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Bulletin #36

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

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### ***14<sup>th</sup> 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

## ***14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

Readings: 1Thes 2:1-13 and Lk 10:38-42

I cannot remember his name but I will not forget his story. It was 1941 and the world was preparing for an immense war. But this man's world was quite small by comparison and appeared to be near its end, as a prisoner in the concentration camp known as Auschwitz. There had been an escape in the night and so in retaliation the Nazi commander of the camp randomly chose 10 innocent prisoners to be executed. This man was unfortunate enough to be among those chosen and he desperately begged for his life for the sake of his family. Suddenly an unassuming figure stepped forward from the ranks of prisoners and asked that he be taken in place of the man. The exchange was accepted and Maximilian Koble suffered starvation and death for the sake of his fellow prisoner. This Jewish prisoner survived Auschwitz and lived nearly 50 years more, a family man to the end. But what touched me most about this man telling his story was his final comment: "I will never forget what that man did for me. And I have never let a day pass without praising God for the gift I was given and telling the world what he has done for me."

St. Maximilian Kolbe's feast day is celebrated on the day immediately preceding the feast of the Assumption: August 14th. How appropriate, given his strong devotion to our Blessed Mother and the manner in which his life was so like her own in service of God and humanity.

Like the Jewish survivor who wished to let the world know what had been done for him, Mary proclaims with her words and her life what God has done for her and His people. Her canticle (The Magnificat) reflects her own humility and recognition that the good which she experiences in her life is a gift from God. Mary exemplifies par excellence the posture each of us should have before the Almighty, who has shown Himself over and over to have regard for his faithful servants and to be faithful to His promises. So often God chooses the unexpected: the weak to be strong, the insignificant to rule, the last to be first, the virgin to be fruitful, and the humble to be exalted.

From the worldly perspective, Mary was a most unlikely choice to be the Mother of God, but in the divine plan it makes all the sense in the world. For God reverses the priorities and order imposed by fallen man and thereby demonstrates the power of His grace and goodness at work in a fallen world.

On the feast of the Assumption, the Church celebrates the realization of the promise of the resurrection in the person of Mary, who was assumed body and soul into heaven when her life came to an end in this world. As such, she is the first fruit from all humanity to experience the fullness of eternal life. As we continue our journey through this life in faith and look forward with hope to the heavenly life that Mary enjoys even now, let us do what we can to proclaim with our words and our lives the greatness of the Lord.

### ***From the Desk of the Pastor***

#### ***Msgr. Bakhos' Motto: "Say your word and walk away"***

Dear parishioners,

This year we had been fortunate to have a young committee to plan for the festival and its future. The financial report will be ready in mid-September when all the bills are received. I want to clarify something that is obscure in the minds of many concerning the Festival.

When the festival started 84 years ago, it was a "picnic" event. It means every family brings its own food and meet at Oglebay Park to enjoy the gathering and at the same time some local singing and dancing. There was no charge of any sort nor from Oglebay Park nor from any hired company.

Nowadays, the church has to invest upfront almost \$25,000.00 to run the festival. Wow! Some will say, "Fr., are you joking? This is a church and everything is supposed to be free?"

My friends, there is nothing free in our days. We are treated as any other business in town. I need you to add these expenses and judge for yourselves. These rounded numbers are approximately within range: Oglebay park fees: \$2,000, tents and tables: \$4,000, entertainment: \$3,500, licenses: \$1,000, pastry: \$2,000; drink: \$1000; advertisement: \$6,000; printing: \$1,000; security: \$1,000; general operation: \$6,000 and other expenses here and there.

As you can see, when parishioners and guests pitch their tents on the ground we rent and bring their own food and say to us, "we are here to entertain ourselves FREE." That is killing the festival right there because the church could not spent \$25,000.00 every year to entertain irresponsible people. Those who understand this truth and love the festival, must support the festival financially by buying food and drink and sponsoring this lovely tradition for the future generations. –Msgr. Bakhos

## *Mass Schedule*

### ***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 (82<sup>nd</sup> 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 & Nimnoon Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family

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

#### **Weekday Masses**

**Monday, September 4:** No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos day off

**Tuesday, September 5 at 9:05 a.m.:**

✠ David & Faye Ghaphery

✠ Cecilia & Louis Ammar

**Wednesday, September 6 at 9:05 a.m.:**

✠ The persecuted Christians in the Middle East by Pam Lantz

✠ Shirley Nickerson by Georgette Gossett

**Thursday, September 7, at 9:05 a.m.:**

✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)

**Friday, September 8:** No Mass. Msgr. Bakhos day off

### ***Next Weekend, September 9-10: Nativity of the Virgin Mary***

**Saturday, September 9 at 4:00 p.m.:**

✠ Emily Vince by her children Don and Michelle & Ron and Lucki and Vicky & Matt Gompers

✠ John F. Kukula (Anniversary) by his wife Mary Rose, Cathy. Todd and Mick

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

✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie and Family

## *Calendar of Parish Events*

<b>New: Parish Ladies Kibbee Sale</b>	<i>See more info in future bulletins</i>
<b>Cedar Club Meeting</b>	<i>Monday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in Cedar Hall (Picnic Type Meeting)</i>
<b>Women Society Meeting</b>	<i>Sunday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> after Mass in Cedar Hall</i>
<b>Fall Spaghetti Dinner</b>	<i>Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 11:30a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Cedar Hall</i>

## ***Cedar Club Meeting*** (*Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ***Women's Society Meeting*** (*Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, after 10:30 a.m. Mass. in Cedar Hall*)

The members of Our Lady of Lebanon Church Women's Society will hold its first meeting this fall on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please plan to attend so that we may finalize plans for our fall and winter events including the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner, Christmas Party and also plan for the Children's Christmas Party.

