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Bulletin #7

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

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### ***Sunday of the Righteous and Just***

\***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

## ***Epiphany: Sunday of the Righteous & Just***

Readings: Heb 12:18-24 and Mt 25:31-46

Luke presents Jesus as speaking to His followers: "HAPPY ARE YOU..." "ALAS FOR YOU..." The implication clearly is that His followers count among their number the rich and well to-do, the socially accepted, as well as the poor, rejected and persecuted. Jesus rejects the traditional values prevailing in Israel. Material well-being was considered a sign of God's blessing, happiness was reckoned to consist in a long life and abundant possessions. He opts firmly for the position of the prophets and the poor, one might say the values of "PROTEST." Those who are poor, hungry, sorrowful, rejected here and now on account of the Son of Man, are really the happy ones. This is because true happiness is to be found in heaven. The "HAVES" are warned, for them there is real danger of becoming enmeshed in the "GOOD THINGS" of this world.

Jesus Himself is the message of happiness. The blessedness of the kingdom begins from today, it is both present and is to come: it reaches men already in the person of Jesus Christ, the poor one, the type of the persecuted, who along with poverty, took to Himself the cause of all the unhappy ones of this world. So it is that in the midst of sufferings and privations the followers of Christ can rejoice and be happy. This is not a contradiction or an anomaly but a deeper happiness, a surer truth.

This message is very real today. We live in a world which is divided not only between rich and poor nations, but where divisions are found within every nation and society. Today's poor are happy not because they have the prospect of becoming wealthy, but because the kingdom of heaven is promised to them, their hope is in the Lord. Poverty here on earth has taken the place of our lost paradise.

Any other attitude is contrary to the teaching of Christ. More than ever, today, the Church must welcome to itself people from every continent, the crowds of the poor, she must remain open to those in need: she offers them union with Christ, provided they offer themselves to God and accept his ways and values.

### ***Divine Liturgy Schedule***

#### ***This Weekend, February 11-12: Sunday of the Righteous & Just***

##### **Saturday, February 11 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Doug Bentz by Lou & Charlotte Khourey
- ✠ Special Intention

##### **Sunday, February 12 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Agie Harb by Annette Togliatti
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family

#### **Weekday Masses**

**Monday, February 13: No Daily Mass. Msgr. Bakhos' day off**

**Tuesday, February 14, at 12:05 p.m.: Happy Valentine Day**

- ✠ Khalil Harb by Annette Togliatti
- ✠ Steve Herndon by Danae DeMasi Lemen

**Wednesday, February 15, at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Joe Elias by his niece Eleanor Weidman Forbes

**Thursday, February 16, at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ the mother of Florence Monsour (MN)
- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

**Friday, February 17: No Daily Mass**

***Next Weekend and following Weekdays, February 18-24:  
All Masses for Our Faithful Departed***

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:**

- ✠ *Emily Vince by her daughter Vicky and Family*
- ✠ *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 McGlumphly (Anniversary) by Jerry McGlumphly & 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*
- ✠ *George & Mary Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich*
- ✠ *Bonnie Shaw & Bud Behrens by Joe & Nikki Popovich*
- ✠ *Augie Montalbano & Helen Fielding by Joe & Nikki Popovich*
- ✠ *The Jacob & Dusick Families by Sandra Dusick*
- ✠ *The Habdo & Daugherty Families by Bill & Carol Daugherty*
- ✠ *The Fadoul, Duffy and Bentz Families by Millet & Susie Fadoul*
- ✠ *The Cybulski, Rinehart, Sengewalt, Werner, Tysk and Blake Families by Millet & Susie Fadoul*
- ✠ *Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart*
- ✠ *Herman E. Conti Jr., Rose Ann and Angelo Polsinelli and Tony Matesic, Katheryn Conti and Herman Conti Sr., by Rosalie Conti*
- ✠ *Dolores & Bert Fahey by Jackie and Pat Petros*
- ✠ *Betty Lou and Philip Petros by Jackie and Pat Petros*

## ***Meaning of Ash Monday***

**“Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart...”** (Joel 2:12)

Ashes are imposed on foreheads using one of two formulas:

**“Remember, you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”**

**“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.”**

Our mortality and our need for a change of heart are the very things we do not like to think about. In fact, in some ways we are masters in the art and science of denying our death. Fearful of our creatureliness, we dream of life-extension, cloning, maybe even having a silicone body that could not be wounded or die.

