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

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



### ***Birthday of the B.V.Mary***

- \***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

## ***Birthday of the B.V. Mary***

Readings: Rom 13:8-14 and Lk 8:16-21

Tradition has it that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was born of parents named Joachim and Ann in Jerusalem at the end of the first century BC. In fact, all that we know for certain is that Mary was born.

The names of Joachim and Ann first appeared in a legend dating from the turn of the third century. In the story the wealthy Joachim, ridiculed in his old age for having no children, turned to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The despairing Ann, at prayer in her sorrow, beheld an angel who promised she would conceive. The story bears similarities to the birth of Samuel (1 Sam 1), whose mother had a similar name (Hannah) and sang a prayer resembling Mary's Magnificat. However, because this legend is so late, the truthfulness of the story is doubtful, as are the traditional names of Mary's parents.

The strongest tradition places the birth of Mary in Jerusalem near the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus would later heal a cripple on the Sabbath. A church dedicated to St. Ann stands near the pool today. Beneath the church lie remains of a house where our ancestors believed that Mary was born. The place has witnessed Christian worship since the third century. Other traditions place the birth of Mary at Nazareth or Bethlehem, but in each case the evidence is too slight to be certain.

The date of Mary's birth has similarly been lost. Because the church of St. Ann in Jerusalem was dedicated on September 8 in the fifth century, that day entered the calendar as the celebration of Mary's birth.

We honor the birth of Mary every year on September 8 as a feast day. The Mass has its own special prayers and readings and calls for singing the Glory to God.

### ***Divine Liturgy Schedule***

#### ***This 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

#### ***Weekdays Masses***

**Monday September 10:** No Mass. Pastor's Day off

##### **Tuesday September 11 at 12:05 p.m.:**

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

✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)

**Wednesday September 12: No Mass. Pastor's Vacation day**

##### **Thursday September 13 at 12:05 p.m.:**

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

✠ Sue Brubach by Mary Rose Kukula

**Friday, September 14 at 12:05 p.m.: Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

✠ Deceased of the Parishioners and Benefactors of our church

#### ***Next Weekend, Sep. 15-16: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross***

##### **Saturday September 15 at 4:00 p.m.:**

✠ John, Rosie, Tillie, Philip and Edward George

✠ Special Intention

##### **Sunday, September 16 at 10:30 a.m.:**

✠ Sue Brubach by Steve & Mike Linton

## ***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>Women's Society Meeting</b>	<i>Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Cedar Hall following Mass</i>
<b>Spaghetti Dinner</b>	<i>Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> (more information in coming bulletins)</i>
<b>Hall Rental</b>	<i>Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> (1-4 p.m.)</i>
<b>Christmas Party</b>	<i>Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> (more information in coming bulletins)</i>
<b>Hall Rental</b>	<i>Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> (5-9 p.m.)</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!

### ***All Souls Masses (From Thu. Nov. 1 until Thu. Nov. 8)***

- † Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- † Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie and Family
- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- † Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart
- † Deceased of the Kourey & Howard Families by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Kourey
- † Virginia Kourey Bryan & Deceased of the Nabihah & Habib Kourey Family by the Kourey Family
- † Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- † Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
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### ***Birthdays' Wishes in the Coming Month:***

- 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
- October 9: Susie Fadoul

### ***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)*  
 Bill Dougherty, Anthony Chuckery, Kay Roxby (mother of Joe Roxby), Shirley & Jim George, Justin Frenn, Sandra Dusick, John Shibben, Diane Palotay, 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>	
\$1,241.00	Sunday Collection
169.20	Mahrajan (Festival)
30.00	Donation to the poor
\$1,440.20	<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

This teenager lived alone with his mother, and the two of them had a very special relationship. Even though the son was always on the bench, his mother was always in the stands cheering. She never missed a game.

This young man was still the smallest of the class when he entered high school. But his mother continued to encourage him but also made it very clear that he did not have to play football if he didn't want to. But the young man loved football and decided to hang in there. He was determined to try his best at every practice, and perhaps he'd get to play when he became a senior. All through high school he never missed a practice nor a game, but remained a bench warmer all four years. His faithful mother was always in the stands, always with words of encouragement for him.

When the young man went to college, he decided to try out for the football team as a "walk-on." Everyone was sure he could never make the cut, but he did. The coach admitted that he kept him on the roster because he always puts his heart and soul into every practice, and at the same time, provided the other members with the spirit and hustle they badly needed.