## ***Renew your Health Card***

Dear parishioners & volunteers

Please renew your health card at your convenience following this schedule

September	Monday 11	At 10:30 a.m.	City of Wheeling building
September	Tuesday 12	At 7:30 p.m.	City of Wheeling building
September	Wednesday 13	At 5:00 p.m.	Wheeling Park High School at Food Court
September	Thursday 14	At 10:30 a.m.	City of Wheeling building

Note: Every person needs to register to receive a new health card. There will be limited space so please call ASAP 304-234-3682 to schedule a time from the above schedule.

## ***2<sup>nd</sup> Collection-Houston*** (*Sat-Sun, September 16-17*)

Dear Monsignor/Father,

Bishop Elias has received from Most Reverend Jose' H. Gomez, Vice President of the USCCB a request for a special collection to be taken up at all Catholic Parishes throughout the United States. This collection will assist those in need in Houston, Texas.

The destruction in Houston, TX is tremendous and many are displaced and staying in shelters. This includes parishioners of Our Lady of the Cedars Church. Bishop Elias would like to have all of our parishes take up a special second collection on **SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2017** at all liturgies especially for this cause. If Our Lady of the Cedars Church is in need of specific assistance some of the funds will go directly to them and the other portion will be sent directly to the USCCB. Please speak about the second collection along with posting it in your bulletin and on your website in the weeks leading up to the collection date.

Once the collection is taken you can either send me an email with the amount collected and I will deduct it from the parish account or you can send in a check. The choice is yours.

Let us continue to pray for those affected by this natural disaster along with all of the first responders, and the many volunteers who are assisting in the region. The Chancery.

## ***Fall Spaghetti Dinner*** (*Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.*)

**IMPORTANT:** Please mark your calendar for Our Lady of Lebanon Church's fall Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, October 22, from 11:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.** Look for a mailing soon so you can save money by paying in advance and order your tickets to be held at the door.

**Tickets paid by Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, are priced at \$7.00 adult; \$4.00 Child.** All tickets sold at the door on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, cost \$8.00 adult; \$5.00 Child. There will be a 50/50 Raffle, a Gift Basket Raffle, and a Bake Sale.

Please make a donation of your favorite homemade baked goods for our Bake Sale Table such as pies, cake, cookies, fudge, bread, brownies, Lebanese items, etc.

## ***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***

\$1,462.00	Sunday Collection
9.00	Mahrajan
30.00	Parking
21.00	Coffee hour
56.00	Candles
100.00	Donation to the church
651.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Box
\$2,359.00	<b>Total Deposits:</b> <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***

### ***Congratulations on Your Wedding (Totterdale-Duffy)***

Brent Totterdale and Allison Duffy were united in the bond of Holy Matrimony at our Lady of Lebanon Church with Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac officiating the marriage ceremony. Allison is the daughter of our beloved parishioners Earl and Linda Duffy. A great number of friends and guests of honor attended the beautiful wedding and shared the reception that followed at Oglebay Park. We wish the young couple a happy and long life together.

### ***2017 Mahrajan Items Still Available***

Frozen Zattar -25 bags \$2.00 each.

## ***Wisdom***

Fluorescent light bulbs contain a very small amount of mercury sealed within the glass tubing. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends the following cleanup and disposal guidelines:

- 1- Open a window and leave the room for 15 minutes or more.
- 2- Wearing disposable rubber gloves, carefully scoop up the fragments and powder with stiff paper or cardboard and place them in a plastic bag. Wipe the area clean with damp paper towels or disposable wet wipes and place them in the plastic bag, too. Seal the bag.
- 3- Do not use a vacuum or broom to clean up the broken bulb on hard surfaces.
- 4- Place all cleanup materials in a second sealed plastic bag. Take it to a recycling center or arrange for a recycler to pick it up. Wash your hands.
- 5- If a fluorescent bulb breaks on a rug or carpet:
  - a- First, remove all materials you can without using a vacuum cleaner, following the steps above. Sticky tape (such as duct tape) can be used to pick up small pieces and powder.
  - b- If vacuuming is needed after all visible materials are removed, vacuum the area where the bulb was broken, remove the vacuum bag (or empty and wipe the canister) and put the bag or vacuum debris in two sealed plastic bags in the outdoor trash or protected outdoor location for normal disposal.