Our denial of sin is even stronger. We desperately want to believe that we are nice guys and gals. The most we seem able to admit sometimes is that we “made a mistake.” It pains us to think that there is something deep in us that needs healing and forgiveness. Even in the smallest matters it can be excruciating to ask forgiveness, to admit we need help or to acknowledge that we have sinned.

So it is with each of us. So it is with the Church. So it is with our nation. But if we think we are not creatures utterly reliant upon God to sustain us, then we will see no need for Lent. If we think we do not stand in need of forgiveness, then we will not want Lent. Worse yet, we will not want Christ, either. In the grip of such illusions, we can easily convince ourselves that we have no need of him.

## *Ash Distribution Schedule*

Ash Monday, February 27:

**12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash**

**5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash**

Ash Wednesday, March 1st:

**12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash**

**5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash**

## *Mahrajan News*

➤ This year we are preparing the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival. It will take place at Oglebay Park for two days:

Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from noon until 7:00 p.m. (outdoor Mass at 10:30 a.m.)

➤ 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.

➤ It is the dream of the Parish to have two dance troupes to perform at the Festival: one by the children (6-12) and by the young adults (13-20). We will provide Lebanese Folklore costumes and hats for everybody and two trainers to prepare the dancers around this time of the year so that they will be ready for the festival. If you have children or grandchildren please call Msgr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Thanks

## *Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List*

### Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers

Rose Vargo, Bernadine Elias, Peggy Justice, Barb Sobota

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

Mary Blum, John Shiben, Abbey Lattavo, Shirley and Jim George, Marge John, Diane Palotay, Virginia & Dolores Joseph, Jim Dellget, Betty Shia, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi

## *Your Church Support Last Week*

\$1,168.00	Sunday Collection
204.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection
190.00	St. Maron dinner
127.00	Candles
390.00	Parking
70.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$2,179.00	<b>Total Deposits:</b> <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

## *Calendar of Parish Events*

<b>Cedar Hall Meeting</b>	<i>Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.</i>
<b>Week of Faithful Departed Masses</b>	<i>Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup></i>
<b>Ash Monday</b>	<i>Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup></i>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<i>Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup></i>
<b><u>St. Maron Dinner</u></b>	<i>Note: No work Monday, Thursday &amp; Friday</i>

Tuesday, March 7, at 9 a.m. →→	Bake Cookies; Cook & Shred Chicken; Brown Orzo; Prepare Onions <i>Note: Workers please bring a covered dish</i>
Wednesday, March 8, →→→→→	Make Kibbee; Set Up Hall for Dinner
<b>Sunday, March 12</b> →→ → → →→	<b>St. Maron Dinner</b> served – 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
<b>Sunday, March 12</b> NOTE:	Daylight Savings Time Begins
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>The Passion of the Lord</b> – Sunday, April 9
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>The Resurrection of the Lord</b> – Sunday, April 16
<b>Lebanese Bake Sale</b>	–Sponsored by Women’s Society
Sunday, April 23 →→→→→ → →→	<b>Orders &amp; Payment Due for Lebanese Bake Sale</b>
Sunday, April 30 →→→ → →→→→	<b>Spinach Preparation</b> – starting after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Monday-Thursday, May 1 & 2 →→→	<b>Baking Days</b> – starting at 9 a.m. dough will be ready to shape & fill
Wednesday, May 3 →→→→→→→	<b>Order Pick-Up for Bake Sale</b> – Wednesday, from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 4 →→→→→→→→	<b>Order Pick-Up for Bake Sale</b> – Thursday, from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
<b>May Crowning &amp; First Communion</b>	Sunday, May 7
<b>Parish Rummage Sale</b>	Saturday & Sunday, June 10 & 11 (see more info in future bulletins)
<b>Cedar Hall Rental</b>	Saturday, June 24
<b>Cedar Hall Rental</b>	Saturday, July 29 (tentatively)
<b>Mahrajan New for 2017 - 2 day event</b>	Saturday, August 12, & Sunday, August 13
<b>New: Parish Ladies Kibbee Sale</b>	During Week of September 10 <sup>th</sup> (see more info in future bulletins)

