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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Announcement to Mary

- ***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, Christopher AlKhouri & 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

Announcement to Mary

Readings: Gal 3:15-22 and Lk 1:26-38

“Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word. Luke 1:31)

In all her Gospel appearances, Mary, the virgin mother of God, models for us the perfect stance of the disciple of Christ.

Chosen to be in an exalted position as mother of the Messiah, Mary sees herself as the servant of the Lord. Her sole desire is that his will be done on earth as in heaven, that all be completely and perfectly according to the Divine Will. Heroic is not too strong a word to use here, for this holy and innocent young woman faced not only the confused agony of her beloved Joseph, but possible disgrace or even the penalty of horrible death at the hands of an angry mob. Mary did not waver. If she questioned the angel, it was only to know just how the Divine Will was to be accomplished and what was expected of her.

However, Mary didn't suddenly leap to this level of heroic self—giving love; it was the fruit of a lifelong fidelity to prayer, to meeting the Lord in the Scriptures, to fulfilling each day's humble task with faithfulness. Advent invites each one of us to enter into this school of the Lord's service. Thus, we will be ready, as Mary was at the Annunciation, to receive our Lord when he comes to enter our lives in a new and more powerful way in the grace of Christmas, no matter what that grace may demand of us.

This Weekend, November 25-26: Announcement to Virgin Mary

Saturday, November 25 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Karem & Amelia Azar
- ✠ Bob Saseen by Luane Frazier
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, November 26 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Austin Ghaphery by Bill & Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Judy Dierkes by Sandra Dusick

Weekday Masses

Monday, November 27: No Mass

Tuesday, November 28 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Mary Blum by Sandra DeMuth
- ✠ Judy Dierkes by Lou & Charlotte Khourey

Wednesday, November 29 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Mary Blum by Janet Uttermohlen
- ✠ Bob Saseen by the class of 46 CCHS SJA

Thursday, November 30 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Judy Dierkes by Bill & Carol Dougherty

Friday, December 1: No Mass

Next Weekend, December 2-3: Mary visits Elizabeth

Saturday, December 2:

At 3:30 p.m.: Christmas Novena (No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

At 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Cathy Sharp Howard (Birthday) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Isabel Ferris Wolfe (Anniversary) by Mary Zaid Stees & Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, December 3:

At 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena (No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

At 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Siham Frenn (Anniversary) by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin
- ✠ David Sizemore (Anniversary) by the Family

Christmas Novena Schedule

During the month of December, we will replace the Rosary and the Benediction with the Christmas Novena. On Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The Christmas Novena is a mean to prepare us for the coming of Christ into our heart and Family. Please make an extra effort to attend.

Calendar of Parish Events

OLOL Women's Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, November 26th in the Cedar Hall following Mass</i>
Church & Hall Decorating Set	<i>Monday, November 27th, starting at 9:00 a.m.</i>
OLOL Christmas Party	<i>Sunday, December 3rd, Entertainment by DJ: John Thomas and the dance groups of OLOL Church will perform during the party</i>
Hall Reserved	<i>Saturday, December 16th</i>
OLOL Children's Christmas Party	<i>Sunday, December 17th, after Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>
Hall Reserved	<i>Saturday, December 23rd</i>
Kibbee Sale (info in future bulletins)	<i>Orders Due Jan. 28, 2018; Order Pick Up February 7th or 8th, 2018</i>
St. Maron Dinner	<i>Sunday, March 18, 2018 (look for more info in future bulletins)</i>
Lebanese Bake Sale-more info later	<i>Orders Due Easter Sun., April 1, 2018; Order Pick Up April 11th or 12th</i>

Christmas Poinsettia in Memory of:

A bouquet of yellow roses will decorate the altar of the Blessed Mother in Memory of Helen Fielding by her husband Donald Fielding, Florida.

- ✠ Louise N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr., & Gladys Howard by the Lou & Charlotte Khourey Family
- ✠ Joseph Kawas by Emilie Kawas
- ✠ Mitchell Farrah by Emilie Kawas
- ✠ Rachel Farrah by Emilie Kawas
- ✠ Siham & Elias Frenn & LaVerne Thomas by Dr. Adel & Diane Frenn
- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don (FL)
- ✠ William Thomas Breit by Mr & Mrs Michael Breit & Family
- ✠ The mother of Veronica Mushet
- ✠ Mary K. Ferris by Thomas & Denise Ferris
- ✠ A friend for "His Special Intention"
- ✠ Bill & Mary Daniel by Rebecca & Mike DiFabrizio
- ✠ Emily & Donald Vince by Victoria and Matt Gompers
- ✠ In Memory of John & Mary Ritts
- ✠ Silvio "Joe" Perilli by Paula Perilli
- ✠ Suzanne Linton by husband Mike
- ✠ Frances & Joseph Linton by sons Steve & Mike
- ✠ The deceased of our parish by Steve & Mike Linton
- ✠ Msgr. Bakhos' parents Adib & Sadie, his sister Mona & his brother Nadim by Steve & Mike Linton
- ✠ John & Mary Ritts by John & Opal Ritts
- ✠ Danny & Milli Manner by their daughter Nini
- ✠ The Bine & Gaudio Families by Shirley Bine
- ✠ Deceased members of the Hebdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty
- ✠ The Schlog & Saseen Families by Fran Saseen

