

July 9, 2017
Bulletin #28

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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6th 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

6th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: 1Cor 12:12-13, 27-30 and Mt 10:16-25

What is it your Savior requires of you, more than will also be exacted from you by that hard and evil master, who desires your ruin? Christ bids you give up the world; but will not, at any rate, the world soon give up you? Can you keep it, by being its slave? Will not he, whose creation of temptation it is, the prince of the world, take it from you, whatever he at present promises? What does your Lord require of you, but to look at all things as they really are, to account them merely as his instruments, and to believe that good is good because he wills it, that he can bless as easily by hard stone as by bread, in the desert as the fruitful field, if we have faith in him who gives us the true bread from heaven? Daniel and his friends were princes of the royal house of David; they were "children well-favored, and skillful in all wisdom, cunning in knowledge, and understanding science", yet they had faith to refuse even the literal meat and drink given them, because it was an idol's sacrifice, and God sustained them without it.

Doubt not, then, his power to bring you through any difficulties, who gives you the command to encounter them. He has showed you the way; he gave up the home of his mother Mary to "be about his Father's business," and now he but bids you take up after him the cross which he bore for you, and "fill up what is wanting of his afflictions in your flesh". Be not afraid, it is but a pang now and then, and a struggle; a covenant with your eyes, and a fasting in the wilderness, some calm habitual watchfulness, and the hearty effort to obey, and all will be well. Be not afraid. He is most gracious, and will bring you on by little and little. He does not show you whither he is leading you; you might be frightened did you see the whole prospect at once. Sufficient for the day is its own evil. Follow his plan; look not on anxiously; look down at your present footing "let it be turned out of the way", but speculate not about the future.

This Weekend, July 8-9: 6th 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

Weekday Masses

Monday, July 10: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos day off

Tuesday, July 11 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Al Weidman & Joe Elias & Lou & Mary Elias by Josephine Weidman & Debbie Kull
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

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

- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Gerard Joseph by Mike Fahey

Thursday, July 13, at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Shirley Nickerson by Katie & Jack Fahey
- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

Friday, July 14: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos day off

Next Weekend, July 15-16: 7th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 15 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Judy Ghaphery
- ✠ Sam Gaudio by Mike Linton

Sunday, July 16 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ LaVerne Thomas (Anniversary) by Dr Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn
- ✠ Virginia Kourey Bryan (Anniversary) by Lou & Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Kourey
- ✠ Ed Dellget by Lou & Charlotte Kourey

Calendar of Parish Events

Mahrajan <i>New for 2017 - 2 day event</i>	<i>Saturday, August 12, and Sunday, August 13</i>
New: Parish Ladies Kibbee Sale	<i>During Week of September 10th (see more info in future bulletins)</i>
Christmas Party	<i>Sunday, December 3rd Entertainment by John Mensore</i>

Mahrajan News *(Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13)***➤ Date and Time:**

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

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

Sunday, August 13th, 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.

➤ 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: 25th (after Mass)

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

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

Performance: Saturday, August 12th and Sunday, August 13th)

➤ 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 Shibben, 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

\$1,536.00	Sunday Collection
33.00	Refunds
100.00	Donation to church
1,375.00	Mahrajan
360.00	Parking
70.00	Utilities
80.00	Donation to poor box
\$3,554.00	Total Deposits: <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 \$1,940.00**

Around Us

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Catholic Church, 4136 Jacob St., Wheeling, WV will have their annual Summer Festival on Aug. 4 & 5, 2017 from 7pm until 11pm. There will be music provided by a DJ. There will be a 50- 50 Raffle, and other raffles. There will be bingo, and other games of chance. There will be games for the children. Food will include cabbage and noodles, pirohi (pierogi), kielbasa, cabbage rolls, hot sausage, funnel cakes, pizza. Food in the inside kitchen will begin being served at 6pm. Everyone is welcome.

Acceptance 02

The question of *why bad things happen to good people?* Translates itself into some very different questions, no longer asking why something happened, but asking how we will respond, what we intend to do now that it has happened.

Are you capable of forgiving and accepting in love a world which has disappointed you not being perfect, a world in which there is so much unfairness and cruelty, disease and crime, earthquake and accident?

Can you forgive its imperfections and love it because it is capable of containing great beauty and goodness, and because it is the only world we have?

Are you capable of forgiving and loving the people around you, even if they have hurt you and let you down by not being perfect? Can you forgive them and love them, because there aren't any perfect people around, and because the penalty for not being able to love imperfect people is condemning oneself to loneliness?

Are you capable of forgiving and loving God even when you have found out that He is not perfect, even when He has let you down and disappoint you by permitting bad luck and sickness and cruelty in His world, and permitting some of those things to happen to you? Can you learn to love and forgive Him despite His limitations, as Job does, and as you once learned to forgive and love your parents even though they were not as wise, as strong, or as perfect as you needed them to be?

And if you can do these things, will you be able to recognize that the ability to forgive and the ability to love are the weapons God has given us to enable us to live fully, bravely, and meaningfully in this less-than-perfect world?

From: When bad things happen to good people, Harold KUSHNER, 1981, p.148

Prayer

When Brother Bruno was at prayer one night he was disturbed by the croaking of a bullfrog. All his attempts to disregard the sound were unsuccessful so he shouted from his window, "Quiet! I'm at my prayer." Now brother Bruno was a saint so his command was instantly obeyed. Every living creature held its voice so as to create a silence that would be favorable to prayer.

But now another sound intruded on Bruno's worship, an inner voice that said, "Maybe God is as pleased with the croaking of that frog as with the chanting of your psalms." "What can please the ears of God in the croak of a frog?" was Bruno's scornful rejoinder. But the voice refused to give up: "Why would you think God invented the sound?"

Bruno decided to find out why. He leaned out of his window and gave the order, "Sing!" The bullfrog's measured croaking filled the air to the ludicrous accompaniment of all the frogs in the vicinity. And as Bruno attended to the sound, their voices ceased to jar for he discovered that, if he stopped resisting them, they actually enriched the silence of the night.

With that discovery Bruno's heart became harmonious with the universe and, for the first time in his life he understood what it means to pray.