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Bulletin #35

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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13th 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

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Readings: 1 Cor 3:1-11 and Lk 8:1-15

Jesus' use of parables was no innovation in the context of his time and environment: there are many instances in the Old Testament of this way of teaching and the rabbis of Jesus' time used it continuously. However, Jesus' method undoubtedly did cause surprise. It followed a sermon which he began by plainly proclaiming that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand, and therefore that all must turn from sin to the Lord. With the teaching in parables, it is not the subject matter which is different, but his hidden way of making it understood.

Suffice to say that Jesus did not make use of parables as a more expressive or clearer way of teaching. Doubtless the images clarify and are an aid to understanding, but they also puzzle. Only the one who begins to search, to ponder, to inquire, spurred on by a narrator who challenges his hearers to the utmost, will be in a position to understand. Each evangelist in his own way gives the reasons for the parables. For Matthew, understanding the parables presupposes a heart open to revelation, sincerely desiring to welcome the Word and to put it into practice — in spite of the obstacles it meets and its apparent setbacks.

Is it not true for us also that at certain times, everything conspires to prevent us from receiving this Word and to make us doubt its coming into the world? It is two thousand years since 'the Sower went out to sow, and sometimes it is very tempting to say: what a mess he made of it, how much has been lost! And does our own reaction to the wild extravagance of God consist of grasping without delay the word which we hear, so that we, in our turn, are possessed by it, caught up in the way of obedience and missionary zeal for his service? If so, then we too understand the parables!

Mass Schedule

This 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

Weekday Masses

Monday, August 28: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos day off

Tuesday, August 29 at 9:05 a.m.:

- ✠ John Wilson (Wedding Anniversary) by his wife Judy & Family
- ✠ Gerard Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

Wednesday, August 30 at 9:05 a.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Shirley Nickerson by M/M Tom Brock

Thursday, August 31, at 9:05 a.m.:

- ✠ Nimnoom Ghaphery (Anniversary)
- ✠ Bill Daniel (Anniversary) by his daughter Rebecca & son-in-law Michael

Friday, September 1: No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos day off

Next Weekend, September 2-3: 14th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, September 2:

at 3:30 p.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Sam Gaudio by his sister Shirley Bine

✠ Shirley Nickerson (82nd Birthday) by Tammy & Robbie, Don & Lori & Emma & Eli

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, September 3 at 10:30 a.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass

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

✠ Elias Frenn (Anniversary) by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn

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 The dance groups of the church will perform in the party.</i>

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)

George & Mary Thomas, 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

\$1,320.00	Sunday Collection
540.00	Mahrajan
150.00	Parking
21.00	Refund
30.00	Donation to Poor Box
\$2,061.00	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: Judy Dierkes***

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Dierkes family on the loss of their beloved Judy who passed away in Wheeling. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Church on Tuesday, August 22nd. 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.

2017 Mahrajan Items Still Available

Frozen Zattar -25 bags \$2.00 each. Small Pita Bread - 3 bags at \$3.00 in bar refrigerator.

Maronites = Catholics of the East

Antioch, Roots of the Maronites (9)

Occasions in honor of the saints and martyrs brought the Christians together in elaborate processions that filled the streets of the city. With lighted candles, swinging censers, glorious hymns, and the chanting of psalms, the people moved through the city led by the clergy in magnificent vestments, processing from the great cathedral to other churches and shrines throughout the districts. In an urban setting that was still dominated by classical culture and pagan traditions and had a flourishing Jewish community as well, such public displays of Christian devotion heightened the sense that Christianity was gaining the city, and indeed the empire, as its own.

Nor was the presence of the holy available only through the cult of saints who had died. Antioch was center of activity in the dramatic emergence of monasticism in late antique life. Christianity had always known those in its communities who practiced their faith with special devotion; voluntary celibacy, generous almsgiving to the poor, and a life of simplicity had been the marks of best Christian life since the first generation of Christians. In the fourth century, in the wake of legalization, as the church gained political and economic power, many took such practices into separately located communities -monasteries and convents- and added more rigorous ascetic discipline to their devotional practices in an effort to gain a more perfect, single-hearted devotion to God. As the monastic movement gained momentum throughout the empire, Antioch and its territories were seen as a beacon of spiritual light, so crowded was the region with holy men and women. These living saints generated a public following every bit as fervent as the devotional piety lavished on the martyrs of old.

