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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



Finding Jesus in the Temple

- ***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

Finding Jesus in the Temple

Readings: Heb 7:11-19 and Lk 2:41-52

The Child Jesus in the Temple: when he was twelve years old he remained in Jerusalem. His parents not knowing where he was seek earnestly everywhere for him, but do not find him. They seek him among the people they know, and among all these they do not find him. Jesus is therefore sought for by his parents, by the father who is his guardian, and was the companion of his flight into Egypt; and yet when he is looked for he is not found. Jesus is not found among his kindred and blood relations; not among those who have bodily ties with him. In the company of the throng my Jesus cannot be found. Learn where those who seek him will find him; that you, seeking with Mary and Joseph may find him.

And *seeking him*, says the Evangelist, *they found him in the temple*. Not anywhere, but in the Temple. And not simply in the temple, but sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions. Do you therefore seek him in the temple of God: seek him in the Church: seek him among the teachers who are in the temple, and who depart not from it. If you so seek him you will find him. Further, if any one calls himself a teacher, and has not Jesus with him, he is a teacher only in name, and with such a one Jesus the Word of God, and his wisdom, cannot be found.

Many Thanks

Many Thanks to all my parishioners and friends who showered me with their support during my 27th Anniversary to the priesthood and Christmas. I appreciate it so much and pray that I will be able to return your goodness many folds. As I pray for you every day, please pray for me so that together we share the grace of Christ. –Msgr Bakhos

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.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, Dec. 29-30: Finding Jesus in the Temple

Saturday December 29 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Sue Brubach by D.J. Knittel
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, December 30 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Intentions of Msgr Bakhos' Benefactors by Msgr Bakhos
- ✠ Sue, Joe and Frances Linton by Msgr Bakhos

New Year Mass Schedule

Monday, December 31st:

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

✠ Intentions of Msgr Bakhos' Benefactors by Msgr Bakhos

✠ Good health & speedy recovery of all our sick Parishioners by Msgr Bakhos

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

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

Weekdays Masses

Wednesday January 2: No Mass. Pastor's day of vacation

Thursday January 3 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Sue Brubach (Birthday) by Melissa Mischick

✠ Nicholas Abraham Ghaphery Sr.

✠ Deceased of the Saseen and Long Families

Friday, January 4: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Next Weekend, January 5-6: Epiphany (Baptism of our Lord)

Saturday January 5 at 4:00 p.m.: (Blessing of the Holy Water)

✠ Vernon "Sonny" Hancher (Anniversary) by his wife Regina and children

✠ Jean and Doug Bentz (Anniversary) by Millet & Susie Fadoul

✠ Living & Deceased of Thomas Brock Jr.

Sunday, January 6 at 10:30 a.m.: (Blessing of the Holy Water)

✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family

Birthdays' Wishes in the Coming Month:

- 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
- January 17: George Weisner
- January 22: Nick Bedway
- January 23: Dale Seidler Jr., Lisa Breiding
- January 26: Chris DeMuth
- January 28: Nikki Popovich
- January 29: Sandra Dusick

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)

Brian Logan (son-in-law of Larry Siebieda), Diane Palotay, Robert A. Nader, (uncle of Lou Khourey), 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, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Mike O'Kane (brother-in-law of Nikki Popovich)

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$2,796.00	Sunday Collection
59.00	Candles
1,150.00	Donation to the church
150.00	Parking
30.00	Donation to the poor
\$4,185.00	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?

Available items for Sale at the Church:

--Burghol #1 and #2 wrapped in 2lb bags.

--**There are only two** Mamool Molds with 4-shapes each like those used in the kitchen. Cost \$15.00 each. Please see Mike Linton or one of the Ladies of our church to purchase some.

Censor needed for the church.

Do you need to leave a Memorial for your beloved ones? Here is the opportunity. The church is in need of a new censor to replace our old one after it is done. It is a special one for the Eastern Rite. It costs \$850 including shipping and handling. Your donation will be tax deductible. Please call Msgr Bakhos 233-1688

Buy Bulletin Ad and help the church.

Would you like to place an Ad on the last page of our Weekly Bulletin? By buying an Ad you help defray the cost of printing the bulletin and promote your business. Please contact Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688 or Charlotte at 304-639-1372. Cost is \$120 per year.



Story

In January 2000, leaders in Charlotte, North Carolina, invited their favorite speaker, Billy Graham, to a luncheon in his honor. Billy initially hesitated to accept the invitation because he struggles with Parkinson's disease. But the Charlotte leaders said, "We don't expect a major address. Just come and let us honor you." So he agreed.

After wonderful things were said about him, Dr. Graham stepped to the rostrum, looked at the crowd, and said, "I'm reminded today of Albert Einstein, the great physicist who this month has been honored by Time magazine as the Man of the Century. Einstein was once traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of each passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his other pocket. It wasn't there, so he looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat by him. He couldn't find it.

The conductor said, 'Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it.' Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket. The conductor rushed back and said, 'Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry. I know who you are. No problem. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one.' Einstein looked at him and said, 'Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going.'"

Having said that, Billy Graham continued, "See the suit I'm wearing? It's a brand new suit. My wife, my children, and my grandchildren are telling me I've gotten a little slovenly in my old age. I used to be a bit more fastidious. So I went out and bought a new suit for this luncheon and one more occasion. You know what that occasion is? This is the suit in which I'll be buried. But when you hear I'm dead, I don't want you to immediately remember the suit I'm wearing. I want you to remember this: I not only know who I am, I also know where I'm going."

A Time to Laugh (391)

The Dachshund, the leopard, and the monkey.

A wealthy old lady decided to go on a photo safari in Africa. She took her faithful pet dachshund along for company.

One day, the dachshund starts chasing butterflies and before long the dachshund discovers that he is lost. So, wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the obvious intention of having lunch.

The dachshund thinks, "OK, I'm in deep trouble now! Then he noticed some bones on the ground close by, and immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat.

Just as the leopard is about to leap, the dachshund exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard. I wonder if there are any more around here."

Hearing this, the leopard halts his attack in mid-stride. A look of terror comes over him, and he slinks away into the trees.

"Whew," says the leopard. "That was close. That dachshund nearly had me."

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So, off he goes.

But the dachshund saw him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figured that something must be up. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard.

The leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine."

Now the dachshund sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back, and thinks, "What am I going to do now?" But instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet. Just when they get close enough to hear, the dachshund says, "Where's that damn monkey? I sent him off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard!"

Stay Awake

A beggar saw a banker coming out of his office and said: "*Could you give me a dime, sir, for a cup of coffee?*" The banker felt sorry for this man who looked bedraggled and distraught. He said: "*Here's a dollar. Take it and have ten cups of coffee.*" The next day the beggar was there again at the steps of the banker's office and as the banker came out he punched him.

"*Hey,*" said the banker. "*What are you doing?*" "*You and your lousy ten cups of coffee. They kept me awake the whole of last night.*"

Do You Want To Go To Heaven?

Father Murphy walked into a pub in Donegal, and said to the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?" The man said, "I do Father."

The priest said, "Then leave this pub right now!" and approached a second man. "Do you want to go to heaven?" "Certainly, Father," was the man's reply.

"Then leave this den of Satan," said the priest, as he walked up to O'Toole.

"Do you want to go to heaven?" "No, I don't Father," O'Toole replied. The priest looked him right in the eye, and said, "You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole smiled, "Oh, when I die, yes, Father. I thought you were getting a group together to go now."