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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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7th 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

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Readings: 2Cor 3:1-6 and Lk 10:1-7

Reading the gospel, we do not gain the impression that during Jesus' lifetime the disciples really grasped his meaning. The Lord was not privileged to live among them as among people who understood him, who saw who he was and the goal before him. Again and again situations arise which show how utterly alone he remained in their midst. Is there a single hour in which his words, pure and undistorted, are really comprehended, really received by heart and mind? I doubt it. How often we are struck by the smallness, the narrowness, the paltriness of the disciples' reactions; how often the heavenly message is degraded to an earthly one! Involuntarily we wonder what might have happened had great and daring men walked with him — all the way. But then we halt; had he not come to bring that which is great by other than worldly standards of greatness, by that greatness to which the 'little ones' are called? If only these at least had opened their hearts to him! Instead, we see how stubbornly they cling to the Messiah-conceptions of the day — till the very moment of the ascension (from that same Mount of Olives where Christ's agony began) when they ask: 'Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?' (Acts 1:6).

Again, on the way to Jerusalem he tries to prepare them for the coming passion: 'But they did not understand ... and they were afraid to ask him about this saying' (Luke 9:45). Consequently, when the terrible events of Good Friday run contrary to their expectations, the ground beneath their feet begins to rock. Though Golgotha, the world's response to the scared message best proves that it is a heavenly message and must revolutionize earthly standards, the disciples are utterly confounded. They desert the cross and flee.

This 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

Weekday Masses

Monday, July 17: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos day off

Tuesday, July 18 at 12:05 p.m.:

- † Al Weidman & Joe Elias & Lou & Mary Elias by Josephine Weidman & Debbie Kull
- † Walter Elwartoski (Birthday) by his son Richard

Wednesday, July 19 at 12:05 p.m.:

- † Gerard Joseph by Mike Fahey
- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

Thursday, July 20, at 12:05 p.m.:

- † Shirley Nickerson by Karin Thompson
- † Margaret Emmerth by her sister Helen Benline

Friday, July 21: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos day off

Next Weekend, July 22-23: 8th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 22 at 4:00 p.m.:

- † Sam Gaudio by Mike Linton
- † Shirley Nickerson by Dianna Vargo

Sunday, July 23 at 10:30 a.m.:

- † Sam Khoury by his wife Esther Khoury
- † Mariam Joseph by her children & grandchildren

Calendar of Parish Events

Mahrajan Pastry Baking	<i>Tuesday, August 8 at 9:00 a.m.: Zaatar & Sesame bread Wednesday, August 9 at 9:00 a.m.: Mamoul</i>
Mahrajan New for 2017 - 2 day event	<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 & 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 & 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 buy or sell 10 tickets to your family members and friends, co-workers, etc. please ask Msgr. Bakhos for an envelope of 10 tickets. Cost is \$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 Youth Dance Group of children ages 6-12; and Dalton Haas is training the Young Adults Dance Group ages 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

Youth 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 Mass); 25th (6:15 p.m.)

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

--Performance: Saturday, August 12th & Sunday, August 13th

➤ **Pony Rides:**

There will be Pony Rides in both days of the Festival

➤ **Entertainment:**

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

--Tiffany Ahdia & her dance group "Bint il Nahar" (dance shows)

--Inflatables will be there for both Saturday & Sunday

➤ **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 for two days this year - Saturday, August 12th & 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 for Friday (to help move several items to Oglebay) as well as Saturday & Sunday. 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, Mary Ryncarz, John Shiben, Harold Sleime, 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

\$1,581.00	Sunday Collection
46.00	Refunds
145.00	Candles
1,790.00	Mahrajan
30.00	Parking
30.00	Donation to Poor Box
\$3,622.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton

What's New?

Condolences: Laura Wakim

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Wakim family on the loss of their beloved Laura who passed away in Wheeling. Laura was the mother of Chris and Jeannette Wakim. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid and we extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow.

Mahrajan Up-Date of 50/50 Cash Prize

We are updating you about the cash prize for the Festival 50/50 Raffle. If you help selling tickets the maximum prize will reach \$8,750.00. **As of now the cash prize is \$2,200.00**

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 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. There will be music provided by a DJ; a 50-50 Raffle; & other raffles; games for the children; bingo & other games of chance. 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 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Spirituality

The unity among the members of the Body of Christ (the Church) cannot be a vague and undetermined association that any member is free to change, any more than a human body can be changeable, sometimes having one eye and one ear or no heart and seven lungs. The unity of the faithful in Christ's Body is not organizational, although an organization is necessary, and although those who admire the Church for its unity of belief and faith and liturgy attribute this to its organization. The Church is, rather, an organism. As a human body is one because it has one soul, one visible head, and one invisible mind, so the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, is one because it has one soul -the Holy Spirit of God- one visible Head -Peter and his successors- and one invisible Head -Christ. As Christ took upon Himself a human nature from the womb of His Mother (overshadowed by the Holy Spirit), so He took from the womb of humanity (overshadowed by the Pentecostal Spirit) His Mystical Body, the Church. Christ teaches through His Body -therefore, His teaching is infallible. He governs through His Body -therefore, the authority is Divine. He sanctifies through His Body -therefore, the sanctification accomplished in the Sacraments does not depend on the personality or character of those who administer the Sacraments.

The Church is the Whole Christ, and it complements the individual Christ. In its physical aspect Christ's Body is perfect, but in its mystical aspect it is merely growing to perfection, for now it includes not only Him but us, with our imperfections. The prayers, sacrifices, and liturgy of the Church are offered not by the members alone -not by Christ, the Head alone- but by the *Head and members together* to the glory of God, the Everlasting Father. A new cell is added to the Mystical Body of Christ at every Baptism.

Bishop Fulton Sheen, Peace of Soul, 1949, pp.262-263

Wisdom: As Much as It Hurts!

By: Larry Josephs, friend of Msgr Bakhos, MN

As much as it hurts;

As much as we agree with our religion and try to understand **GOD's** Master Plan;
Or perhaps we already know that **GOD** has a Master Plan; but don't quite understand it;
In either case **GOD** understands that we are "imperfect human beings" and knows that;
No matter how much we try to understand **His Master Plan**, losing a loved-one hurts!

As much as it hurts;

We have to be strong enough to carry on, as our dearly departed would expect us to;
We need to have faith that we will someday see each other again;
But only this time, it'll be for all Eternity...living in true peace without th

As much as it hurts;

Think about this...*One minute in Heaven is equal to 100 years on Earth;*
For us, the next 10, 20, 50 or even 75 years living without a loved-one hurts;
But for them...it'll be like you dropped them off at a restaurant and parked the car;
They'll turn and spot you and say: "*OH! There you are!*"

As much as it hurts;

Think about this...As you pray for the faithful departed loved-one(s) of your life;
End your prayers; and as you used to answer your Mom or Dad as they called you to the dinner table...gently whisper: "*Be with you in a MINUTE!*"

Story: Angels & Strange Old Women in Manhattan

Years ago, when I lived in Manhattan, I knew a charismatic preacher on the Lower East Side. He had encountered a beggar near the Bowery one day and, like many who live in the city, was tempted to ignore the man. There are many homeless in New York City, and they can be a nuisance. Some are simply looking to buy drugs, so it is tempting to disregard them.

The preacher was ready to do just that but gave the beggar some money anyway. When he turned around the "bum" had disappeared. He was just gone. There was nothing to hide behind, and the preacher did not think there was any possibility he had walked away so quickly. Upon reflection, he came to believe this experience was a test from God, and that the beggar had been an angel.