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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



85th Mahrajan (Lebanese Festival)

- ***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 AlKhoury & 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 adjacent to church** is for parishioners and visitors all the time.
- ***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven

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Readings: Rom 12:9-15 and Lk 1:46-55

“My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.” (Luke 1:46-48)

In churches great and small, in cathedrals and abbeys, in the most beautiful compositions of the greatest masters and in the plain chant of Saint Gregory, Christian communities and choirs re-echo these wondrous words first sung by a maiden in a mountain village. I would have liked to have been there that day when the prophetic spirit moved Mary. Here was an unlikely little woman, hardly more than a girl; a woman among men who prayed each day, “My God, I thank you for not making me a woman”; a woman from a hick town: “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” the popular adage went. And she steps forth and sings: “My soul magnifies the Lord... All generations will call me blessed...” Just who does she think she is?

She knew exactly who she was: God’s greatest. And she knew why this was so: “He that is mighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.” Some people think humility consists in putting themselves down. Mary knew otherwise. Humility is truth. And celebrating the truth, Mary knew she was greatly blessed, the greatest. And she knew it was all because of him. That is wherein true humility lies. Celebrating all that we are and acknowledging that this is so because he that is mighty has done great things for us. Holy is his name.

As we move into the celebration of his coming into our midst, we also celebrate the fact that we have been made one with our God through him and in him in his Incarnation. As long as we acknowledge that it is he who “has done great things for us,” we cannot celebrate too much our own magnificence as women and men baptized into Christ.

Mary: Mother of the Redeemer

Mary's association with Christ the Redeemer is not only as mother of the baby of Bethlehem. The Encyclical of Pope John Paul II on Mary begins not with the words "Mother of Jesus" or "Mother of God" but Mother of the Redeemer, to show her role in the redemption as an associate of her Son. In fact, Mary stood beneath the Cross (Jn 19:25). "She suffered deeply with her only begotten Son and joined herself with her maternal spirit to His sacrifice, lovingly consenting to the immolation of the Victim to whom she had given birth" (n. 18).

The example of Abraham's accepting to have his son Isaac sacrificed, is a figure of Mary. The Book of Genesis relates the dramatic story of the son whom God sent to Abraham and Sarah in their old age: in this son, Isaac, "all nations will "be blessed" (Gen 22:18). However, Abraham heard a voice asking that he give up his only son. Even when Abraham is preparing to sacrifice his child out of obedience, he still believes that somehow God's promise will be fulfilled (Gen 22: 1-19).

It was the same with Mary, except that her Son was not spared; yet, it is precisely in her Son's sacrifice that the promises of God are fulfilled! Abraham's faith constitutes the beginning of the old covenant; but Mary's faith at the Annunciation inaugurates the new. Catholic Tradition sees Mary's role in the redemption as two-fold. She is the co-redemptrix in that she cooperates indirectly and subordinately with her Son in the redemption, willingly devoting her whole life to the service of her Son, and suffering and sacrificing with Him beneath the Cross. She is also mediatrix of all graces because of her cooperation in subjective redemption, using her maternal intercession in the application of redemption's graces.

--By Archbishop Francis M. Zayek

Prayer to the Blessed Mother

O Mary, you who are called the "the Cedar of Lebanon," look down upon your children who today and always beg your guiding hand. Grant us the faith to withstand the sweeping blows of life as the cedar stands straight against the wind. Develop in us the hope, the hope of Resurrection, that what we believe as your Divine Son has revealed to us; we may appreciate the joy that should be ours. Dear Mother, increase our love, the love we should have for the Blessed Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; our filial love for you, and to the perfection of this love: to love our neighbor not in words but in deeds. Our Lady, Queen of Lebanon, America, and the Universe, pray for us. Amen.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, August 11-12: 85th Mahrajan (Lebanese Festival)

Saturday August 11 at 4:00 p.m.: Mass at the church *(no Mass at Oglebay Park)*

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Catherine Abboud & her son Basheer (cousins of Msgr. Bakhos)
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, August 12 at 10:30 a.m.: Outdoor Mass at Oglebay Park *(no Mass at the church)*

