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Bulletin #4

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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3rd 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: 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: Gal 3:23-29 and Jn 3:1-16

Have you ever found yourself in a situation wherein you did not understand the language? Maybe it was while visiting a foreign country; or, possibly, in this “*hi-tech*” age, you have not kept up with the latest professional jargon. Whatever the circumstances, a failure to figure out what is being said leaves us at a distinct disadvantage.

God’s communication with us is like this. As Scripture so often relates, the Lord never stops attempting to speak to creation. Sometimes people listen and understand, but much of the time they fail to comprehend. Ultimately, God speaks a most surprising Word: a Word that “*became flesh and lived among us.*” (Jn 1 :14)

Still, even among Jesus’ own followers, there was often misunderstanding. Thus, he promised that an Advocate would be sent, “*the Holy Spirit... [who] .. will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.*” (Jn14:26) And, at Pentecost, the apostles, “*filled with the Holy Spirit ... began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*”

What about us? Throughout our lives, God speaks to us in new and wonderful ways. But we can only comprehend through the Spirit. As Catholics, we believe we receive the Holy Spirit particularly in the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. Baptism calls us into the life and family of God. Confirmation strengthens us in our continued growth in faith. Thus, the Church teaches that we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety, and fear of the Lord (Is 11:2-3).

To understand how these gifts are operative, consider how we learn a new language. We need to study the tools of grammar, pronunciation, and vocabulary. But to truly understand the language, we must practice reading it and, even more, speaking it. Similarly, the gifts of the Spirit not only enable us to know God’s love, but empower us to proclaim that love in the very words and actions of our daily lives.

It may seem to be long ago since the first Pentecost, when the crowds in Jerusalem were startled to hear the Spirit-filled disciples speaking in their own tongues, but the reality of Pentecost continues. The Good News is that God has spoken -and continues to speak. God’s language can be understood through the Spirit-filled Christians of every age, even today. There are so many who long to hear a message of hope and love! May our prayer for this task continue to be: “*Come, Holy Spirit.*”

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, January 14-15: 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

✠ Elizabeth Ferris Magnone (Anniversary) by her daughters Mary Stees & Libby G.

✠ Lisa Breiding (Birthday) by her son Dalton Haas

Weekday Masses

Monday, January 23: No Daily Mass. Maronite Clergy Retreat

Tuesday, January 24: No Daily Mass. Maronite Clergy Retreat

Wednesday, January 25: No Daily Mass. Maronite Clergy Retreat

Thursday, January 26: No Daily Mass. Maronite Clergy Retreat

Friday, January 27: No Daily Mass. Maronite Clergy Retreat

Next Weekend, January 28-29: 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Saturday, January 28 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Doug Bentz by Family of Robert Sengewalt

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

Sunday, January 29 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ John, Don, Patty, Shirley & John Dusick by Sandra Dusick

✠ Kay Garvey (1st Anniversary) by Lou & Charlotte Kourey

✠ Nikki Popovich (Birthday) by Dalton Haas

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 Kourey & 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

✠ Suzanne Linton by her husband Mike

✠ Frances & Joseph Linton by sons Steve & Mike

✠ Adib & Sadie Chidiac (parents), Nadim (brother) & Mona (sister) by Steve & Mike Linton

✠ Deceased of our parish by Steve & Mike Linton

✠ Ralph & Mary J. Shipley, Robby Hunter & Deceased Family by Thomasina Geimer

✠ Deceased of the Fadoul & Duffy Families by Earl & Linda Duffy

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

Joe Elias

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

John Shiben, Abbey Lattavo, Barb Sobota, 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

\$1,328.00	Sunday Collection
120.00	Bulletin Ad
28.00	Candles
75.00	Parking
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$1,581.00	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>
Cedar Club Cupcakes for Fr Bakhos	<i>Sunday, February 5th, after Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>
Msgr. Bakhos Birthday	<i>Thursday, February 9th</i>
Cedar Hall Meeing	<i>Monday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m.</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 →→ → → →	<u>St. Maron Dinner</u> served – 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 12 NOTE:	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</u> for Lebanese Bake Sale
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.

Join Cedar Club & Celebrate Fr. Bakhos Birthday (*Sun., February 5*)

The Cedar Club is bringing cupcakes to celebrate Fr. Bakhos' birthday on Sunday, February 5th, following Mass. Please plan to come and offer him your personal birthday wishes.

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 thank the Cedar Club members who will sponsor the first Lenten Meal on Friday, March 3, and on Good Friday, April 14, after the Friday prayers. Also thanks to the generous families who will sponsor meals on other Fridays of Lent. If you can sponsor the meal on April 7, please call Fr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688.

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 Sponsors: Dr. Mary Ann Cater & Dr. Robert Vawter
3 rd Friday, March 17	Meal Sponsors: Carol Dougherty, Mike Linton & Msgr. Bakhos
4 th Friday, March 24	Meal Sponsor: Shirley Bine, Kim Gibbons, Charlotte Khourey, Thomasina, Susan ???
5 th Friday, March 31	Meal Sponsors: Chris & Jeannette Wakim
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 Pantry

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

Bulletin Ad Space Available

If you or anyone you know would like to sponsor an ad (business, memorial of your loved one(s), or personal ad) at the back of our Weekly Bulletins, please call Msgr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Cost is \$120 for all year – 52 weeks.

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 (313)

There were 3 good arguments that Jesus was Black:

1. He called everyone "brother"; 2. He liked Gospel; 3. He couldn't get a fair trial.

But then there were 3 equally good arguments that Jesus was Jewish:

1. He went into His Fathers business; 2. He lived at home until he was 33; 3. He was sure his Mother was a virgin and his mother was sure he was God.

But then there were 3 equally good arguments that Jesus was Italian:

1. He talked with his hands; 2. He had wine with every meal; 3. He used olive oil.

But then there were 3 equally good arguments that Jesus was Irish:

1. He never got married; 2. He was always telling stories; 3. He loved green pastures.

But the most compelling evidence of all is that Jesus was a WOMAN:

1. He fed a crowd at a moment's notice when there was no food; 2. He kept trying to get a message across to a bunch of men who just didn't get it; 3. And even when he was dead, He had to get up because there was more work to do.