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

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### ***Easter Sunday***

\***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: Easter Sunday***

Readings: Phil 2:1-11 and Mt 28:1-10

Easter always comes in the spring. Spring follows winter and Easter follows Great Friday and ends the Great Fast (Lent). Some comparison will help us better understand the true meaning of Easter.

### **Before Easter:**

Before Easter, during winter season, the whole earth is gloomy. Fields and forests are desolate and dead. Nothing grows. the birds are silent. The flowers are missing. The atmosphere is icy. During the Great Fast, our efforts aimed to tame and control our selfish selves through our prayer and fasting. Temporal and material things are reduced to the minimum -food, liquor, pleasure, leisure, etc. for the sake of the spiritual growth. Winter is oriented to spring, and Great Fast is oriented to Easter. Dead winter emerges in flourishing spring, and Great Friday is but the preparation to the Resurrection.

### **At Easter:**

Therefore, Jesus' rising from the dead is like spring breaking forth. Spring, indeed, is the season of new beginnings. The seeds are germinating. Plants and trees have new flowers and new leaves. A new life starts in the nature. Winter time is over. At Easter, the winter of mankind is also over and the world is no more desolate. For a new life is given us by the Lord's Resurrection. All mankind is renewed in Christ. Our personal spring followed the period of fasting and mortification. Now, Risen Christ revives us and makes us grow in a new form of life. Thanks to Him, after we were dead we have come back to life; after we were lost we now are found. In Him we became new creatures.

To keep us alive in His grace, Jesus established the Mysteries or Sacraments of the Church as channels of renewal in our lives. In our baptism we died and rose with Christ, as St.Paul says: ***“Through Baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that, just Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life”*** (Rom.6: 4). If after baptism, we die again in committing sin, we may rise again to the life of Jesus through the sacrament of reconciliation. Risen Jesus alone can open for us the springs of grace and salvation, if we remain closely in touch with Him and His Church.

During the year, we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection every time we come together to worship Him in the Divine Liturgy.

## ***Easter Greeting from the Pastor***

Dear Parishioners and friends,

We call it “Pascal Mystery”: this awe-inspiring event which encompasses Christ's death, Christ's resurrection and Christ's return in glory. Although this event is situated in history it is always eternally present. Easter is its ritual celebration, yet each Sunday is an Easter Sunday and we are an Easter people. In the inspired words of the psalmist, we acclaim, “This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Each one of us is called to that joy; a joy which comes from a change of mind and a change of heart, lifting us from all earth-bound attachments that occupy our days. This Easter joy is realized through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) which leads us to unity with the Risen Lord in the Eucharistic sacrifice a process of dying and rising again.

“Be intent on things above rather than on things of earth”, we read in St. Paul. We let go of those things we falsely treasure, emptying ourselves of our pride and presumptions, becoming like Him, in the form of a servant -dispossessing ourselves from everything. Thus shall we await our sharing in triumph in the eternal and always present Pascal Mystery.

May your Easter be all joyful.

### ***The Easter Obligation***

Many Thanks for all our generous and faithful parishioners who donated toward the 2017 Easter Obligation. We sent to our Diocese the collected amount of \$3,000.00 to help our bishop pay for the tuitions of the seminarians (our future priests) and the retired priests who served our parishes and his other office and charitable expenses. As Christians we are not responsible only toward our parish but toward our brothers and sisters beyond the borders of our parish. May you have a blessed Easter and may your donation rise like incense before God who sees everything and reward you for your good deeds. Happy Easter.

