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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



Revelation to Saint Joseph

- ***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

Revelation to Saint Joseph

Readings: Eph 3:1-13 and Mt 1:18-25

How many restless nights preceded the night of Joseph's blessed dream? Yes, he was her husband -the wedding contract had been drawn. It was the fruit of long and prayerful discernment, coming to what was a difficult decision for a vibrant young man: a virginal marriage with a very beautiful woman. They took time to come to that discernment, and it seemed in the end so clear and clearly a thing of grace. This beautiful young woman was truly one of God's chosen and he had been chosen to share life with her in a most special way. And now this! So incomprehensible. How could she possibly be pregnant? And yet the fact was undeniable. What did God want of him now?

Yes, there were many sleepless nights. Everything had been so clear, so beautiful. And now it was all a nightmare. Painfully, at last, the young man, a just man who truly wanted what God wanted, came to a decision and fell into a fitful sleep. And then came the dream. Only after he had done his very best to discern and say "YES" to God, did God finally allow him to enter into the mystery of love and give him the sure guidance he had so earnestly sought. Joseph would certainly understand the pain and confusion we sometimes experience in our quest for inner peace in the knowledge and fulfillment of God's holy will. His experience can assure us that if we do our best to know and do God's will, in the end the Lord will not let us down.

(PRAYER: Lord, I do want to do Your will. I don't always get it right. But I trust that in the end You will make the way clear to me).

Lower Your 2018 Income Tax Bill with End of Year Donation

One way to lower your income tax bill for this year is to make charitable contributions, which can be deducted from your income if you are planning to itemize your deductions when you file your 2018 income tax. Gifts you make to charities, such as **Our Lady of Lebanon Church**, are tax deductible. But in order for you to claim the deduction on your tax return for 2018, you must make the gift this year. That is important to keep in mind if you are planning on making a year-end gift. For example, if you are going to give money using a check, be sure the date on the check is on or before December 31st. Also, be sure to give the check to the church on or before that date. If your gift is \$250 or more, and you plan to claim the gift as a deduction on your tax return, the IRS requires that you have a letter or receipt from the church that received the gift. By the end of January, 2019 all donors –who donated \$250 or more– will receive a statement from **Our Lady of Lebanon Church**, stating their names and the amount of gift received –through checks or weekly offering envelopes– from January 1st, 2018, until December 31st, 2018. It is wise to keep the church statement with your tax records, in case the IRS questions your itemized deductions.

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 & 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*
- ☼ *Bill & Mary Daniel by Rebecca & Michael DiFabrizio*
- ☼ *Suzanne Linton by husband Mike*
- ☼ *Frances & Joseph Linton by sons Steve & Mike*
- ☼ *The deceased of our parish by Steve & Mike Linton*
- ☼ *Msgr. Bakhos' parents Adib & Sadie, his sister Mona & his brother Nadim by Steve & Mike Linton*

- ✠ Rick Frazier by his wife Luane
- ✠ The Saseen & Schlog Families by M.F.Saseen and sons
- ✠ The Habdo & Dougherty Families by Carol & Bill Dougherty
- ✠ Ralph & Mary J. Shipley & Robby Hunter by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ In honor of Dr. Alkhouri & his Family
- ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson & Nicholas & Amelia Elias, aunts: Mary, Jean, Helen, Margaret, Rosie & Madeline by their Family Tammy, Robbie, Don, Lori, Emma & Elijah
- ✠ Danny & Milly Manners by their daughter Nini Miller
- ✠ Nimon & Miriam Joseph Family by the Weisner and Joseph Families
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas Moses, Kenneth DeMuth & Stephen Rushkevich by Sandra DeMuth
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Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, Dec. 15-16: Revelation to Saint Joseph

Saturday December 15:

at 3:30 p.m.: Christmas Novena

at 4:00 p.m.: Mass

- ✠ Peter & Emma Peters
- ✠ Rita & Fred John
- ✠ Lottie Elwartoski (Birthday) by her son Richard

Sunday, December 16:

at 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena

at 10:30 a.m.: Mass

- ✠ Intentions of Steve Linton (Birthday) by his brother Mike Linton
- ✠ Mother of Jocelyn Chahine (Mahasen Kazour) by Bill & Carol Dougherty

Weekdays Masses

Monday December 17: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Tuesday December 18: No Mass. Pastor's day of vacation

Wednesday December 19: No Mass. Pastor's day of vacation

Thursday December 20 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

Friday, December 21: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Next Weekend, Dec. 22-23: Genealogy of Jesus

