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Bulletin #3

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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2nd Sunday of Epiphany

- ***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

Epiphany: 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: 2Cor 4:5-15 and Jn 1:35-42

It all begins with the good news. Good news, at the origin of Christianity that may seem obvious. And yet ... How do we represent our faith to ourselves? Is it not often, rather like other great religions, as a complex of beliefs, a system of spiritual and moral performances, inherited from those who were its initiators, who in their turn received them from God and transmitted them infallibly to the Church?

Recalling his childhood lived in a traditional Christian setting, Sartre speaks of this heritage of 'truths' as a collection of certitudes in a society which had experienced no cultural rupture with its past: 'They belonged to all, but no one needed to lay hold of them for himself; it was the common patrimony'. Is this what we mean by good news?

At the origin of Christianity there is no heavenly indoctrination; the religious consciousness's was not seeded with divine truths coming from the First Truth. It is by a decisive event, a coming, a Word which is Jesus Christ that the faith begins and spreads. The good news of God is his Son Jesus, and he can say: 'The kingdom of God is here' because he himself is here. In him and by him, God inaugurates his kingdom by actively saving humanity.

In this regard, the first 'fisher of men' is Jesus himself. He does not draw men with vinegar, but rather by announcing to them that everything in the Christian mystery is good news. If one may speak in such away, it is the sweet savor of the Christian tenets: the sacraments, the beatitudes, the Church, the forgiveness of sin, so many good tidings which are summed up in the person of Jesus, savior and revealer of a Father full of tenderness. To embrace this conviction, to follow Jesus unconditionally: that is what faith and conversion mean. And this is the exact opposite of a heritage of 'truths' which no one will need to 'lay hold of for himself' since they do not commit him to anything.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, January 14-15: 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Saturday, January 14 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Special Intention
- ✠ Good health of Sam Gaudio by his sister Shirley Bine

Sunday, January 15 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Repose of the souls of all the deceased friends & benefactors of Msgr. Bakhos
- ✠ Doug Bentz by Steve & Mike Linton

Weekday Masses

Monday, January 16: No Daily Mass. Msgr. Bakhos Day Off

Tuesday, January 17, at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Donald Vince (Birthday) by children Don, Michele and Ron, Lucki & Vicki & Matt Gompers
- ✠ Intentions of all the benefactors of our church & Msgr. Bakhos

Wednesday, January 18, at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Sadie Harb by Annette Togliatti
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

Thursday, January 19, at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions
- ✠ Albert Togliatti by his wife Annette Togliatti

Friday, January 20: No Daily Mass

Next Weekend, January 21-22: 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Saturday, January 21 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Doug Bentz by Ruth Werner

† Special Intention

Sunday, January 22 at 10:30 a.m.:

† Ida Shia Lewis (Anniversary) by Cynthia & Dave Riesbeck

† Lisa Breiding (Birthday) by her son Dalton Haas

Mahrajan Committee Meeting (Thursday, January 19th at 5:30 p.m.)

Everyone working as committee member for the 2017 Mahrajan are asked to attend an important meeting on Thursday, January 19th at 5:30 p.m. at the Cedar Hall.

Maronite Clergy Retreat

The Maronite clergy retreat will take place in Phoenix from Monday January 23rd until Friday 27th. There will be NO Daily Mass during that week.

Masses for Our Faithful Departed (Saturday, February 18, thru Friday, February 24)

Before Great Lent, the church urges parishioners to remember their parents and beloved ones in the offering of the Mass which is the pleasing to God; it is the offering of love of the Son of God on the Cross.

Prayer For Departed Loved Ones

O Almighty God, Who by the love which You have for men, have willed to take our humanity, to live a life of hard work, to suffer a most cruel Passion, and finally to die on the Cross, I beseech You, by the infinite merits purchased for us with Your precious Blood, look mercifully on the suffering which is endured by the holy souls in Purgatory. Accept, O merciful God, the prayers which I offer for them, and call them to the glory of heaven. I recommend to You the souls of my relatives, friends and benefactors, and in a special manner of those to whom I may have been an occasion of sin by my bad example.

