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Bulletin #37

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

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### ***15<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



- \***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

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

Readings: 1Thes 1:1-10 and Lk 7:36-50

Jesus associated a number of women with him in his mission, though in those times women hardly counted for anything outside their families. He went further, he cut across a series of taboos in order to receive the repentance of a sinful woman.

During a meal given Jesus by the Pharisee Simon, someone quite unexpected came in: doubtless a prostitute — rabbinical teaching said prostitutes should be kept at a distance of two yards. Perhaps she had been following and listening to Jesus for some time. Now, anyway, she was prepared to change her way, recognizing that Jesus had come for just such a person as herself. She displayed none of Simon's calculated reserve. Her tears have the freshness of sorrow, flowing from her heart: by means of these tears, happy and sad all at once, bliss opens up, 'for the rear alone leads to the laugh of blessedness' (Origen).

Without knowing it she is worthy of pardon, and Jesus is not mistaken: after all he had won her before she had surrendered herself. Compared to Simon, who believed he had little to do to obtain forgiveness, and so was hard in his complacency, the woman is held by grace, and the love of God is able to pierce her armor and change the heart of stone into a heart of flesh.

'Your sins are forgiven.' Jesus bears no resemblance to a patcher-up of consciences. Recognition of his mercy, greater than the heavens, will save us from astonishment: from a rag picked up from the mud he makes a wedding dress; with no-good grain he harvests a saint, If it is true that living beings look like the way they are looked at, we owe our existence to Christ's look of love. In him, moreover, my death is no longer ahead of but behind me: I now can try to live, try to love. Like the sinful woman I have the chance of a fresh start.

### *Mass Schedule*

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

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

- ✠ Emily Vince by her children Don & Michelle & Ron & Lucki & Vicky & Matt Gompers
- ✠ John F. Kukula (Anniversary) by his wife Mary Rose, Cathy. Todd & Mick
- ✠ Special Intention

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

- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie & Family

#### **Weekday Masses**

**Monday, September 11:** No Mass

**Tuesday, September 12:** No Mass

**Wednesday, September 13:** No Mass

**Thursday, September 14:** No Mass

**Friday, September 15:** No Mass

#### ***Next Weekend, September 16-17: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross***

##### **Saturday, September 16 at 4:00 p.m.:**

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

##### **Sunday, September 17 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ John, Rosie, Tillie, Philip & Edward George

### ***Calendar of Parish Events***

<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>
<b>Christmas Party</b>	<i>Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> Entertainment by John Mensore and the dance groups of OLOL church will perform in the party.</i>

## ***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)*

Patricia Olinski, George & Mary Thomas, Patty Fahey, Rob Thomas (OH), Silvia Long, Rita Strawn, Mary Ryncarz, John Shiben, Harold Sleime, Don Fielding (FL), Bob & 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),

<b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b>	
\$1,173.00	Sunday Collection
42.00	Candles
21.00	Coffee hour
1,939.00	Mahrajan
60.00	Parking
30.00	Donation to Poor Box
\$3,265.00	<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***

### ***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.

## ***Around Us***

### ***Lebanese Food Festival*** *(Sep. 15, 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>)*

When: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Sep. 15, 16 and 17, 2017 (11:00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.)

Where: Our Lady of Victory, 1000 Lindsay Rd, Carnegie, PA

Menu: Spinach pies, Lubia & rice, saj bread, roasted chicken, shish kebab, tabouli, falafel, hummus, Grape leaves, kibbee, Lebanese appetizer and desserts. Free admission

### ***Grand Hafla at St. Teresa Maronite Church, PA***

When: Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. till midnight

Where: The Fez Banquet Room, 2312 Brodhead Road, Aliquippa, PA

Menu: Grape leaves, kibbee, baked chicken, Lebanese appetizer and desserts

Cost: adults: \$60, students: \$45; children 30-12: \$30.

Information: 724-375-2860 or 724-827-5024