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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Assumption Mass 84th Lebanese Festival

- ***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 9:05 a.m. [*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

Assumption Mass *84th Lebanese Festival*

Readings: Rom 12:9-15 and Lk10:38-42

“It is time for me” (says the Lord) “to take unto me, you my mother. As you have filled the earth and those that dwell in it with joy, so shall you now bring joy to heaven, bring gladness to the mansions of my father; and delight the spirits of His saints. For they beholding the honor given you, and the thronging of the angelic hosts at your translation to me, shall be confirmed in their belief that through you, their members also shall dwell in my light, O full of grace!

“Come therefore with exceeding great joy! Hail and again rejoice as once before! For you above all creatures are worthy of being hailed FULL OF GRACE. As when you were about to conceive me, you received tidings of great joy, so now rejoice that once more you are sought for, to be received by me.

“Mother! You who had borne me as your only Son, is it not your wish to dwell with me; for I know you had no other son to hold you back? For I made you a Virgin Mother; and I shall also make You a mother rejoicing over her Son. I shall proclaim the world your debtor, and departing your name shall be held in yet greater glory. For I shall build you up as a wall to defend the world, a rampart against floods, a staff to those led by the hand, an advocate for sinners, and at the end, a stairway to lead your worshipers safely to heaven.

“Come then, joyfully! Open you that paradise that was closed by Eve; who was of your nature and of your kindred. Enter into the joy of your Son” -St. Germanos of Constantinople

A word of welcome

On behalf of the whole parish I would like to welcome all our guests who came from near and far to attend our 84th Annual Festival.

Our guests remind me of the Blessed Mother who used to go to the Festival with Saint Joseph and baby Jesus. They go to share the joy of the community. By being at the Festival, they develop the spirit of belonging and they get their identity as members of a larger group than their immediate family. At the festival all those who attend develop also a “collective soul” that’s why they rejoice together, dance together, eat together, drink together, commit sometimes foolish things until their personal soul vanishes in the multitude. This is the necessity of every community to have a yearly festival for the well-being of each member to feel the spirit of belonging.

Our festival is the oldest event in Wheeling. Our ancestors brought it with them from Lebanon and established it here at Oglebay Park 84 years ago. Their children who are now in their eighties still remember their childhood memories when their grandfathers used to carry them on their shoulders and took them to the festival. They remember how they used to cut the lamb meat on the spot and eat shish kebab and kibbee. They remember their grandmas dancing on the grass and their uncles singing without microphones. They were here before the modern technology, they were happy as much as they could because they had that inner peace and love for each other. The remaining old parishioners give you their lives if you bring back those days to life. That’s why, I and all the parishioners –most of them on crutches- are working hard to keep the torch of the festival high and alive in order to revive those childhood memories very dear to every heart.

–Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, pastor

Mass Schedule

This Weekend, August 12-13: 84th Lebanese Festival *Mass of the Assumption*

Saturday, August 12 at 4:00 p.m.: Mass at the Church (No Mass at Oglebay Park)

✠ Barb Hodulik by Bob Oser

✠ Sam Gaudio by Bob & Fran Saseen

♠ Special Intention

Sunday, August 13 at 10:30 a.m.: Outdoor Mass at Oglebay Park (No Mass at the church)

- ✠ Deceased of the Rohanna & Seabright Families by Mary Lish
- ✠ Ed Dellget by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family

Weekday Masses**Monday, August 14: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos day off****Tuesday, August 15 at 9:05 a.m.: Assumption Mass**

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

Wednesday, August 16 at 9:05 a.m.:

- ✠ Gerard Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ Al Weidman & Joe Elias & Lou & Mary Elias by Josephine Weidman & Debbie Kull

Thursday, August 17, at 9:05 a.m.:

- ✠ Holly Bine (5th Anniversary) by his wife Shirley Bine
- ✠ Sam Gaudio by his sister Shirley Bine

Friday, August 18: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos day off**Next Weekend, August 19-20: 12 Sunday of Pentecost****Saturday, August 19 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Sam Gaudio by his sister Shirley Bine
- † Special Intention

Sunday, August 20 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Deceased of the Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Weisner & Joseph Families
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family

Calendar of Parish Events

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

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

\$2,049.00	Sunday Collection
24.00	Candles
250.00	Donation to the church
655.00	Mahrajan
255.00	Parking
63.00	Refunds
30.00	Donation to Poor Box
\$3,326.00	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?

Thank You Note

I am very grateful and appreciative of all who prayed for me, sent me cards, and phoned me during my time in the hospital and at home recovering from my surgery. Your thoughtfulness meant so much to me. I am so fortunate to be part of our church's family. Always, Rita Strawn.

