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## ***Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church***

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



### ***16<sup>th</sup> Week of Pentecost***

- \***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 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

## *16<sup>th</sup> Week of Pentecost*

Readings: Rom 8:18-27 and Lk 18:9-14

“TWO MEN WENT UP TO THE TEMPLE TO PRAY.” It is the hallmark of caricature to take some characteristic of a person and exaggerate it in such a way as to make them ludicrous. Jesus here has done something similar with the two extremes of the religious society of his day, two attitudes before God. This concerns me this Sunday. In which do I see myself, the Pharisee or the Publican?

First the Pharisee, with his magnificent “PRAYER OF THANKS”: “I THANK YOU GOD...” He asks nothing for himself, and we should judge him no hypocrite: what he says, he does, and perfectly. The trouble is he knows it too well: he listens to himself praying, he is preoccupied with himself. Above all, he judges others. As far as he is concerned about God, he sees him chiefly as the one who will recognize his merits. Set against this religiously observant man we have the publican. He makes no great prayer of thanksgiving; he confesses, not because he needs to sweep his conscience clear (the Pharisee had done that for him), nor to go back over his faults, but to express all the sorrow he feels for them. Finding nothing that could give him any assurance before his judge, he entrusts himself to the divine mercy: hoping to receive his very existence as a grace, a gift. When this humble man returned to his home, he and not the other was at rights with God.

As Christians we know that a just man is one who has been justified, saved by God, without regard for merit. Do we BELIEVE THAT firmly enough when we pray? The best revealer of God and of ourselves is still our prayer.

### *Pastor's Vacation*

During the upcoming Fall and Winter Seasons, I will take my yearly vacation and choose some weekdays that doesn't interfere with the previous scheduled Masses. There will be no daily masses during the vacation days. A weekly notice will be put on the main door of the church. The weekend Masses will remain the same on time. Please check the weekly bulletins for Mass schedule and vacation days. Thanks for your cooperation. –Msg. Bakhos

## *Divine Liturgy Schedule*

### *This Weekend, September 1-2: 16<sup>th</sup> Week of Pentecost*

#### Saturday September 1:

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

At 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Nimnoom Ghaphery (Anniversary)

✠ Special Intention

#### Sunday, September 2 at 10:30 a.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass

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

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

✠ Shirley Nickerson (83<sup>rd</sup> Birthday) by Tammy, Robbie, Don, Lori, Emma & Eli

### *Weekdays Masses*

Monday September 3: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Tuesday September 4 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ David & Faye Ghaphery

✠ Sue Brubach by Steve & Mike Linton

Wednesday September 5 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Cecilia & Louis Ammar

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

**Thursday September 6: No Mass. Pastor's Vacation day**

**Friday, September 7: No Mass. Pastor's Day off**

## ***Next Weekend, September 8-9: Birthday of the B.V.Mary***

**Saturday September 8 at 4:00 p.m.: Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

✠ John F. Kukula (Anniversary) by his wife Mary Rose Kukula & Family

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

✠ Special Intention

**Sunday, September 9 at 10:30 a.m.: Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

✠ Elias Frenn (Anniversary) by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn

✠ George Thomas by the Cedar Club

## ***Calendar of Parish Events***

<b>Cedar Club Meeting</b>	<i>Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall</i>
<b>Spaghetti Dinner</b>	<i>Sunday, October 14 (more information in coming bulletins)</i>
<b>Hall Rental</b>	<i>Sunday, November 4 (1-4 p.m.)</i>
<b>Christmas Party</b>	<i>Sunday, December 9. (more information in coming bulletins)</i>

## ***Cedar Club Meeting*** *(Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. In Cedar Hall)*

The Cedar Club Members will meet on the above date. Please plan to attend and give your in-put on future activities. Hosting will be Mickey & Linda Duffy. Hope to see you !

