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## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.**



### *Easter Sunday*

- \***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 No Mass  
Tuesday thru Friday at 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
- \***Women's Society:** Carol Dougherty, President



- \***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

## *Easter Sunday*

Readings: Phil 2:1-11 and Mt 28:1-10

On this holy night, the Church keeps watch, celebrating the Resurrection of Christ in the sacraments and awaiting his return in glory. It is a turning: the Passover of the new covenant which marks Christ's passage from death to life.

This is the night when death is conquered by Christ's own marvelous light.

This is the night of life, which celebrates the definitive proclamation of the Gospel of Life. And so we end with the words of Pope John Paul II in his Encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*: *"We are the people of life because God, in his unconditional love, has given us the Gospel of life and by this same Gospel we have been transformed and saved. We have been ransomed by the "Author of life" at the price of his precious blood. Through the waters of Baptism we have been made a part of him as branches which draw nourishment and fruitfulness from the one tree. Interiorly renewed by the grace of the Spirit, "who is the Lord and giver of life", we have become a people for life and we are called to act accordingly.*

*We have been sent. For us, being at the service of life is not a boast but rather a duty, born of our awareness of being "God's own people, that we may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light". On our journey we are guided and sustained by the law of love: a love which has as its source and model the Son of God made man, who "by dying gave life to the world".*

We have been sent as a people. Everyone has an obligation to be at the service of life. This is a properly "ecclesial" responsibility, which requires concerted and generous action by all the members and by all sectors of the Christian community. This community commitment does not however eliminate or lessen the responsibility of each individual, called by the Lord to "become the neighbor" of everyone: "Go and do likewise".

Enlightened by this Gospel of life, we feel a need to proclaim it and to bear witness to it in all its marvelous newness. Since it is one with Jesus himself, who makes all things new and conquers the "*oldness*" which comes from sin and leads to death, this Gospel exceeds every human expectation and reveals the sublime heights to which the dignity of the human person is raised through grace. This is how Saint Gregory of Nyssa understands it: *"Man, as a being, is of no account; he is dust, grass, vanity. But once he is adopted by the God of the universe as a son, he becomes part of the family of that Being, whose excellence and greatness no one can see, hear or understand. What words, thoughts or flight of the spirit can praise the superabundance of this grace? Man surpasses his nature: mortal, he becomes immortal; perishable, he becomes imperishable; fleeting, he becomes eternal; human, he becomes divine".*

Gratitude and joy at the incompatible dignity of man impel us to share this message with everyone: ***"that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us"***. We need to bring the Gospel of life to the heart of every man and woman and to make it penetrate every part of society.

### *Easter Greetings from the Pastor*

Dear parishioners and friends,

Easter commemorates the victory of Christ over every worldly evil including sin and death. His Resurrection from the dead placed the seal of divinity upon His teachings. That is why at Easter time the Church sings with joy and gladness: Christ is Risen! Truly Risen. How proud we should be to profess our faith; to live it; to generously support it and help bring it to others. That pride in our Church will lead us to take part in every Mass that commemorates the life, death and Resurrection of our Lord and to receive Holy Communion which is the Body and Blood instituted on Holy Thursday.

May the Risen Lord and Redeemer bestow on you this Easter the peace and happiness which He alone can give.

--Sincerely yours in Christ, Msgr. Bakhos

## ***This Weekend, March 31- April 1 Easter Sunday***

### **Saturday of the Light, March 31:**

10:30 a.m.: Prayer of Forgiveness & Communal Reconciliation (No Mass)

4:00 p.m. NO Mass

7:00 p.m.: Easter Vigil Mass & "Rite of Peace"

✠ Sam & Bernadine Elias by James Hartman

✠ Bob Sengewalt by Mary Rose Kukula

### **Easter Sunday, April 1:**

10:30 a.m.: Easter Day Mass & "Rite of Peace."

