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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



Renewal of the Church

- ***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

Renewal of the Church

Readings: Heb 9:11-15 and Jn 10:22-42

No wonder Our Divine Lord, who knows all souls in their inner being, chose as the head of His Church not John who had never denied, and who alone of all the apostles was present on the hill of Calvary, but rather chose Peter who fell and then rose again, who sinned and who then was forgiven amidst lifelong penance, in order that His Church might understand something of human weakness and sin, and bear to the millions of its souls the gospel of hope, the assurance of divine mercy.

Fittingly, then, when Peter came to the end of his lease on life, he asked not to be crucified as was Our Blessed Lord with head upright, but with head downward in the earth. Our Lord had called him the Rock of His Church, and the rock was laid where it should be -deep in the roots of creation.

On that very spot where the man of courage was crucified upside down, with his stumbling feet toward heaven, there now rises the greatest dome that was ever thrown against the vault of heaven's blue, the dome of the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome. Around it in giant letters of gold, we read the words Our Lord spoke to Peter at Caesarea Philippi: "... you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Mt 16:18).

Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Lessons on Faith & Truth, p.23.

Christmas Season

How hard it is to wait. We wait for birth; we wait for death. We wait for the end of war and the establishment of God's reign of peace and justice. In these waiting days of Advent, we have guides who can assist us. The prophets John the Baptist, Paul and Mary show us how to wait in patience and hope. They give us courage to be ready for Christ's coming now and at the end of the age. Let us learn from them so that we can announce his coming with love and joy. Let us be glad that through Jesus, the world is freed from the power of evil. Let us rejoice that with Jesus, we will reign forever. Let us exult that in Jesus, God is with us to save us.

The Maronite Church remembers and celebrates the saving deeds and events of Christ's life through the entire year. Through this process of remembrance and celebration the people of God encounter the Lover of humankind and experience the ongoing mystery of God's transformative love. The Church year has two main parts:

A- The Sanctoral Cycle:

That is the calendar of feasts honoring and remembering the exemplary lives of:

Jesus, Son of the Living God; Presentation in the Temple; Transfiguration; Ascension; Mary, Mother of the Light; Presentation of Mary in the Temple; Praises of Mother of God; Annunciation to Mary; Our Lady of Lebanon; Our Lady of the Seeds; Dormition-Assumption of Mary; Birth of the Virgin Mary; Saints of the Maronite Calendar: John the Baptizer; Anthony the Great; Maron; John Maron; Gabriel; Michael; Peter; Paul; John and other Apostles; Sharbel; Elias; Ephrem; Rafka; Ignatius of Antioch; and James of Serugh.

B- The Temporal Cycle:

That is the weekly calendar of Christ's saving deeds commemorated in six Seasons:

Season of Announcement. It contains seven Sundays preceded by one or two Sundays in November recalling the Consecration of the Church and the Dedication of the Temple.

Zachary's announcement of the Baptizer's birth; Mary's announcement of the Messiah's birth; Elizabeth's visit by Mary; John the Baptizer's birth; Joseph's announcement of the Messiah's birth; Genealogy, announcements to Old Testament prophets; Christmas - announcement of the Angels.

Each of these Sundays consecutively announces and prepares for the Birth of Jesus, the Savior. From the Announcement to Zachariah to the Genealogy Sunday news of the Lord's Incarnation is given to various individuals who had been awaiting the Messiah's coming. The final announcement is made by the "*Watchers in Glory*" to all of creation of the Feast of the birth of our Lord: "Glory to God on high and peace and good hope to all people. Today the Church rejoices as she hears the announcement of the birth of the Anointed One. Today, the Creator returns to make the land a palace and of the seas a Kingdom. How happy is this day forever."

Christmas Poinsettias in Memory of:

A bouquet of yellow roses will decorate the altar of the Blessed Mother in Memory of Helen Fielding by her husband Donald Fielding, Florida.

