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Bulletin #40

## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross

- \***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 Kourey, Mike Linton, Rita Strawn, P.J. Lenz, Mary Stees
- \***Choir Members:** Earl Duffy, George Thomas, Lou Kourey, 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

## ***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross***

Readings: Phil 3:17-4:1 and Mt 24:23-31

If the day and the hour of the coming of Christ are known to none save God, then all life must be a constant preparation for that coming. And, if that is so, there are certain basic sins.

- 1- To live without watchfulness invites disaster. A thief does not send a letter saying when he is going to burgle a house; his principal weapon in his nefarious undertakings is surprise; therefore a householder who has valuables in his house must maintain a constant guard. But to get this picture right, we must remember that the watching of the Christian for the coming of Christ is not that of terror-stricken fear and shivering apprehension; it is the watching of eager expectation for the coming of glory and joy.
- 2- The spirit which leads to disaster is the spirit which says there is plenty of time. It is the comfortable delusion of the servant that he will have plenty of time to put things to rights before his master returns. There is a fable which tells of three apprentice devils who were coming to this earth to finish their apprenticeship. They were talking to Satan, the chief of the devils, about their plans -to tempt and ruin men. The first said, "I will tell them there is no God." Satan said, "That will not delude many, for they know that there is a God." The second said, "I will tell them there is no hell." Satan answered, "You will deceive no one that way; men know even now that there is a hell for sin." The third said, "I will tell men there is no hurry." "Go," said Satan, "and you will ruin them by the thousand." The most dangerous of all delusions is that there is plenty of time. The most dangerous day in a man's life is when he learns that there is such a word as *tomorrow*. There are things which must not be put off, for no man knows if for him tomorrow will ever come.
- 3- Rejection is based on failure in duty, and reward is based on fidelity. The servant who fulfilled his duty faithfully was given a still greater place; and the servant who failed was dealt with in severity. The inevitable conclusion is that, when he comes, Jesus Christ can find us employed in no better and greater task than in doing our duty.

### ***Mass Schedule***

#### ***This Weekend, Sept. 30-Oct.1: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross***

##### **Saturday, September 30 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Memorial Mass for Bobby Saseen by the Family
- ✠ Robert Condelli (Birthday) by Sylvia Long
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

##### **Sunday, October 1 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family
- ✠ Camille Rohanna & Louis Rohanna by daughter Mary & sister

##### **Weekday Masses**

##### **Monday, October 2: No Mass**

##### **Tuesday, October 3 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Shirley Nickerson by the Lonetto Family
- ✠ Judy Dierkes by Angela Nagem & Family

##### **Wednesday, October 4 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ For the persecuted Christians in the Middle East by Pam Lantz

##### **Thursday, October 5 at 12:05 p.m.:**

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

##### **Friday, October 6: No Mass**

## ***Next Weekend, October 7-8: 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday after the Holy Cross***

**Saturday, October 7:**

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

**at 4:00 p.m.:**

✠ Nancy Ferris Coffield (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees & Libby G. Magnone

✠ Sam Gaudio by his sister Shirley Bine

**Sunday, October 8 at 10:30 a.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass**

✠ Frank Lish (Anniversary) by his wife Mary Lish

*Special Prayers for: † Joe Popovich & Gina Haas (on their Birthdays) by Dalton Haas*

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

<b>Fall Spaghetti Dinner</b>	<i>Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Cedar Hall</i>
<b>OLOL Women's Society Meeting</b>	<i>Sunday, October 29, in the Cedar Hall following Mass</i>
<b>OLOL Christmas Party</b>	<i>Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> Entertainment by John Mensore and the dance groups of OLOL church will perform at the party.</i>

### ***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.** You should have received the Spaghetti Dinner mailing by now. 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 \$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 Bake Sale, a 50/50 & a Gift Basket Raffle. 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. We also need desserts for the dessert table.

### ***Women's Society Meeting*** (*Sunday, October 29<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 so we may finalize plans for our fall and winter events: Spaghetti Dinner, Christmas Party and also plan for the Children's Christmas Party.

### ***Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List***

*(Note: Please call Msgr. Bakhos if you need your name added to our Prayer List. HIPPA regulations)*

Patty 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),

### ***Your Church Support Last Week***

\$918.00	Sunday Collection
500.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (Hurricane Relief)
135.00	Candles
520.00	Utilities
21.00	Coffee Hour
30.00	Donation to Poor Box
\$2124.00	<b>Total Deposits:</b> <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton

## *What's New*

### ***Condolences: Elena Blake***

Msgr. Bakhos and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Blake and Siebieda families on the loss of their beloved mother Elena who passed away on Friday, September 22. She was the mother of Lillian (Larry) Siebieda. A funeral Liturgy with mass was celebrated on Tuesday, September 26, St. Mary's Catholic Church in St. Clairsville, Ohio. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to Her Handmaid and we extend the parish's condolences to her family in their time of sorrow.

### ***Around Us***

Grand Hafli at St. Teresa Maronite church, Aliquippa, PA

When: Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. until 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 3-12: \$30. Info.: 724-375-2860 or 724-827-5024

## ***Spirituality: Self-Discipline***

*(St. Paul: # 8/2000)*

The principal cause of all unhappiness is unregulated desire -wanting more than is needed or wanting what is harmful to the spirit. The modern world is geared to increase our desires and our wants by its advertising, but it can never satisfy them. Our desires are infinite; the supply of any good on earth is finite. Hence our unhappiness and anxieties, our disappointments and our sadness. The only exit from this state is by control of the senses through mortification. This is what Our Lord meant when He said: ***“And if your hand, or your foot scandalize you, cut it off, and cast it from you. And if your eye scandalizes you, pluck it out, and cast it from you”*** (Mt.18:8-9). Because, in our modern civilization, the biological is divorced from the spiritual, because freedom is isolated from dependence on God like a pendulum cut off from a clock, because liberty is interpreted only as freedom *from* something and not as freedom *for* something, it is especially necessary to revive the Christian practice of self-discipline.

*Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Peace of Soul, 1949, p.183.*

## ***Spirituality: Grace -01***

God never refuses grace to those who honestly ask for it. All He asks is that the vague thirst for the Infinite which has urged the soul on to seek its good in a succession of pleasures shall now be transformed into a thirst for God Himself. All we need do is to voice these two petitions: Dear Lord, illumine my intellect to see the Truth, and give me the strength to follow it. It is a prayer that is *always* answered. And it makes no difference whether the desire for God we voice has come from our disgust, satieties, and despair or whether it is born of our love of the beautiful, the perfect. God is willing to take either our old bones or our young dreams, for He loves us, not because of the way we are, but because of what we can be through His grace.

*Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Peace of Soul, 1949, p.241.*