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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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12th 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 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
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- ***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

12th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Eph 3:1-13 and Mt 15:21-28

“O woman, great is Your faith.”

Yea, therefore did he put her off, that he might proclaim aloud this saying that he might crown the woman. “Be it unto you even as you will.” Now what he said is like this; “Your faith indeed is able to effect even greater things than these; nevertheless, Be it unto you even as you will.”

This was akin to that voice that said, Let the Heaven be, and it was, And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Do you see how this woman too contributed not a little to the healing of her daughter? For to this purpose neither did Christ say, “Let your little daughter be made whole,” but, Great is your faith, be it unto you even as you will; to teach you that the words were not used at random, nor were they flattering words, but great was the power of her faith.

The certain test, however, and demonstration thereof, he left to the issue of events. Her daughter accordingly was straightway healed.

But mark you, I pray you, how when the apostles had failed, and had not succeeded, this woman had success. So great a thing is assiduity in prayer. Yea, he had even rather be solicited by us, guilty as we are, for those who belong to us, than by others in our behalf. And yet they had more liberty to speak; but she exhibited much endurance.

And by the issue he also excused himself to his disciples for the delay, and showed that with reason he had not assented to their request. (St John Chrysostom, *Homilies on the Gospel of St Matthew*, LII)

Mass Schedule

This 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

Weekday Masses

Monday, August 21: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos day off

Tuesday, August 22 at 9:05 a.m.:

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

Wednesday, August 23 at 9:05 a.m.:

- ✠ Gerard Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ Shirley Nickerson by Emily Saseen

Thursday, August 24, at 9:05 a.m.:

- ✠ Ed Dellget by Shirley Bine
- ✠ Gerard Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

Friday, August 25: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos day off

Next Weekend, August 26-27: 13th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, August 26 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Sam Gaudio by his sister Shirley Bine
- ✠ Gerard Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

† Special Intention

Sunday, August 27 at 10:30 a.m.:

† Sam Gaudio by Jean Weisner

† Shirley Nickerson by Nettie Seidler

Calendar of Parish Events

New: Parish Ladies Kibbee Sale	<i>See more info in future bulletins</i>
Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, Sept. 11 at 5:30 in Cedar Hall (Picnic Type Meeting)</i>
Christmas Party	<i>Sunday, December 3rd Entertainment by John Mensore</i>

Mahrajan Update

--The 50/50 Winner was Mrs. Debbie Joseph of Wheeling. Her cash prize was \$4,222.00 Congratulation

--A note from Carol Dougherty: I want to tell the Mini Dabke Troupe how proud I am of them for trying so hard and for looking so cute. They then did what I had hoped they would do. They joined the regular Dabke dancers for a few turns around the dance floor. It seems that the fire has been lit in them. Let us hope it continues. P.S. I also want to compliment Dalton on his wonderful dancing and the way that his dance Troupe performed. Terrific!

--A note from Msgr. Bakhos: We have lot of things to be thankful for this Mahrajan: First the Blessed Mother granted us a perfect 2-day weather, second our young committee who worked tirelessly planning from January as a team gave everyone a boost of the future of the Mahrajan. Their vision is to work "smart hot hard" deems to be successful. We had lot of people and consequently we and Pitaland run completely out of pastry and food. Third the food and pastry were delicious and we received lot of compliments from our visitors. Fourth, I and the whole parish thank every donor and volunteer who contributed to the success of the Mahrajan. May the Blessed Mother reward you abundantly.

--A note from Denny Albaugh: Thank you for the opportunity to assist the church in today's fest. I had a blast. It was a really good experience to spend time with the family from Pitaland and watch the process. The camaraderie is what carried the day and made for such a wonderful event. I feel blessed that I got to share some wonderful conversation with so many nice people. In that regard, that is why I said I had a blast. Yesterday is without question one of the best times I have ever had at the festival. It was a lot of work but a lot of fun. Once again, thank you for allowing me to participate. Denny

--Financial Report of the Mahrajan will not be known unless we pay all the big bills that arrive to our church at the beginning of September. Usually the biggest profit comes from the food if prepared by the ladies of the church. Now as the ladies are unable to prepare and serve the food, the major income comes from the Ad Book and the 50/50 and the pastry and other small booths. The financial committee Liz Murad, Michelle Marinacci and Msgr. Bakhos will publish in the bulletin the full report when ready. So please be patient.

Cedar Club Meeting (Monday, September 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Cedar Hall)

Our first meeting for the year will be a "Picnic Type Meeting" beginning at 5:30 p.m. We will have a business meeting and discuss future events. Looking forward to seeing all cedar club members and welcome any new members.

