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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Blind Man

***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

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***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 Blind Man

Readings: 2Cor 10:1-7 and Mk 10:46-52

The blind man that Jesus healed was brought before the Jewish council. They questioned him. Some of the Pharisees themselves wondered out loud how “a sinner” could “perform such signs”? But the consensus was that this man was never really blind, therefore Jesus had not performed any miraculous sign at all. It was an outright demonstration of a “don’t-confuse-me-with-the-facts” attitude.

Not happy with this first interview, the Pharisees called in the parents of this man. They confirmed that the man was really blind, so the Pharisees had to deal with that fact. But this ad hoc committee intimidated the parents. The parents don’t want to be thrown out of the synagogue, which they understand this group of Pharisees has the power to do. So when they are pushed into a corner to give their opinion of “whose” power opened their son’s eyes, they plead ignorance and tell the Pharisees that their son is of legal age and that they will have to ask him.

Consequently the Pharisees have to bring in the formerly blind man a second time to answer more questions. Instead of the answers they want, the man actually starts preaching to them of Jesus’ irrefutable connection to God. So they give him a good tongue-lashing and throw him out into the streets, out of their sight so they don’t have to look at him.

The Pharisees failed to find what they were looking for in order to condemn Jesus. It seemed evident to everyone else who saw what had happened that Jesus was a servant of God who possessed great powers over the things of this world. The Pharisees just couldn’t see it, however. They were the truly blind, and not even Jesus could give sight to those who refused to see.

Meditation for Lent: The Moment of Death

Imagine yourself dead and your soul entering into eternity. If you had just now departed from this world, what would you wish that you had not chosen as you face eternal life? Now consider what such wishes would accomplish at this moment, if you had not spent the days of your mortal life in serving God?

If you would now prevent that which you have time to prevent, use your imagination and imagine yourself in your grave, or upon your deathbed. Imagine yourself to be dying, on the point of breathing appear? A mere moment. To the people in hell, how might the fifty or sixty years of their life journey upon the earth appear, when, in the gulf of eternity, they are able to understand that after a hundred or a thousand million years, they are only beginning eternity? “Alas,” they exclaim, “for a few moments of indulgence in poisonous pleasures, I must forever suffer, lament, and despair in the fiery furnace of hell, abandoned by all, for as long as God is God.”

O my God! I give you thanks for your great mercy. I implore you to continue to have mercy on me. The second kind of remorse comes from the reflection of the condemned on the little which they needed to do in order to be saved, but they chose not to do, and that now there is no remedy. “Alas,” they might say, “if I had frequently confessed my sins, given myself to prayer, restored ill-gotten property, pardoned my enemies, and avoided the dangerous occasion of sin, I would not have been lost.” How often does this thought torment the wretched soul, even more than the fire and all the other torments of hell, that it might have been happy forever, but now must be miserable for all eternity.

O Jesus! It is now the time of mercy, mercifully pardon me. I love you, my only good, and I am exceedingly sorry for having ever despised you. The third and most bitter kind of remorse arises from the consciousness of the wretched souls of the great happiness that they forfeited by their choices and decisions. These souls remember that God offered abundant means of gaining heaven, that Jesus died for their salvation, and that they were permitted to be born in the bosom of the true Church. These souls recall numberless graces and reflect that all have been rendered useless and ineffective through their own fault. “I am lost,” the soul exclaims, “and neither the merits of Jesus Christ, nor the intercession of the Mother of God, nor the prayers of the saints are of any use to me, for every gleam of hope is vanished from me for ever.

Oh that I had died, my God, rather than to have ever offended you. Receive me now into your favor. I love you, and I will love you forever. Mary, most gracious advocate of sinners, intercede for me.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This 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 & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family

Weekday Masses

Monday, April 3: No Mass Msgr. Bakhos day off

Tuesday, April 4 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Mary E. Custer by her sister Helen Benline

Wednesday, April 5: No Mass Msgr. Bakhos day off

Thursday, April 6, at 12:05 p.m.:

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

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

Friday, April 7:

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 8-9: Palm Sunday

Palm Processions: On Palm Sunday, we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem where people came out to meet Him and shout, "Hosanna," "Save us, O Lord." On that day, we bless olive branches (symbol of peace) and palm branches (symbol of victory), and we process inside the church with candles to welcome Christ as the King of our life.

