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## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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



### *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Resurrection*

- \***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 thru Thursday 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

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Resurrection**

Readings: 2Tim 2:8-13 and Lk 24:13-35

It is resurrection Sunday, yet for two disciples, it is still Good Friday. Jesus, the one who was to set them free, is gone and so is their hope. As they make their sad journey toward home, they share their disappointment with a stranger in their midst. Gradually the risen Christ opens their minds to the Scriptures. If the Messiah *had* to suffer so as to enter glory, might it not be necessary for them as well? When the disciples reach their village, they share a meal with their guest. At the table, their eyes, hearts and minds are opened, and they recognize the risen Lord. They are filled with joy! Jesus has not left them. He is present in the broken word, the broken bread and in the broken hearts of their brothers and sisters.

On Pentecost Sunday, the community no longer hides in fear. *“Listen to me,”* Peter says to the gathered assembly, *“God is faithful and has not abandoned us. In freeing Jesus from death’s bitter pangs, we can be confident that we will not undergo corruption. Though we are pilgrims in a strange land, God shows us the path to life. We sing with joy, ‘With the Lord at my side I shall not be disturbed!’”*

**For Reflection:** *Am I able to hear Jesus speak in the proclamation of the word? Do I recognize him at the table with my brothers and sisters?*

## ***This Weekend, April 14-15: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Resurrection***

### **Saturday April 14 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Sam & Bernadine Elias by Albert Hardies
- ✠ Special Intention

### **Sunday, April 15 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Gerard Joseph (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) by his wife Stephanie Joseph
- ✠ Nancy Ferris Coffield (Anniversary) by Mary Zaid Stees & Libby G. Magnone

## ***Next weekdays Masses***

### **Monday April 16: No Mass. Pastor’s day off**

### **Tuesday April 17 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Sam & Bernadine Elias by Whispering Pines HOA
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by grandchildren Jeff, Courtney & Patrick Sengewalt

### **Wednesday April 18 at 12:05 p.m.:**

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

### **Thursday April 19 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Herman Conti Sr., and Katherine Conti by Rosalie Conti
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)

### **Friday, April 20: No Mass. Pastor’s day off**

## ***Next Weekend, April 21-22: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Resurrection***

### **Saturday April 21 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Sam & Bernadine Elias by Jean & George Weisner
- ✠ Special Intention

### **Sunday, April 22 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Mary K. Ferris (Birthday) by Denise & Tom Ferris
- ✠ Deceased of the Rohanna & Seabright Families by Mary Lish & Family
- ✠ Special Intention of Rodd Haller (Birthday) by Dalton Haas

## Calendar of Parish Events

<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 Volunteer Parkings</b>	<b>Please park on #: 2, 9, 10, 14, 18, alongside the alley, under deck</b>
<b>Bake Sale Pick Up Days</b>	<i>Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> (noon to 6:00 p.m.)</i>
<b>Church Bingo</b>	<i>Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Cedar Hall at 1:00 p.m.</i>
<b>May Queen Procession</b>	<i>Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 a.m. Mass</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
- † Cecilia Murad by her daughter Luane Frazier
- † Ann Otterbeck by Kim, Ron and Kaitlin Gibbons
- † Mary Lou Duymich by Frank & Anna Marie Duymich
- † Marie Metzger by Frank & Anna Marie Duymich
- † Margaret Schlog & Helen Saseen by Mary F. Saseen
- † Dolores M. Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Betty Lou Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Freda Josephs by Cyndi Josephs-Tobias & Family
- † Pearl I. Shutler by her daughter Janet Shutler
- † Clara Shutler by her granddaughter Janet Shutler
- † Amelia Fitzgerald by Rosemary & Richard Coury
- † Mary A. Khoury by Rosemary & Richard Coury
- † Mary K. Ferris by Denise and Tom Ferris
- † Mary J. Shipley by her daughter Thomasina Geimer
- † Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell
- † Mary Jean Stanton by Mike & Judy Sofka
- † Theresa Sofka by Mike & Judy Sofka
- † Anna, Ginny & Martha Shia by the Family
- † Ruth Shibben & Clara McFarland by John & Dee Shibben
- † Shirley Elias Nickerson by her loving Family: Tammy, Don, Lori, Emma & Eli
- † Our mothers & grandmothers by Carol & Bill Dougherty
- † Our mothers, grandmothers & aunts by the Joseph & Weisner Families
- † Betty Abraham, Clara Carter and Evelyn Goodson by Jean Weisner and Family
- † Elizabeth Gaudio (beloved mother) by her daughter Shirley Bine
- † Rose Ann Polsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- † Cecilia Murad by her daughter Luane Frazier & her sons John & Rick & Families
- † LaVerne Thomas & Siham Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn
- † Georgette Joseph by Vickie, Lauren & Michael



