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Bulletin #27

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

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### ***5<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

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

Readings: Phil 3:7-14 and Mt 10:1-7

Jesus is stirred to the depths of his being, and his heart is torn by the crowds whom he meets; they are tired, dejected, pitiable, deserted by their shepherds. On his own, there is no way he will be equal to the task, be able to complete it; so he takes on workmen. Twelve apostles, -twelve for the twelve tribes of Israel, for the whole world! Here was an ambition out of all proportion to this very disparate group, group only too likely to split up, if Jesus himself were not to hold it together: a few sinners, a former tax collector, a member of the resistance, one who was to end up a traitor, and a few others, about whom we know nothing. How would they measure up to such a task without the power of the Spirit?

“So ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers to his harvest.” This is an absolute necessity, because one cannot take on the mission without running the risk of preaching oneself instead of Christ; of making the apostolate one’s own business and not that of the kingdom, to gather in the harvest to one’s own advantage. The disciples are called to continue the work of the *Messiah*. Their ill-assorted band must take the place left vacant he the official rulers of Israel who had forfeited their role as leaders and inspirers.

The goal is first ‘the lost sheep of the House of Israel’, in view of the urgency of their distress. The mission to the world will come later, after Pentecost. Even then the instructions will remain unchanged, namely to go to the misfits, to those who arouse the compassion of Christ in the heart of the apostle. For beyond all human ambition, and before any pastoral strategy, the great tide of compassion must flow right up to the very place where the sheep go astray. That is where Jesus is active beside his followers, healing, setting free and forgiving. When we share the lot of the most neglected we are already showing them their origin and their end; namely the one and only kingdom prepared by the loving kindness of God — who gives without charge.

## *This 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

### Weekday Masses

**Monday, July 3: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos day off**

**Tuesday, July 4 at 12:05 p.m.: (Independence Day)**

† Al Weidman & Joe Elias & Lou & Mary Elias by Josephine Weidman & Debbie Kull

† Nicholas Breit (Birthday) by siblings for service to others

† Shirley Nickerson by John Quattrone

**Wednesday, July 5 at 12:05 p.m.:**

† Ray Palotay by his Family

† Gerard Joseph by Mike Fahey

† Shirley Nickerson by Nick Lonetta

**Thursday, July 6, at 12:05 p.m.:**

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

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

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

**Friday, July 7: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos day off**

## Next Weekend, July 8-9: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

### Saturday, July 8 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Jacovetty by Mike Fahey
- ✠ Jo Ann Reed by Lois Storch & Lillian
- ✠ Special Intention

### Sunday, July 9 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Gerard Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family

## Calendar of Parish Events

<b>Mahrajan</b> New for 2017 - <u>2 day event</u>	<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>

### **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 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.

➤ **New Souvenir Booth Chairperson Needed:** If interested call Msgr. Bakhos at the church or Liz Murad 304-233- 7748.

#### ➤ **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)*

Rita Strawn, 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*

\$2123.00	Sunday Collection
19.00	Candles
480.70	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection-Appeal
645.00	Mahrajan
95.00	Parking
270.00	Utilities
\$3632.70	<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?*

### *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**

### *Prayer*

A farmer was in town at noon and went into a restaurant for a hamburger and French fries. When he was served, he quietly bowed his head and gave the Lord thanks for his food.

Some rought-looking fellows at the next table saw him and thought they would give him a hard time. One of them called out, "Hey Farmer, does everyone do that where you live?"

"No, Son," answered the farmer, "The pigs and donkeys don't".

***Maronites! Who Are They?***  
***Maronites = Catholics of the East.***  
***Latins = Catholics of the West. We are all Catholics.***

***Maronite Spirituality (3)***

Theology means nothing if it is not first believed, then lived. It arises out of faith. For the Eastern Traditions theology is more along the lines of expressing the faith by prayerful reflection on the mysteries of the personal commitment to the Lord, illumined by the light of the Holy Spirit. That is why the works of the Eastern Fathers have always read like pastoral and homiletic commentaries rather than technical discussions of “theological” subjects.

One of the key ideas in Maronite spirituality is that God is mysterious and unknowable in Himself. This notion is certainly taken from the Old Testaments Prophets, especially Isaiah, who talks of the “Holy One.” It was in the “Holy of Holies” that the Lord was worshipped. Maronites reverence the Lord as the Holy One in their “Service of the Mysteries.” The concept of Mystery sets the perspective of awe and worship, recognizes the Lord as the Creator-Father and professes the unworthiness of the creature before the Source of his being.

God does not remain hidden. Maronites recognize the Lord as the “Love of Mankind.” As God sent His Word to dwell with us, so that Word reveals the Father Who visits His people in mercy. The supreme spiritual attitude which directs a major portion of this spirituality is Metanoia, the Greek word for “a total conversion to a new life.” Repeatedly the Maronite prays that the Lord’s mercy might come down upon him, that the fragrant incense, like that which Aaron offered for the sins of the people in the Old Testament, might now purify God’s new chosen people. Metanoia is a primary goal in the Christian life, whose main task is salvation in the Lord. Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament has always been the fruit of deep contemplation on the Eucharist. This is seen in the Antiochene Fathers’ insistence on seeing, in the Blessed Sacrament, the Risen Christ, Whose humanity, completely assumed into glory, sends the sanctifying Spirit. Another element characterizing this school of spirituality is monasticism. The spirit of austerity one needs for readiness for the Lord is rooted in the monastic origins of the Maronite Church. Thus a Maronite Christian seeks to imitate the Masters, Jesus and Maron, as well as the many saints and martyrs whose “blood has been shed, to make fertile the ground from which the Church springs.”

***Good Advice***

--I have always followed my father’s advice: He told me, first, to always keep my word and, second, to never insult anybody unintentionally. If I insult you, you can be goddamn sure I intend to. And, third, he told me not to go around looking for trouble.

--John Wayne

--He who puts up with insult invites injury.

--Jewish proverb

--The way to procure insults is to submit to them: A man meets with no more respect than he exacts.

--William Hazlitt

--If a donkey bray at you, don’t bray at him.

--George Herbert

***Prayer***

O food of pilgrims, O bread of angels, O heavenly manna,  
 kindly do not deprive the hearts of those seeking, hungering for food.  
 O stream, fountain of love, you who pour forth from the Savior’s pure heart,  
 give drink to those thirsting for you; this alone is our pledge; this alone you supply.  
 O Jesus, grant that your countenance, which we perceive hidden under the species of bread,  
 we may see with clarity, with the veil removed, later, freed in heaven.