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)

Patty Fahey, Rob Thomas (OH), Silvia Long, 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

\$1,753.00	Sunday Collection
21.00	Candles
1,574.00	Mahrajan
30.00	Parking
30.00	Donation to Poor Box
\$3,408.00	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

Fresh Food Available from 2017 Mahrajan

Zattar -38 bags \$2.00 each. Large Pita Bread - 6 bags at \$4.00 each. Small Pita Bread - 5 bags at \$3.00 each.

Wisdom

Question: What are the “four last things ?”

Answer: The “*Four Last Things*” make up a traditional way of describing our final destiny as **death, judgment, heaven, or hell**. The Catechism of the Catholic Church includes the four in a single sentence: “*Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven -through purification or immediately- or immediate and everlasting damnation*”.

Death is defined in light of this destiny as being the “*end of time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace won for us by Christ*”.

Judgment means that “*in the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself, the truth of each man’s relationship with God will be laid bare.*” I will “*reveal even to its furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life.*”

Heaven is the “*ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness*” that comes from seeing God. It is “*communion of life and love with the Trinity, the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed*”.

Hell is the “*state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed*”. The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and the eternity of its punishments.

And finally, the purification referred to is, of course, **Purgatory**. “*All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation, but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven*”.

We sometimes get the impression nowadays that the four last things have been reduced to two: death and heaven, the second considered just as certain for an individual as the first. Funeral liturgies announced as a “celebration of the life” of the departed and including fulsome eulogies may well give such an impression. They may also give the one facing judgment more useless praise than thoughtful prayers. rather, the Mass of Christian Burial should assuage our loss and sorrow with the “certain hope of resurrection” not by becoming a premature canonization but by remaining what it is, Christ’s paschal sacrifice offered for the departed with love and with trust in God’s mercy.

Reflection

Ten things God won't ask on that day:

- 1- God won't ask what kind of car you drove, He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- 2- God won't ask the square footage of your house, He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- 3- God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- 4- God won't ask what your highest salary was, He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- 5- God won't ask what your job title was, he'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- 6- God won't ask how many friends you had, He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- 7- God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
- 8- God won't ask about the color of your skin, He'll ask about the content of your character.
- 9- God won't ask why it took you so long to seek salvation, He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of hell.
- 10- God won't have to ask how many people you discussed this subject with, He knows your decision.

A Time to Laugh (140)

Two Cow Explanation

Here are the answers to this question: "If you have 2 cows, what do you do?"

A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT: You keep one and give one to your neighbor.

A SOCIALIST: The government takes one and gives it to your neighbor.

A REPUBLICAN: Your neighbor has none. So what?

A DEMOCRAT: Your neighbor has none. You feel guilty for being successful. You vote people into office who tax your cows, forcing you to sell one to raise money to pay the tax. The people you voted for then take the tax money and buy a cow and give it to your neighbor. You feel righteous.

A COMMUNIST: The government seizes both and provides you with milk.

A FASCIST: The government seizes both and sells you the milk. You join the underground and start a campaign of sabotage.

DEMOCRACY, AMERICAN STYLE: The government taxes you to the point you have to sell both to support a man in a foreign country who has only one cow, which was a gift from your government.

CAPITALISM, AMERICAN STYLE: You sell one, buy a bull, and build a herd of cows.

BUREAUCRACY, AMERICAN STYLE: The government takes them both, shoots one, milks the other, pays you for the milk, then pours the milk down the drain.

AN AMERICAN CORPORATION: You sell one, and force the other to produce the milk of four cows. You are surprised when the cow drops dead.

A FRENCH CORPORATION: You go on strike because you want three cows.

A JAPANESE CORPORATION: You redesign them so they are one tenth the size of an ordinary cow and produce twenty times the milk.

A GERMAN CORPORATION: You reengineer them so they live for 100 years, eat once a month, and milk themselves.

AN ITALIAN CORPORATION: You have 2 cows, but you don't know where they are. You break for lunch.

A RUSSIAN CORPORATION: You count them and learn you have five cows. You count them again and learn you have 42 cows. You count them again and learn you have 12 cows. You stop counting cows and open another bottle of vodka.

A MEXICAN CORPORATION: You think you have two cows, but you don't know what a cow looks like. You take a nap.

A SWISS CORPORATION: You have 5000 cows, none of which belongs to you. You charge for storing them for others.

A BRAZILIAN CORPORATION: You enter into a partnership with an American corporation. Soon you have 1000 cows and the American corporation declares bankruptcy.

AN INDIAN CORPORATION: You have two cows. You worship them.