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

✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

## ***Next weekdays Masses***

### **Monday April 2: No Mass. Pastor's day off**

### **Tuesday April 3 at 12:05 p.m.:**

✠ Deceased of the Elias & Weidman Families by Josephine Weidman

✠ Bob Sengewalt by the staff of OVMC and EORH

### **Wednesday April 4 at 12:05 p.m.:**

✠ Deceased of the Elias & Weidman Families by Josephine Weidman

✠ Mary E. Custer by her sister Helen Benline

### **Thursday April 5 at 12:05 p.m.:**

✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

✠ Deceased of the Elias & Weidman Families by Josephine Weidman

### **Friday, April 6 at 12:05 p.m.:**

✠ Bob Sengewalt by Scott & Mary Beth Sengewalt

✠ Sam & Bernadine Elias by James Hartman

## ***Next Weekend, April 7-8: New Sunday***

### **Saturday April 7**

#### **At 3:30 Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

#### **At 4:00 p.m.:**

✠ Deceased of the Elias and Weidman Families by Josephine Weidman

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

✠ Special Intention

### **Sunday, April 8 at 10:30 a.m.:**

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

✠ Special Intention of Joe & Nikki Popovich (Wedding Anniversary) by Dalton Haas

## ***Diocesan Appeal 2018***

Annette Togliatti, Denny Albaugh, Lucille Gibbons,

## ***Easter Lillies***

--In memory of Sam & Bernadine Elias by their children

--In memory of Rosine & Latif Thomas Sr., by Latif & Martha Thomas

## Calendar of Parish Events

<b>Lebanese Bake Sale</b>	<i>Orders Due Sunday, April 8</i>
<b>Cedar Club Meeting</b>	<i>Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall</i>
<b>Bake Sale Work Days</b>	<i>Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m.</i>
<b>Bake Sale Pick Up Days</b>	<i>Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup></i>
<b>Church Bingo</b>	<i>Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup></i>
<b>Rummage Sale</b>	<i>Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> (more info to follow)</i>
<b>Mahrajan (Festival)</b>	<i>Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from noon to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from noon to 7:00 p.m.</i>

### **6 Masses for Deceased Mothers** (Saturday, May 12 till Friday May 18)

- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- † Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- † Lottie Elwartoski by her son Richard
- † Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart
- † Louise N. Khourey & Gladys Howard by children Lou & Charlotte & grandchildren Emmalena & Louie
- † Emma Nader & Nabiha “Lena” Khourey by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- † Minnie Church Riggs & Cassandra “Cassie” Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- † Margaret Simonetti & Stella Ryncarz by Richy & Mary Ryncarz
- † Frances Linton by her sons Steve & Mike Linton

### **6 Masses for Living Mothers** (Saturday, May 12 till Friday May 18)

- † Charlotte Khourey by her children Emmalena and Louie

### **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)

Bob Oser, Patty Fahey, Sandra Dusick, John Shiben, 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), George Ghosn,

<b>Your Church Support Last Week</b>	
\$1,771.00	Sunday Collection
1,150.00	Donation to church
743.50	Bake Sale
30.00	Candles
25.00	Easter Lillies
330.00	St. Maron dinner
20.00	utilities
35.00	Donation to Poor Box
\$4,104.50	<b>Total Deposits:</b> <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton

## *What's New*

### *What a Happy Palm Sunday!*

It was such a joy to see all of the children in the Church on Sunday, and to see them walk around in the procession. The Liturgy was beautiful and well attended. After Mass, most came for the brunch in the social hall. It seems as though the children had good appetites and enjoyed the little sandwiches and pastries along with parents and guests. Their crowning touch however, was the table laden with various candies. Thanks to all of the ladies of OLOL Women's Society for donating colored eggs, bags of candy and chocolate crosses and bunnies and of course, for coming in early to make all of the peanut butter and jelly and the chicken salad sandwiches. Also a big thank you to Kathleen George for donating the chicken salad for the sandwiches. A good day!

### *Diocesan Survey to be Completed by April 8<sup>th</sup>.*

Our diocese is conducting a comprehensive survey of the entire Diocese. A copy of this survey is attached to this bulletin. The purpose of the survey is to help gauge support for the following projects that constitute our diocese master plan:

- Establishing new Maronite parishes throughout the Eparchy (diocese),
- Funds to provide for the education of seminarians,
- Caring for our retired priests,
- Enhancing Eparchy ministries by expanding Youth Ministry and creating a Pro-Family Ministry,
- Establishing a permanent Eparchy Communications office,
- Creating a family catechesis program to provide religious education to Maronites of all ages,
- Enhancing Maronite liturgical life through training for choirs and better translation of liturgical materials into English.

