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Bulletin #6

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



Cana Sunday (Entrance to Lent)

- ***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 and Wednesday (9:00 a.m.); Thursday (12:05 p.m.) [Rosary 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, Lou Khourey, 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 2 Alley spaces
- ***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven

Regulations for Great Lent 2018

Beginning of the Season of Great Lent

According to the Maronite tradition, the Great Lent recalls the gestures of mercy of the Savior toward His people. This fifty-day period invites the believer to meditate on the sinful human condition, and the meaning of the salvific sufferings and death of Christ. These fifty days reflect the penitential tone and monastic spirit of the Maronite Church. The Sundays of the Great Lent are: Cana Sunday, the Sundays of: the Leper, the Hemorrhaging Woman, the Prodigal Son, the Paralytic, the Blind, and Palm Sunday.

Why Do Maronites Have Ash Monday?

The Maronite Liturgical cycle goes by week from one week to the next. All Maronite Liturgical functions start on Sunday because Sunday commands the whole week which follows it. Lent in the Maronite Church begins on Cana Sunday or Entrance into the Great Lent. Ashes are given on Monday to begin the Great Lent that ends on Easter Sunday.

Lenten Regulations:

Traditionally the Lenten Season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. Lent is also a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. Fast and abstinence are to be observed on Ash Monday and Good Friday in the Maronite Catholic Church. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

Diocesan Lenten Regulations:

The Maronite Patriarch has outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follow:

1- **Ash Monday** and **Good Friday** are days of *abstinence* for all Catholics *over the age of 14*. On these two days, *fast* as well as abstinence is also obligatory for those *from the ages of 18 to 59*. Abstinence means abstinence from meat. Fast means no food from midnight to noon. No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

2- **All other Fridays of Lent** are days of *abstinence* from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

3- We strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.

Weekdays of Lent:

The Maronites are to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence and by exercising works of piety and charity. All Fridays through the year, and especially during Great Lent, are penitential days.

Easter Duty Obligation:

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Maronite Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Maronites are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

Weddings & Baptisms During Lent:

Weddings are not permitted to be celebrated during Lent. Baptismal fonts are closed during Lent.

Washing of the Feet:

On Thursday of the Mysteries only male members of the community can be assigned to represent the apostles for the Washing of the Feet ceremony.

Cana Sunday

Readings: Rom 14:14-23 and Jn 2:1-11

THE MYSTERY OF MARY

The mystery of her who, in the words of St. Leo, “conceived God in her mind before she conceived Him in her body,” gives full meaning to the twofold presence of Mary in the mystery of salvation: her presence before God and her presence among men, both in the fellowship of one life, in one body. Here indeed two utterances made at Cana find their lasting meaning. The first is addressed to Christ, telling Him of men’s thirst: “They have no wine”; the second to men, telling them to hope for God’s gift and to give their cooperation: “Do whatever He tells you.”

Weekend of, February 10-11: Entrance into Great Lent Cana Sunday

Saturday, February 10 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen by her Will
- ✠ Bob Saseen by Wheeling firefighters Local 12
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family
- ✠ Patrick McCulley by Cynthia & David Reasbeck

Ash Distribution Schedule

Ash Monday, February 12:

12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

- ✠ George Fahey by Michael F. Shaffer
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Bob & Karen Rose

5:00 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

- ✠ George Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- ✠ George Thomas by Gary Weisner

Tuesday, February 13 at 9:05 a.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen by her Will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

Ash Wednesday, February 14:

12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

- ✠ John George (MN) by Larry Josephs
- ✠ George Thomas by Lou & Charlotte Khourey

5:00 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

- ✠ John George (MN) by Larry Josephs
- ✠ Jim Dellget by Lou & Charlotte Khourey

Thursday, February 15 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ George Thomas by Jean & George Weisner
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Mary & Tom Kasberg & Family

Friday, February 16:

4:40 p.m.: Rosary & Litany

5:00 p.m.: Divine Liturgy

- ✠ George Thomas by Mary Seabright Lish
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Lee Bentz

5:30 p.m.: Stations of the Cross, Benediction, and Spiritual Lenten Reflection

6:30 p.m.: Friday Lenten meal prepared by the Cedar Club

Next Weekend, February 17-18: Sunday of the Leper

Saturday, February 17 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Marian Bris Harris (Anniversary) by the bris Family
- ✠ Herman E. Conti Jr., by Rosalie Conti
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, February 18 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Anna Marie McGlumphy (Anniversary) by Jerry McGlumphy & children
- ✠ Jim Dellget by Carol & Bill Dougherty

Stations of the Cross & Light Dinner *(All Fridays during Lent after 5:00 p.m. Mass)*

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:00 p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m., followed by Benediction of the Cross. The “*Stations of the Cross*” is a devotion which consists of following the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by recalling the fourteen prominent events that took place from the time of the trial under Pontius Pilate until His death and burial on Mount Calvary.