The news that he had survived the cut thrilled him so much that he rushed to the nearest phone and called his mother. His mother shared his excitement and was sent season tickets for all the college games.

This persistent young athlete never missed practice during his four years at college, but he never got to play in the game. It was the end of his senior football season, and as he trotted onto the practice field shortly before the big playoff game, the coach met him with a telegram. The young man read the telegram and he became deathly silent. Swallowing hard, he mumbled to the coach, "My mother died this morning. Is it all right if I miss practice today?"

The coach put his arm gently around his shoulder and said, "Take the rest of the week off, son. And don't even plan to come back to the game on Saturday. Saturday arrived, and the game was not going well. In the third quarter, when the team was ten points behind, a silent young man quietly slipped into the empty locker room and put on his football gear. As he ran onto the sidelines, the coach and his players were astounded to see their faithful teammate back so soon. "Coach, please let me play. I've just got to play today," said the young man.

The coach pretended not to hear him. There was no way he wanted his worst player in this close playoff game. But the young man persisted, and finally feeling sorry for the kid, the coach gave in. "All right," he said. "You can go in." Before long, the coach, the players and everyone in the stands could not believe their eyes. This little unknown, who had never played before was doing everything right. The opposing team could not stop him. He ran, blocked and tackled like a star. His team began to triumph. The score was soon tied. In the closing seconds of the game, this kid intercepted a pass and ran all the way for the winning touchdown. The fans broke loose. His teammates hoisted him onto their shoulders. Such cheering you've never heard! Finally, after the stands had emptied and the team had showered and left the locker room, the coach noticed that the young man was sitting quietly in the corner all alone. The coach came to him and said, "Kid, I can't believe it. You were fantastic! Tell me what got into you? How did you do it?"

He looked at the coach, with tears in his eyes, and said, "Well, you knew my mom died, but did you know that my mom was blind?" The young man swallowed hard and forced a smile, "Mom came to all my games, but today was the first time she could see me play, and I wanted to show her I could do it!"  
I hope that story inspires you.

Always Remember This:

Somebody is very proud of you.

Somebody is thinking of you.

Somebody is caring about you.

Somebody misses you.

Somebody wants to talk to you.

Somebody wants to be with you.

Somebody hopes you are not in trouble.

Somebody hopes everything turns out all right.

Somebody wants you to be happy.  
 Somebody can't wait to see you.  
 Somebody loves you for who you are.  
 Somebody is glad that you are their friend.  
 Somebody wants you to know they are there for you.  
 Somebody needs your support.  
 Somebody will cry when they read this.  
 Somebody needs you to have faith in them.  
 Somebody trusts you.  
 Somebody hears a song that reminds them of you.

## *A Time to Laugh (375)*

### *Drug Problems*

My generation just might have been lucky. I had a drug problem when I was young, but I turned out all right. I was drug to church and to weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions, no matter the weather. I was drug to the bus stop to go to school every weekday. I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults and teachers. I was drug to the wood shed when I disobeyed my parents. Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin, and if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America might be a better place. Signed, An Old Person.

### *Lebanese Wit*

NASA was interviewing professionals they were thinking of sending to Mars. The touchy part was that only one guy could go and it would be a one-way trip, the guy not ever returning to Earth.

The interviewer asked the first applicant, an American engineer, how much he wanted to be paid for going. "One million dollars," the engineer answered. "And I want to donate it all to my alma mater--Rice University."

The next applicant was a Russian doctor, and the interviewer asked him the same question. "Two millions dollars," the doctor said. "I want to give a million to my family and leave the other million for the advancement of medical research."

The last applicant was a Lebanese Politician. When asked how much money he wanted, he whispered in the interviewer's ear, "Three million dollars."

"Why so much more than the others?" the interviewer asked.

The Lebanese Politician replied, "You give me three million, I'll give you one million, I'll keep a million, and we'll send the American engineer."

### *Blonde Joke*

#### SEVENTH DEGREE

Returning home from work, a blonde was shocked to find her house ransacked and burglarized. She telephoned the police at once and reported the crime.

The police dispatcher broadcast the call on the radio, and a K-9 unit, patrolling nearby was the first to respond. As the K-9 officer approached the house with his dog on a leash, the blonde ran out on the porch, shuddered at the sight of the cop and his dog, then sat down on the steps.

Putting her face in her hands, she moaned, "I come home to find all my possessions stolen. I call the police for help, and what do they do? They send me a BLIND policeman."