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

- † Charlotte Khourey by her children Emmalena & Louie
- † Joyce Josephs by Cyndi Josephs-Tobias & Family
- † Sandy Sayre by Mike & Judy Sofka
- † Elizabeth Machel by Mike & Judy Sofka
- † Diane Frenn by Dr. Adel, Andreah & Justin Frenn

## ***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)  
Justin Frenn, 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),

<b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b>	
\$1,130.00	Easter Sunday Collection
100.00	Donation to church
1,157.00	Bake Sale
52.00	Candles
18.00	Coffee hour
185.00	Parking
30.00	Donation to Poor Box
\$2,672.00	<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***

### ***Thank You***

A huge thank you to the most amazing kitchen crew. I sincerely appreciate all their volunteering time for the St. Maron Dinner. To: Rex, Mike, Mary S., Libby G., Shirley B., Linda D., Anna R., Terri B, Linda H., Liz M., Kathy B., Fran, Sister Mary, Susan J., and Jess M. – Nini

### ***Weekdays Masses Schedule*** (Starting April 15<sup>th</sup>)

After Easter, the weekday masses schedule will be as follow:

Mondays and Fridays: No daily Mass

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: daily Mass at 12:05 p.m.

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 10:30 p.m.

### ***Difribillator Learning lesson*** (Tuesday, April 24 at 2:00 p.m.)

A representative of the Zoll difribillator company is coming to our church to train our parishioners how to use it in case of emergency. All parishioners who are interested to learn, please join Msgr Bakhos at the church that day on time. Thanks

### ***Church Bingo*** (Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall)

On Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., the Cedar Club members will sponsor the George Thomas Memorial Bingo Games. This event will celebrate the life and memory of our parishioner and Bingo enthusiast George Thomas. If you reserve a table, the first game of Bingo is free! Concessions will be available for sale. Free coffee will be available throughout the afternoon.

Please join the Parish and Cedar Club in honoring our beloved George Thomas on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall. Call 304-650-9932 or 304-242-6853 for more information or to reserve your table.

## ***Our Parking is for Our Parishioners*** (Starting May 1st)

Because it is hard to find a parking on the street during daytime, the Parish Council and Msgr. Bakhos decided not to rent the parking lot that is adjacent to the church starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Parishioners and visitors can park anytime all week long during Mass, food preparation, funerals and other events. The signs "Reserved" means it is reserved for you parishioners and visitors. You deserve that.

## ***May Queen Procession*** (Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 am Mass)

The May Queen Procession will take place on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 a.m. Mass. This year May Queen is the great-granddaughter of our beloved Rita Strawn Riyanna Robbins. Parents, please let us know who is participating in the procession in order to prepare flowers for them.

## ***To the Maronite Voice Recipients***

The Maronite Voice magazine is mailed to all active parishioners who donated \$250.00 or more throughout the year. If you are not interested in receiving it please let Msgr. Bakhos know. Thanks

## ***Please Complete the Attached Diocesan Survey.***

There are only a few days left to participate in the Eparchy planning study survey. If you have not done so already please return your survey to the parish office or directly to the Eparchy.

You may also complete the survey online and read more about the proposed plans 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.

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.

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

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

## ***Story***

It was the summer of 1942. I was nineteen years old and a signalman 3rd class on the USS Astoria stationed in the South Pacific.

One hot night in August, we found ourselves skirmishing with the Japanese for control of Guadalcanal, gearing up for the bloody battle that soon followed. At midnight, I finished my duty on watch. Still wearing my work detail uniform of dungarees and a tee shirt, and only pausing long enough to unstrap my standard-issue lifebelt and lay it beside me, I fell into an exhausted sleep.

