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Bulletin #9

## ***Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church***

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**We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.**



### ***Entrance to Great Lent Cana Sunday***

- \***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

## ***Cana Sunday (Entrance to Great Lent)***

Readings: Rom 14:14-23 and Jn 2:1-11

The changing of water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana is the first public miracle noted in John's Gospel. According to the account as we have it, Jesus was possibly reluctant even to perform this miracle. Did Mary know he could do it? Why did she force his hand? Did either of them realize how dire the ultimate results of Jesus "GOING PUBLIC" would be?

Isaiah makes it clear that God desires a covenanted relationship with us -a relationship akin to that which exists between a loving husband and wife. Thus, the gospel blesses this marital covenant: "JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES" are among the invited guests at this wedding in Cana, and his transformation of the water directly heightens the celebratory mood of the assembled community.

Today's gospel tells us that this "FIRST OF HIS SIGNS ... REVEALED HIS GLORY; AND HIS DISCIPLES BELIEVED IN HIM." Didn't his disciples "BELIEVE IN HIM" before they came to Cana? Why else would they have been disciples? Or do the believers now include all those present at the wedding feast?

What is the larger mystery here? Can it be that everything begins with faith and hope and love -with relationship?

The "WEDDING IN CANA OF GALILEE" points us to the mystery of covenant and community and celebration, of gifts and service and Eucharist, of birth and death and life everlasting.

### ***Season of Great Lent***

According to the Maronite tradition, the Great Lent recalls the gestures of mercy of the Savior toward His people. This fifty-day period invites the believer to meditate on the sinful human condition, and the meaning of the salvific sufferings and death of Christ. These fifty days reflect the penitential tone and monastic spirit of the Maronite Church. The Sundays of the Great Lent are: Cana Sunday, the Sundays of: the Leper, the Hemorrhaging Woman, the Prodigal Son, the Paralytic, the Blind, and Palm Sunday.

## ***Regulations for Great Lent 2019***

Then to all Christ said, "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps" (Lk 9:23).

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics. Accordingly, the Pope, the Patriarch and the American bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence. Our Eparchial Regulations are:

--Ash Monday (Marsh 4) and Great Friday (Good) Friday (April 19) are days of *abstinence* for all Catholics *over the age of 14*. On these two days, *fast* as well as abstinence is also obligatory for those *from the ages of 18-59*. Abstinence means abstinence from meat and meat products. Fast means no food from midnight to noon – except for plain water. No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

--All other Fridays of Lent are days of *abstinence* from meat (and meat products) for everyone 14 years of age and older. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

--Fasting from midnight to noon daily is optional.

### **Why Do Maronites Have Ash Monday?**

The Maronite Liturgical cycle goes by week from one week to the next. All Maronite Liturgical functions start on Sunday because Sunday commands the whole week which follows it. Lent in the Maronite Church begins on Cana Sunday or Entrance into the Great Lent. Ashes are given on Monday to begin the Great Lent that ends on Easter Sunday.

## *Divine Liturgy Schedule*

### ***This Weekend, March 2-3: Cana Sunday (Entrance to Lent)***

**Saturday March 2 at 4:00 p.m.: No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament during lent Season. Instead, there will be Benediction of the Holy Cross on Fridays during lent after the Stations of the Cross.**

✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

✠ Special Intention

**Sunday, March 3 at 10:30 a.m.: No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament during lent Season. Instead, there will be Benediction of the Holy Cross on Fridays during lent after the Stations of the Cross.**

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

✠ Dale Seidler, Sr., by wife Nettie & family

### ***Ash Monday & Ash Wednesday Distribution Schedule***

Ash Monday, March 4:

**12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash**

**5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash**

Ash Wednesday, March 6:

**12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash**

**5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash**

### ***Weekdays Mass Schedule***

**Ash Monday, March 4:**

**12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash**

✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)

**5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash**

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

**Tuesday, March 5:** No Mass. Pastor's day of vacation

**Ash Wednesday, March 6:**

**12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash**

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

**5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash**

✠ Deceased Members of our Family and our parishioners

**Thursday, March 7 at 12:05 p.m.:**

✠ Helen Fielding (on her Birthday) by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

**Friday, March 8 at 5:30 p.m.:** Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction

✠ Deceased Members of our Family and our parishioners

### ***Next Weekend, March 9-10: Sunday of the Leper***

**Saturday March 9 at 4:00 p.m.:**

✠ Special Intention

**Sunday, March 10 at 10:30 a.m.:**

✠ William Breit

✠ Betty Abraham, Clara Carter and Evelyn Goodson by the Weisner & Joseph Families

