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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



Announcement to Zechariah

- ***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

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Readings: Rom 4:13-25 and Lk 1:1-25

“THE GOSPEL OF’ JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE.” To understand what this means, we must realize that a Gospel is not just a collection of anecdotes about Jesus and his teaching. Each evangelist is a witness to the Son of God. He sets himself to answer the question confronting everyone to whom it has been given to meet Jesus, either by hearing someone speak of him, or by discovering him in the life of one of his followers: WHO ARE YOU LORD?” Each of these witnesses relates his faith in Jesus in the form of a story - that of the doings and words of Jesus- expressed in relation to his own experience and background. This explains the originality of each evangelist, each having his own emphasis, his own way of presenting the mystery of Christ and his teaching. For all that, there is only one Gospel, because there is only one Christ, to whom we are sent by all the scriptures...

It happened in Nazareth, in the synagogue, that one day it was Jesus’ turn to comment on the reading from the Law, giving with it a text from the prophets. His choice fell on a text from Isaiah –he does not discuss it, he simply declares: THIS TEXT IS BEING FULFILLED TODAY EVEN AS YOU LISTEN”: HE, IN WHOM ALL THE PROMISES OF GOD HAVE FOUND THEIR ‘YES’ (2 Cor 1:20), could not read the divine word without putting it into practice, without immediately accomplishing it. And this is why miracles flowered under his feet for the poor, for prisoners, for the blind, for the oppressed.

In our turn we cannot read the Gospel as something that belongs to the past. It must be read as of now, IN THE TODAY OF OUR LIFE BEFORE GOD. Then our time, also, will be “THE LORD’S YEAR OF FAVOR.”

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 and Charlotte Khourey and Family*
- ☼ *In honor of Tom & Denise Ferris & in Memory of Mary K. Ferris*
- ☼ *LaVerne Thomas and 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*
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Divine Liturgy Schedule

This 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

Weekdays Masses

Monday November 19: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Tuesday November 20 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Josephine Ferris (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone

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

Wednesday November 21 at 5:30 p.m.: Thanksgiving Eve Mass

✠ Mr. Nicolas Ghafari & Mrs. Nimnoum Ghafari by the Ghafari Family in Detroit, MI

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

Thursday November 22 at 9:00 a.m.: (No other Mass today)

✠ Cecilia John (Birthday) by her daughter Maryann Carl

✠ Alphonse Joseph (Birthday) by Vickie, Lauren & Michael Joseph

Friday, November 23: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Next Weekend, Nov. 24-25: Announcement to B.V.Mary

Saturday November 24 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Rose & George Fadoul by Millet & Sisie Fadoul

✠ Karem & Amelia Azar

✠ George Joseph (Birthday) by Larry & Becky Ferrara

Sunday, November 25 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Harry Seabright & Edwin & Ernie & Frank by Mary Seabright Lish & Family

Calendar of Parish Events

Women Society Meeting (Nov.25 th)	Sunday, November 25 th after Mass
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</p> <p>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.

Birthdays' Wishes in the Coming Month:

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 12: 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)

Joe Simon, Jim McGlumphy, Patty Fahey, 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 Shiben, Diane Palotay, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Mike O'Kane (brother-in-law of Nikki Popovich)

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,232.00	Sunday Collection
210.00	2 nd collection
480.00	Bulletin ads
24.00	Coffee Hour
10.00	Bake sale
200.00	Christmas Dinner Dance
250.00	Donation to church
200.00	Hall rental
150.00	Parking
30.00	Donation to the poor
\$2,786.00	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

What's New?

Holiday Food Barrell *(Now thru December 18th, 2018)*

Please bring items for the needy of our parish and place it in the Holiday Barrel for those in need at the entrance of the church. As soon as we can fill a few boxes of food, it will be distributed. If you know of anyone in need, please tell Msgr. Bakhos or send him a note with their name, phone & address.

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 Stories:

1-Saint Nicholas (died in 342 AD)

Better known to children everywhere as Santa Claus, Saint Nicholas is one of the oldest official saints of the Catholic Church. In the early 4th century, Nicholas served as the bishop of Myra, a Mediterranean city today known as Demre. Saint Nicholas attended the Council of Nicea in 325, which is credited for instituting the Nicene Creed, an early predecessor of the creed currently said at Mass.

Saint Nicholas is believed to have first become associated with Christmas because his feast date, like that of the Immaculate Conception, is close to the beginning of the Season. His link to the tradition of gift giving comes from a popular story. In Myra, there was a family of three daughters who were so poor that between them they did not have enough money for even one dowry, so none of them could marry. The eldest offered to sell herself into slavery to at least earn a dowry for the other two. On hearing of this, Nicholas anonymously sent three gifts of money to the family over three years. It is said that the first time he did so the money was thrown down the chimney, creating the myth of Santa Claus and chimneys.

Following Nicholas' death in 342, he became the subject of popular devotion and many stories spread of his miracles. Today we recognize Saint Nicholas not only as the mythical Santa Claus, but also as the patron saint of children.

2-Santa's Team

I remember my first Christmas party with Grandma. I was just a kid. I remember tearing across town on my bike to visit her on the day my big sister dropped the bomb: "There is no Santa Claus," she jeered. "Even dummies know that!"

