lives.

Thus does Jesus’ genealogy play a part in God’s plan for us. A person’s roots always played an important part in the “who” of them. Jesus includes five women, even though genealogies of his time never named a man’s mother (Tamar, Gn 38; Rahab, Jos 2; Ruth, Ru; Bathsheba, 2 Sm 11; and Mary). These women had all obediently submitted to the will of God in their lives, however. They were faithful; they were receptive to God’s Wisdom, to God’s Word. Thus did they change the course of history and write their names on its pages.

## *Divine Liturgy Schedule*

### ***This Weekend, December 17-18: Genealogy of Jesus***

#### Saturday, December 17:

At 3:30 p.m.: Christmas Novena

At 4:00 p.m.:

† Special Intention of Steve Linton on his Birthday by his brother Mike Linton

† Special Intention

#### Sunday, December 18:

At 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena

At 10:30 a.m.:

† Bill Daniel by Steve and Mike Linton

† Special Intention

#### Weekday Masses

Monday, December 19: No Daily Mass. Msgr. Bakhos Day Off

Tuesday, December 20, at 12:05 p.m.:

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

† Special Intention

Wednesday, December 21, at 12:05 p.m.:

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

† Special Intention

Thursday, December 22, at 12:05 p.m.:

† Kaiser & Jeannette Fadul

Friday, December 23: No Daily Mass. Msgr. Bakhos Day of Vacation

### ***Next Weekend, December 24-25: Christmas***

#### Saturday, December 24

At 4:00 p.m.: Christmas Children Mass (Choir will sing)

† John F. Kukula by his wife Mary Rose Kukula, Cathy & Todd and Mick

† Deceased of the Saseen and Schlog Families (Anniversary) by Bob & Fran Saseen

At 10:00 p.m.: Christmas Midnight Mass (Choir will sing)

† Joseph Linton (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by his sons Steve and Mike

Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Day Mass (Choir will sing)

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

† Bill Daniel by Steve and Mary Lish

## *Calendar of Parish Events*

### *New Year Mass Schedule*

**Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Eve**4:00 p.m.: **New Year's Eve Mass** (No Midnight Mass)**Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017: New Year's Day (Day of Obligation)**10:30 a.m.: **New Year's Day Morning Mass*****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*
- ☼ *Nimon and Miriam Joseph Family by the Weisner and Joseph Families*
- ☼ *The Bine and Gaudio Families by Shirley Bine*
- ☼ *Abdoo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell*
- ☼ *The Daniel and DiFabrizio Families by Michael & Rebecca DiFabrizio*
- ☼ *In Loving Memory of my parents, sons and brothers by Lucille Coury Gibbons and Family*
- ☼ *In memory of my family: **Parents:** James and Mary Ghaphery, and **brother:** Dr. James Ghaphery by Virginia Ghaphery Cox*

***Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List*****Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers****Also Please Pray for Those Who Asked Us to Pray for Them**

Regina Hancher, Joe Simon, Eileen Simon, George Weisner, Shirley George, Marge John, 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***

\$1,246.00	Sunday Collection
240.00	Bulletin ads
34.00	Candles
35.00	Christmas Poinsettias
3,000.00	Donation to church
35.00	Parking
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$4,620.00	<b>Total Deposits:</b> <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

## *Wisdom:*

### *Reverence for Our Spiritual Leaders*

By Larry Josephs

Catholic church leaders are chosen by God and appointed by the Apostles of Jesus – through the authorities of the Church- to preach the Good News to all nations. Therefore, we believe, it is in our best interest to follow their teachings. However, one of the most important doctrines of the gospel is the concept of each person’s capacity “to act for themselves.” Or the ability and freedom of each person to choose good or evil for themselves. The church believes in teaching the Gospel and the correct principles and letting the people govern themselves.

While the priest or church leader may give good counsel, the church leaders believe it is wrong and immoral to “coerce” anyone to follow that counsel. And because the priest does not “coerce” or exercise “undue influence” or “power” by virtue of his Priesthood, and may choose to lead through spiritual knowledge, gentleness and kindness, without hypocrisy, he leaves himself vulnerable to the self-righteous few with vain ambition, that wish to exercise control over the church and parishioners for reasons that are certainly not connected with the powers of Heaven.

These self-righteous people have lost their reverence for God’s messengers and may soon be left unto themselves to persecute the saints and to fight against GOD. We have learned by sad experience that it is the nature and disposition of these self-righteous few, that as soon as they exercise undue influence over the church leaders, the heavens will withdraw themselves and the Spirit of the Lord will be grieved, and when it is withdrawn, we can say Amen to the souls of the self-righteous few.

The rights of the priesthood are inseparably connected with the powers of Heaven, and the powers of Heaven cannot be controlled nor handled except through the Priest and only upon the principles of righteousness. These powers are conferred upon the Priest, and The Holy Spirit his constant companion, and their dominion shall be an everlasting dominion, and when a few misguided people undertake undue influence and seek to exercise control over the church, to any degree of unrighteousness, to gratify their pride or vain ambition, they have committed great sin against the church and should be considered the true enemy of the church.

The people that shouted “Free Barrabas” during the days of Jesus Christ were certainly in the majority and were also the one’s responsible for Jesus being crucified. I am certain these people were no different than the “self-righteous” few that we have today that wish to control the teachings of the church according to their level of faith and understanding.