Easter Obligation lately received: Eva Lee Powell, Bill & Mary Stees, Mark & Barb McLaughlin, Mary Lish,.. God bless you all. Happy Easter

## *Divine Liturgy Schedule*

### ***This Weekend: Easter Sunday***

**Saturday Easter Vigil, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.:** Easter Vigil Mass & "Rite of Peace" (Choir will sing)

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

✠ Nick Conti by Mickey & Linda Duffy

**Easter Sunday, April 16:** Easter Mass & "Rite of Peace" (Choir will sing)

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

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

✠ Barb Sobota by Dianna Vargo

### **Weekday Masses**

**Monday, April 17:** No Mass Msgr. Bakhos day off

**Tuesday, April 18 at 12:05 p.m.:**

✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)

✠ Barb Sobota by Mary McGrath Stone

**Wednesday, April 19 at 12:05 p.m.:**

✠ Mark Long (Anniversary) by his mother Sylvia Long

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

**Thursday, April 20, at 12:05 p.m.:**

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

✠ Barb Sobota by Mary Lee & Dennis Porter

**Friday, April 21 at 12:05 p.m.:** No Mass Msgr. Bakhos day off

### ***Next Weekend, April 22-23: New Sunday***

**Saturday, April 22 at 4:00 p.m.:**

✠ Barb Sobota by Mike & Mary Ann Sobota

✠ Intentions of the Benefactors of Msgr. Bakhos & the church

**Sunday, April 23 at 10:30 a.m.:**

✠ Mary K. Ferris (Birthday) by Denise & Tom Ferris

✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family

### ***Women's Society Meeting*** (Sunday, April 23, in the Cedar Hall following Mass)

The Women's Society will have its next meeting following Mass in the Cedar Hall on Sunday, April 23. We will finalize plans for the remaining spring events. All are welcome to attend.

### ***First Communion*** (Sunday, May 7)

Five First Communion candidates Gabriel Thomas, Riley and Riyanna Robbins, Zao Ashby and Eden DeMuth will receive their first Communion on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> during Mass. They will be part of the May Procession and the Women Society will treat all the children with a special banquet after Mass. Congratulations.

### ***May Queen and Attendants*** (Sunday, May 7)

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,

### ***Flowers Sponsored in Honor of the Blessed Mother in May***

Flowers for the May Queen & her Attendants in the May Procession are sponsored by: Sandra DeMuth, Carol Dougherty, Thomasina Geimer & Rita Strawn.

Flower arrangements placed in front of the Blessed Mother are:

Sunday, May 6 & 7: Mary Thomas

Sunday, May 13 & 14: Sandra Dusick, Sandra DeMuth & Judy Dierkes

Sunday, May 20 & 21: Mary Lish & Nettie Seidler

Sunday, May 27 & 28: Charlotte Khourey & Mary Stees

Many thanks to each of these dedicated women for their thoughtful flower donations.

