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Bulletin #26

## *Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church*

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### *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost*

- \***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, Natalie Horner
- \***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

## *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost*

Readings: 1Cor 2:11-16 and Lk 10:21-24

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

I think all of us can very readily identify ourselves among those to whom the Lord addresses himself today: we are weary and carrying heavy burdens. We know our weariness; we know the burdens we carry. But where is he, that we may come to him? And how do we find this rest?

He has told us: “The Father and I will come and make our home in you” God is everywhere, but where does he make his home in this world? In you and in me. He is within us. The kingdom of God is within. And how do we rest with him there? We turn within, give ourselves to him in love, and with a little word of love, oh so gently repeated, we rest in that love, letting him take care of the world and all that is in it for a few minutes. He can manage it; he is God.

How foolish are we if we do not accept his gracious invitation and take time each day to rest in his love at the center. Centering prayer is our response to his loving invitation. Twenty minutes of centering prayer each day will indeed refresh us; enjoyed twice a day it will begin to heal all the wounds of the past.

### ***This Weekend, June 24-25: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

#### **Saturday, June 24 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Arthur Long (Anniversary) by his wife Sylvia Long
- ✠ Helen Fielding (Anniversary of her death) by her husband Don Fielding (FL)
- ✠ Cathy Sharp Howard (Anniversary) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

#### **Sunday, June 25 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ George N. Lewis (Anniversary) by his children Cynthia & David Reasbeck
- ✠ Rodney M. Albaugh (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by his brother Denny Albaugh
- ✠ Mariam Joseph by her children & grandchildren
- ✠ Lindsay Lenz (Birthday) by Dalton Haas

#### **No Weekday Masses**

**Monday, June 26: No Mass. Clergy Convention**

**Tuesday, June 27: No Mass. Clergy Convention**

**Wednesday, June 28: No Mass. Clergy Convention**

**Thursday, June 29: No Mass. Clergy Convention**

**Friday, June 30: No Mass. Clergy Convention**

### ***Next Weekend, July 1-2: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

#### **Saturday, July 1:**

**at 3:30 p.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

**at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ George & Martha Saseen (Wedding Anniversary) by George & Susan Saseen & Family
- ✠ Shirley Nickerson by Mary Rose Kukula & Cathy Kukula Gerhart

#### **Sunday, July 2 at 10:30 a.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass**

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

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

<b>Mahrajan</b> <i>New for 2017 - 2 day event</i>	<i>Saturday, August 12, and 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>

## **NAM Convention** (Monday-Thursday, June 26-29)

The Maronite Convention will be held this year in South Carolina. Msgr Bakhos will attend. There will be no weekday masses those days.

## **Mahrajan News** (Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13)

### ➤ **Date and Time:**

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

Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. (4:00 p.m. Mass at the church)

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

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

Festival Chairperson: Liz Murad; Entertainment: Carol Dougherty and Dalton Haas; Ad Book, Table Reservation and 50/50 Raffle: Msgr Bakhos; Operation & Logistics: Lou Kourey; 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 cash**. 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. Carol Dougherty is training the children (6-12) and Dalton Haas the young adults (13-20). We will provide Lebanese Folklore costumes and hats for everybody. If you have children or grandchildren willing to join the dance troupes please call Msgr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Thanks

Children Dance Group schedule by Carol Dougherty:

Every Sunday after 10:30 a.m. Mass

Young Adult Dance Group schedule by Dalton Haas:

In June: 25<sup>th</sup> (after Mass)

In July: 3<sup>rd</sup> (6:30 p.m.); 6<sup>th</sup> (6:00 p.m.); 9<sup>th</sup> (after Mass); 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> (6:00 p.m.); 23<sup>rd</sup> (after church); 25<sup>th</sup> (6:15 p.m.)

In August: 3<sup>rd</sup> (6:30 p.m.); 6<sup>th</sup> (after church); Friday 11<sup>th</sup> (at Oglebay)

Performance: Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>)

### ➤ **Pony Rides:**

There will be Pony Rides in both days of the Festival

### ➤ **Entertainment:**

--David Hakim and his ensemble (live music and dance)

--Tiffany Ahdia and her dancer group (dance shows)

--Inflatable will be there for two days

### ➤ **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***

*(Note: Please call Msgr Bakhos if you need your name added to our Prayer List. HIPPA regulation)*

John Shiben, Don Fielding (FL), Bob and Sally Sengewalt, Mary Blum, Rose Vargo, Peggy Justice, Diane Palotay, Virginia & Dolores Joseph, Jim Dellget, Betty Shia, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi, Mike O’Kane (brother-in-law of Nikki Popovich),

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

\$902.00	Sunday Collection
39.00	candles
40.00	Donation to the church
680.00	Mahrajan
135.00	Parking
21.00	Refunds
347.00	Utilities
\$2164.00	<b>Total Deposits:</b> <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Linda Duffy and Mike Linton

## ***What’s New?***

### ***Thank You***

Our Annual Rummage Sale would not be successful without the parish family and friends.