To be sure, Syrian asceticism was characterized by its visible impact on the daily life of the church. In this tradition, the ascetic was viewed as one whose body imaged the redemption the church preached, as both an individual and collective experience. Through the harsh discipline of extreme asceticism -rigorous fasting and vigils, wearing heavy iron chains, living in the wild without shelter- the ascetic succeeded in defeating in his or her own body the human weaknesses of hunger, weariness, and pain. People looked to the ascetics not only to image the human body redeemed from its fallen, needy condition but also to heal the collective body of the human condition. People of every walk of life flocked to the holy men and women for their counsel or their blessing; for cures for illness, handicap, or sterility; for intervention in family and civic affairs; for redress against unjust landlords, tax collectors, governors, or city officials; for direction in foreign policy or guidance in doctrinal decisions.

John Chrysostom makes frequent mention of the monks living in the mountains and wilderness just outside Antioch. He describes a situation in which church officials and monks worked together in the religious life of the city, a blending of institutional and charismatic

spiritual authorities. In 387, when the city was torn by the Riot of the Statues, over a new imperial tax, this blending was evident. Antioch's bishop, Flavian, went to Constantinople to plead with the emperor Theodosius I for clemency on behalf of his flock. In Antioch itself, John Chrysostom preached daily, attempting to calm and bring to order the terrified populace.

Famous Quotes: Aggressiveness

The individual activity of one man with backbone will do more than a thousand men with a mere wishbone. (J. H. Boetcher)

Not only strike while the iron is hot, but make it hot by striking.
(Oliver Cromwell)

You can't achieve anything without getting in someone's way.
(Abba Eban)

Whatsoever your hand finds to do, do it with your might.
(Ecclesiastes 9:10)

A Time to Laugh

Cranial Cobwebs

A friend of mine used to get together with a group of women each week to share a devotional reading and spend time in prayer. One time, a particular lady in the group prayed, "Dear Lord, please remove the cobwebs from my mind, so that I can more clearly contemplate your love." The next week, her prayer was exactly the same: "Dear Lord, please remove the cobwebs from my mind, so that I can more clearly contemplate your love." The next week was the same, and the week after that, and the one after that! It was always: "Dear Lord, please remove the cobwebs from my mind so that I can more clearly contemplate your love."

Then one week, as this precious woman began her routine prayer, an exasperated sigh was heard from one of the other ladies. She interrupted the prayer with "God Almighty, just get rid of the spider!"

Heavenly Meals

A cat died and went to Heaven. God met her at the gates and said, "You've been a good cat all these years. Anything you want is yours for the asking."

The cat thought for a minute and said, "All my life I lived on a farm and slept on hard wooden floors. I'd really like a fluffy pillow to sleep on."

God said, "Say no more." Instantly the cat had a huge fluffy pillow.

A few days later, six mice were killed in an accident and they all went to Heaven together. God met the mice at the gates with the same offer He had made to the cat.

The mice said, "Well, we've had to run all of our lives: from cats, dogs and even people with brooms! If we could just have some little roller skates, we wouldn't have to run again." God answered, "It is done." All the mice had beautiful little roller skates.

About a week later, God decided to check on the cat. He found her sound asleep on her fluffy pillow. God gently awakened the cat and asked, "Is everything okay? How have you been doing? Are you happy?" The cat replied, "Oh, it's truly WONDERFUL here. I've never been so happy in my life. The pillow is so fluffy... and those little Meals on Wheels you've been sending over are just delicious!"

The Car Accident

A rabbi and a priest get into a car accident and it's a bad one. Both cars are totally demolished, but, amazingly, neither of the clerics is hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the rabbi sees the priest's collar and says, "So you're a priest. I'm a rabbi. Just look at our cars.

There's nothing left, but we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God. God must have meant that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace the rest of our days." The priest replies, "I agree with you completely. This must be a sign from God." The rabbi continues, "And look at this. Here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but this bottle of Mogan David wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune." Then he hands the bottle to the priest. The priest agrees, takes a few big swigs, and hands the bottle back to the rabbi. The rabbi takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap on, and hands it back to the priest. The priest asks, "Aren't you having any?" The rabbi replies, "No...I think I'll wait for the police."