## ***Mother Week Masses (May 13-19)***

### ***Mother's heart***

After 17 years of marriage, my wife wanted me to take another woman out to dinner and a movie. She said, 'I love you, but I know this other woman loves you and would love to spend some time with you. The other woman that my wife wanted me to visit was my MOTHER, who has been alone for 20 years, but the demands of my work and my two boys had made it possible to visit her only occasionally. That night I called to invite her to go out for Dinner and a movie. "What's wrong, aren't you well," she asked? My mother is the type of woman who suspects that a late night call or a surprise invitation is a sign of bad news. 'I thought it would be pleasant to spend some time with you,' I responded. 'Just the two of us.' She thought about it for a moment, and then said, 'I would like that very much. That Friday after work, as I drove over to pick her up I was a bit nervous. When I arrived at her house, I noticed that she, too, seemed to be nervous about our date. She waited in the door. She had curled her hair and was wearing the dress that she had worn to celebrate her last birthday on November 19th. She smiled from a face that was as radiant as an angel's'. 'I told my friends that I was going to go out with my son, and they were impressed,' she said, as she got into that new white van. They can't wait to hear about our date'. We went to a restaurant that, although not elegant, was very nice and cozy. My mother took my arm as if she were the First Lady. After we sat down, I had to read the menu. Her eyes could only read large print. Half way through the entries, I lifted my eyes and saw Mom sitting there staring at me. A nostalgic smile was on her lips. 'It was I who used to have to read the menu when you were small,' she said. Then it's time that you relax and let me return the favor,' I responded. During the dinner, we had an agreeable conversation - nothing extraordinary but catching up on recent events of each other's life. We talked so much that we missed the movie. As we arrived at her house later, she said, 'I'll go out with you again, but only if you let me invite you.' I agreed. 'How was your dinner date?' asked my wife when I got home. 'Very nice. Much more so than I could have imagined,' I answered. A few days later, my mother died of a massive heart attack. It happened so suddenly that I didn't have a chance to do anything for her. Some time later, I received an envelope with a copy of a restaurant receipt from the same place Mother and I had dined. An attached note said, 'I paid this bill in advance. I wasn't sure that I could be there; but nevertheless, I paid for two plates - one for you and the other for your wife. You will never know what that night meant for me. I love you, son.' At that moment, I understood the importance of saying in time: 'I LOVE YOU' and to give our loved ones the time that they deserve. Nothing in life is more important than your family. Give them the time they deserve, because these things cannot be put off till 'some other time. 'Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby....Somebody doesn't know that once you're mother, 'normal' is history. Somebody said you learn how to be a mother by instinct. Somebody never took a three-year-old shopping. Somebody said being a mother is boring... somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a driver's permit. Somebody said if you're a 'good' mother, your child will 'turn out good'.... Somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee. Somebody said you don't need an education to be a Mother.... Somebody never helped a fourth grader with his math. Somebody said you can't love the second child as much as you love the first.... somebody doesn't have two children. Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labor and delivery.... somebody never watched her 'baby' get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten ... or on a plane headed for military 'boot camp.' Somebody said a mother can stop worrying after her child gets married....somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-marriage mother's heartstrings. Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home...somebody never had grandchildren. Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her....somebody isn't a mother. This isn't just about being a mother; it's about appreciating the people in your life while you have them....no matter who that person is.

**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 & Nabihah "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 Burkhardt
- ✠ 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 & grandmothers by Bill & Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Elizabeth Gaudio by her loving daughter Shirley Bine
- ✠ Nell Duffy & Rose Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Rachel Nader Farrah by Emilie Kawas
- ✠ Siham Frenn by Dr Adel, Diane, Andreah and Justin
- ✠ LaVerne Thomas & Evelyn Hall Dr Adel, Diane, Andreah and Justin
- ✠ Mary K. Ferris by Denise & Tom Ferris
- ✠ Mary J. Shipley by her daughter Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Sally Malatinski & 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
- ✠ Jean Bentz, Rose Fadoul, Mary Sengewalt, Elizabeth Bentz by Millet & Susie Fadoul
- ✠ Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell (OH)
- ✠ Rose Ann Polsinelli & Katheryn Conti by Rosalie Conti
- ✠ Lottie Eowartoski by her son Richard
- ✠ Mary Elias by her daughter Debbie Kull
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**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*  
 † *Susan Board by Ingrid & Josh Hendrickson*  
 † *Mary Lou Ward by Ingrid & Josh Hendrickson*  
 † *Susie Fadoul by Janet Wilson, Millet C. & Jonathan Fadoul*  
 † *Josephine Weidman by her niece Debbie Kull*  
 † *Debbie Kull by her husband Mart & Children*  
 † *Bernadine Elias and her daughters by the Family*

## ***Mahrajan News***

### ➤ **Date and Time:**

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

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

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

### ➤ **Mahrajan Committee Planners:**

Festival Chairperson: Liz Murad; Entertainment: Carol Dougherty and Dalton Haas; Ad Book, Table Reservation & 50/50 Raffle: Msgr Bakhos; Operation & Logistics: Lou Khourey; Security: Michelle Marinacci; Tent Schematic: Nick John; Finance: Liz Murad & Michelle Marinacci; Marketing: Susan John & Dalton Haas; Pastry: Maryann Carl; Food/Pitaland coordinator: Msgr Bakhos and ladies; Shish kabob: Nick John; Beer: Barry Carter; Games: Mark Thomas; Volunteers: Ryan Storm; Sledd coordinator: Chris George.

