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## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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



### *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross*

- \***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

## *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross*

Readings: 2Tim 2:1-10 and Mk 10:35-45

Scarcely has Jesus, for the third time, recalled the destiny that awaits him in Jerusalem, than the disciples' ambition gets the better of their momentary fear. After Peter's confession at Caesarea and the dispute along the road as to which of them was the greatest, it is easy to imagine the ambition of the sons of Zebedee to secure for themselves two good places in the messianic kingdom approaching at the end of time in the race for favored positions, they know what they want, and so do the other disciples, in spite of their virtuous indignation.

But no, they do not know, and Jesus reveals it to them. It is about another ministry that he speaks, correcting in passing their popular conception of merit, according to which man acquires rights over God. The true disciple can aspire to only one thing: to share the passion of his master. As for the reward, it eludes every possible claim. God is free to do what he likes with his gifts. The Christian likewise will have his share in the condition of servant which was that of Jesus: that is to say, he will participate in the life and death of Jesus for others'. For true Christian greatness consists in serving, and not in playing the master. Such are the bases of government of a Church which is built up by the work of ministry. Ministry after the example of the Son of God who, like a slave, washes the feet of his disciples, and offers for the multitudes the Suffering Servant's sacrifice of atonement.

Too often, in the course of history, the government of the Church has been seen as power or domination. This was a failure to relate her mission to the mission of Christ dead and risen. According to the gospel, the way of ruling is to serve: our king himself has shown that to us. 'Princes of the Church', if they exist, ought to have no other ambition.

## *Divine Liturgy Schedule*

### ***This 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 & Edward George

✠ Special Intention

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

✠ Sue Brubach by Steve & Mike Linton

### ***Weekdays Masses***

**Monday September 17:** No Mass. Pastor's Day off

**Tuesday September 18:** No Mass. Pastor's Vacation day

**Wednesday September 19 at 12:05 p.m.:**

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

✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney & Patrick

**Thursday September 20:** No Mass. Pastor's Vacation day

**Friday, September 21 at 12:05 p.m.:** No Mass. Pastor's Day off

### ***Next Weekend, Sep. 22-23: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross***

**Saturday September 22 at 4:00 p.m.:**

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

✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

✠ Special Intention

**Sunday, September 23 at 10:30 a.m.:**

✠ Sue Brubach by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family

✠ John, Sally, Jake, Fuzzy Jacobs by Sandra Dusick

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

<b>Women's Society Meeting</b>	<i>Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Cedar Hall following Mass</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>
<b>Hall Rental</b>	<i>Saturday, December 22 (5-9 p.m.)</i>

### ***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, & her son Mark by her last will
- † Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- † Tom Jochum by his Family
- † Tim, Ginny & Martha Shia by the Family
- † Beloved parents John & Cecilia John & D. William Burns by Ron & Susan Burns
- † Beloved grandparents Tom & Sadie John & David & Tamamie Joseph by Ron & Susan Burns
- † Beloved Aunts and uncles Fred & Rita John, Louis & Cecilia Ammar, Sister Mary Thomasina John and Roland & Julia Tappe by Ron & Susan Burns
- † Ralph & Mary J. Shipley & Robby Hunter by Thomasina Geimer
- † Deceased Family of Thomasina Geimer
- † Suzanne Linton by her husband Mike
- † Frances & Joseph Linton by sons Steve & Mike
- † Adib & Sadie Chidiac (parents), Nadim (brother) & Mona (sister) by Steve & Mike Linton
- † Deceased of our parish by Steve & Mike Linton
- † The Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty
- † Mary C. Ritts by John & Opal Ritts
- † John & Ritts by John & Opal Ritts
- † LaVerne Thomas and Evelyn Hall by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn
- † Elias & Siham Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn
- † Mary K. Ferris by Tom & Denise Ferris
- † Mike Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph

### ***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)  
 John Frazier (son of Luane Frazier), Austin Strawn (grandson of Rex Strawn), Debbie Crumpler (sister of Nini Miller), 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>	
\$1,134.00	Sunday Collection
184.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection
75.00	Bulletin ad
15.00	Candles
500.00	Mahrajan (Festival)
35.00	Parking
30.00	Donation to the poor
\$1,973.00	<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

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### ***Story***

During one of the many Reformation battles, a young soldier found himself and his army being soundly defeated by the enemy. He and his comrades hastily retreated from the battlefield in defeat, running away in fear of their very lives.