These Poinsettias were donated in Memory of:

- ☼ *Louis N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr. & Gladys Howard by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family*
- ☼ *In honor of Tom & Denise Ferris and in Memory of Mary K. Ferris*
- ☼ *LaVerne Thomas & Evelyn Hall by Dr Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn*
- ☼ *Elias & Siham Frenn by Dr Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn*
- ☼ *The Rohana & Rahi Families by Alicia Peklinsky*
- ☼ *Don & Emily Vince & Patricia Gompers by Matt & Vicki Gompers*
- ☼ *Bob Sengewalt by the Sengewalt Family*
- ☼ *For a "Special Intention" by A Friend*



About the Christmas Dinner Dance

This Party is designated exclusively for our parishioners and by invitation only. That's why it is not advertised anywhere. There will be no profit from this party. The \$20.00 per person will be used to purchase your dinner from the Alpha, pay the waitresses to serve you, the DJ (\$300.00) to entertain you, and other related office and kitchen expenses. This is an evening of entertainment for our parishioners who deserve to be happy. So please keep it in the parish family. Also do not bring any alcohol with you in order not to jeopardize the church liability. Two free drinks are available with every ticket for you to enjoy and not get intoxicated.

—Msgr. Bakhos

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, Nov. 10-11: Renewal of the Church

Saturday November 10 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Elizabeth A. Magnone (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees & Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, November 11 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Larry Breiding (Anniversary) by his grandson Dalton Haas

Weekdays Masses

Monday November 12: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Tuesday November 13 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Jerry (Herbear) McGlumphy, Jr by Jerry McGlumphy & Children
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

Wednesday November 14: No Mass. Pastor's Vacation day

Thursday November 15 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney & Patrick
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

Friday, November 16: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Next Weekend, Nov. 17-18: Announcement to Zechariah

Saturday November 17 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Joseph A. Benline by his wife Helen Benline

✠ Tessa Joseph by Millet & Susie Fadoul

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, November 18 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Emily Vince (Birthday) by her Children

Calendar of Parish Events

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| Cedar Club Meeting | <i>Monday, November 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall</i> |
| Women's Society Meeting | <i>Sunday, November 25th in the Cedar Hall following Mass</i> |
| Christmas Party <i>Sunday, Dec. 9th</i> | <p>--December 1: Starting at 9 a.m. please join Carol & other's in decorating our Church for Christmas.</p> <p>--December 9: Those who attend the Christmas Party will receive 2 beverage coupons which can be used to select wine, beer or pop. We wish to thank Rex & Rita Strawn for the donation of wine for our Christmas Party. Each person can choose to use 1 or 2 of their complimentary beverage tickets to enjoy a glass of wine.</p> <p>--If anyone else would like to donate some pop or beer, please contact Carol Dougherty so she can let you know the quantity needed.</p> <p>All Women's Society members are asked to bring a donated item for the Christmas Basket as soon as possible. Drawing will take place during the Party. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to seeing you all at the party.</p> |
| Christmas Party Program <i>Sunday, Dec. 9th</i> | <p>4:00 p.m.: Doors open</p> <p>5:00 p.m.: Buffet Dinner catered by Ye Olde Alpha Restaurant, Wheeling Menu : Grilled sirloin of beef and lemon chicken, mixed greens salad and cranberry salad, roasted red potatoes, grilled mixed vegetables, bread and Honey Butter, and brownies and cookies for dessert. Two free beverages.</p> <p>Live Entertainment by DJ Jim Laurine after Dinner.</p> <p>Cost: \$20.00</p> |
| Children Santa Party <i>Sunday, Dec. 16th</i> | <p>The Women's Society welcomes the children of OLOL Church to visit with Santa in the Cedar Hall immediately following Mass. Santa will give each child a treat and a light snack. Please plan to come and bring all the children of our parish.</p> <p>(All Women's Society members are asked to bring a bag of candy to be divided for the children November 25.)</p> |
| Hall Rental | <i>Saturday, December 22nd (5-9 p.m.)</i> |
| Msgr. Bakhos 27th Anniversary <i>Sunday, Dec 23rd</i> | On Sunday December 23, the Women's Society invites you to join them following Mass to celebrate Msgr. Bakhos 27 th Anniversary to the Priesthood. Cake will be served to celebrate the occasion. |

Cedar Club Meeting (*Monday, November 12th, 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall*)

The Cedar Club will meet on Monday, November 12th. Bring your ideas and information for activities, entertainment, outings, shows, etc., and present them during the meeting. Hosting for the evening will be Mary Stees and Shirley Bine.