We thank the Cedar Club members who will sponsor the first Lenten Meal on Friday, February 16, and on Good Friday, March 30, after the Friday prayers. A Special Prayer for the intentions of the benefactors who sponsored the meatless dinner tonight

Date:	Volunteers Who Sponsor the Light Meals on Fridays during Lent:
2 nd Friday, Feb.23	Meal Sponsors: Shirley Bine
3 rd Friday, March 2	Meal Sponsors: Fadoul and Duffy Families
4 th Friday, March 9	Meal Sponsor: ????????????????????
5 th Friday, March 16	Meal Sponsors: ????????????????????
6 th Friday, March 23	Meal Sponsor: Carol Dougherty, Mike Linton and Msgr. Bakhos
Good Friday, March 30	Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club & Parishioners

Diocesan Appeal 2018

The Annual Lenten Diocesan Appeal for our Diocese is now taking place. All generous parishioners will receive a letter this week. Our Bishop Elias Zaidan relies upon each parishioner to support his plan to prepare seminarians to serve our Maronite churches. Every family is asked to be generous and participate in the Appeal at a level which is feasible for them. Your donation can be mailed to our church or dropped in the collection basket. Our parish’s quota for this year’s Appeal is \$3,000.00. Please be generous. Thank you.

Many Thanks for those who fulfilled their Easter Obligation for this year. May God reward you and bless your fasting.

Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Shirley Bine, Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Mike Linton,

Easter Lilies

\$25 Donation for Easter Lilies *(Due Sunday, March 25)*

Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones to decorate the church and the tomb of Christ are sponsored by the following generous parishioners:

- ☞☞☞☞ *A bouquet of yellow roses will decorate the altar of the Blessed Mother in Memory of Helen Fielding by her husband Donald of Florida*
- ☞ *Gladys Howard & Louise N. & Louise H. Khourey, Sr., by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family*
- ☞ *Sadie George and her son John and Freda Josephs (MN)*
- ☞ *Sue, Frances & Joe Linton by Mike Linton*
- ☞ *Deceased members of the Bine and Gaudio Families by Shirley Bine*
- ☞ *Deceased members of the Chidiac Family by Msgr. Bakhos*
- ☞ *Bill & Mary Daniel by Rebecca & Mike DeFabrizio*
- ☞ *Robert Sengewalt by the Sengewalt Family*

Calendar of Parish Events

St. Maron Dinner	<i>Sunday, March 18</i> (look for more info in future bulletins)
Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, February 12th. 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall (Mike & Nini Hosting)</i>
Lebanese Bake Sale-more info later	<i>Orders Due Sunday, April 8; Order Pick Up April 18th or 19th</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 regulations)
Bernadine Elias, Don Henning, George & Patty Fahey, Sandra Dusick, John Shibben, Diane Palotay, Virginia & Dolores Joseph, 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

\$1,049.00	Sunday Collection
227.00	2 nd collection Eparchial charities
15.00	Candles
25.00	Donation toward difibrillator
25.00	Easter flower
105.00	Kibbee sale
155.00	Parking
25.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Box
\$1,656.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Kourey, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton

What’s New

Mahrajan News Update

In January, the Mahrajan Committee started the preparatory meetings to plan for this year Festival that will take place at Oglebay Park on Saturday and Sunday, August 11 and 12, 2018. Last week we met with Pitaland in Pittsburgh in regard of the food preparation. Please invite your family members and friends from all over to travel to Wheeling and enjoy the Festival with you. More details in the upcoming bulletins.

