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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman

***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 Hemorrhaging Woman

Readings: 2 Cor 7:4-11 and Lk 8:40-56

The story of the healing hemorrhaging woman is reported by the three Synoptic evangelists: Matthew, Mark and Luke. (Mt 9:20-22, Mk 5:25-34, Lk 8:43-48). Mark's text contains more detail than the others. The woman was cured of an issue of blood, and Jesus said to her, "***Daughter it is your faith that has cured you. Go in peace and be free of this illness.***" (Mark 5:34).

Particularly curious in this case of healing is that the hemorrhaging woman did not make a request of Jesus for healing. In general, sick people approached Jesus and asked him to cure them; or they were brought to him by others who made the request for them. In this case, the woman came up behind Jesus and touched His cloak, and immediately she was cured (Mark 5:27-28).

Her case was humanly hopeless. Several doctors tried in vain to cure her, and "***she exhausted her savings in the process, yet she got no relief; on the contrary, she only grew worse.***" (Mark 5:26). Then she heard about Jesus and put her faith in Him to restore her total health.

Faith can be alive and strong, even in complete silence. Both active and contemplative religious orders please God. Often we ignore the reason why the sick woman did not face Jesus and openly petition the miracle. None of the three evangelists provides us with an answer to this question. It may be her shyness or her feminine decency; in all probability, she did not want to reveal publicly her gynecological illness. Perhaps she also feared that she would be rejected by the public since according to Jewish law (Leviticus 13: 1-2 and 44-46), her bleeding condition rendered her ritually impure. But this is only speculation. The important thing is that she had strong faith in Jesus. Sober and reserved in her belief, she wished only to "***touch His clothing.***" (Mark 5:28). No need for her to make a long speech, no need for ostentation.

Her attitude tells us that we must also deal delicately and discretely with delicate matters. Jesus granted her wish and praised this faith of hers; faith and decency go together, and Jesus appreciates both.

The healing of the hemorrhaging woman reveals Jesus' power over incurable diseases and His sensitive concern for everyone in need. Jesus is both healer and savior of mankind. When He sent His disciples to preach the Gospel He commanded them to "***heal the sick***" (Matthew 9:8).

God created the human person healthy in body and soul. But sin, the mortal sickness of the soul brought sickness to the body as its consequence. Every person became basically sick. Christ came to heal all our sicknesses, as Isaiah the prophet says: "***It was our infirmities that He bore our sufferings that He endured.***" (Isaiah 53:4). Jesus became, so to speak, "***sinner***" and "***ill***" for our sakes, in order that we may have health in soul and body. Without Jesus we all remain sinners and sick. Only in, with, and through Him can we become completely whole

In conclusion, Jesus forgives us all our sins, even those for which we are humanly ashamed!

Meditation for Lent: Temptations abound

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. (Matt 4:1-2)

There are two pieces of geography that smell of solitude: deserts and mountains. Away from the madding crowd, we travelers bump up against the rawness of reality. Distractions are gone and we come face-to-face with the mysteries of life, a complex life of good and evil.

Jesus faced three temptations in the desert: the temptation to live on bread alone, the temptation to test God's providence, and the temptation to idolatry. Jesus remained obedient and thwarted each temptation by turning to the word of God. It was the Father's will that dominated his mission and kept him faithful.

Adam and Eve were not in a desert but in the lushness of a primordial garden. They too faced temptations and we know the rest of the story: the fruit was eaten, their eyes were opened, and they landed east of Eden. Like Jesus, they were faced with choices; unlike Jesus, they refused obedience and found themselves separated from one another and their Creator.

St. Paul experienced both disobedience and obedience. This great disciple to the Gentiles lived to write about the horrendous nature of sin and the abundance of God's grace. Always his focus was on Jesus, the

obedient one. It was in Christ that God's gracious gift of righteousness was to be found. We can feel in Paul's writings someone who knew both the agony of Adam's sin and the beauty and joy of Jesus' faithful ministry.

