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Bulletin #8

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Faithful Departed

***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 and Friday No Mass**
Tuesday to Thursday at Noon. [*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 Faithful Departed

Readings: 1Thess 5:1-11 and Lk 16:19-31

You hear sometimes people say, "O! There is no such thing as heaven and hell. God is a loving God and he does not condemn people!" They go on living as if there was no God and as if they were never going to die.

Very true that God is a loving and a merciful God, but He is a just God. It was not God who condemned the rich man in today's Gospel, rather he condemned himself. He knew well what he was supposed to do, and he did the opposite. God gave him plenty of richness and talents and he used them only for his own greed and self-interest. He received as the Gospel said, "What he deserves."

Yes, there is heaven and there is hell, and as our Mother Church teaches us there is Purgatory for those who still need purification before they enter into heaven.

Today we commemorate all the faithful departed, especially our parents, brothers, sisters, relatives, benefactors, and loved ones. It is our Christian obligation to help them through our prayers and the offering of the Divine Liturgies for their salvation. While their souls may still be in purgatory, our intercession can bring them nearer to the day of eternal happiness.

We must remember that we also will die, and we hope that people will remember us in their prayers after we are gone. The Church also encourages us to pray for the forgotten souls who have no one to pray for them. It is sad that there are so many people that don't remember their own deceased loved ones. A couple of years or months after they are gone they stop remembering them in their prayers. (Offering of Liturgies on their death anniversaries, birthdays and other occasions.)

Once a person dies, he or she cannot help themselves any more, but we the living can still help those who are in purgatory.

Because we do not know when death will visit us, we must be ready and prepared at all times to meet our God and just judge. Many people, like the rich man in today's Gospel, know that they are near death, or aware of the immanence of death, and yet don't prepare themselves properly to meet God. They are often blinded with their sinfulness and self-righteousness and cannot see the needy and the poor around them as they focus only on the material part of life and on their self-interest. They follow the \$ forgetting all the spiritual things that lead them into heaven and grant them the great reward of the saints and righteous ones. There are two directions in life. One that is right and the other that is wrong. One that takes us into heaven and the other takes us elsewhere.

You and I my brothers and sisters are on a journey toward heaven. This life is a pilgrimage for us. We know that our destination is heaven with God Our Father. Let us not allow the abundance that God gave us to be an obstacle for us to enter into heaven, as it was for the rich man in today's Gospel. Please notice that heaven is not for the poor but for those who are rich in good deeds and who use wisely what God has bestowed upon them. The rich man did not bring anything with him into this life. It was all given to him by God. He should have shared some of it with Lazarus and other poor.

What we do with what God has given us on earth, will determine how God will treat us in heaven. Therefore, let us intensify our work of love, charity, compassion, mercy, humility and other virtuous deeds.

Saint Paul told us in the first reading that "*the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night when people are saying "Peace and Security."*" There is no true peace and no real security except in Jesus and with Him. He is the Resurrection and the Life and he is the reason and goal of our existence. If we please Him in this life, we will be rewarded justly and if we dishonor and disobey him, we will be passing judgment upon ourselves. How do I want to be remembered after I die? Do I want people to say that I was rich and greedy or I was generous and loving? Do I want to have a high credit in the banks or do I want to have good credit in heaven. We have the choice today and now to make that difference and to prepare for our eternal life with the short time that we have on the face of the earth. The choice is mine and yours.

No! We do not need dead people to come back and tell us about heaven and hell, Our Lord told us about it, His Church reminds us, we have the Sacred Scripture and we have the faith that enlighten us for we are "Children of light," as St. Paul told us in the first reading. Let us act as children of light and be a light to others through our good deeds and faith.

Where do we stand in our relationship with God? Are we the rich man in today's Gospel or are we poor Lazarus? Remember God is asking us to be merciful, loving and kind. He has entrusted us with much and he demands of us a lot. Let us ask Him to enlighten and help us through His Holy Spirit to be faithful and worthy stewards. In our Liturgy of the Word, we asked our Lord Jesus Christ to welcome into his kingdom of light, all our deceased brothers and sisters, who have been nourished with his Body and Blood. We commend them to the mercy of God with hope and expectation. May the Lord erase their sins and faults and may they attain the joy of paradise, the dwelling of the just.

May the souls of your deceased loved ones and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend and following Weekdays, February 18-23: All Masses for Our Faithful Departed

All 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 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*
- ✠ *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*
- ✠ *Deceased of the Joseph Ferrera Family by Larry & Becky Ferrera*
- ✠ *Deceased of the Hodulik & Wilson Families by Judy Wilson*
- ✠ *Deceased of the Shiben & McFarland Families by John & Dee Shiben*
- ✠ *Deceased of the Shutler Family by Janet Shutler*
- ✠ *Deceased of the Nolte Family by Janet Shutler*

Next Weekend, February 25-26: Entrance into Great Lent

Saturday, February 25 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Doug Bentz by Nancy Baker
- ✠ Joe Elias by Steve & Mike Linton

Sunday, February 26 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Eugene Blum (Birthday) by his wife Mary Margaret Blum
 ✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family

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 84th Annual Festival. It will take place at Oglebay Park for two days:

Saturday, August 12th from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 13th 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

Mary Blum, Rose Vargo, Bernadine Elias, Peggy Justice, Barb Sobota

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

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

\$1,472.00	Sunday Collection
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437.00	Refunds
465.00	St. Maron dinner
60.00	Hall rental
125.00	Parking
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$2,589.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

Calendar of Parish Events

Women Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, February 26th, after Mass in Cedar Hall</i>
St. Maron Dinner Tuesday, March 7, at 9 a.m. →→ Wednesday, March 8, →→→→→ Sunday, March 12 →→ → → →→	<i>Note: No work Monday, Thursday & Friday</i> Bake Cookies; Cook & Shred Chicken; Brown Orzo; Prepare Onions <i>Note: Workers please bring a covered dish</i> <i>Make Kibbee; Set Up Hall for Dinner</i> St. Maron Dinner 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
Lebanese Bake Sale Sunday, April 23 →→→→→ → →→ Sunday, April 30 →→→ → →→→→ Monday-Thursday, May 1 & 2 →→→ Wednesday, May 3 →→→→→→→ Thursday, May 4 →→→→→→→→	–Sponsored by Women’s Society Orders & Payment Due for Lebanese Bake Sale Spinach Preparation – starting after 10:30 a.m. Mass Baking Days – starting at 9 a.m. dough will be ready to shape & fill Order Pick-Up for Bake Sale – Wednesday, from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 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>
Cedar Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, July 29 (tentatively)</i>
Mahrajan New for 2017 - 2 day event	<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 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: Shirley Bine
4 th Friday, March 24	Meal Sponsor: Kim Gibbons, Charlotte Khourey, Susan Saseen
5 th Friday, March 31	Meal Sponsors: Chris & Jeannette Wakim
6 th Friday, April 7	Meal Sponsor: Carol Dougherty, Mike Linton & Msgr. Bakhos
Good Friday, April 14	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,

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

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 11th)

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 11th, 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 25th) Inf.: 914-964-3070