Defibrillator for the Church Needed

It is time that OLOL Church has its own defibrillator and catches up with all the other Catholic Churches across the country. Defibrillator saves life when someone has a heart attack while help is on the way. Two doctors from the church will train a team how to use it. If you are fortunate at this time of year and can support this project, please choose an amount you can afford & mail your donation to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. On the memo line please write "defibrillator". Please consider donating \$20, \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$125, 150, \$200 The total cost will be **\$1,699.00 plus shipping.**

Donations received:

- \$100.00 from Myron & Cynthia Law, Senecaville, Ohio
- \$50.00 from an anonymous generous parishioner
- \$300.00 from anonymous donor
- \$100.00 in Memory of Bob Sengewalt by his Family
- \$100.00 from Kenny & Nancy Joseph
- \$25.00 from Denny Albaugh
- \$50.00 from Patrick & Jackie Petros
- \$25.00 from the Benline Family

(Total Fundraising \$750.00)

Meditation for Lent: The Rest of Humanity

The Rest of Humanity – St. Luke 18:9-14

Scripture: "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity— greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income." (Luke 18:11-12)

Reflection: For anyone who thinks there is no humor in the gospel, all they have to do is listen to the prayer of the Pharisee just quoted. If a person has any funny bone at all, Jesus' parable is hilarious. The incongruity (the essence of humor) could not be greater. The Pharisee claims righteousness (after all, he does what we were asked to do on Ash Wednesday—pray, fast, give alms), but deep down he denies his membership in our muddy, messy humanity. Moreover, the Pharisee doesn't just deny his humanity, he despises sinners.

Greedy! Greed is one of the capital sins (along with pride, anger, lust, sloth, gluttony, envy). No one is exempt from having to struggle with these negative, destructive forces. The tax collector asked for mercy. He admitted his sin and through this humble confession went home justified by the grace of God.

Dishonest! Living in the truth is difficult. After the successful *The Road Less Traveled*, M. Scott Peck wrote *People of the Lie*. We so easily deceive ourselves; our disillusionments are many. The "blind" Pharisee did not see the falsity of his claim that he was not like the rest of humanity. He left the temple, after his "fervent prayer," less free than he entered, for it is truth, and truth alone, that sets us free.

Adulterous! Everyone has to struggle with the fire and energy of human sexuality. It is built into the human nature. Who is not tempted to misuse sexual longings? Apparently, the Pharisee. Denial here is especially dangerous because compensations will be found be it in haughty, self-righteousness, incredible arrogance, or even violence toward sexual sinners. We need but recall the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11). No one threw the stone that day, for no one was free from sin. Would that the Pharisee had heard the voice of Jesus and seen His face.

So, we are all part of humanity, struggling pilgrims, who stumble and often fall. It is the grace of humility that guides us on the road to Truth and offers us some degree of freedom.

Meditation: Why is humility so critical to the spiritual life? Do you find humor in the parable?

Prayer: "Merciful and loving Lord, guide us in the way of truth. Protect us from despising others or ourselves. Everyone struggles on this long pilgrimage. Grace us with humility and kindness (and a sense of humor)". A little boy in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed around the offering plates. When they came near his pew, the boy said loudly, "Don't pay for me daddy. I'm under five."

A Time to Laugh (345)

How Do You Know That You Are From West Virginia?

You know you're from West Virginia if:

1. You measure distance in minutes.
2. You've ever had to switch from heat to air-conditioning in the same day.
3. You see a car running in a store parking lot with no one in it no matter what time of the year.
4. You use "fix" as a verb. Example: I am fixing to go to the store.
5. All the festivals across the state are named after a fruit, vegetable, grain, insect or animal.
6. You install security lights on your house and garage and leave both unlocked.
7. You carry jumper cables in your car... for your OWN car.
8. You know what "cow tipping" is.
9. You only own four spices: salt, pepper, Texas Pete and catsup.
10. The local papers cover national and international news on one page and six pages for local gossip and sports.
11. You think that the first day of deer season is a national holiday.
12. You find 100 degrees Fahrenheit "a little warm."
13. You know all four seasons: almost summer, summer, still summer, and Christmas.
14. Going to Wal-mart is a favorite past time known as "Goin' wal-martin" or "Off to 'Wally World'."
15. You describe the first cool snap (below 70 degrees) as good pinto-bean weather.
16. A carbonated soft drink isn't a soda, cola, or pop...it's a Coke, regardless of brand or flavor. Example: "What kinna coke you want?"

17. Fried Catfish is the other white meat. 18. You understand these and forward them to your friends from West Virginia .
. . and especially those who just wish they were.