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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

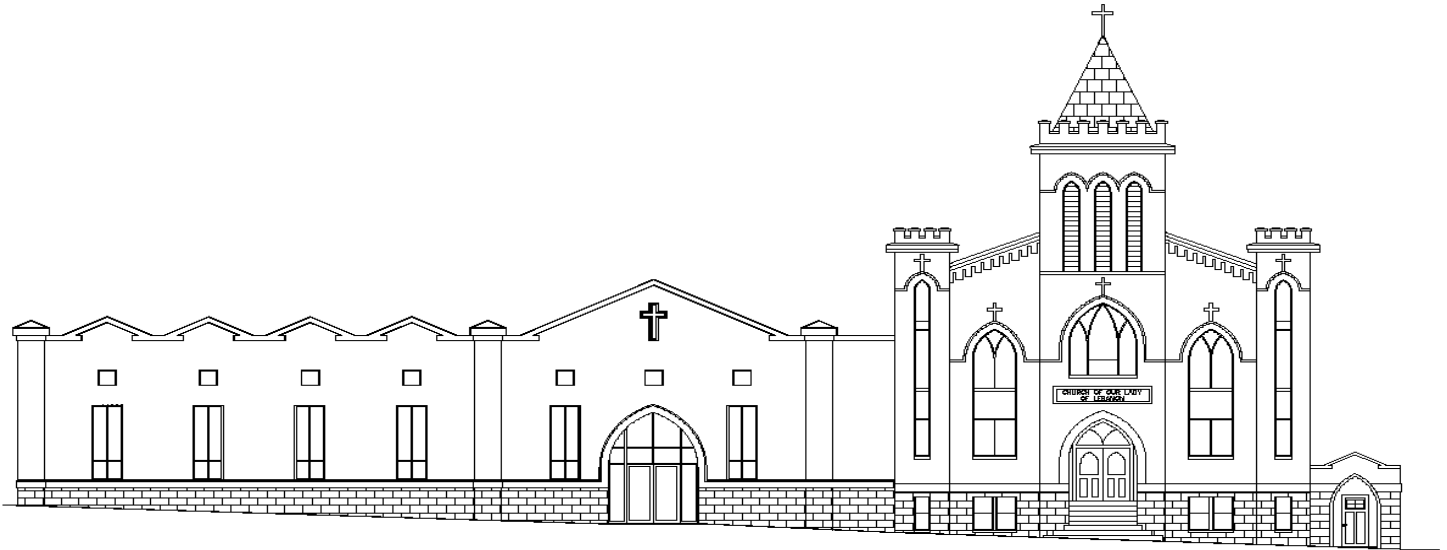
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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



May Crowning

- ***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

May Crowning

The Virgin Mary in the Maronite Life

By Brother John M. Samaha, S.M.

Persecutions and similar adversities have caused the Maronite faithful to migrate soon after they began to gather at the Monastery of Saint Maron on the Orontes River. They fled Antioch to seek a safe haven in the rugged mountains of Lebanon early in the sixth century. Challenges persisted through the Umayyad, Fatimide, and Mamlouk dynasties and continued through the duration of the Ottoman Empire (15th to the 20th centuries). The difficulties of the last two centuries were no less aggravating for Lebanon and the Maronites — and other Eastern Christians. The massacres of the 1840s and 1860s; the two World Wars; and the war in Lebanon of the last quarter of the 20th century continued the flow of emigrants. Oppression, famine, strife, lack of job opportunities, and other hardships again forced Maronites and other Christians to migrate from the Near East not only to neighboring Middle Eastern countries, but also to Europe, to the Americas, and to Oceania.

Always and everywhere the Blessed Virgin Mary was part of Maronite life as the faithful persevered and established parishes and eparchies in their new worlds. Generations later the immigrants of the expanded Church and their progeny still maintain their precious heritage and strive to solidify their communities. The Maronites of today strive to preserve their religious heritage and spirituality as they celebrate their rich liturgical and para-liturgical services, and make efforts to hand on the Maronite tradition. Among the cherished para-liturgical services is the Benediction with the Icon of the Virgin Mary while chanting the hymn Ya Ymm Allah (O Mother of God). But often the young do not understand the deeper special significance, and need some instruction and assistance toward that end. It is important to enlighten our younger generation about this and other revered Marian devotions received from our ancestors, and to realize why they placed themselves under the mantle of our Blessed Mother's protection.