Two hours later, I was awakened abruptly by the sound of an explosion. I jumped to my feet, my heart pounding. Without thinking, I grabbed my life belt and strapped it on. In the ensuing chaos, I focused on dodging the rain of enemy shells that were inflicting death and destruction all around me. I took some shrapnel in my right shoulder and leg, but by some miracle, I avoided being killed.

That first battle of Savo Island lasted for twenty minutes. After the enemy fire ceased, the men left standing helped with the wounded, while others manned the guns. I was making my way towards a gun turret, when suddenly the deck disappeared. My legs wind milled beneath me as I realized that an explosion had blasted me off the deck. My shock was immediately replaced by a stomach-clenching fear as I fell like a stone - thirty feet into the dark, shark-infested water below.

I immediately inflated my life belt, weak with relief that I'd somehow remembered to put it on. I noticed between ten and thirty men bobbing in the water in the area, but we were too far away from each other to communicate.

I began treading water, trying to stay calm as I felt things brushing against my legs, knowing that if a shark

attacked me, any moment could be my last. And the sharks weren't the only danger: the powerful current threatened to sweep me out to sea.

Four agonizing hours passed this way. It was getting light when I saw a ship - an American destroyer - approaching. The sailors on board threw me a line and hauled me aboard.

Once on the ship, my legs buckled and I slid to the deck, unable to stand. I was fed and allowed to rest briefly. Then I was transported back to the Astoria, which though disabled, was still afloat. The captain was attempting to beach the ship in order to make the necessary repairs.

Back onboard the Astoria, I spent the next six hours preparing the dead for burial at sea. As the hours passed, it became clear our vessel was damaged beyond help. The ship was taking on water and finally, around 1200 hours, the Astoria began to roll and go under.

The last thing I wanted to do was to go into that water again, but I knew I had to. Filled with dread, I jumped off the high side of the sinking ship and began swimming. Although I still had my life belt on, it couldn't be inflated a second time. Luckily, I was soon picked up by another destroyer and transferred to the USS Jackson.

Against all the odds, I had made it - one of only 500 men to survive the battle of Savo Island. We were issued Marine uniforms and I spent my time, in between visits to the ship's doctors for treatment of my wounds, sitting on the deck of the Jackson, waiting for our transport to San Francisco's Treasure Island and the leave that would follow.

Though it felt odd to wear the unfamiliar uniform, I wasn't sad to lose my old dungarees and tee shirt. The one thing I found I didn't want to give up was my lifebelt. I hung on to the khaki cloth-covered rubber belt, studying it sometimes as I sat around on the Marine ship.

The label on the belt said it had been manufactured by Firestone Tire and Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, which was my hometown. I decided to keep the belt as a souvenir, a reminder of how lucky I'd been.

When I finally took my 30-day leave, I went home to my family in Ohio. After a quietly emotional welcome, I sat with my mother in our kitchen, telling her about my recent ordeal and hearing what had happened at home since I had gone away. My mother informed me that "*to do her part*," she had gotten a wartime job at the Firestone plant. Surprised, I jumped up and grabbing my lifebelt from my duffel bag, put it on the table in front of her.

"*Take a look at that, Mom*," I said, "*It was made right here in Akron at your plant*." She leaned forward and taking the rubber belt in her hands, she read the label. She had just heard the story and knew that in the darkness of that terrible night, it was this one piece of rubber that had saved my life. When she looked up at me, her mouth and her eyes were open wide with surprise. "*Son, I'm an inspector at Firestone. This is my inspector number*," she said, her voice hardly above a whisper.

We stared at each other, too stunned to speak. Then I stood up, walked around the table and pulled her up from her chair. We held each other in a tight embrace, saying nothing. My mother was not a demonstrative woman, but the significance of this amazing coincidence overcame her usual reserve. We hugged each other for a long, long time, feeling the bond between us. My mother had put her arms halfway around the world to save me.

## *A Time to Laugh (354)*

### *Oooooooooooooops!*

Our five-year-old son Mark couldn't wait to tell his father about the movie we had watched on television, "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." The scenes with the submarine and the giant octopus had kept him wide-eyed. In the middle of the re-telling, my husband interrupted Mark, "What caused the submarine to sink?" With a look of incredulity Mark replied, "Dad, it was the 20,000 leaks!"

### *Oooooooooooooops!*

When my grandson, Billy, and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use, Grandpa. The mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."