My grandma was not the gushy kind, never had been. I fled to her that day because I knew she would be straight with me. I knew Grandma always told the truth, and I knew that the truth always went down a whole lot easier when swallowed with one of her world-famous cinnamon buns.

Grandma was home, and the buns were still warm. Between bites, I told her everything. She was ready for me. "No Santa Claus!" she snorted. "Ridiculous! Don't believe it. That rumor has been going around for years, and it makes me mad, plain mad. Now, put on your coat, and let's go."

"Go? Go where, Grandma?" I asked. I hadn't even finished my second cinnamon bun.

"Where" turned out to be Kerby's General Store, the one store in town that had a little bit of just about everything. As we walked through its doors, Grandma handed me ten dollars. That was a bundle in those days. "Take this money," she said, "and buy something for someone who needs it. I'll wait for you in the car." Then she turned and walked out of Kerby's.

I was only eight years old. I'd often gone shopping with my mother, but never had I shopped for anything all by myself. The store seemed big and crowded, full of people scrambling to finish their Christmas shopping. For a few moments I just stood there, confused, clutching that ten-dollar bill, wondering what to buy, and who on earth to buy it for.

I thought of everybody I knew: my family, my friends, my neighbors, the kids at school, and the people who went to my church. I was just about thought out, when I suddenly thought of Bobbie Decker. He was a kid with bad breath and messy hair, and he sat right behind me in Mrs. Pollock's grade-two class.

Bobbie Decker didn't have a coat. I knew that because he never went out for recess during the winter. His mother always wrote a note, telling the teacher that he had a cough, but all we kids knew that Bobbie Decker didn't have a cough, and he didn't have a coat. I fingered the ten-dollar bill with growing excitement. I would buy Bobbie Decker a coat.

I settled on a red corduroy one that had a hood to it. It looked real warm, and he would like that. "Is this a Christmas present for someone?" the lady behind the counter asked kindly, as I laid my ten dollars down. "Yes," I replied shyly. "It's ... for Bobbie." The nice lady smiled at me. I didn't get any change, but she put the coat in a bag and wished me a Merry Christmas.

That evening, Grandma helped me wrap the coat in Christmas paper and ribbons, and write, "To Bobbie, From Santa Claus" on it -- Grandma said that Santa always insisted on secrecy. Then she drove me over to Bobbie Decker's house, explaining as we went that I was now and forever officially one of Santa's helpers.

Grandma parked down the street from Bobbie's house, and she and I crept noiselessly and hid in the bushes by his front walk Then Grandma gave me a nudge. "All right, Santa Claus," she whispered, "get going."

I took a deep breath, dashed for his front door, threw the present down on his step, pounded his doorbell and flew back to the safety of the bushes and Grandma. Together we waited breathlessly in the darkness for the front door to open. Finally it did, and there stood Bobbie.

Forty years haven't dimmed the thrill of those moments spent shivering, beside my grandma, in Bobbie Decker's bushes. That night, I realized that those awful rumors about Santa Claus were just what Grandma said they were: ridiculous. Santa was alive and well, and we were on his team.

A Time to Laugh (385)

Tricky, Isn't it?

How Do You Catch a Unique Rabbit? Unique Up On It.

How Do You Catch a Tame Rabbit? Tame Way, Unique Up On It.

How Do Crazy People Go Through The Forest? They Take The Psycho Path.

How Do You Get Holy Water? You Boil The Hell Out Of It.

What Do Fish Say When They Hit a Concrete Wall? Dam!

What Do Eskimos Get From Sitting On The Ice too Long? Polaroid's.

What Do You Call a Boomerang That Doesn't work? A Stick.

What Do You Call Cheese That Isn't Yours? Nacho Cheese.

What Do You Call Santa's Helpers? Subordinate Clauses.

What Do You Call Four Bullfighters In Quicksand? Quattro Sinko.

What Do You Get From a Pampered Cow? Spoiled Milk.

What Do You Get When You Cross a Snowman With a Vampire? Frostbite.

What Lies At The Bottom Of The Ocean And Twitches? A Nervous Wreck.

What's The Difference Between Roast Beef And Pea Soup? Anyone Can Roast Beef.

Where Do You Find a Dog With No Legs? Right Where You Left Him.

Why Do Gorillas Have Big Nostrils? Because They Have Big Fingers.

Why Don't Blind People Like To Sky Dive? Because It Scares The Dog.

What Kind Of Coffee Was Served On The Titanic? Sanka.

What Is The Difference Between a Harley And a Hoover? The Location Of The Dirt Bag.

Why Did Pilgrims' Pants Always Fall Down? Because They Wore Their Belt Buckle On Their Hat.

What's The Difference Between a Bad Golfer And a Bad Skydiver? A Bad Golfer Goes, Whack, Dang! A Bad Skydiver Goes Dang! Whack.

How Are a Texas Tornado And a Tennessee Divorce The Same? Somebody's Gonna Lose A Trailer.

Try this

This is so funny that it will boggle your mind. And you will keep trying at least 50 more times to see if you can outsmart your foot, but you can't.

1. While sitting at your desk, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.

2. Now, while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction.

I told you so And there's nothing you can do about it!