The palms will be blessed during both weekend Masses and distributed. We will have a procession with the children inside the church in every Mass. Please bring your children and grandchildren and let us welcome Christ the King in our hearts with the shouts of "Hosannas."

Saturday, April 8 at 4:00 p.m.: Mass & Procession with Palms

♠ Intentions of the babies and children of the parish and their parents

Sunday, April 9 at 10:30 a.m.: Mass & Procession with Palms

✠ Eugene Blum (Anniversary) by his wife Mary Margaret and Family

♠ Intentions of Joe & Nikki Popovich (wedding anniversary) by Dalton Haas

2017 Passion Week & Easter Schedule

We are entering the most important week of the liturgical year, the week that prepares us to live intensely the Christian Mystery of the Death and the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ: Holy Week. The Holy Week is the memorial of those great days of our salvation when Jesus Christ died on the Cross to redeem and save our human race and give us the opportunity to share in His Divine Life.

Lent was for us the time to reflect more and meditate upon our lives so that we can renew ourselves and prepare to live again the mystery of our salvation. Now we are approaching Holy Week and Easter Sunday when we will celebrate the death and the Resurrection of Our Lord.

On Palm Sunday, the children and people have received Jesus Christ as king. They welcomed Him into their city, Jerusalem. They proclaimed "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written: "Fear no more, O daughter Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt." He was so humble and so meek. The King of the kings, Lord and Master, the Creator of all, born in a manger, entering Jerusalem sitting on a donkey, and finally crucified between two criminals.

Holy Week, in our Maronite Church, is considered an independent Liturgical Season inside the Season of Lent. It starts with the "Coming to the Harbor" on Monday and is over on Easter Sunday. One week seems to be too short to be considered an independent Season; however, the intensity of ceremonies and celebrations, and the deep spirituality found in those old Syriac texts, prayers and hymns in that week, make it worthy to be the most important week of the year.

I would like to present the ceremonies celebrated during this blessed week so that we may understand its importance and realize the importance of our participation in all services.

Monday April 10 at 6:00 p.m.: Rite of the coming to the Harbor, Mass, Stations of the Cross

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

Tuesday April 11 at 6:00 p.m.: Rite of the Coming to the Harbor, Mass, Stations of the Cross

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

The "Coming to the Harbor" is an old rite of the Maronite Church. It reminds us that Jesus is the Harbor of Salvation. The ship or the vessel, which is the Church, and is often compared to Mary, the New Vessel of life, reaches the Harbor after the safe journey of Lent.

Wednesday April 12 at 6:00 p.m.: Rite of the Lamp, Mass, Stations of the Cross

✠ Nancy Ferris Coffield (Anniversary) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone

Wednesday of the Passion Week is also called Wednesday of Ayoub (Job). Job suffered a lot, and lost his health and wealth, even his sons and daughters, but never cursed God and was known for his patience. He represents Christ who willingly received suffering and death, and committed himself into his Father's hands. On that day, the Rite of the Lamp is celebrated. Once again, it is an old rite of the Maronite Church. Dough with seven wicks inserted into it represents the seven lamps envisioned by the Prophet Jeremiah and by John the Apostle in his Revelation. During the celebration, the oil is blessed and all the faithful receive the anointing.

Thursday of the Mysteries, April 13 at 6:00 p.m.: Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Choir will sing)

On Holy Thursday or Thursday of the Holy Mysteries, Jesus had his Last Supper with his disciples and washed their feet. He commanded them to love each other and follow his example in serving each other. "So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do. Amen, amen, I say to you, no slave is greater than his master nor any messenger greater than the one who sent him" (John 13:12-16). After the washing of the feet, Jesus went to Mount of Olives and spent his night there praying to His Father for his disciples and his Church so they may be one as He is one with His Father.