We are all called to spend time in the desert, up on the mountain, and in God's vast garden we call creation. In all of those geographies, we will face decisions. In all of those places we will face temptations. Our need is for angels to come and minister to us lest we, like Adam and Eve, lose our focus. Like Paul, we know, deep down, that we can do all things in Christ who strengthens us (Phil 4:13).

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, March 11-12: The Hemorrhaging woman

Saturday, March 11 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Martha Shia by Msgr. Bakhos

Sunday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Mary J. Shipley (Anniversary) by her daughter Thomasina Geimer

✠ Robby Hunter (Anniversary) by his grandma Thomasina Geimer

✠ Betty Abraham, Clara Carter, Evelyn Goodson by George & Jean Weisner and Family

Weekday Masses

Monday, March 13: No Mass Msgr. Bakhos day off

Tuesday, March 14: No Mass Msgr. Bakhos day off

Wednesday, March 15 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ John Wilson (Birthday) by his wife Judy Wilson

Thursday, March 16, at 12:05 p.m.:

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

Friday, March 17:

5:10 p.m.: Rosary & Litany

5:30 p.m.: Divine Liturgy for the Repose of the soul of William Breit

6:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Cross

7:00 p.m.: Friday Lenten meal

✠ For the intentions of the benefactors who sponsored the meatless dinner tonight

Next Weekend, March 18-19: The Prodigal Son

Saturday, March 18 at 4:00 p.m.:

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

Sunday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Intentions of the Benefactors of our Church

Easter Lillies

\$25 Donation for Easter Lillies (Due Sunday, March 26)

Easter Lillies in memory of loved ones to decorate the church and the tomb of Christ are sponsored by the following generous parishioners:

✠✠✠✠ *A bouquet of yellow roses will decorate the altar of the Blessed Mother in Memory of Helen Fielding by her husband Donald of Florida*

✠ *Gladys Howard & Louise N. & Louise H. Khourey, Sr., by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family*

✠ *Rosine & Latif Thomas by Nellie Magyar and Family*

✠ *Sue, Frances & Joe Linton by Mike Linton*

✠ *Deceased members of the Bine and Gaudio Families by Shirley Bine*

✠ *Deceased members of the Chidiac Family by Msgr. Bakhos*

- ✠ *The Daniel and DiFabrizio Families by Rebecca & Michael DiFabrizio*
- ✠ *In Honor of Janet Shutler*
- ✠ *In Honor of Mike Linton*
- ✠ *In Honor of Shirley Bine*
- ✠ *In Honor of Jay & Liz Murad*
- ✠ *In Honor of Rex & Rita Strawn*
- ✠ *Deceased members of the Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Joseph & Weisner Families*
- ✠ *In Memory of Tom George and the George Family by Kathleen George and sons*
- ✠ *In Memory of Ralph & Mary J. Shipley, Robby Hunter & deceased Family by Thomasina Geimer*
- ✠ *Deceased members of the Schlog and Saseen Families by Bob & Fran Saseen*
- ✠ *In honor of John & Lillian Siebieda*
- ✠ *Deceased members of the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty*

Mother Week Masses (May 13-19)

Prayer for mothers

O glorious Queen of Heaven and earth! You are the chosen patroness of all Christian mothers. Bless all mothers and inspire them to seek your protection and guidance so that they become truly Christian Mothers. O most pure, most compassionate Mother of the Divine Savior and of all the children of the Heavenly Father who have been regenerated in the holy sacrament of Baptism.

All Masses for the Deceased Mothers and Grandmothers:

- ✠ *Pearl Shutler (mother) and great grandmother Isabelle Nolte by Janet Shutler*
- ✠ *Sadie Chidiac by her son Msgr. Bakhos*
- ✠ *Siham Frenn, LaVerne Thomas & Evelyn Hall by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn*
- ✠ *Louise N. Khourey & Gladys Howard by children Lou & Charlotte & grandchildren Emmalena & Louie*
- ✠ *Emma Nader & Nabiha "Lena" Khourey by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey*
- ✠ *Minnie Church Riggs & Cassandra "Cassie" Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey*
- ✠ *Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL)*
- ✠ *Rosella Saseen & her parents Nancepe & Helen & her grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen*
- ✠ *Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)*
- ✠ *Mary C. Ritts by her son John & Opal Ritts*
- ✠ *Georgette Joseph by Vickie, Lauren & Michael*
- ✠ *Margaret Simonetti by Mary Ryncarz*
- ✠ *Stella Ryncarz by Mary Ryncarz*