Birthdays' Wishes in the Coming Month:

November 11: Ryan Murad

November 15: Rena Bratton

November 18: Rose Vargo

November 24: Rex Strawn

November 26: Mary Lish

November 28: Richard Obyc

December 3: Joey John

December 7: Christina Committee Zdilla

December 1: Lou Khourey

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)

Patty Fahey, Shelley Hancher, Phil Geimer, Bill Dougherty, John Frazier (son of Luane Frazier), Austin Strawn (grandson of Rex Strawn), Debbie Crumpler (sister of Nini Miller), Shirley & Jim George, Justin Frenn, Sandra Dusick, John Shibben, Diane Palotay, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Teo Stewart and Nancy Shalvey, Mike O'Kane (brother-in-law of Nikki Popovich)

| <i>Your Church Support Last Week</i> | |
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| \$1,279.22 | Sunday Collection |
| 36.00 | Candles |
| 13.00 | Coffee Hour |
| 100.00 | Spaghetti dinner donation |
| 380.00 | Christmas Dinner Dance |
| 60.00 | Parking |
| 15.00 | Utilities |
| 30.00 | Donation to the poor |
| \$1,913.22 | 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 |

What's New?

Congratulations on Your Baptism: Bennett Mulvey

Paul & Natalie Mulvey Jr. granted to their boy Bennett the honor to be the adopted son of God through the sacrament of Baptism, last Saturday, November 10th, at Our Lady of Lebanon Church. Bennett is the grandson of Sandra DeMuth. Godparents were: Sandy DeMuth and Sally & Paul Mulvey Sr. After the Baptism, a nice Reception was held at the parents' home for the Family and friends. May Saint Benedict, the patron saint of Bennett, protect him and grant him along with his parents, godparents, and grandparents, good health and bright future.

Condolences: Esther Matusik

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Matusik family on the loss of their beloved Esther who passed away in Wheeling this week. Esther was the sister of Mary Joe Martin and the niece of Josephine Elias Weidman and the late Joe Elias. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Church on Wednesday, November 7. The choir of the church served the funeral Mass and the the family served the Mercy Meal at the Cedar Hall. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid and we extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow.

Pita Bread and other Items for Sale at the church:

There are 8 frozen packages of large pita bread available. Also 2 jars of grape leaves and 2 bottles of Orange Blossom and Burghol #1 and #2 are available. Please see Mike Linton or one of the Ladies of our church to purchase some.



Christmas Story

The Christmas Orange

Jake was nine years old with tousled brown hair and blue eyes as bright as a heavenly angel. For as long as Jake could remember he had lived within the walls of a poor orphanage. He was just one of many children supported by what meager contributions the orphan home could obtain in donations from the townsfolk.

There was very little to eat, but at Christmas time there always seemed to be a little more than usual, the orphanage seemed a little warmer, and it was time for a little holiday enjoyment. But more than this, there was always the Christmas orange!

Christmas was the only time of year that such a rare treat was provided and it was treasured by each child like no other food, admiring it, feeling it, prizing it and then slowly biting into and enjoying each juicy section. Truly, it was the highlight of each orphan's Christmas and their best gift of the season. How joyful would be the moment when Jake received his orange!

Unknown to him, Jake had somehow managed to track a small amount of mud on his shoes through the front door of the orphanage, and leaving a stain on the new carpet. He hadn't even noticed. Now it was too late and there was nothing he could do to avoid punishment. The punishment was swift and unrelenting. Jake would not be allowed to have his Christmas orange! It was the only gift he would receive from the harsh world he lived in, yet after a year of waiting for his Christmas orange, it was to suddenly be denied.