The Maronite Church is both Apostolic and Marian, built upon the Apostles and the love of the Virgin Mary. Our Church has journeyed over the ages with the Virgin Mary, whose icon is engraved in every heart and honored in every home. Every morning and every evening and in every difficulty our people naturally sigh “Ya Adra” (O Blessed Virgin). Everywhere the icon of the Virgin Mary is our constant companion. Maronite devotion to Mary highlights her relationship to her Son, to the life of the Church, and to each of us personally. This manifests itself in our liturgical practices and various devotions. If prayer, liturgical prayer in particular, is the true expression of faith, then Maronites exhibit special veneration of Mary stemming from the Scriptures, the teachings of the Fathers of the Church, and the faith of its people. As Mother of our Redeemer she is also the spiritual mother of each of us, and leads us to her Son.

Realizing this underscores the importance and need to return to and delve into the sources of our Marian heritage. This will energize our veneration of her and strengthen our filial attachment to her. This attachment to Mary is the attachment of children to a mother, and inspires us to have for her a shrine in every town, an icon in every home, and filial love for her in every heart.

This Weekend, May 5-6: May Crowning

Saturday May 5

at 3:30 p.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

at 4:00 p.m.:

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

✠ Jane McCulley Sandrick by Cynthia & David Reasbeck

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m.: May Queen Procession after Mass (No Benediction)

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

✠ Leona M. Albaugh (Anniversary) by her son Denny Albaugh

✠ Special Prayer for Nikki Lenz (Birthday) by Dalton Haas

This weekdays Masses

Monday May 7: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Tuesday May 8 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

Wednesday May 9 at 5:30 p.m.: Ascension Eve Mass (No Noon Mass)

✠ Sam & Bernadine Elias by Kenny & Nancy Joseph

✠ Bob Sengewalt by Ralph and Sue Sengewalt

Thursday May 10 at 5:30 p.m.: Ascension Day Mass (No Noon Mass)

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

✠ Betty Shia by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Khourey

Friday, May 11: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Next Weekend and following weekdays: Mother Day Masses

6 Masses for Living and Deceased Mothers (Sat., May 12 till Thu. May 17)

Please remember your mothers on Mother's Day by offering Masses for their souls.

✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL)

✠ 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

✠ 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 & 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 Shiben & Clara McFarland by John & Dee Shiben

✠ 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 & Evelyn Goodson by Jean Weisner & 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
- ✠ Mary Popovich & Helen Fielding by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Anne Marie McGlumphy by Jerry McGlumphy Family & Rita Castle
- ✠ Mary Cesar by Jerry McGlumphy Family & Rita Castle
- ✠ Mary Elias Lonetto by her sons Tony Lonetto and Nick Lonetto
- ✠ Our mothers and grandmothers by Mike & Rebecca DiFabrizio
- ✠ Emily Vince by her children and grandchildren
- ✠ Anna Shia by her grandchildren

6 Masses for Living Mothers (Saturday, May 12 till Thu. May 17)

- ✠ 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
- ✠ Nikki J. Lenz by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Rita Ann Castle by Jerry McGlumphy Family & Rita Castle
- ✠ Amanda Castle by Jerry McGlumphy Family & Rita Castle
- ✠ Nikki Popovich by PJ, Nikki, Lindsay and Luke
- ✠ Victoria Gompers by her husband and daughter
- ✠ Patricia Gompers by Matt, Vicki & Christine Gompers

Calendar of Parish Events

May Queen Procession	<i>Sunday, May 6th after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>
Ascension Feast Day	<i>Thursday, May 10th (See Masses below)</i>
Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall</i>
Women's Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, May 20th in Cedar Hall following 10:30 Mass</i>
Rummage Sale Drop-off	<i>From Monday, May 21 until Friday, May 25 (Noon to 7:00 p.m.)</i>
Rummage Sale	<i>Saturday, June 2nd, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Friday, June 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (1/2 price sale)</i>
Mahrajan (Festival)	<i>Saturday, August 11th from noon to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, August 12th from noon to 7:00 p.m.</i>

Flowers Sponsored in Honor of the Blessed Mother in May

Flowers for the May Queen & her Attendants in the May Procession are sponsored by: Sandra DeMuth, Carol Dougherty, Thomasina Geimer, Rita Strawn & Natalie Horner.