### ➤ **50/50 Raffle Tickets:**

Parishioners will receive by mail 50/50 raffle tickets. If all tickets are sold, the prize will be **\$7,500.00** Please share in the raffle and help defray the expenses of the festival. If you are able to sell 10 tickets to your family members and friends, please ask Msgr Bakhos who will give you an envelope of 10 tickets for \$5.00 each ticket. Thank you and good luck.

### ➤ **Sponsors honored:**

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.

### ➤ **Dance Groups:**

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

### ➤ **Message from the Volunteers Chairperson:**

Our 2017 Mahrajan is fast approaching. This year's 84th Annual Festival will mark a significant change in that it will be held over two days this year - Saturday, August 12th and Sunday,

August 13th. What has been critical to the success of prior Mahrajans is the support of its volunteers. We are once again asking the parishioners, family, and friends to donate their energy and time to help make the 2017 Mahrajan a successful, fun event. In the back of the Church are various sign-up time sheets in two hour blocks. We are asking for any and all volunteers to graciously donate their time. If you would like to sign up for more than 2 hours or volunteer at a different stand that would be terrific. Thank you!

Ryan Storm, Volunteer Chairperson

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

### **Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers**

Bernadine Elias, Bob and Sally Sengewalt, Rizzo Palotay,

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

Patty Fahey, Mary Blum, Rose Vargo, Peggy Justice, Abbey Lattavo, Shirley and Jim George, Diane Palotay, Virginia & Dolores Joseph, Jim Dellget, Betty Shia, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi, Jo Anne Reed (sister of Roberta Henning and Sue Brubach), Mike O'Kane (brother-in-law of Nikki Popovich),

## ***Your Church Support Last Week***

\$1,737.00	Sunday Collection
6,240.00	Donations towards the renovation of the restrooms of old basement
474.75	Bake sale
35.00	Candles
400.00	Dinners (Mercy meal)
192.00	Easter Lillies
2,000.00	Mahrajan
180.00	Parking
15.00	utilities
50.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$11,323.75	<b>Total Deposits:</b> <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

## ***Rummage Sale will be two days this year***

The Rummage Sale sponsored by the Cedar Club will be **Saturday, June 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m.** 1/2 price and bag or box sale.

## ***Calendar of Parish Events***

<b>Sunday, April 23</b>	<b>Women's Society Meeting after Mass</b>
<b><u>Lebanese Bake Sale</u></b>	–Sponsored by Women's Society
Sunday, April 23 →→→→→ → →→	<b><u>Orders &amp; Payment Due for Lebanese Bake Sale</u></b>
Sunday, April 30 →→→ → →→→→	<b>Spinach Preparation</b> – <i>starting after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>
Monday-Thursday, May 1 & 2 →→→	<b>Baking Days</b> – <i>starting at 9 a.m. dough will be ready to shape &amp; fill</i>
Wednesday, May 3 →→→→→→→→	<b>Order Pick-Up for Bake Sale</b> – <i>Wednesday, from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.</i>
Thursday, May 4 →→→→→→→→	<b>Order Pick-Up for Bake Sale</b> – <i>Thursday, from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</i>
<b>May Crowning &amp; First Communion</b>	<i>Sunday, May 7</i>
<b>Parish Rummage Sale</b>	<i>Saturday &amp; Sunday, June 10 &amp; 11 (see more info in future bulletins)</i>
<b>Cedar Hall Rental</b>	<i>Saturday, June 24</i>
<b>Cedar Hall Rental</b>	<i>Saturday, July 29 (tentatively)</i>
<b>Mahrajan New for 2017 - 2 day event</b>	<i>Saturday, August 12, &amp; Sunday, August 13</i>
<b>New: Parish Ladies Kibbee Sale</b>	<i>During Week of September 10<sup>th</sup> (see more info in future bulletins)</i>
<b>Christmas Party</b>	<i>Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> Entertainment by John Mensore</i>

## ***What's New?***

### ***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 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm until Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at noon. Reservation before Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Info.: 330-388-8891 or 330-538-9822.