Tearfully, Jake pleaded that he be forgiven and promised never to track mud into the orphanage again, but to no avail. He felt hopeless and totally rejected. Jake cried into his pillow all that night and spent Christmas Day feeling empty and alone. He feared that probably the other children didn't want to be around a boy who had received such a cruel punishment. Perhaps they felt he would ruin their only day of happiness. Maybe, he reasoned, the gulf between him and his friends existed because they were afraid he would ask for a small piece of their oranges. Jake spent the day upstairs, alone, in the unheated dormitory. Huddled under his only blanket, he read about a family marooned on an island. Jake thought he wouldn't mind spending the rest of his life on an isolated island, if he could only have a real family that cared about him.

Bedtime came, and worst of all, Jake couldn't sleep. How could he say his prayers? How could there be a God in Heaven that would allow a little soul such as his, to suffer so much all by himself? Silently, he sobbed for the future of mankind, that God might end the suffering in the world, both for himself and all others like him.

As he climbed back into bed from the cold, hard floor, a soft hand touched Jake's shoulder, startling him momentarily, and then silently an object was placed into his hands. The giver disappeared into the darkness, leaving Jake to ponder what it was.

Looking closely at it in the dim light, he saw that it looked like an orange! Not a regular orange, smooth and shiny, but a special orange, very special. Inside a patched together peel were the segments of nine other oranges, making one whole orange for Jake! The nine other children in the orphanage had each donated one segment of their own precious oranges to make a whole orange as a gift for Jake.

Suddenly, Jake no longer felt all alone. The loving thoughts and sacrifice of the other orphanage children caused a glow of warmth and happiness to creep into his heart. There was a God who cared after all and He sent His love in a way that Jake never thought possible.

Sharing what we truly value is the true spirit of Christmas. Our Heavenly Father gave us His beloved Son. May we, like the children in the orphanage, find ways to share His love with others less blessed.

A Time to Laugh (384)

Will the Real Dummy Please Stand Up?

AT&T fired President John Walter after nine months, saying he lacked intellectual leadership. He received a \$26 million severance package. Perhaps it's not Walter who's lacking intelligence.

Not the Sharpest Tool in the Shed!

In Modesto, CA, Steven Richard King was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a weapon. King used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun... Unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket. (hellooooooo)!

The Grand Finale!!!

Last summer, down on Lake Isabella, located in the high desert, an hour east of Bakersfield, CA, some folks, new to boating, were having a problem. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22 foot boat, going. It was very sluggish in almost every maneuver, no matter how much power they applied. After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted into a nearby marina, thinking someone there may be able to tell them what was wrong. A thorough topside check revealed everything in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the out-drive went up and down, and the propeller was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard.

NOW REMEMBER...THIS IS TRUE.

Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer.

Drunker Logic

--Sometimes when I reflect on all the beer I drink, I feel ashamed. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. I think, "It is better to drink this beer and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver." --Babe Ruth

--An intelligent man is sometimes forced to be drunk to spend time with his fools.

--When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading. --Paul Hornung

--24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case. Coincidence? I think not. --H.L. Mencken

--When we drink, we get drunk. When we get drunk, we fall asleep. When we fall asleep, we commit no sin. When we commit no sin, we go to heaven. So, let's all get drunk and go to heaven! --Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy. --Benjamin Franklin

--Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza. --Dave Barry

Care about Terminology

A psychiatrist was concerned about his nurse's office procedure so he said to her, "When you answer the phone, just say, 'We're terribly busy just now,' instead of 'It's a madhouse.'"

Humorous Headlines

- Father of Nine Fined \$100 for Failing to Stop
- Dead Policeman on Force Twenty-Three Years
- Twenty-Six-Year Friendship Ends at Altar
- Man Found Dead in Cemetery
- Nine Volunteers Put in New Church Furnace
- Florist Asks Girls to Drop Strapless Gowns
- Babies Flood Hospital
- Escaped Leopard Believed Spotted
- City Officials Talk Rubbish