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Bulletin #30

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

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### ***Saint Sharbel Feast Day***

- \***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

## *Saint Sharbel Feast Day*

Readings: Rom 8:28-39 and Mt 13:36-43

"From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain...this branch will bear fruit and become a noble cedar". (Ezekiel 17:22-26)

### The Story of Saint Sharbel

On May 8, 1828 in a mountain village of Beka'kafra, the highest village in the near-east, Sharbel was born to a poor Maronite family. From childhood his life revealed a calling to "bear fruit as a noble Cedar of Lebanon". Sharbel "grew in age and wisdom before God and men". At 23 years old he entered the monastery of Our Lady of Mayfouk (north of Byblos) where he became a novice. After two years of novitiate, in 1853, he was sent to St. Maron monastery where he pronounced the monastic vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Sharbel was then transferred to the monastery of Kfeifan where he studied philosophy and theology. His ordination to the priesthood took place in 1859, after which he was sent back to St. Maron monastery. His teachers provided him with good education and nurtured within him a deep love for monastic life.

During his 19 years at St. Maron monastery, Sharbel performed his priestly ministry and his monastic duties in an edifying way. He totally dedicated himself to Christ with undivided heart to live in silence before Nameless One. In 1875 Sharbel was granted permission to live as a hermit nearby the monastery at St. Peter and Paul hermitage. His 23 years of solitary life were lived in a spirit of total abandonment to God.

Sharbel's companions in the hermitage were the Sons of God, as encountered in the Scriptures and in the Eucharist, and the Blessed Mother. The Eucharist became the center of his life. He consumed the Bread of his Life and was consumed by it. Though this hermit did not have a place in the world, the world had a great place in his heart. Through prayer and penance he offered himself as a sacrifice so that the world would return to God. It is in this light that one sees the importance of the following Eucharistic prayer in his life: "Father of Truth, behold Your Son a sacrifice pleasing to You, accept this offering of Him who died for me..."

On December 16, 1898 while reciting the "Father of Truth" prayer at the Holy Liturgy Sharbel suffered a stroke. He died on Christmas Eve at the age of 70. Through faith this hermit received the Word of God and through love he continued the Ministry of Incarnation.

On the evening of his funeral, his superior wrote: "*Because of what he will do after his death, I need not talk about his behavior*". A few months after his death a bright light was seen surrounding his tomb. The superiors opened it to find his body still intact. Since that day a blood-like liquid flows from his body. Experts and doctors are unable to give medical explanations for the incorruptibility and flexibility. In the years 1950 and 1952 his tomb was opened and his body still had the appearance of a living one.

The spirit of Sharbel still lives in many people. His miracles include numerous healings of the body and of the spirit. Thomas Merton, the American Hermit, wrote in his journal: "Sharbel lived as a hermit in Lebanon--he was a Maronite. He died. Everyone forgot about him. Fifty years later, his body was discovered incorrupt and in short time he worked over 600 miracles. He is my new companion. My road has taken a new turning. It seems to me that I have been asleep for 9 years---and before that I was dead."

At the closing of the Second Vatican Council, on December 5, 1965 Sharbel was beatified by Pope Paul VI who said: "...a hermit of the Lebanese mountain is inscribed in the number of the blessed...a new eminent member of monastic sanctity is enriching, by his example and his intercession, the entire Christian people...May he make us understand, in a world largely fascinated by wealth and comfort, the paramount value of poverty, penance, and asceticism, to liberate the soul in its ascent to God..."

On October 9, 1977 during the World Synod of Bishops, Pope Paul VI canonized Blessed Charbel among the ranks of the Saints.

"The just will flourish like the palm tree, like the Cedar of Lebanon shall he grow." (Psalm 92:13)

## *Mass Schedule*

### ***Next Weekend, July 22-23: Saint Sharbel Feast Day***

**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.: Saint Sharbel actual feast day**

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

#### **Weekday Masses**

**Monday, July 24: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos day off**
**Tuesday, July 25 at 9:05 a.m.:**

- ✠ Bill Daniel by Lou & Charlotte Khourey and Family
- ✠ Gerard Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

**Wednesday, July 26 at 9:05 a.m.:**

- ✠ Joe Elias by Lou & Charlotte Khourey and Family
- ✠ Al Weidman & Joe Elias & Lou & Mary Elias by Josephine Weidman & Debbie Kull

**Thursday, July 27, at 9:05 a.m.:**

- ✠ Shirley Nickerson by John Seibert
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

**Friday, July 28: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos day off**

### ***Next Weekend, July 29-30: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

**Saturday, July 29 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Martha Shia by Lou & Charlotte Khourey and Family
- ✠ Shirley Nickerson by Bob & Fran Saseen

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

- ✠ Eva Coury Moffat by Lou & Charlotte Khourey and Family
- ✠ Gerard Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

## *Calendar of Parish Events*

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| <b>Mahrajan Pastry Baking</b>              | <i>Tuesday, August 8 at 9:00 a.m.: Zaatar &amp; Sesame bread</i><br><i>Wednesday, August 9 at 9:00 a.m.: Mamoul</i> |
| <b>Mahrajan New for 2017 - 2 day event</b> | <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 & 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: 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 Mass); 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> & Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

➤**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 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival will mark a significant change in that it will be held for two days this year - Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. 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***

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| \$1,053.00 | Sunday Collection  |
| 21.00      | Refunds  |
| 46.00      | Candles  |
| 100.00     | Donation to church   |
| 570.00     | Mahrajan   |
| 245.00     | Parking  |
| 30.00      | Donation to Poor Box   |
| \$2,065.00 | <b>Total Deposits:</b> <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i><br>The Finance Committee: Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton |

### ***What's New?***

#### ***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 \$2,330.00**

### ***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.

#### ***Wheeling Symphony Auxiliary (Student Volunteer Program Training Notice)***

The volunteer program is for students grades 9,10, 11 and 12.

**To become a volunteer, students must attend the Mandatory Training Sessions.**

Training will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m. at the Capitol Theatre.

**Reservations to attend the training are required and must be made to the following:**

[wsostudentvolunteer@wheelingsymphony.com](mailto:wsostudentvolunteer@wheelingsymphony.com)

Students must include the following in their reservation:

Name (First and Last)

Grade

Email address

\*\*\*Please note students are required to have their own email address to participate in the volunteer program.

**We cannot** accept family or parental email addresses.

**Deadline for registration is September 12<sup>th</sup>.**