Thanks to you, the Cedar Club members and many others who helped in different ways. We never know what will be donated and the treasure’s get better with each year. It seems our Lord continues to shine light upon His people.

It was a good day and the word is, “That Nini’s kitchen was the hi-lite of the sale!”

Our profit was an amazing \$1,610.00.

Thank you one and all! Linda Duffy & Luane Frazier

**Donations given to:** Youth Service System, Catholic Charities, AARP Wheeling Chapter, St. Francis Xavier Church, Wheeling Flower Shop and Appalachian Outreach.

### ***Parish Condolences: Ed Dellget***

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Dellget Family on the loss of their beloved Ed who was the brother of our beloved parishioner Rita Strawn. May the Blessed Mother intercede for him and lead him to the light of Christ. We extend the parish’s condolences to his Family in their time of sorrow.

### ***Thank You note***

Dear Monsignor Bakhos and members of Our Lady of Lebanon Church. Thank you for letting me have my First Holy Communion at your church. Love, Marie Hendrickson, Pittsburgh.

### ***Mahrajan 50/50 Cash Prize up-to-date***

We are updating you on the cash prize for the Festival 50/50 Raffle. If you help selling tickets the maximum prize will reach \$7,500.00. **By now the cash prize is \$1,800.00**

## *Story: Airline Story*

Tip: Keep inconveniences in perspective.

This past week I was on a four and a half hour, non-stop flight from Seattle, Washington, to Atlanta, Georgia. In all my years of traveling, I have learned that each time a plane has the opportunity to stop, there is potential for unexpected challenges. Flight delays, weather and airline crews can create unanticipated challenges on any trip. Therefore, I always try to fly non-stop between my destinations.

About an hour into this particular flight, the Captain's voice rang over the intercom. He asked if there was a physician or nurse on the plane. If so, he asked them to identify themselves by ringing the flight attendant call button beside their seat. I listened carefully but heard no one ring their bell. I immediately began to wonder what was happening.

In a few minutes the Captain informed us that there was a medical emergency on board and asked again if there was a physician or a nurse who could help. When there was no response, we were told that we were going to make an emergency stop in Denver, Colorado. He apologized but told us that there would be a medical emergency team waiting to meet us at the gate and that we would probably only be delayed by about thirty minutes.

Though it was necessary, we knew we would all be inconvenienced by the extra stop. About half an hour later, we landed at Denver International Airport and the medical crew immediately came on board. However, everything took longer than had previously been expected. An elderly gentleman, about 85 years old, had suddenly taken ill. It was not clear whether he had experienced a stroke or heart attack.

Even after the gentleman was carried off of the plane, we still sat there for quite a while. The original "short" stop turned into about an hour and a half. When we finally pushed back from the gate and were in the air, the pilot apologized profusely for the unavoidable delay. He said that since the stop had taken longer than expected, those passengers who needed to make connections in Atlanta would miss their flights but would automatically be booked on the next flight out.

You could almost hear the moans and groans throughout the airplane of everyone who was being inconvenienced by the unexpected stop. Then the pilot did one of the classiest things I have personally ever seen or heard anyone do. He spoke into the intercom and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, I thought you might be interested in one bit of information. The elderly gentleman who was taken off the plane was a Marine in WWII. I am holding in my hand a copy of the Congressional Medal of Honor that was awarded to him and signed by President Harry Truman in 1945." The pilot went on to say, "I realize that we have all been inconvenienced today. However, in light of the fact that this gentleman was a war hero and was inconvenienced for four years of his life in order that we might experience the freedoms that we enjoy today, I thought you all should know that."

Immediately the airplane was filled with applause. Everyone was cheering and so pleased to know that the gentleman had been cared for in a way that was fitting and appropriate. As we continued to fly, I thought to myself, "Isn't that interesting? We were concerned that we were inconvenienced for a couple of hours and yet, this gentleman's entire life was interrupted and inconvenienced for over four years while he went and fought in a war to protect the freedoms and values that we love and hold dear in this country today."

I breathed a prayer for the gentleman and asked God to bless him for all he had done to help us understand what freedom is all about.

"History does not entrust the care of freedom to the weak or timid." - Dwight D. Eisenhower

Soldiers travel miles in the heat. They risk their lives crossing a border. They don't get paid enough wages. They do jobs that others won't do or are afraid to do. They live in crowded conditions among a people who speak a different language. They rarely see their families, and they face adversity all day every day. I'm not talking about illegal Aliens; I'm talking about our troops!