## ***Birthdays' Wishes in the Coming Month:***

September 6 Tom Ferris

September 8: Carol Dougherty

September 9: Gary Weisner, Patrick Stees,

September 10: Chris George

September 11: Rhonda Murad

September 15: Ted Olinski

September 18: Michael Duymich

September 20: Regina Hancher, Gavin Hancher

September 22: John Jay Thomas

September 24 Luane Frazier

October 6: Joe Popovich, Frank Duymich

## ***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, 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)

## ***Your Church Support Last Week***

\$1,249.00	Sunday Collection
67.00	Candles
643.00	Mahrajan (Festival)

30.00	Parking
609.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to the poor
\$2,628.00	<b>Total Deposits:</b> <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Kourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton

## *Story*

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 to catch the plane home and 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 \$50 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, Thank you for hearing Jesus, 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.

## *A Time to Laugh (374)*

### *School Answering Machine*

(This is hilarious, no wonder some people were offended!)

This is the message that the Pacific Palisades High School (California) Staff voted unanimously to record on their school telephone answering machine. This came about because they implemented a policy requiring students and parents to be responsible for their children's absences and missing homework.

The school and teachers are being sued by parents who want their children's failing grades changed to passing grade even though those children were absent 15-30 times during the semester and did not complete enough school work to pass their classes. This is the actual answering machine message for the school:

"Hello! You have reached the automated answering service of your school. In order to assist you in connecting the right staff member, please listen to all your options before making a selection:

"To lie about why your child is absent - Press 1

"To make excuses for why your child did not do his work- Press 2

"To complain about what we do - Press 3

"To swear at staff members - Press 4

"To ask why you didn't get information that was already enclosed in your newsletter and several flyers mailed to you - Press 5

"If you want us to raise your child - Press 6

"If you want to reach out and touch, slap or hit someone - Press 7

"To request another teacher for the third time this year- Press 8

"To complain about bus transportation - Press 9

"To complain about school lunches - Press 0

"If you realize this is the real world and your child must be accountable and responsible for his/her own behavior, class work, homework, and that it's not the teachers' fault for your child's lack of effort: Hang up and have a nice day!"

If you can read this thank a teacher.

## ***Blonde Jokes***

--A blonde was bragging about her knowledge of State capitals. She proudly says, "Go ahead, ask me, I know all of them." A friend says, "OK, what's the capital of Wisconsin?"

The blonde replies, "Oh, that's easy: W."

--A blonde goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards.

She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Christmas stamps?"

The clerk says, "What denomination?"

The blonde says, "God help us. Has it come to this?"

Give me 6 Catholic, 12 Presbyterian, 10 Lutheran and 22 Baptists.

## ***Manipulation***

A wealthy Jewish farmer burst into his home one day and cried out in an anguished voice, "Rebecca, there is a terrible story in town: the Messiah is here!"

"What's so terrible in that?" asked his wife, "I think it's great. What are you so upset about?"

"What am I so upset about?!" the man exclaimed. "After all these years of sweat and toil we have finally found prosperity. We have a thousand head of cattle, our barns are full of grain, and our trees laden with fruit. Now we will have to give it all away and follow him."

"Calm down," said his wife consolingly. "The Lord our God is good. He knows how much we Jews have always had to suffer. We had a Pharaoh, a Haman, a Hitler, always somebody. But our dear God found a way to deal with them all, didn't He? Just have faith, my dear husband. He will find a way to deal with the Messiah, too."

## ***Grace***

A devout religious man fell on hard times. So he took to praying in the following fashion: "*Lord, remember all the years that I served You as best I could, asking for nothing in return. Now that I am old and bankrupt, I am going to ask for a favor for the first time in my life and I am sure that You will not say no. Allow me to win the lottery.*"

Days passed; then weeks and months. But nothing happened. Finally, almost driven to despair, he cried out one night, "*Why don't You give me a break, God?*" He suddenly heard the voice of God replying, "*Give me a break yourself! Why don't you buy a lottery ticket?*"