Most Holy Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Comforter of the Afflicted, intercede for those souls, that, by your powerful intercession, they may be admitted to enjoy that kingdom which is prepared for them. Amen.

6 Masses will be offered for the following Faithful Departed:

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

† Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie

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

† Deceased of the Chidiac, Linton & Albaugh Families

† Deceased of the Bine & Gaudio & Paesani Families by Shirley Bine

† Robert L. Rose (Birthday) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

† Anna Marie McGlumphy (Anniversary) by Jerry McGlumphy & Children

Mahrajan News

--This year we are preparing the 84th Annual Festival. It will take place at Oglebay Park for two days: Saturday and Sunday, August 12th & 13th. More details will be published in the coming bulletins.

--All Mahrajan Sponsors will be listed in the bulletin and in the Ad Book at three levels: **Silver** (\$25 to \$49); **Gold** (\$50 to \$99); **Diamond** (\$100 and above). Please consider making a donation at one of these levels to support the Mahrajan, to help defray its expenses, and to insure its continuation for future generations.

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers

John Shiben, Joe Elias

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

Barb Sobota, Joe McCutcheon, Ray Palotay, George Weisner, Shirley and Jim George, Marge John, Peggy Justice, Diane Palotay, Mary Blum, Virginia & Dolores Joseph, Jim Dellget, Betty Shia, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,233.00	Sunday Collection
69.00	Candles
50.00	Flowers
30.00	Parking
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$1,412.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

Calendar of Parish Events

Women Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, January 29th, after Mass in Cedar Hall</i>
Msgr. Bakhos Birthday	<i>Thursday, February 9th</i>
Cedar Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, February 18th</i>
Week of Faithful Departed Masses	<i>Saturday, February 18th thru Friday, February 24th</i>
Ash Monday	<i>Monday, February 27th</i>
Ash Wednesday	<i>Wednesday, March 1st</i>
<u>St. Maron Dinner</u>	<i>Note: No work Monday, Tuesday & Friday</i>
Wednesday, March 8, at 9 a.m. →→	Bake Cookies; Cook & Shred Chicken; Brown Orzo; Prepare Onions
Thursday, March 9 →→→→→	<i>Note: Workers please bring a covered dish</i>
Sunday, March 12 →→ → → →	<i>Make Kibbee; Set Up Hall for Dinner</i>
Sunday, March 12 NOTE:	<u>St. Maron Dinner</u> served – 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Palm Sunday	The Passion of the Lord – Sunday, April 9
Easter Sunday	The Resurrection of the Lord – Sunday, April 16
<u>Lebanese Bake Sale</u>	–Sponsored by Women’s Society
Sunday, April 23 →→→→→ → →→	<u>Orders & Payment Due for Lebanese Bake Sale</u>
Sunday, April 30 →→→ → →→→→	Spinach Preparation – starting after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Monday-Thursday, May 1 & 2 →→→	Baking Days – starting at 9 a.m. dough will be ready to shape & fill
Wednesday, May 3 →→→→→→→	Order Pick-Up for Bake Sale – Wednesday, from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 4 →→→→→→→→	Order Pick-Up for Bake Sale – Thursday, from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
May Crowning & First Communion	<i>Sunday, May 7</i>
Parish Rummage Sale	<i>Saturday & Sunday, June 10 & 11 (see more info in future bulletins)</i>
Cedar Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, June 24</i>
<u>Mahrajan New for 2017 - 2 day event</u>	<i>Saturday, August 12, & Sunday, August 13</i>
New: Parish Ladies Kibbee Sale	<i>During Week of September 10th (see more info in future bulletins)</i>

*Note: The Soup & Hoagie Sale will be postponed to a future date because of insufficient time and volunteers.

Stations of the Cross & Light Dinner (All Fridays during Lent after 5:30 p.m. Mass)

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:30 p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., followed by Benediction of the Cross. The “*Stations of the Cross*” is a devotion which consists of following the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by recalling the fourteen prominent events that took place from the time of the trial under Pontius Pilate until His death and burial on Mount Calvary.