Bishop A. Elias Zaidan would like to thank everyone who has already participated in the study. Your thoughts are extremely valuable to him during this planning process. If you have not yet responded to a survey, you are encouraged to do so. Your input will help the diocese make an informed decision regarding the long-range plans for the Eparchy.

We hope to have all surveys completed by April 18, 2018 you may return your survey to the office or place it in the offertory basket at any of the Masses. You may also complete the survey online by going to [steiergroup.com/survey](http://steiergroup.com/survey), clicking on Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles and entering the password: Lebanon.

### *Cedar Club Meeting* (Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall)

The Club Members will meet on Monday, at 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall. Final plans will be discussed for the Bingo game on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, and our upcoming Rummage Sale which is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mary Stees and Shirley Bine will be hosting.

### *For Sale From St. Maron Dinner*

- Grape Leaves: \$1.00 each
- Kibbee: \$4.00 Each
- Shredded Chicken: \$2.00/pint

### *Difribillator Purchased*

After consultation with three doctors: Khoury (surgeon), Al-Khoury (oncologist) and Frenn (heart) along with Lou Khourey (lawyer) and Gary Weisner (paramedic), we purchased the latest model of Zoll which is the master maker of Difribillators. A representative from the Zoll company will train our parishioners after Easter. Those who have a living will and don't want to be resuscitated by the difribillator while they are inside the church in case of emergency, please tell Msgr. Bakhos and we will honor your wishes.

## *A Time to Laugh (352)*

### *Easy vs. Hard*

Why is it so hard to tell the truth but Yet so easy to tell a lie?  
 Why are we so sleepy in church but Right when the sermon is over we suddenly wake up?  
 Why is it so hard to talk about God but yet so Easy to talk about nasty stuff?  
 Why is it so boring to look at a Christian magazine But yet so easy to look at a nasty one?  
 Why are the churches getting smaller but yet, The bars and dance clubs are getting larger?  
 Do you give up? Think about it ...

### *Shirley Goodnest*

Timmy was a little five year old boy whose Mom loved him very much, and being a worrier, she was concerned about him walking to school when he started Kindergarten. She walked him to school the first couple of days and at the end of the week, he came home from school and told his mother that he did not want her walking him to school every day. He wanted to be like the "big boys" he protested loudly. So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor, Mrs. Goodnest, if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. Mrs. Goodnest said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, Mrs. Goodnest and her little girl, Marcy, set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor boy he knew. She did this for the whole week. As the boys walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally he said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?" Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is." The friend said, "Well, who is she?" "That's just Shirley Goodnest" Timmy replied, "and her daughter Marcy." "Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us?" "Well", Timmy explained, "every night my Mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the psalm, it says 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life,' so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"

### *The Bible*

There was this Christian lady that had to do a lot of traveling for her business, so she did a lot of flying. Flying made her nervous, so she always took her Bible along with her to read and it helped relax her. One time, she was sitting next to a man. When he saw her pull out her Bible, he gave a little chuckle and went back to what he was doing.

After awhile, he turned to her and asked, "*You don't really believe all that stuff in there, do you?*" The lady replied, "*Of course I do. It is the Bible.*"

He said, "*Well, what about that guy that was swallowed by that whale?*" She replied, "*Oh, Jonah. Yes, I believe that, it is in the Bible.*"

He asked, "*Well, how do you suppose he survived all that time inside the whale?*" The lady said, "*Well, I don't really know. I guess when I get to Heaven, I will ask him.*"

"*What if he isn't in Heaven?*" the man asked sarcastically. "*Then you can ask him*", replied the lady.

### *Authority*

Somewhere in the 1930's, a manufacturing concern in the U.S. sent a machine to Japan. A month later the company received a cable: "*Machine does not work. Send man to fix.*" The company sent someone to Japan.

Before he had the opportunity to examine the machine, the company received a second cable: "*Man too young, send older man.*" The company's reply was: "*Better use him. He invented the machine.*"