On that day, Jesus founded the Sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Eucharist and the Priesthood. It is the Thursday of the Priests par excellence, those servants of the Holy Sacraments and administrators of the Holy Eucharist in memory of Jesus Christ, in memory of His death and Resurrection until he returns.

The custom on that day is to visit seven Churches, symbolizing the seven Sacraments, and to meditate in each Church upon one of the Sacraments. This custom started first in Rome, ' where Christians went to visit seven Churches built upon the seven hills of Rome, to honor the tombs of the first Christian martyrs and disciples, especially the tombs of Peter and Paul. This custom is still in existence in our parishes and churches in Lebanon where thousands of people go in procession from one Church to another to visit the

Blessed Sacrament exposed usually after the ceremony of the washing of the feet until the morning of the next day,

On Holy Thursday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed all night, and the faithful are encouraged to stay in the church as much as they can praying, meditating upon the Mystery of Salvation, and participating in the "**agony of Gethsemane**" where Jesus spent his night in prayer before His crucifixion on Good Friday. The Maronite Church fulfills the commandment of the Lord Jesus Christ on that day and accomplishes the service of the washing of the feet. The priest, acting in persona Christi, which means in the person of Christ, washes the feet of twelve of his parishioners showing the mystery of love and compassion and performing like Christ the act of ultimate humiliation actually reserved to the slaves who were entrusted with this task to wash their master's feet. Jesus gave himself as an example to follow, and performed that act of humiliation to fulfill the prophecies of the prophets as the Suffering Servant or slave, of whom spoke the prophet Isaiah (Is 53:1-11).

Good Friday, April 14: No Morning or Evening Mass Today in All Catholic Churches

10:30 a.m.: Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice (**No Mass**)

6:00 p.m.: Adoration of the Cross & Solemn Burial of the Lord (**Choir will sing**)

7:00 p.m.: Complimentary Meatless Community Meal

Good Friday is the great day of the year. Jesus was crucified and put to death. He paid the full price of our salvation: his life. He is the Son, the only begotten Son, the inheritor. In Him, through Him and because of Him we became sons and children of Our Father, inheritors of the Heavenly Kingdom and of the Eternal Life. Our Maronite Church invites us on this day to pray and meditate upon the mystery of Salvation: the living death of our Lord which provides salvation of our souls and Eternal Life. Jesus freed us from the impediments of sins. He bore our infirmities and endured our sufferings. "There was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him, nor appearance that would attract us to him. He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity, one of those from whom men hide their faces, spurned, and we held him in no esteem. Yet it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured, while we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted. But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins. Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way; But the Lord laid upon him the guilt of us all. Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth. Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away, and who would have thought any more of his destiny? When he was cut off from the land of the living, and smitten for the sin of his people... Therefore he was given his portion among the great, and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty, Because he surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked; And he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses" (Isaiah 53).

On Good Friday, two ceremonies are to be celebrated. The first Celebration is the "**Signing of the Chalice**" called also "**the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified.**" It is a celebration of the Divine Liturgy with no Words of Institution, which are the center of every liturgy. On Good Friday, the only sacrifice is the sacrifice of Christ, who offered himself to his Father. In fact, every Liturgy is a memorial of the sacrifice of the Cross, the Death and the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. However, on Good Friday Christ himself is the sacrifice, the ultimate and the perfect oblation. During the ceremony, the priest invokes the Holy Spirit to descend upon the chalice placed at the altar and make it the Blood of Christ to be given during the communion with the hosts consecrated the night before in the Liturgy of the Holy Thursday. The most important moment of this Liturgy is the procession with the Blessed Sacrament placed over the head of the priest reminding him of his day of ordination, when the Bishop handed over to him the celebration of the Eucharist and entrusted to him the service of the people of God.

The second ceremony is the **Adoration of the Cross** celebrated in memory of the death of Jesus Christ crucified on the "wood of shame." Jesus was crucified between two criminals. One of them, on the right, repented and won the Kingdom. He entered with Jesus the kingdom prepared for him and for all believers since the foundation of the world. He is the perfect example of repentance. Even at the last minute, Jesus would accept our repentance. He is willing to forgive us and give us new life. During the

ceremony, while the priest is reading from the Gospel of Luke the crucifixion of Jesus, the deacon or the server will light the candle placed to the right of the Cross to symbolize the deliverance of the criminal on the right.