\*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 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.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Volunteers Who Sponsor the Light Meals on Fridays during Lent:</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Friday, March 3	Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club
2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday, March 10	Meal Sponsors: Dr. Mary Ann Cater & Dr. Robert Vawter
3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, March 17	Meal Sponsors: Available. Please call 304-233-1688 to schedule yourself for this date.
4 <sup>th</sup> Friday, March 24	Meal Sponsor: Shirley Bine, Kim Gibbons, Charlotte Khourey, Susan Saseen
5 <sup>th</sup> Friday, March 31	Meal Sponsors: Chris & Jeannette Wakim
6 <sup>th</sup> Friday, April 7	Meal Sponsor: Carol Dougherty, Mike Linton & Msgr. Bakhos
<b>Good Friday, April 14</b>	Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club & Parishioners

## ***May Queen and Attendants***

These are the attendants who will share in the May Queen procession this year with the May Queen who is Eva DeMuth: Eden DeMuth, Rosella DeMuth, Addie Dierkes, Riley Robbins, Riyanna Robbins, Austin Robbins, Elyse Ashby, Zao Ashby, Gabriel Thomas, Zaylee Thomas, Lyiah Millard, Rayden Millard, and the Hendricksons boys and girls,

## ***Cedar Club Meeting*** (Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall)

The Cedar Club will meet on Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall. Business meeting and general discussion on future events. Hosting will be Nini Miller and Mike Linton.

## *What's New?*

### ***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.

### ***Maronite Youth Gathering in Lebanon*** (July 15-23)

**This is a special event held over 8 days, July 15 - 23**, in Lebanon welcoming Maronite young adults from across the world to partake of their faith and heritage in Lebanon. All of this will take place with His Eminence Cardinal Bechara Peter Rahi.

At this time we have a tentative schedule of locations for each day, with the schedule of activities to soon follow. Registration is open and we are accepting applications for only young adults ages 18-35 years of age.

At the request of Bishop Zaidan, we are asking that you promote, encourage, and advertise for this very unique and blessed opportunity.

We are also looking for priests who would like attend as advisors with our young adults. Please stress the ease of attendance for our young adults who will already be in Lebanon on the dates of the event, **July 15 - 23**. Each young adult will be responsible for their own flight to Lebanon and a \$75 registration fee to help cover costs for the Youth Event.

If interested in attending or would like more information please contact me directly on **810-691-7055** or reply to my email: **abounatony@gmail.com**

We need to know who will be attending by the end of this month, the absolute latest early next month. All documents for registration will need to be emailed to me by February 24th (so that I can send the registration packet by the below deadline, February 28th).

## *Around Us*

### ***St. Maron's Dinner in Pittsburgh*** (Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>)

Sponsored by Our Lady of Victory Maronite Church, Pittsburgh

Where: Le Mont Restaurant. 1114 Grandview Ave., Pittsburgh

When: Saturday, February 18, 2017. Appetizers: 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$70 Adult, \$50 Student. \$40 Kids under 12. Information: 412-531-4459

### ***Mount Calvary Cemetery Clean-Up***

It starts on March 1, 2017 and ends on March 15, 2017, please remove everything and including all keepsakes.

### ***Men's Retreat*** (Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>)

The Laymen's Retreat League would like to invite all Catholic Men of the area to a Day of Reflection with Rev. Msgr. Kevin M. Quirk, J.C.D., J.V. on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, beginning at 8am with a continental breakfast (registration at 8:30am) and ending with Mass (around 5pm). This Day of Reflection will be held at Saint Vincent de Paul's Marist Center in Wheeling and the theme for the day is ***The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift.*** Cost is \$30, which includes breakfast and lunch. For more info, call Don Klamut at 304-280-4626 or visit the website at: <http://www.laymensretreatleague.org/>

### ***Lenten Retreat*** (Saturday, April 1)

Where: Our Lady of Lebanon National Shrine, North Jackson, Ohio

Retreat theme: "Bolc, Blessed, Broken: Encountering Grace."

Cost: NAM members \$55 non-members \$65 (registration deadline: March 25<sup>th</sup>) Inf.: 914-964-3070