✠ Tom Jalad (Anniversary) by his Family

## Calendar of Parish Events

<b>Work Days for St. Maron Dinner</b>	<i>Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. (Bake Cookies) Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. (Cook Chicken) Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. (Make Kibbee)</i>
<b>Saint Maron Dinner</b>	<i>Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.</i>
<b>Bake Sale</b>	<i>Orders due by Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> Baking days: Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Pick up days: Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, &amp; Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>.</i>
<b>Mahrajan (Festival)</b>	<i>Saturday &amp; Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup>.</i>

## Easter Lilies

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

These Easter Lilies to decorate the church and the tomb of Christ are sponsored by the following generous parishioners in memory of their beloved:

- ✠ Gladys Howard & Louise N. Khourey, Sr., by Lou & Charlotte Khourey and Family*
- ✠ Mary K. Ferris by Tom & Denise Ferris*
- ✠ Msgr. Bakhos' parents Adib & Sadie, brother Nadim & sister Mona*
- ✠ LaVerne Thomas and Evelyn Hall by Dr Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn*
- ✠ Elias & Siham Frenn by Dr Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn*
- ✠ The Rohana and Rahi Families by Alicia Peklinsky*
- ✠ Don & Emily Vince and Patricia Gompers by Matt & Vicki Gompers*
- ✠ Ralph & Mary J. Shipley and Robby Hunter by Thomasina Geimer*
- ✠ Deceased of the Saseen and Schlog Families by Fran Saseen*
- ✠ Deceased of the Strawn and Thomas Families by Rex & Rita Strawn*
- ✠ Deceased of the Nolte and Shutler Families by Janet Shutler*
- ✠ Deceased of the Mushet and Harris Families by Veronica Mushet*
- ✠ Deceased of the Montalbano and Popovich Families by Joe & Nikki Popovich*
- ✠ Msgr. Bakhos' parents Adib & Sadie, brother Nadim & sister Mona by Steve & Mike Linton*
- ✠ Suzanne Linton by her husband Mike*
- ✠ Frances & Joseph Linton by their sons Steve & Mike*
- ✠ Deceased of our Parish by Steve & Mike Linton*
- ✠ Deceased members of the Bine & Gaudio Families by Shirley Bine*
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt and Family*
- ✠ In honor of Bill & Carol Dougherty*
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## Diocesan Appeal

**All parishioners will receive after Ash Monday from the church a letter about their Easter Obligation. Many Thanks for those who fulfilled earlier their Easter Obligation for this year. May God reward you manyfolds and bless your fasting.**

Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Millet & Susie Fadoul, Dave & Debbie Sengewalt, Anonymous,

## ***Mahrajan Updates*** (Saturday and Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>)

### **--Mahrajan Sponsors**

The Mahrajan Committee decided that all Mahrajan Sponsors will be recognized on five levels in many advertisement spots.

<b>Presenting Sponsor: \$2,500</b>	Wheeling Convention & Visitors Bureau by Frank O'Brein
<b>Platinum Sponsor: \$1,000</b>	
<b>Gold Sponsor: \$500</b>	
<b>Silver Sponsor: \$250</b>	
<b>Bronze Sponsor: \$100</b>	

Please consider making a donation at one of these levels to support the Mahrajan, to help defray its expenses (approx. \$25,000) and to insure its continuation for future generations. --Msgr. Bakhos

### ***Birthdays' Wishes in the Coming Month:***

March 4:	Jeff Sengewalt
March 5:	Philip Carl
March 6:	Kristen McLaughlin
March 10:	Liam George
March 12:	Lindsey Coffield
March 15:	Shelby Imer, Scott Hancher
March 18:	John Shibben, Kenny Imer, Bill Stees, Patrick Petros
March 21:	Caroline Stees McDowell
March 22:	Jennifer Imer
March 26:	Joseph John
March 30:	Gregory John
March 31:	Jonas George
April 1:	Patrick Sengewalt

### ***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)

Luane Frazier, Sandra Dusick, Linda Duffy, Bill Dougherty, Brian Logan (son-in-law of Larry Siebieda), Robert A. Nader, (uncle of Lou Khourey), Phil Geimer, Austin Strawn (grandson of Rex Strawn), Debbie Crumpler (sister of Nini Miller), Shirley & Jim George, Justin Frenn, John Shibben

<b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b>	
\$908.00	Sunday Collection
100.00	Diocesan Appeal
19.00	Candles
24.00	Coffee hour
635.00	St. Maron Dinner
1,575.00	Mahrajan
30.00	Parking
6.00	Easter Lillies
5.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to the poor
\$3,332.00	<b>Total Deposits:</b> <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?*

### *Faithful Departed updated*

Were added to the list of the Faithful Departed:

✠ *John & Mary Ritts by their Children*

✠ *Deceased of the Dellget & Thomas Families by Rita & Rex Strawn*

✠ *Deceased of the Strawn Family by Rita & Rex Strawn*

✠ *Mary Drane (great Aunt) by Ingrid & Josh Hendrickson*

## *Around Us*

### *Regional NAM Convention* (Friday-Sunday, March 8-10)

Where: St. Anthony of Padua Maronite church, Cincinnati, Ohio

When: Fri-Sunday, March 8-10

Cost: \$139.00 Group rate

For Information and reservation ask Msgr Bakhos or call 304-233-1688

### *Maronite Lenten Retreat* (Saturday, April 6)

Where: National Shrine, Ohio

Theme: "Forgiveness in the Most difficult circumstances"

Cost: \$75.00 including meals

For Information and reservation call 914-964-3070

### *Italian Gnocchi Sale* (Saturday, April 13)

Where: St. Mary, 20 – N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Martins Ferry, Ohio

Order due by: April 13<sup>th</sup> (Call 740-633-3877) Pick up date: April 13, 2019



## *Story*

Two brothers worked together on a family *farm*. One was unmarried and the other married with children. They always shared equally what they grew, both produce and profit. But one day the single brother said to himself, "*You know, it's not right that we should share the produce equally, and the profit, too. After all, I'm all alone, just by myself, and my needs are simple. But there is my poor brother with a wife and all those children.*" So each night, in the middle of the night he took a sack of grain from his bin, crept over the field between their houses, and dumped it into his brother's bin.

Meanwhile, unknown to him, his brother had a similar thought. He said to himself, "*It is not right that we should share produce and profit equally. After all, I am married, and I have my wife to look after me and my children for years to come. But my brother has no one, and no one to take care of his future.*" So he, too, in the middle of the night, took a sack of grain from his bin and sneaked across the field to deposit it in his brother's. Each night for years the brothers would sneak a sack of grain into the other's bin. And both were puzzled for years why their supply did not dwindle.

Well, one night it just so happened that they both set out for each other's house at the same time. In the dark they bumped into each other carrying their sacks. Each was startled, but then it slowly dawned on them what was happening. They dropped their sacks and embraced one another. Suddenly the dark sky lit up, and a voice from heaven spoke, "*Here at last is the place where I will build my Church. For where brothers meet in love, there my Presence shall dwell.*"

### *When a man volunteers to BBQ for his woman:*

- 1- The woman goes to the store.
- 2- The woman fixes the salad, vegetables, and dessert.
- 3- The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils, and takes it to the man, who is lounging beside the grill, drinking a beer.

- 4- The man places the meat on the grill.
- 5- The woman goes inside to set the table and check the vegetables.
- 6- The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is burning.
- 7- The man takes the meat off the grill and hands it to the woman.
- 8- The woman prepares the plates and brings them to the table.
- 9- After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.
- 10- The man asks the woman how she enjoyed "her night off."

*And, upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women.*

## ***A Time to Laugh (399)***

### ***Gotta love the Irish***

This is the transcription of the ACTUAL radio conversation between the British and the Irish off the coast of Kerry, Ireland, October 1998.

IRISH: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

BRITISH: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a collision.

IRISH: Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

BRITISH: This is the Captain of a British Navy Ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

IRISH: Negative. I say again, you will have to divert YOUR course.

BRITISH: This is the aircraft carrier HMS Britannia! The second largest ship in the British Atlantic Fleet. We are accompanied by three destroyers, three cruisers and numerous support vessels. Demand you change your course 15 degree north. I say again, that is 15 degrees north or counter measures will be undertaken to ensure the safety of this ship.

IRISH: We are a lighthouse ... Your Call.

### ***Taxes***

A tax assessor came one day to a poor Christian to determine the amount of taxes he would have to pay.

The following conversation took place: "What property do you possess?" asked the assessor. "I am a very wealthy man," replied the Christian. "List your possessions, please," the assessor instructed. The Christian said:

I have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

I have a mansion in heaven. (John 14:2)

I have peace that passes all understanding. (Philippians 4:7)

I have joy unspeakable. (1 Peter 1:8)

I have divine love which never fails. (1 Corinthians 13:8)

I have a faithful wife. (Proverbs 31:10)

I have healthy, happy obedient children. (Exodus 20:12)

I have true, loyal friends. (Proverbs 18:24)

I have songs in the night. (Psalms 42:8)

I have a crown of life. (James 1:12)

The tax assessor closed his book, and said, "Truly you are a very rich man, but your property is not subject to taxation."

### ***Praise the Lord***

Every day a woman stood on her porch and shouted, "Praise the Lord!"

And every day the atheist next door yelled back, "There is no Lord!"

One day she prayed, "Lord, I'm hungry. Please send me groceries."

The next morning, she found a big bag of food on the stairs. "Praise the Lord," she shouted.

"I told you there was no Lord," her neighbor said, jumping from behind a bush. "I bought those groceries."

"Praise the Lord," the woman said. "He not only sent me groceries, but he made the devil pay for them."