Many Christians during that day bring some flowers to honor the Holy Cross. All flowers will be put into the shroud that will be laid in the tomb prepared especially for this day. After the ceremony, the cross is buried until Easter Sunday.

Saturday of the Light, April 15:

10:30 a.m.: Prayer of Forgiveness & Communal Reconciliation (No Mass)

4:00 p.m. NO Mass

7:00 p.m.: Easter Vigil Mass & “Rite of Peace” (**Choir will sing**)

✠ Steve and Margaret Schlog (Anniversary) by Bob & Fran Saseen

Saturday of the Light is the last day of this Holy Week, and subsequently, the last day of Lent. It is the day the Lord had chosen to enter the tomb and to visit the Dead in their tomb. This day is a non-liturgical day. There is no Divine Liturgy that day before Vigil or Midnight. However, a beautiful ceremony is to be celebrated during that day: **“the Prayer of Forgiveness”**. It is an old prayer of the Maronite Church and all the Syriac Churches that celebrate the forgiveness won by the death of Jesus Christ. Saturday of the Light is the day of forgiveness par excellence. All Christians are invited to confess their sins during that ceremony and beseech forgiveness.

Confessions are heard individually, and absolution is given to all those who confessed their sins. This ceremony finds its true meaning in the forgiveness won by the death of Christ and the personal participation of each faithful and the confession of his sins. The end of the liturgy announces already but not yet the Resurrection of Christ, because where forgiveness and peace are, Christ is raised from the Dead, and so we are. The **Vigil of Easter** is the night before Easter spent in prayers and praises of the Resurrected Christ, and was the perfect time to restore the backsliders to faith and administer Baptism to new catechumens who prepared themselves during all Lent with prayer and fasting. Our Maronite Church shares this tradition with -the Roman Catholic Church. This is a common heritage for all Eastern and Western Churches. However, one of the most important ceremonies and celebrations is the celebration of Easter at Midnight, the first hour of the day. The ceremony of Easter is the **Rite of Peace**. Jesus Christ is the King of Peace. By His Death and His Resurrection he brought peace to earth. Saint Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans: “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access (by faith) to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (Romans 5:1-5).

The **Rite of Peace** is celebrated at Midnight Liturgy and/or Easter Sunday morning during the Divine Liturgy when the priest blesses the congregation with the Cross. Easter Sunday is the day of Peace. “In the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification by the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling with the blood of Jesus Christ: may grace and peace be yours in abundance.” (1 Peter 1:2).

Today's theologians and researchers are discovering the profundity and the richness of our Eastern tradition and they are teaching it in all western and European schools and institutions of philosophy and theology... I hope that this description and explanation of the theology and the spirituality of the Maronite Church all through Holy Week will increase in your hearts the love of the Church and participation in all her ceremonies, liturgies and prayers of this blessed week. I hope that you understand better why this week is so important, and why it is necessary to learn more and more about our Maronite Tradition and our Eastern Catholic Churches. The more you discover the richness of our Syriac Tradition, the more you will love your Church, and the more you will be proud to belong to the Eastern Churches.

Easter Sunday, April 16:

10:30 a.m.: Easter Day Mass & “Rite of Peace.”

✠ For the intentions of the Benefactors of the church by Msgr. Bakhos

Easter Lillies

\$25 Donation for Easter Lillies

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 & 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 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*
- ☘ In loving memory of John T. & Cecilia John by Ron & Susan Burns*
- ☘ In Loving memory of Tom & Sadie John and 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 Memory 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 and Eva Coury Moffat by Lucille Gibbons*
- ☘ In loving memory of John Wilson by his wife Judy & Family*
- ☘ In loving memory of "A Friend" for a Special Intention*
- ☘ In loving memory of Kay Garvey by her sister Mary Blum*
- ☘ In honor of Mary Margaret Blum*
- ☘ In Memory of Suzanne Linton by Bruce & Jean McGuire*