College Bound

We would like to wish Shaun Hancher the best of luck as he leaves for WVU this weekend, to study Music Education.

Famous Quotes

- A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.
- "Father, bless this person in whatever it is that You know he or she may be needing this day!"
- "When the character of a man is not clear to you, look at his friends." (Japanese Proverb)
- "Do what you feel in your heart to be right - for you'll be criticized anyway. You'll be damned if you do, and damned if you don't." (Eleanor Roosevelt)
- "If you want to be FREE, there is but one way; it is to guarantee an equally full measure of liberty & democracy to all you neighbors. There is no other way!" (Carl Schurz)
- "How much easier is it to be critical than to be correct." (Benjamin Disraeli)
- Shall I not tell you what is better than prayers and fasting and giving alms to the poor?
- It is making peace between one another: enmity and malice destroy all virtues.
- "Both in life and in death, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14)
- "Christian life is the life of Christ in us and our life in Christ." (R. Guardini)
- "For me "life" means Christ; hence dying is so much gain." (Phil. 1)
- "To renounce all is to gain all; to descend is to rise; to die is to live." (K. Rahner)
- "To stay angry with anyone is to punish yourself for his faults."
- "It's easy to be good while she's around!" Do people say this about you?"
- "Going to Church does not make you a Christian anymore than going to McDonald's will make you a hamburger!"

Story: Happiness

She is 92 years old, petite, well poised, and proud. She is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably coifed, and her makeup perfectly applied, in spite of the fact she is legally blind. Today she has moved to a nursing home. Her husband of 70 years recently passed away, making this move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, where I am employed, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready. As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet curtains that had been hung on her window. "I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy. "Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room...just wait," I said. Then she spoke these words that I will never forget:

"That does not have anything to do with it," she gently replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not, does not depend on how the furniture is arranged. It is how I arrange my mind. I have already decided to love it. It is a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice. I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or I can get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do work. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I will focus on the new day and all of the happy memories I have stored away...just for this time in my life. I believe, that our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.

I believe, that no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that.

I believe, that just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to, doesn't mean they don't love you with all they have.

I believe, that true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance.

Same goes for true love.

I believe, that it's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.

I believe, that you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

I believe, that you can keep going, long after you can't.

I believe, that either you control your attitude or it controls you.

I believe, that heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the

consequences.

I believe, that money is a lousy way of keeping score.

I believe, that my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and have the best time.

I believe, that sometimes when I'm angry I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.

I believe, that maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.

I believe, that it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.

I believe, that just because two people argue, it does not mean they don't love each other. And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do.

I believe, that two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different.

I believe, that even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you, you will find the strength to help.

A Time to Laugh

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in some way to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results:

GOD is like BAYER ASPIRIN ... He works miracles.

GOD is like a FORD ... He's got a better idea.

GOD is like COKE ... He's the real thing.

GOD is like HALLMARK CARDS ... He cares enough to send His very best.

GOD is like TIDE ... He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

GOD is like GENERAL ELECTRIC ... He brings good things to life.

GOD is like SEARS ... He has everything.

GOD is like ALKA-SELTZER ... Try Him, you'll like him.

GOD is like SCOTCH TAPE ... You can't see him, but you know He's there.

GOD is like DELTA ... He's ready when you are.

GOD is like ALLSTATE. You're in good hands with Him.

GOD is like VO-5 HAIR SPRAY. He holds through all kinds of weather.

GOD is like DIAL SOAP ... Aren't you glad you have Him. Don't you wish everybody did?

When Lebanon Was Created

On the sixth day, God turned to the Angels and said: "*Today, I am going to create a land called Lebanon, it will be a land of outstanding natural beauty. It shall have tall majestic mountains full of snow, beautiful sparky lakes cutting forests full of all kinds of trees, high cliffs overlooking sandy beaches with an abundance of sea life.*"

God continued, "*I shall make the land rich so to make the inhabitants prosper, I shall call these inhabitants Lebanese, and they shall be known as the most friendly people on earth.*"

"*But Lord*", asked the Angels, "*don't you think you are being too generous to the Lebanese?*" "*Not really*", replied God, "**just wait and see the neighbors I am going to give them!**"

Climb the Walls

"Oh, I sure am happy to see you," the little boy said to his grandmother on his mother's side. "Now maybe daddy will do the trick he has been promising us." The grandmother was curious. "What trick is that?" she asked. "I heard him tell mommy that he would climb the walls if you came to visit." The little boy answered.