

December 3, 2017

Bulletin #49

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Mary visits Elizabeth

- ***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

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Readings: Eph 1:1-14 and Lk 1:39-45

Advent days are drawing quickly to a close. Will there be new life in our lives this week?

The prophet Micah announced a new king, as yet unborn, whose origins will be in Bethlehem. This king will shepherd his people, rule in the name of the Lord, and bring peace to all the world. What a wonderful prophecy for the early Church to seize upon; how well Jesus fulfilled it.

John the Baptizer, himself unborn, announce a new king, as yet unborn. When the newly impregnated Mary comes to visit, he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. This is the first time we hear from the one who will lead the way for Jesus. The messenger conveyed the message to Elizabeth his mother, via the Holy Spirit, that Mary and her child are uniquely blessed.

And Saint Paul, writing to the Christians in Rome, announced this king in a different way. Already born -already died- this king continues to save us through his own battered, bruised, bloodied body.

O Radiant Dawn, our King we search for You amid the dark shadows of our certain death, and we find hope of new life in these promises from of old.

This 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

Weekday Masses

Monday, December 4: No Mass

Tuesday, December 5 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Austin Ghaphery by Jean Weisner

✠ Judy Dierkes by Mary Seabright Lish

Wednesday, December 6 at 12:05 p.m.:

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

✠ Bob Saseen by John & Dee Shibben

Thursday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m.: Immaculate Conception Eve Mass

✠ Austin Ghaphery by Dianna Vargo

✠ Special prayer for the persecuted Christians in the Middle East

Friday, December 8 at 5:30 p.m.: Immaculate Conception Day Mass

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

✠ Special Intention

Next Weekend, December 9-10: Birth of John the Baptist

Saturday, December 9:

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

At 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Robert & Margaret Glaser by the Gostes Family

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

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, December 10:**At 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena (No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)****At 10:30 a.m.:**

✠ Austin Ghaphery by Lou & Charlotte Khourey

✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie and Family

Calendar of Parish Events

OLOL Christmas Party	<i>Sunday, December 3rd</i> , Entertainment by DJ: John Thomas and the dance groups of OLOL Church will perform during the party
Hall Reserved	<i>Saturday, December 16th</i>
OLOL Children's Christmas Party	<i>Sunday, December 17th</i> , after Mass in the Cedar Hall
Hall Reserved	<i>Saturday, December 23rd</i>
Kibbee Sale (<i>info in future bulletins</i>)	<i>Orders Due Jan. 28, 2018; Order Pick Up February 7th or 8th, 2018</i>
St. Maron Dinner	<i>Sunday, March 18, 2018</i> (look for more info in future bulletins)
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 & 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*✠ *Deceased of the Nimon & Miriam Joseph Family by the Weisner and Joseph Families*✠ *Ceil Murad (mother) & Rich Frazier (husband) by Luane Frazier*✠ *Ralph & Mary J. Shipley & Robby Hunter (grandson) by Thomasina Geimer*

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 Shibben, 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),

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,193.00	Sunday Collection
600.00	Bulletin ads
14.00	Coffee Hour
380.00	Christmas Party
70.00	Christmas Pinsettias
395.00	Hall rental
567.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Box
10.00	Donation to women society
\$3,259.00	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

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.

Around Us

Cookie Walk

Where: Our Lady of Victory Maronite church, Pittsburgh. Phone: 412-278-0841

When: Saturday, December 16 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

A Time to Laugh (334)

Recall Notice

The Maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to the serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units.

This defect has been technically termed, "Sub-sequential Internal Non-morality," or more commonly known as "SIN."

Some Symptoms: Loss of direction, Lack of peace and joy, Depression or confusion in the mental component, Foul vocal emissions, Selfish, violent behavior, Amnesia of origin, Fearfulness, and Rebellion.

To correct this SIN defect, the Manufacturer, Who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory authorized repair and service free of charge. The Repair Technician, Jesus, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs.

There is no additional fee required. The number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R.

Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with: Love, Joy, Peace, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Patience, Self-control.

Please see the operating manual, HOLY BIBLE, for further details on the use of these fixes. As an added upgrade, the Manufacturer has made available to all repaired units direct monitoring and assistance from the resident Maintenance Technician, the HOLY SPIRIT. Repaired units need only make Him welcome and He will take up residence on the premises.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without making these corrections voids the Manufacturer's warranty, exposing the unit to many dangers and problems --- and will result in the human unit

Christmas Story

I hurried into the local department store to grab some last-minute Christmas gifts. I looked at all the people and grumbled to myself. I would be in here forever, and I just had so much to do. Christmas was beginning to become such a drag. I wished that I could just sleep through Christmas. But I hurried the best I could through all the people to the toy department. Once again, I kind of mumbled to myself at the prices of all these toys. And I wondered if the grandkids would even play with them. I found myself in the doll aisle. Out of the corner of my eye I saw a little boy, about 5 years old, holding a lovely doll. He kept touching her hair, and he held her so gently. I could not seem to help myself. I just kept looking over at the little boy and wondered who the doll was for.

I watched him turn to a woman; and he called his aunt by name and said, "*Are you sure I don't have enough money?*" She replied a bit impatiently, "*You know that you don't have enough money for it.*" The aunt told the little boy not to go anywhere, that she had to go get some other things and would be back in a few minutes. And then she left the aisle.

The boy continued to hold the doll. After a bit, I asked the boy who the doll was for. He said, "*It is the doll my sister wanted so badly for Christmas. She just knew that Santa would bring it.*" I told him that maybe Santa was going to bring it. He said, "*No, Santa can't go where my sister is. I have to give the doll to my Mamma to take to her.*" I asked him where his sister was? He looked at me with the saddest eyes and said, "*She has gone to be with Jesus.*" "*My Daddy says that Mama is going to have to go be with her.*"

My heart nearly stopped beating. Then the boy looked at me again and said, "*I told my Daddy to tell Mama not to go yet. I told him to tell her to wait till I got back from the store.*"

Then he asked me if I wanted to see his picture. I told him I would love to. He pulled out some pictures he had taken at the front of the store. He said, "*I want my Mamma to take this with her so she don't ever forget me. I love my Mama so very much, and I wish she did not have to leave me. But Daddy says she will need to be with my sister.*" I saw that the little boy had lowered his head and had grown so very quiet. While he was not looking, I reached into my purse and pulled out a handful of bills. I asked the little boy, "*Shall we count that money one more time.*" He grew excited and said, "*Yes, I just know it has to be enough.*"

So I slipped my money in with his, and we began to count it. Of course, it was plenty for being permanently impounded.

For free emergency service, call on JESUS. Thank you for your attention.

If possible, please notify others of this important recall notice.