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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Paralytic

***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 Paralytic

Readings: 1Tim 5:24-6:5 and Mk 2:1-12

“One day, while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting near by, and the power of the Lord was with him to heal.” (Luke 5:17-26)

It can be discouraging to compare our lives with that of Jesus because we fall so far short of being what he was. But in today’s gospel, Jesus is distracted. Now that is something with which we can all identify.

Distractions are the bane of our existence. When we are praying, our minds wander seemingly of their own accord. Too often when we are with friends, we long for solitude. Then when we have our longed-for solitude, we wish we were with friends. When we are busy, we wish for tranquility; when we are tranquil, we think of things we should be doing.

I forget who said it but I have taken great comfort in the saying, “When we are praying and distractions come, we should not fight the distractions because they are God’s way of telling us what should be the subject of our prayer.” Distractions are God’s way of breaking into our monologues to make sure that he is heard. In today’s gospel, Jesus has decided to teach but his Father wants him to heal, so Jesus’ mind wanders. Jesus does not fight the distraction but smoothly moves from teaching to healing. Advent is a good time to pay more attention to our distractions and to see them as God’s way of correcting the course of our day.

Meditation for Lent: Ask, Seek, Knock

“They will respect my son.” (Matthew 21:37)

There is always a tendency to think that the words of the Gospel are addressed only to people who lived long ago. But the very reason we read the Gospels every year in our churches is to allow the words to be addressed to us in our own times. The story of the vineyard is the story of the Church that Christ has “planted.” And we must be ever vigilant that we do not reject the one who “planted” us.

There is little danger that we will reject Christ in so many words. But we may give lip service to Jesus and give our hearts and minds to something else: our nation, our social class, the economic privilege we enjoy or pleasure itself.

Even the Church itself must never become more important to us than the Lord who gives it meaning. All priests, all sacraments, all laws, all traditions mean nothing if Christ has not saved us. None of them can ever be placed in a position of greater importance than our God revealed in Jesus. Resisted in his own time by his own people, Jesus can be resisted in our times as well, even by those who call themselves Catholic or Christian. Let us pray that we be people who bear the fruit of faith and not be unworthy of the cornerstone we have been given.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, March 25-26: Sunday of the Paralytic

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

✠ Douglas Bentz by Patrick H. Belby

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

✠ Michael & Annette Howard by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family

✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie & Family

Weekday Masses

Monday, March 27: No Mass Msgr. Bakhos day off

Tuesday, March 28: No Mass Msgr. Bakhos day off

Wednesday, March 29 at 12:05 p.m.:

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

Thursday, March 30, at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ For the persecuted Christians in the Middle East by Pam Lantz

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

Friday, March 31:

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, April 1-2: Sunday of the Blind

Saturday, April 1 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Catherine Arthur (Anniversary) by her daughter Carol Burkhart

Sunday, April 2 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoon Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family

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 & 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 & the George Family by Kathleen George & 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*
- ✠ *In loving memory of John T. & Cecilia John by Ron & Susan Burns*
- ✠ *In Loving memory of Tom & Sadie John & David & Tamamie Joseph by Ron & Susan Burns*
- ✠ *In loving memory of Louis & Cecilia Ammar, Sister Mary Thomasina John & Roland & Julia Tappe by Ron & Susan Burns*
- ✠ *In loving of Danny & Milly Manners by Nini Miller*
- ✠ *Msgr. Bakhos' parents Adib & Sadie, brother Nadim & sister Mona by Steve & Mike Linton*
- ✠ *Suzanne Linton by her husband Mike*

- ✠ *Frances & Joseph Linton by their sons Steve & Mike*
- ✠ *Deceased of our Parish by Steve & Mike Linton*
- ✠ *Deceased of the Gibbons & Coury Families & Eva Coury Moffat by Lucille Gibbons*

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) & 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)*
- ✠ *Helen Fielding & Mary Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich*
- ✠ *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*
- ✠ *Nancy Jean Ferris Coffield by Michael & Lindsey Coffield*
- ✠ *Mary & grazia De Leonardis by Sylvia Long*
- ✠ *Grazia Condelli by Sylvia Long*
- ✠ *Catherine Artheu by her daughter Carol Burkhart*
- ✠ *Freda Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias*
- ✠ *Charlotte George (MN) by Margaret George*
- ✠ *Maryanna George & Beatrice Stiles by Margaret George (MN)*
- ✠ *Anna Marie McGlumphy by Jerry McGlumphy & children*
- ✠ *Leslie A. McGlumphy by Jerry McGlumphy & children*
- ✠ *Frances Linton by her sons Steve & Mike*
- ✠ *Cecilia John by her daughter Maryann Carl & Children*
- ✠ *For our mothers and grandmothers by Bill & Carol Dougherty*
- ✠ *Elizabeth Gaudio by her loving daughter Shirley Bine*
- ✠ *Nell Duffy and Rose Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy*
- ✠ *Rachel Nader Farrah by Emilie Kawas*
- ✠ *Siham Frenn by Dr Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin*
- ✠ *LaVerne Thomas and Evelyn Hall Dr Adel, Diane, Andreah and Justin*
- ✠ *Mary K. Ferris by Denise & Tom Ferris*
- ✠ *Mary J. Shipley by her daughter Thomasina Geimer*