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)*
- ✠ *Helen Fielding and 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 and 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 and 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 and Justin*
- ✠ *LaVerne Thomas and Evelyn Hall Dr Adel, Diane, Andreah and Justin*
- ✠ *Mary K. Ferris by Denise & Tom Ferris*
- ✠ *Sally Malatinski and Shirley Dietz by Sandra Dusick*
- ✠ *Ginny, Martha, Anna & Emily Shia by the Family*
- ✠ *Amelia Fitzgerald, Maryann Khoury & Eva Coury by Rosemary & Dick Coury*
- ✠ *Mary E. Daniel, Mary A. Daniel & Violet DiFabrizio by Rebecca & Michael Dr.Fabrizio*
- ✠ *Emily Vince by her children & grandchildren*

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*

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

\$1,283.00	Sunday Collection
5,775.00	Donations towards the renovation of the restrooms of old basement
79.00	Bake sale
33.00	Candles
50.00	Easter Lillies
300.00	Mahrajan
73.00	St. Maron dinner bake sale
100.00	Donation in memory of Martha Shia
80.00	Parking
40.00	Utilities
50.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$7,863.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

Calendar of Parish Events

Palm Sunday, April 9	The Passion of the Lord
Monday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m.	April Cedar Club meeting. On the agenda: Good Friday Lenten meal, June Rummage sale, Wheeling Health Right's basket. Hostesses: Rita Strawn and Shirely George.
Easter Sunday, April 16	The Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday, April 23	Women's Society Meeting after Mass
<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:
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, Garry & Pauline Ferrell, Larry & Becky Ferrera, Tom & Denise Ferris, Doanald E. Fielding (FL), The Frenn Family, A Friend, Thomasina Geimer, Dr. & Mrs. A.D.Ghaphery, Evelyn Ghaphery, Lucille Gibbons, Ron & Kim Gibbons, Cathy Goodson (PA), Marge John, Larry & Kathy Josephs (MN), Catherine Gaudio, Patrick & Laurie Henry, Linda Hostutler, Sue Jochum, Dave & Greg John, Mark & Catherine John (VA), Kenny & Nancy Joseph, 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), Tom Paree, Joe & Nikki Popovich, Chamse Rahi, Elsie Renzella, John & Opal Ritts, Rich & Mary Ryncarz, Bob & Fran Saseen, Mark Alan Schroeder, John & Dee Shiben, 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?

Condolences: Barb Sobota

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Sobota family on the loss of their beloved Barb who passed away in Wheeling this week. Barb was the sister of Peggy Justice and Ann Lee Bauduin. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid and we extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow.

Kibbee For sale

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

Parish Pantry

Food donations for our Parish Pantry can be placed in the marked box, back of the church. Thank you for your spirit of giving.

Do You like to be a Maronite Catholic Nun?

All women 15 and older are invited to a vocation discernment at the Maronite Antonine Sisters Center in North Jackson, Ohio. The program starts on Friday May 19th at 6:30 pm until Sunday, May 21st at noon. Reservation before Friday, May 4th. Info.: 330-388-8891 or 330-538-9822.

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

The Best Gifts You Can Give:

- a- To your friend - loyalty.
- b- To your enemy -forgiveness.
- c- To your boss - service.
- d- To a child- love.
- e- To your parents - gratitude and devotion.
- f- To your mate - love and faithfulness.
- g- To all men and women - charity.
- h- To God-your life!

Wisdom: God's Boxes

I have in my hands two boxes, which God gave me to hold. He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box, and all your joys in the gold." I heeded His words, and in the two boxes, both my joys and sorrows I stored, But though the gold became heavier each day, the black was as light as before. With curiosity, I opened the black, I wanted to find out why. And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole which my sorrows had fallen out by. I showed the hole to God, and mused, "I wonder where my sorrows could be." He smiled a gentle smile and said, "My child, they're all here with me." I asked God why He gave me the boxes, why the gold, and the black with the hole? "My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings, the black is for you to let go."