- ✠ Mr. Nicholas Ghafari & Mrs. Nimnom Ghafari by the Ghafari Family in Detroit (MI)
- ✠ Deceased of the Rohanna & Seabright Families by Mary Seabright Lish & Family

Weekdays Masses

Monday August 13: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Tuesday August 14 at 5:30 p.m.: Assumption Eve Mass. *No Noon Mass*

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his wife Sally
- ✠ Catherine Abboud & her son Basheer (cousins of Msgr. Bakhos)

Wednesday August 15 at 12:05 p.m.: Assumption Feast Day Mass

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

Thursday August 16 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Sylvia Long & her Family by her last will

Friday, August 17: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Next Weekend, August 18-19: 14th Week of Pentecost

Saturday August 18 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Holly Bine (Anniversary) by his wife Shirley Bine
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his wife Sally
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, August 19 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Deceased of the Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family (Anniversary) by the Joseph & Weisner Families
- ✠ Bob Saseen by the Cedar Club

Calendar of Parish Events

Spaghetti Dinner	<i>Sunday, October 14 (more information in coming bulletins)</i>
Hall Rental	<i>Sunday, November 4 (1-4 p.m.)</i>

Birthdays' Wishes in the Coming Month:

Upon request of some parishioners who want to wish Happy Birthdays to others, we will put in the bulletin the birthdays within a month period from the date of the bulletin. If you want to remove your name from the birthday list or correct the dates or add other names, please call Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688.

- August 14: Mary Thomas
- August 16: Tara George Musilli
- August 17: Judy Bedway
- August 20: Tricia Committee
- August 22: Kathleen George
- August 23: Georgene Weisner Manning
- August 25: Al Depto

August 26: Phillip Geimer, Nathan Wakim, Jessica George
 August 29: Debbie Elias Davis
 August 31: Joseph R. Simon
 September 1: Janet Fadoul Wilson
 September 6 Tom Ferris
 September 8: Carol Dougherty
 September 9: Gary Weisner, Patrick Stees,
 September 10: Chris George
 September 11: Rhonda Murad

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)

Anthony Chuckery, Donna Zaiter Burgogne, Kay Roxby (mother of Joe Roxby), Shirley & Jim George, Justin Frenn, Sandra Dusick, John Shiben, Diane Palotay, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi, Mike O’Kane (brother-in-law of Nikki Popovich), Linda Jackson,

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,772.00	Sunday Collection
1,255.00	Mahrajan (Festival)
30.00	parking
30.00	Donation to the poor
\$3,087.00	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

Mary, the First Disciple of Jesus

Maronite have a special devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. We do not worship her or pray to her as God, as some people mistakenly believe. But we do honor her as the mother of God, and at times we ask her to approach Jesus with a special need or concern. She is the only person besides Jesus whom Catholics believe was born without original sin, and at her death we believe she was taken up directly to heaven.

But Catholics wouldn’t believe any of these things about Mary if we did not first believe that she was the first follower, the first disciple, of Jesus. Her “YES” to the angel Gabriel in the Gospel of Luke (1:26-38) made it possible for Jesus to come into the world. In the Gospel of John, Mary is the first person to believe that Jesus can work miracles, at the wedding feast of Cana (2:1-11). At the cross Jesus tells the beloved disciple, “Here is your mother” (John 19:27), which the Church teaches has the symbolic meaning that Mary is the mother of all believers. And Mary was present at Pentecost (Acts 1:14), receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, and without a doubt she was very active in spreading the Gospel message about her son in those first years after Jesus ascended into heaven.

What an amazing woman! What trust she had in God, what heartache she suffered on account of her son, and what faith she had in Jesus and his message. Mary is a model for all who wish to follow Jesus more closely. She is our loving and patient mother, and we do well to honor her and ask for her prayers on our behalf -she will never turn a deaf ear to our requests.

Prayer of Pope Paul VI

“O Mary, make us understand, want and possess: purity of soul and body with the greatest tranquility.

Teach us recollection and interiority.

Give us the willingness to listen to the good inspirations and the Word of God.

Teach us the need for meditation, inner personal life, and the prayer that God alone sees in secret.

O Mary, teach us love, love for Christ, the only, the highest, the most complete love, the love that is sacrifice for our brethren.