☞ *Deceased Family members of Veronica Mushet*

☞ *Deceased Family members of the Bob & Nikki Popovich*

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)

Sylvia Long, Sandra Dusick, Mike Linton, Elia Frenn (nephew of Dr. Frenn), Dr. Adel Frenn, Bernadine Elias, John Shiben, George & Mary Thomas, Patty Fahey, Mary Ryncarz, Don Fielding (FL), Bob & Sally Sengewalt, 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

\$1,064.00	Sunday Collection
52.00	2 nd Collection: Maronite Voice
600.00	Bulletin ads
66.00	Candles
21.00	Coffee Hour
580.00	Christmas Party
382.00	Christmas Pinsettias
185.00	Parking
30.00	Donation to Poor Box
\$2,980.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton

What’s New

Christmas Party

This year, singer John Mensore from New Martinsville is unable to perform at our Christmas Party for health reasons. We will miss him. DJ: John Thomas, the grandson of Rita Thomas-Strawn will perform instead.

First Communion & Confirmation Classes

Dear Parents,

First Communion classes for children age 7 and older and Confirmation classes for young adults ages 12 to 13 and up will start soon. Please call Msgr. Bakhos to register your children and grandchildren.

Please Help Fill the Food Barrel at Thanksgiving & Christmas

All who are willing to share non-parishable goods for those in need during the upcoming Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays are asked to bring whatever you can and add it to the Food Barrel at the church entrance. Please make sure that the “Use By Dates” are not expired. If you want to make a monetary donation for a parishioner to purchase items for this purpose, place your contribution in an envelope marked “For Food Barrel” and place it in the Weekly Collection.

Why Do Active Parishioners Use Offering Envelopes?

The Offering Envelopes are made to remind the parishioners of their responsibility to support their church financially. Parishioners are served spiritually during Mass and in all the stages of their life: baptism, first communion, confirmation, marriage, sickness and death. The church building has to be maintained to stay in good shape and to have a pastor. Remember that nothing in life is free. When bills come the word “thank you” does not pay them. So be generous toward the church –your second home- and feel proud of having a beautiful church you deserve.

Also the use of Offering Envelopes or payments by checks allow the church to register your contributions and to issue at the end of the year an official statement verifying your donations to be used for your income tax deduction. It is illegal to issue tax statements for those who put loose cash in the collection. We cannot identify the donor of the cash received in the collection basket unless the cash is put in our church's official "Weekly Collection" envelope or if the donor's name & address are written on the outside of an envelope in which the cash is inserted.

If you do not find your name on one of the boxes of Weekly Collection boxes at the entrance, please call Fr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688. So if you consider yourself an active parishioner and you file for tax deduction, please use the 2018 Offering Envelopes. –Msgr. Bakhos

A Time to Laugh (333)

The Substitute Organist

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to, after the worship service, ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star-Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

HYMNS FOR ALL THINGS :

The Dentist's Hymn:.....Crown Him with Many Crowns
 The Weatherman's Hymn.....There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
 The Contractor's Hymn:..... The Church's One Foundation
 The Tailor's Hymn:..... Holy, Holy, Holy
 The Golfer's Hymn:..... There's a Green Hill Far Away
 The Politician's Hymn:..... Standing on the Promises
 The Optometrist's Hymn:..... Open My Eyes That I Might See
 The IRS Agent's Hymn:..... I Surrender All
 The Gossip's Hymn:.....Pass It On
 The Electrician's Hymn:.....Send The Light
 The Shopper's Hymn:..... Sweet By and By
 The Realtor's Hymn:.....I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
 The Massage Therapists Hymn.... He Touched Me
 The Doctor's Hymn:..... The Great Physician

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

45mph.....God Will Take Care of You
 55mph.....Guide Me, O You Great God
 65mph.....Nearer My God To Thee
 75mph.....Nearer Still Nearer
 85mph.....This World Is Not My Home
 95mph.....Lord, I'm Coming Home
 Over 100mph.....Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke, To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folk.