Saturday December 22:

at 3:30 p.m.: Christmas Novena

at 4:00 p.m.: Mass

- ✠ Kaiser & Jeannette Fadoul
- ✠ Bob Saseen by his wife Fran
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, December 23:

at 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena

at 10:30 a.m.: Mass

- ✠ Mother of Jocelyn Chahine (Mahasen Kazour) by Msgr Bakhos
- ✠ Sue, Joe & Frances Linton by Msgr. Bakhos

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24:

4:00 p.m.: **Christmas Children Mass** (Choir will sing)

10:00 p.m.: **Christmas Midnight Mass** (Choir will sing)

Tuesday, December 25: (Christmas is a Day of Obligation)

10:30 a.m.: **Christmas Day Morning Mass** (No Choir)

Monday, December 31st:

4:00 p.m.: **New Year's Eve Mass** (No Midnight Mass)

Tuesday, January 1, 2019: (New Year is a Day of Obligation)

10:30 a.m.: **New Year's Day Morning Mass**

Calendar of Parish Events

Children Santa Party <i>Sunday, Dec. 16th</i>	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. (All Women's Society members are asked to bring a bag of candy to be divided for the children .)
Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, December 22nd (5-9 p.m.)</i>
Christmas Basket Drawing, Dec. 23rd.	<i>The Christmas Basket Drawing will be held on Sunday, December 23rd.</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.

Note: There will be no OLOL Women's Society Meeting in December. Please attend the January 27th meeting so that we can discuss and plan upcoming events for the new year.

Birthdays' Wishes in the Coming Month:

December 19: Chris Wakim

December 22: Millet C. Fadoul

December 24: Paula Moses Neavin

December 25: Shelly Hancher

December 27: Luke Lenz, Jay Murad

December 29: Jeff Bentz

January 1: Nancy Joseph

January 3: Rosemary Coury

January 6: Gina Stees

January 7: Jacob Fadoul Wilson

January 10: Marjorie John, Mary Petros

January 11: Jennifer Klein

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)

Robert A. Nader, (uncle of Lou Kourey), 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 Shibben, Diane Palotay, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Mike O'Kane (brother-in-law of Nikki Popovich)

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,206.00	Sunday Collection
20.00	Bake sale
240.00	Bulletin ads
15.00	Coffee Hour
80.00	Christmas Dinner Dance
550.00	Donation to church
30.00	Donation to the poor
\$2,141.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Kourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton

What's New?

Mamool Molds for Sale

Dear Ladies of the church,

If you need 4-shape Mamool Mold like those used in the kitchen please put your order with Msgr. Bakhos. We have three left. Cost \$15.00 each.

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

Please bring items for the needy of our Parish and put them in the Holiday Barrell placed at the entrance of the church. As soon as we can fill few boxes of food, it will be distributed to needy people on your behalf. Please be the Santa Clause this year and instill a Christmas Joy in the hearts of the less fortunate among us.

Items for Sale at the Church:

Burghol #1 and #2 are available at the church. Please see Mike Linton or one of the Ladies of our church to purchase some.



Christmas Stories

1st Story

It happened in the third year before his death that St. Francis decided, in order to arouse devotion, to celebrate at Greccio with the greatest possible solemnity the memory of the birth of the Child Jesus. So that this would not be considered a type of novelty, he petitioned for and obtained permission from the Supreme Pontiff. He had a crib prepared, hay carried in and an ox and an ass led to the place. The friars are summoned, the people come, the forest resounds with their voices and that venerable night is rendered brilliant and solemn by a multitude of bright lights and by resonant and harmonious hymns of praise. The man of God stands before the crib, filled with affection, bathed in tears and overflowing with joy. A solemn Mass is celebrated over the crib, with Francis as deacon chanting the holy Gospel. Then he preaches to the people standing about concerning the birth of the poor King, whom, when he wished to name him, he called in his tender love, the Child of Bethlehem.

A certain virtuous and truthful knight, Sir John of Greccio, who had abandoned worldly military activity out of love of Christ and had become an intimate friend of the man of God, claimed that he saw a beautiful little boy asleep in the crib and that the blessed father Francis embraced it in both of his arms and seemed to wake it from sleep.

Not only does the holiness of the witness make credible this vision of the devout knight, but also the truth it expresses proves its validity and the subsequent miracles confirm it.

For Francis' example when considered by the world is capable of arousing the hearts of those who are sluggish in the faith of Christ.