Flower arrangements placed in front of the Blessed Mother are:

- Sunday, May 6: Mary Thomas
- Sunday, May 13: Mary Stees & Sandra DeMuth
- Sunday, May 20: Mary Lish & Nettie Seidler
- Sunday, May 27: Charlotte Khourey & Mary Stees

Many thanks to each of these dedicated women for their thoughtful flower donations.

May Queen Procession *(Sunday, May 6th after 10:30 am Mass)*

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

Ascension Feast Day *(Thursday, May 10th)*

The Ascension of our Lord is on Thursday, May 10th. There will be two Masses:

Ascension Eve Mass: Wednesday, May 9th at 5:30 p.m. (No Noon Mass)

Ascension Day Mass: Thursday, May 10th at 5:30 p.m. (No Noon Mass)

Cedar Club Meeting *(Monday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall)*

Following the Business Meeting, refreshments will be provided by Nini Miller and Mike Linton.

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, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi, Mike O'Kane (brother-in-law of Nikki Popovich),

Your Church Support Last Week	
\$1,515.00	Sunday Collection
80.00	Bake Sale
70.00	candles
1,445.00	Mahrajan (Festival)
120.00	Parking
5.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Box
\$3,265.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton

Story: All But One

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly-missed boarding.

ALL BUT ONE!!! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned.

He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor.

He was glad he did. The 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her; no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. Are you okay? She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly.

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, Mister.... He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, Are you Jesus?

He stopped in mid-stride and he wondered. He gently went back and said, No, I am nothing like Jesus - He is good, kind, caring, loving, and would never have bumped into your display in the first place.

The girl gently nodded: I only asked because I prayed for Jesus to help me gather the apples. He sent you to help me, so you are like Him - only He knows who will do His will. Thank you for hearing His call, Mister.

Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: Are you Jesus? Do people mistake you for Jesus?

That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace.

If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye even though you, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked up you and me on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

Sometimes we just take things for granted, when we really need to be sharing what we know....Thanks. Being happy doesn't mean everything is perfect. It means you've decided to see beyond the imperfections. The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone's prayers, and the very best place to be is in the hands of God.

A Time to Laugh (357)

Oooooooooooooooooops!

Two leprechauns went to the convent and begged an audience with the mother superior. "Well, how can I help you little people?" asked mother superior. The larger and more intelligent looking of the leprechauns asked, "Oh mother superior, would you be knowing of any midget nuns here at the convent?" "No," says mother superior, "I don't have any midget nuns here at the convent" "All right then, mother superior, would you be knowing of any midget nuns in all of Ireland then?" "No, No," replied mother superior, "I don't know of any nuns who are also midgets in all of Ireland at all." "Well then mother superior, in all of nun Dom, in the whole world of all the nuns, would you be knowing, then, of any midget nuns?" "No, I would not, there are no midget nuns in the whole of the world!" replied mother superior, "and would you please tell me what this is all about!!?" The asking leprechaun turned sadly to the stupid leprechaun and said, "See, it's as I told you all along, you've been dating a Penguin."

The Mood Ring

My husband bought me a mood ring the other day. When I'm in a good mood it turns green. When I'm in a bad mood, it leaves a red mark on his forehead.

Half Price

U.S.Air recently introduced a special half fare for wives who accompanied their husbands on business trips. Expecting valuable testimonials, the P.R. Department sent out letters to all the wives of businessmen who had used the special rates, asking how they enjoyed their trip. Letters are still pouring in asking, "What trip?"

Life after death

"Do you believe in life after death?" The boss asked one of his employees. "Yes, Sir," the new employee replied. "Well, then, that makes everything just fine," the boss went on. "After you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you!"