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Bulletin #1

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



Epiphany (Baptism of our Lord)

- ***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

Epiphany (Baptism of our Lord)

Readings: Tit 2:11-3:7 and Lk 3:15-22

***“John was in the wilderness baptizing and proclaiming
a baptism of penance for the forgiveness of sins”***

The Church ends this Joyous season of Christmas with the recounting of Jesus' baptism. We are moving into Epiphany Season and today's readings dampen our spirits a bit. True, we hear the poetry of Isaiah that sets the stage for the coming of a Messiah. True, we hear John's prophecy, and we hear the voice from heaven declaring: ***“You are my Son, the Beloved.”*** True, these are beautiful and inspiring stories. But they cause us to think of Great Lent.

It is that whole symbolism of baptism thing, the plunging into the waters of chaos and death, dying to self in order to rise a new creation. All of Lent draws us to baptism, to go out into the wilderness and face our demons, so that we can ultimately conquer them and journey to Jerusalem to die with Christ.

The romance of new birth ends and the reality of 2 o'clock feedings weary our souls. The decorations are stored away and the winter blahs chill our hearts. We're not yet ready for these stories of the man Jesus. We want to enjoy the stories of the child Jesus a little longer, gradually adjust to his growing and maturing and beginning his short-lived career. But we are plunged, as in baptism; plunged into the reality of Christian discipleship.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This 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

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, January 7: No Mass. Clergy Retreat

Tuesday, January 8: No Mass. Clergy Retreat

Wednesday, January 9: No Mass. Clergy Retreat

Thursday, January 10: No Mass. Clergy Retreat

Friday, January 11: No Mass. Clergy Retreat

Next Weekend, January 12-13: 1st Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday January 12 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Living & Deceased of the Saseen Family by George & Susan Saseen and Family
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, January 13 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Nancy Stees Hartman (Birthday) by Mary Zaid & Bill Stees
- ✠ George Thomas by his wife Mary

Calendar of Parish Events

Women's Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, January 27th following Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>
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Birthdays' Wishes in the Coming Month:

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
 February 2: David John, Doug Bratton
 February 4: Lindsay Carl

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 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 Shiben, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Mike O'Kane (brother-in-law of Nikki Popovich)

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1178.00	Sunday Collection
18.00	Candles
12.00	Coffee hour
30.00	Parking
30.00	Donation to the poor
\$1268.00	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?

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

Bill owns a company that manufactures and installs car wash systems. Bill's company installed a car wash system in Frederick, Maryland. Now, understand that these are complete systems, including the money changer and money taking machines.

The problem started when the new owner complained to Bill that he was losing significant amounts of money from his coin machines each week.

He went as far as to accuse Bill's employees of having a key to the boxes and ripping him off. Bill just couldn't believe that his people would do that, so they set up a camera to catch the thief in action. Well, they did catch him on film!

That's a bird sitting on the change slot of the machine.

The bird had to go down into the machine, and back up inside to get to the money!

That's three quarters he has in his beak! Another amazing thing is that it was not just one bird -- there were several working together. Once they identified the thieves, they found over \$4,000 in quarters on the roof of the car wash and more under a nearby tree.

And you thought you heard of everything!!

You might know that it is a Starling.

This gives a new twist to the term "nest egg".

And to think the phrase 'bird brain' is associated with being dumb. Not these birds. Share the story!!

A Time to Laugh (392)

Noisy Water

In ancient India water used to be drawn out of wells by means of the Persian wheel, a convenient device whose only drawback was the great noise it made when in operation.

One day a horseman happened to pass by a farm and demanded water for his horse. The farmer gladly put the Persian wheel in motion but the horse, unaccustomed as it was to the noise, wouldn't come anywhere near the well.

"Can't you stop the noise so that my horse can drink?" asked the horseman.

"I'm afraid that isn't possible, sir," said the farmer. "If your horse wishes to drink, he will have to take the water with the noise, for water comes only with noise here."

Weather Forecasting

It was October and the Indians on a remote reservation asked their new Chief if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild. Since he was a Chief in a modern society, he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky, he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like.

Nevertheless, to be on the safe side he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the village should collect firewood to be prepared. But being a practical leader, after several days he got an idea. He went to the phone booth, called the National Weather Service and asked, "Is the coming winter going to be cold?"

"It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold," the meteorologist at the weather service responded. So, the Chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more firewood in order to be prepared.

A week later he called the National Weather Service again. "Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?" "Yes," the man at National Weather Service again replied, "it's going to be a very cold winter." The Chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find. Two weeks later the Chief called the National Weather Service again. "Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?" "Absolutely," the man replied. "It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever." "How can you be so sure?" the Chief asked. The weatherman replied, "The Indians are collecting firewood like crazy."

Famous Quote

"Father, bless this person in whatever it is that You know he or she may be needing this day!"

Blonde Horseback Riding

A blonde decides to try horseback riding, even though she has had no lessons, nor prior experience. She mounts the horse unassisted, and the horse immediately springs into motion. It gallops along at a steady and rhythmic pace, but the blonde begins to slide from the saddle.

In terror, she grabs for the horse's mane, but cannot seem to get a firm grip. She tries to throw her arms around the horse's neck, but she slides down the horse's side anyway. The horse gallops along, seemingly impervious to its slipping rider.

Finally, giving up her frail grip, the blonde attempts to leap away from the horse and throw herself to safety. Unfortunately, her foot has become entangled in the stirrup; she is now at the mercy of the horse's pounding hooves as her head is struck against the ground over and over. As her head is battered against the ground, she is mere moments away from unconsciousness when to her great fortune Frank, the Wal-Mart greeter, sees her dilemma and unplugs the horse. And you thought all they did was say Hello.

Truth

Old actress: *"I really don't know my age. It keeps changing from minute to minute."*

Truth

An American tourist was traveling abroad for the first time. On arrival at his first foreign airport, he was faced with a choice between two passageways. One of which was marked CITIZENS and the other ALIENS. He promptly headed for the first one. When told later that he would have to stand in the other line. He protested, *"But I'm no alien, I'm an American."*

Truth

When the English playwright Oscar Wilde arrived at his club late at night after witnessing the first presentation of a play that had been a complete failure, someone asked, *"How did your play go tonight, Oscar?"* *"Oh,"* said Wilde, *"the play was a great success. The audience was a failure."*

Grace

The President of the largest Banking Corporation in the world was in hospital. One of the Vice-Presidents came to visit him with this message:

"I bring you the good wishes of our board of directors, that you should be restored to health and live to be hundred years. That's an official resolution passed by the majority of 15 to 6 with 2 abstentions."