The hay from the crib was kept by the people and miraculously cured sick animals and drove away different kinds of pestilence.

Thus God glorified his servant in every way and demonstrated the efficacy of his holy prayer by the evident signs of wonderful miracles.

2nd Story

I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse, and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job: a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill quit and his ancient one ton truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands. When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss. Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier. "Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again." "Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

A Time to Laugh (389)

Bottle of wine

Mary was driving home from one of her business trips in Northern Arizona when she saw an old woman walking on the side of the road. As the trip was a long and quiet one, she stopped the car and asked the old woman if she would like a ride.

With a silent nod of thanks, the old woman got into the car. Resuming the journey, Mary tried in vain to make a bit of small talk with the old woman. The old woman just sat silently, looking intently at everything she saw, studying every little detail, until she noticed a brown bag on the seat next to Mary.

"What's in the bag?" asked the old woman.

Mary looked down at the brown bag and said, "It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my husband."

The old woman was silent for another moment or two.

Then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder, she said, "Good trade."

Animal Heaven

A Cat died and went to heaven. God met her at the golden gate and said, "You have been a good cat all of these years. Anything you want is yours for the asking."

The cat thought for a minute and then said, "All my life I lived on a farm and slept on hard wooden floors. I would like a real fluffy pillow to sleep on."

God said, "Say no more."

Instantly the cat had a huge fluffy pillow.

A few days later, six mice were killed in an accident and they all went to heaven at the same time. God met the mice at the gates of heaven with the same offer that he made the cat. The mice said, "Well we have had to run all of our lives, from cats, dogs and even people with brooms. If we could just have some little roller skates we would never have to run again."

God answered, "It is done." All the mice had beautiful little roller skates...

About a week later God decided to check on the cat. He found her sound asleep on her fluffy pillow. God gently awakened the cat and asked, "Is everything OK? How have you been doing? Are you happy?"

The cat replied, "Oh it is wonderful. I have never been so happy in my life. My pillow is so fluffy and those little meals on wheels you have been sending over are delicious."

Answering Service At The Mental Institute

"Hello, and welcome to the mental health hotline.

If you are obsessive-compulsive, press 1 repeatedly.

If you are co-dependent, please ask someone to press 2 for you.

If you have multiple personalities, press 3, 4, 5, and 6.

If you are paranoid, we know who you are and what you want. Stay on the line so we can trace your call.

If you are delusional, press 7 and your call will be transferred to the mother ship.

If you are schizophrenic, listen carefully and a small voice will tell you which number to press.

If you are manic depressive, it doesn't matter which number you press, no one will answer.

If you have a nervous disorder, please fidget with the hash key until someone comes on the line.

If you are dyslexic, press 6969696969.

If you have amnesia, press 8 and state your name, address, phone number, date of birth, social security number, and your mother's maiden name.

If you have post-traumatic-stress disorder, slowly and carefully press 000.

If you have bipolar disorder, please leave a message after the beep, or before the beep, or after the beep. Please wait for the beep.

If you have short-term memory loss, press 9. If you have short term memory loss, press 9. If you have short term memory loss, press 9. If you have short term memory loss, press 9.

If you have low self esteem, please hang up. All our operators are too busy to talk to you."

They Mean Business

Little Zachary was doing very badly in math.

His parents had tried everything... Tutors, Mentors, flash cards, Special learning centers. In short, everything they could think of to help his math.

Finally, in a last ditch effort, they took Zachary down and enrolled him in the local Catholic school. After the first day, little Zachary came home with a very serious look on his face. He didn't even kiss his mother Hello. Instead, he went straight to his room and started studying. Books and papers were spread out all over the room and little Zachary was hard at work. His mother was amazed. She called him down to dinner.

To her shock, the minute he was done, he marched back to his room without a word, and in no time, he was back hitting the books as hard as before. This went on for some time, day after day, while the mother tried to understand what made all the difference. Finally, little Zachary brought home his report card. He quietly laid it on the table, went up to his room and hit the books. With great trepidation, his Mom looked at it and to her great surprise, Little Zachary got an "A" in math. She could no longer hold her curiosity.

She went to his room and said, "Son, what was it? Was it the nuns?" Little Zachary looked at her and Shook his head, no. "Well, then," she replied, was it the books, the discipline, the structure, the uniforms? "WHAT WAS IT ALREADY?"

Little Zachary looked at her and said, "Well, on the first day of school when I saw that guy nailed to the plus sign, I knew they weren't fooling around.