We give thanks to the Cedar Club members who will sponsor the first Lenten Meal on Friday, March 3, and to the Cedar Club members and other parishioners who will sponsor the meal on Good Friday, April 14, following the Friday prayers. If you can sponsor one of the available dates listed below, please call Fr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Also we offer thanks to the generous families who will sponsor the light meals during the other Fridays of Lent listed below:

Date:	Volunteers Who Sponsor the Light Meals on Fridays during Lent:
1 st Friday, March 3	Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club
2 nd Friday, March 10	Meal Sponsor: <i>Available</i> . Please call 304-233-1688 to schedule yourself for this date.
3 rd Friday, March 17	Meal Sponsors: Carol Dougherty, Mike Linton & Msgr. Bakhos
4 th Friday, March 24	Meal Sponsor: <i>Available</i> . Please call 304-233-1688 to schedule yourself for this date.
5 th Friday, March 31	Meal Family Sponsor: <i>Available</i> . Please call 304-233-1688 to schedule this date.
6 th Friday, April 7	Meal Sponsor: <i>Available</i> . Please call 304-233-1688 to schedule yourself for this date.
Good Friday, April 14	Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club & Parishioners

What's New?

Parish Condolences: Douglas Bentz

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Bentz Family on the loss of their beloved Douglas. Douglas was survived by his wife Carolee and two sons Nathan and Adam. He was the brother of Susie Fadoul. May the Blessed Mother intercede for him and lead him to the light of Christ. We extend the parish's condolences to his Family in their time of sorrow.

Parish Pantry

Don't forget January's food donation for our Parish Pantry! All packages can be placed in the marked barrel.

Remodeling Restrooms in Old Basement

The parish council plans to remodel the two inadequate restrooms in the old basement. The ladies of our parish will choose the fixtures needed and the work will start soon. Thanks for the many generous donors who contributed already toward this project. If you find yourself blessed and can make a contribution for this purpose, please enclose your donation in an envelope marked for **Basement Restroom Project** and mail it to the church or put it in the Weekly Collection.

Choir Members Needed

Our choir needs more voices. Please see Lou, Robert, Shelly or Mickey if you can help. A special talents is not required, just a willingness to sing. Current choir members will help you as needed. By chanting the Mass we help the parishioners to pray twice.

A Time to Laugh (312)

WHY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IS SO HARD TO LEARN

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there was no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.

12. There was a row among the oarsmen on how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when does are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
18. After a number of injections my jaw got number.
19. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
20. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
21. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?
22. There is no egg in eggplant or ham in hamburger, neither apple nor pine in pineapple.
23. English muffins weren't invented in England nor French fries in France.
24. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.
25. We take English for granted. . . but if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square, and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.
26. If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth Beth? One goose, two geese. So one moose, two meese?
27. Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend?
28. If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?
29. If teachers taught, why don't preachers praught?
30. If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?
32. Sometimes I think all English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite a play and play at a recital, ship by truck and send cargo by ship, have noses that run and feet that smell?
33. How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?
34. You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and in which an alarm goes off by going on.
35. People, not computers, invented English. . . it reflects the creativity of the human race which, of course, is not a race at all.

Religion

"What do you do for a living?" Asked a lady of a young man at a cocktail party.

"I am a paratrooper."

"It must be awful to be a parachute jumper," said the lady. *"Well, it does have its scary moments."*

"Tell me about your most terrible experience."

"Well," said the paratrooper, *"I think it was the time when I came down on a lawn where there was a sign read, KEEP OFF THE GRASS".*

Love

A man offered to pay a sum of money to his twelve-year-old daughter if she mowed the lawn. The girl went at the task with great zest and by evening the whole lawn had been beautifully mowed well, everything except a large uncut patch of grass in one corner.

When the man said he couldn't pay the sum agreed upon because the whole lawn hadn't been mowed, the girl said she was ready to forego the money, but would not cut the grass in the patch.

Curious to find out why, he checked the uncut patch. There, right in the center of the patch, sat a large toad. The girl had been too tender-hearted to run over it with the lawn—mower.

(Where there is love, there is disorder. Perfect order would make the world a graveyard).