

April 23, 2017  
Bulletin #17

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

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### ***New 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: New Sunday***

Readings: 2 Cor 5:11-21 and Jn 20:26-31

“**We have seen the Lord !**” The risen Christ had already appeared to the disciples in the absence of Thomas. He had shown the wounds of His passion and imparted to them His messianic peace. In anticipation of Pentecost He had given them the Holy Spirit -the Spirit who by their means would effect the work of salvation. Then came Thomas, and careless of what others thought, but true to himself, said flatly: “**Unless I see, I refuse to believe.**”

Thomas the apostle was a forthright and honest man: his mentality is revealed in various places in the Gospels. Here he shows us that in what concerns the adventure of faith, he is not easily convinced. How like ourselves he is, in his pursuit of the real, the tangible; mistrustful of ideologies unless they are vouched for by everyday experience. Yet God is not displeased at this! The most amazing thing about faith is that one can believe. The Lord understands this, and a week later takes him at his word and submits to his demand: “Give me your hand and put it into my **side. Doubt no longer but believe.**”

And what about us, twentieth century believers: are we going to drift through the liturgical celebration of the Easter Season, repeating abstractedly: “**Happy are those who have not seen, yet believe ?**” We ought rather to follow Thomas in trying to see the power of the Resurrection manifested in our lives -as individuals and as a community! We should wish to see this power healing the wounds of our brothers; undoing oppression; bringing back from the dead those men and women still engulfed in sin.

At least we can offer these a helping hand. Another amazing truth about faith is that we can believe in the impossible and do our utmost to achieve it. Then, and only then, dare we say, quite truthfully: “**My Lord and my God !**”

## ***Divine Liturgy Schedule***

### ***This 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

#### **Weekday Masses**

**Monday, April 24: No Mass Msgr. Bakhos day off**

**Tuesday, April 25: No Mass Msgr. Bakhos day off**

**Wednesday, April 26 at 12:05 p.m.:**

✠ Intentions of Evelyn Ghaphery

**Thursday, April 27, at 12:05 p.m.:**

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

✠ Jerry & Leslie McGlumphy (Wedding Anniversary) by Jerry McGlumphy & Children

**Friday, April 28 at 12:05 p.m.:**

✠ Ellis Boury

### ***Next Weekend, April 29-30: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Resurrection***

#### **Saturday, April 29 at 4:00 p.m.:**

✠ John F. Kukula (Birthday) by his wife Mary Rose, Cathey, Todd, Nick

✠ Betty Joseph (Birthday) by Larry & Becky Ferrara

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

✠ Leslie McGlumphy (Anniversary) by her husband Jerry & Children

✠ Al Weidman by Kenny & Nancy Joseph

## **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, Marianna, Christopher and Elizabeth Al-Khoury

## **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)**

Prayer to St. Monica, Patroness Of Mothers

Blessed Monica, mother of St. Augustine, we give thanks to our Father in heaven who looked with mercy upon your tears over your wayward son. His conversion and heroic sanctification were the fruit of your prayers.

Dear St. Monica we now ask you to pray with us for all those sons and daughters that have wandered away from God, and to add your prayers to those of all mothers who are worried over their children. Pray also for us that, following your example, we may, in the company of our children, one day enjoy the eternal vision of our Father in heaven. Amen.

### **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 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 & 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*  
 † *Theresa Sofka by Mike & Judy Sofka*  
 † *Mary Jean Stanton by Mike & Judy Sofka*

**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*  
 † *Elizabeth Machel by Mike & Judy Sofka*

## *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

Debbie Hoffman, Bernadine Elias, Bob and Sally Sengewalt

### 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*

\$2,280.00	Easter Collection
193.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection: Holy Land
125.00	Donations towards the renovation of the restrooms of old basement
423.00	Bake sale

69.00	Candles
614.00	Dinners (Mercy meal)
200.00	Hall rental
1,425.00	Mahrajan
707.00	utilities
50.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$6,086.00	<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 on:

**Saturday, June 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and**

**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>Lebanese Bake Sale</b>	–Sponsored by Women’s Society
Sunday, April 23 →→→→→ → →→	<b>Orders &amp; Payment Due for Lebanese Bake Sale</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 Condolences: Rizzo Palotay and Gerard Joseph***

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Palotay and Joseph Families on the loss of their beloved Rizzo Palotay and Gerard Joseph.

Msgr. Bakhos celebrated their funerals and the Ladies of the church served their mercy meals. May the Blessed Mother intercede for them and lead them to the light of Christ. We extend the parish’s condolences to their Families in their time of sorrow.

### ***Easter Obligation***

Many Thanks for Sandra Dusick and Paula Jo Perilli for fulfilling their Easter Obligations.

### ***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.

### ***Authority***

Marshal Ferdinand Foch was Commander of the Allied Forces during the First World War. His chauffeur, Pierre, was sedulously cultivated by newspaper reporters who hoped to get information on what was going on in the Marshal’s mind. They were always asking him when the war would get over.

But Pierre would never say. One day the reporters caught Pierre just as he was leaving headquarters. As they crowded around him, the chauffeur said, “Today the Marshal spoke.” “What did he say?” they asked eagerly. He said, “Pierre, what do you think? When will the war get over?”