All Masses for the Living Mothers and grandmothers:

- ✠ *Charlotte Khourey by her children Emmalena & Louie*
- ✠ *Diane Frenn by her husband Dr Adel and children Andreah and Justin*
- ✠ *Shirley Bine by her son Kenny*

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,

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

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

\$2,190.00	Sunday Collection
230.00	2 nd collection: caritas Lebanon
250.00	Diocesan Appeal
28.00	Candles
1,100.00	Donation toward the old basement remodeling
303.00	Easter Lillies
1,345.00	St. Maron dinner
250.00	Parking
30.00	Utilities
50.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$5,776.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

Calendar of Parish Events

<u>St. Maron Dinner</u> 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
Cedar Hall Meeting	<i>Monday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m.</i>
Women Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, March 26th after Mass</i>
Palm Sunday, April 9	The Passion of the Lord
Easter Sunday, April 16	The Resurrection of the Lord
<u>Lebanese Bake Sale</u> Sunday, April 23 →→→→→ → →→ Sunday, April 30 →→→ → →→→→ Monday-Thursday, May 1 & 2 →→→ Wednesday, May 3 →→→→→→→ Thursday, May 4 →→→→→→→→	–Sponsored by Women’s Society <u>Orders & Payment Due for Lebanese Bake Sale</u> 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>
<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>

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.

Cedar Club Meeting (Monday, March 13th, at 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall)

The Cedar Club will meet on Monday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall. Business Meeting and general discussion of future activities. Hosting will be Luane Frazier and Thomasina Geimer.

Date:	Volunteers Who Sponsor the Light Meals on Fridays during Lent:
3 rd Friday, March 17	Meal Sponsors: Shirley Bine and Nini Miller
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

Diocesan Appeal

The Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon is now taking place. The Eparchy relies upon you to support our Maronite parishes, like this one, and train our future Maronite priests. Every family is asked to be generous and participate in the Appeal at a level which is meaningful for them. Your donation can be mailed to our church or in the collection basket. Our parish’s goal for this year’s Appeal is \$3,000.00. Please be generous and support your Eparchy. Thank you.

Many Thanks for those who fulfilled their Easter Obligation for this year. May God reward you and bless your fasting.

Dennis Albaugh, Thomas Brock, Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Al Depto, Bernadine Elias, Catherine Gaudio, Lou & Charlotte Khourey, M/M Myron Law, Angele Mansor, John & Tulane Mensore, John & Opal Ritts, Rich & Mary Ryncarz, John & Dee Shiben, Larry & Lillian Siebieda, Dianna Vargo, Gary Weisner, Ronald Weisner,

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, Ava Murad, Addie Dierkes, Riley Robbins, Riyanna Robbins, Austin Robbins, Elyse Ashby, Zao Ashby, Gabriel Thomas, Zaylee Thomas, Lyiah Millard, Rayden Millard, and Mary. Jack, Josephine & Bridget Hendrickson,

What’s New?

Old Basement Restroom Project

Dear parishioners,

For the last 60 years, the back area of the old basement of the church was never remodeled. After remodeling the old basement last year it was time to pay attention to that area where the restrooms, the storage area, and the vanity are located. The work started two weeks ago and it will be completed soon. An open house will be scheduled for all parishioners to see. This project will cost the church around \$15,000 or more. Many thanks for all those who donated toward this project and they wanted to remain anonymous. If you are blessed financially, please consider a tax-deductible donation to support the church. I guarantee you this is the last corner of the church that needs to be fixed. All things are new now. You deserve such a beautiful church.

–Msgr. Bakhos

Around Us

Novena of Infant of Prague (begins Monday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.)

Where: Our Lady of the Peace, Mozart