Obtain for us O Mary, supernatural faith, simple faith, both full and strong, sincere faith drawn from the true source, the Word of God.

O Mary, you are the image and the beginning of the Church.

You now shine before the people of God as a sign of certain hope and consolation”.

(Pope Paul VI)

Mary's Vigil

Oh, Mary, you are weeping, for Christ upon the tree.

I kneel before you, Mary, and wish to comfort Thee.

Your precious heart is bleeding, your body's rocked with pain.

Your precious Son is dying, lets pray it's not in vain.

He looked at His sweet Mother, as on the Cross He hung.

To John, He said, "Behold her." to Her, "Behold your son."

When they took Him from the Cross, they placed Him in her arms.

There she sat and cuddled Him, saying, "They can no longer do You harm."

Oh, Mary, Blessed Mary, how lonesome you will be.

Your Son has died upon the Cross, and all because of me. --By Irene Chapple, MN 02/23/1990

Apparitions of the B.V.M

Apparition Sites:

- 1- Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531 Approved)
- 2- Rue de Bac, Paris, France (1830 Approved)
- 3- Las Salette, France (1864 Approved)
- 4- Lourdes, France (1858 Approved)
- 5- Pontmain, France (1871 Approved)
- 6- Fatima, Portugal (1917 Approved)
- 7- Beauraging, Belgium (1932-1933 Approved)
- 8- Banneux, Belgium (1933 Approved)
- 9- Amsterdam, The Neverlands (1945-1984 Under investigation)
- 10- Garabandal, Spain (1961 Under investigation)
- 11- Akita, Japan (1973 Approved by Local Bishop)
- 12- Medjugorje, Yugoslavia (1981 Still going under investigation)
- 13- Kibeho, Rwanda (1981 Approved by local bishop)
- 14- San Nicholas, Argentina (1983 Under investigation).

The Blessed Mother is the mother of mercy and mother of the merciful Savior as Jesus is present body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist. She leads us to him and gives us examples of pure humility.

Mother Theresa said, *"Through Mary, the cause of our joy, you discover that nowhere on earth you are more welcomed. Nowhere on earth are you more loved by Jesus, living and truly present in the most blessed sacrament... He is really there in person waiting just for you."*

Assumption

Ancient tradition tells us and our own faith assures us of what the Church has solemnly proclaimed: the Virgin Mary has entered, body and soul, into heaven.

After her death the Virgin Mother of God, without undergoing corruption, has entered heaven by a special privilege of God. As God has preserved her from the stain of original sin in order to carry His Son, Jesus Our Lord, so also has he brought her to himself in her integral human nature of body and soul.

May her prayer and intercessions protect us always.

A Time to Laugh (371)

What Does Love Mean?

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year olds, "What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think:

- "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca - age 8
- "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy - age 4
- "Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." Karl - age 5
- "Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs." Chrissy - age 6
- "Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri - age 4
- "Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK." Danny - age 7
- "Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss " Emily - age 8
- "Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." Bobby - age 7
- "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." Nikka - age 6
- "There are two kinds of love. Our love. God's love. But God makes both kinds of them." Jenny - age 8
- "Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day." Noelle - age 7
- "Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." Tommy - age 6
- "During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore." Cindy - age 8
- "My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night." Clare - age 6
- "Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken." Elaine-age 5
- "Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford." Chris - age 7
- "Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." Mary Ann - age 4
- "I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones." Lauren - age 4
- "When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you." Karen - age 7
- "Love is when Mommy sees Daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think it's gross." Mark - age 6
- "You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." Jessica - age 8

Wrong Man - Wrong Finger

A woman who had been married for just over a year was visiting her mother-in-law, who noticed that this woman was wearing her wedding ring on the wrong finger. When asked why this was, the daughter-in-law said, "For the first six months of our marriage I wore the ring on the right finger, but after that I started wearing the ring on the wrong finger."

"Why did you change?" her mother-in-law asked.

The young woman answered, "I changed my ring to the wrong finger when I realized that I was married to the wrong man."

Insulting Alligators

Never insult an alligator until you've crossed the river. (*Cordell Hull*)