All Masses for the Living Mothers and grandmothers:

- ✠ *Charlotte Khourey by her children Emmalena & Louie*
- ✠ *Diane Frenn by her husband Dr. Adel & children Andreah & Justin*
- ✠ *Shirley Bine by her son Kenny*
- ✠ *Nikki Jo Lenz by Joe & Nikki Popovich*

† Nikki A. Popovich by Joe Popovich

† Joyce Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias

† Rita Castle by Jerry McGlumphy

† Amanda Castle by Jerry McGlumphy

† Diane Frenn by her husband Dr Adel & children Andreah & Justin

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.)
- Parishioners will receive by mail 50/50 raffle tickets. If all ticket are sold, the prize will be **\$7,500.00** Please share in the raffle and try to sell some to your family and friends in order to help defray the expenses of the festival. Good luck.
- 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

Barb Sobota, Patty Fahey, Mary Blum,

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

Rose Vargo, Bernadine Elias, Peggy Justice, 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

\$1,599.00	Sunday Collection
255.00	Diocesan appeal
275.00	Donations towards the renovation of the restrooms of old basement
58.00	Bake sale
66.00	Candles
125.00	Easter Lillies
150.00	Parking
670.00	Utilities
50.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$3,248.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

Calendar of Parish Events

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>	–Sponsored by Women’s Society
Sunday, April 23 →→→→→ → →→	<u>Orders & Payment Due</u> for Lebanese Bake Sale
Sunday, April 30 →→→ → →→→→	Spinach Preparation – <i>starting after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>

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	Sunday, May 7
Parish Rummage Sale	Saturday & Sunday, June 10 & 11 (see more info in future bulletins)
Cedar Hall Rental	Saturday, June 24
Cedar Hall Rental	Saturday, July 29 (tentatively)
Mahrajan New for 2017 - 2 day event	Saturday, August 12, & Sunday, August 13
New: Parish Ladies Kibbee Sale	During Week of September 10 th (see more info in future bulletins)
Christmas Party	Sunday, December 3 rd Entertainment by John Mensore

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.

Date:	Volunteers Who Sponsor the Light Meals on Fridays during Lent:
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.

Paul Abraham and Lindsey Martin, Dennis Albaugh, Nick & Judy Bedway, Shirley Bine, Mary Margaret Blum, Mr. & Mrs. Michael N. Breit & Family (NC), Anna Bris, Thomas Brock, Carol Burkhart, Ron & Susan Burns, Maryann Carl, Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Al Depto, Bill & Carol Dougherty, Earl & Linda Duffy, Frank & Anna Marie & Mike Duymich, Bernadine Elias, Millet & Susie Fadoul, George & Patty Fahey, Michael Fahey, Larry & Becky Ferrera, Tom & Denise Ferris, Doanald E. Fielding (FL), The Frenn Family, Thomasina Geimer, Dr. & Mrs. A.D.Ghaphery, Evelyn Ghaphery, Cathy Goodson (PA), Marge John, Larry & Kathy Josephs (MN), Catherine Gaudio, Patrick & Laurie Henry, Linda Hostutler, Dave & Greg John, Mark & Catherine John (VA), Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Mary Rose Kukula, M/M Myron Law, Mike Linton, Sylvia Long, Angele Mansor, Jerry McGlumphy, John & Tulane Mensore, Veronica Mushet, Elia & Debbie Nader (nephew of Msgr. Bakhos, FL), Albert & Salam Naim (Memorial), Joe & Nikki Popovich, Chamse Rahi, Elsie Renzella, John & Opal Ritts, Rich & Mary Ryncarz, Bob & Fran Saseen, Mark Alan Schroeder, John & Dee Shibben, Janet Shutler, Larry & Lillian Siebieda, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sofka, Rex & Rita Strawn, Latif & Martha Thomas (SC), Dianna Vargo, Gary Weisner, George & Jean Weisner, Mary Beth Weisner, Randy 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, Sofia Imer, 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?

Congratulations on Your Baptism: Joelle Tucker

Nathan & Lindsey Tucker granted to their daughter Joelle the honor to be the adopted daughter of God through the sacrament of Baptism, last Saturday, March 18th, at Our Lady of Lebanon Church. Godparents were: Brandon and Cameron Tucker. After the Baptism, a reception was held at the Church hall for the family and friends. May Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of Joelle, protect her and grant her along with her parents, godparents, and grandparents, good health and bright future.

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.

Kibbee For sale

Pack of 2 kibbee for \$6.00. Please ask any of the ladies of the church.

Around Us

Sponsor a Cedar Tree in Lebanon

The Maronite Church is encouraging emigrants to plant cedar trees in the mountains of Lebanon to preserve this treasure unique to world. King Solomon cut the cedar trees in order to build his Temple. A Memorial plaque will honor your names at the entrance of the cedar forest. Please see brochure with Msgr. Bakhos.

Cost of 1 foot cedar tree is \$50.00 and that of 3 foot tree is \$100.00. Please call the office 304-233-1688

A Time to Laugh (299)

Stupid and Beautiful

A man said to his wife one day, *"I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time."* The wife responded, *"Allow me to explain. God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me; God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!"*

Some Great Truths About Life

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge . . . mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the joy.