The enemy gave chase. The young man ran hard and fast, full of fear and desperation, and soon found himself cut off from his comrades. The soldier eventually came upon a rocky ledge containing a cave.

Knowing the enemy was close behind, and that he was exhausted from the chase, he chose to hide there. After he crawled in, he fell to his face in the darkness, desperately crying to God to save him and protect him from his enemies. He made a bargain with God. He promised that if God saved him, he would serve Him for the remainder of his days.

When he looked up from his despairing plea for help, he saw a spider beginning to weave its web at the entrance to the cave. As he watched the delicate threads being slowly drawn across the mouth of the cave, the young soldier pondered its irony. He thought, "I asked God for protection and deliverance, and He sent me a spider instead. How can a spider save me?"

His heart was hardened, knowing the enemy would soon discover his hiding place and kill him. Soon he did hear the sound of his enemies, who were now scouring the area looking for those in hiding.

One soldier with a gun slowly walked up to the cave's entrance. As the young man crouched in the darkness, hoping to surprise the enemy in a last-minute desperate attempt to save his own life, he felt his heart pounding wildly out of control. As the enemy cautiously moved forward to enter the cave, he came upon the spider's web, which by now was completely strung across the opening. He backed away and called out to a comrade, "There can't be anyone in here. They would have had to break this spider's web to enter the cave. Let's move on."

Years later, this young man, who made good his promise by becoming a preacher and evangelist, wrote about that ordeal. What he observed has stood by me in times of trouble, especially during those times when everything seemed impossible: "Where God is, a spider's web is as a stone wall. Where God is not, a stone wall is as a spider's web."

## *A Time to Laugh (376)*

### *"Little Johnny"*

Little Johnny came into the kitchen where his mother was making dinner. His birthday was coming up and he thought this was a good time to tell his mother what he wanted.

"Mom, I want a bike for my birthday". Little Johnny was a bit of a troublemaker. He had gotten into trouble at school and at home.

Johnny's mother asked him if he thought he deserved to get a bike for his birthday. Little Johnny, of course, thought he did. Johnny's mother, being a Christian woman, wanted him to reflect on his behavior over the last year, and write a letter to God, and tell him why he deserved a bike for his birthday. Little Johnny stomped up the steps to his room and sat down to write God a letter.

LETTER 1:

Dear God, I have been a very good boy this year and I would like a bike for my birthday. I want a red one. Your friend, Johnny.

Johnny knew this wasn't true. He had not been a very good boy this year, so he tore up the letter and started over.

LETTER 2:

Dear God, This is your friend Johnny. I have been a pretty good boy this year, and I would like a red bike for my birthday. Thank you, Johnny.

Johnny knew this wasn't true either. He tore up the letter and started again.

LETTER 3:

Dear God, I have been an OK boy this year and I would really like a red bike for my birthday. Your friend, Johnny.

Johnny knew he could not send this letter to God either. Johnny was very upset. He went downstairs and told his mother he wanted to go to church.

Johnny's mother thought her plan had worked because Johnny looked very sad. "Just be home in time for dinner," his mother said.

Johnny walked down the street to the church and up to the altar. He looked around to see if anyone was there.

He picked up a statue of the Virgin Mary. He slipped it under his shirt and ran out of the church, down the street, into his house, and up to his room. He shut the door to his room and sat down with a piece of paper and a pen. Johnny began to write his letter to God.

LETTER 4:

I'VE GOT YOUR MOM. IF YOU WANT TO SEE HER AGAIN, SEND THE BIKE.

Signed YOU KNOW WHO.

### *Man vs. Woman*

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment.

Suddenly, the man realized that the next day he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00AM for an early morning business flight. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5:00 AM." He left it where he knew she would find it. The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 AM and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, "It is 5:00 AM. Wake up."