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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



Sunday of the Leper

- ***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

Sunday of the Leper

Readings: Rom 6:12-23 and Mk 1:35-45

When Jesus lived, leprosy was not just an incurable physical ailment: it amounted to social and religious death. Moreover, it was viewed as the severest sentence that God passed on the sinner. Isaiah depicts the guilty people of God as lepers, and he uses this imagery also to describe the mysterious servant who expiates Israel's sin.

The meeting between Jesus and the leper thus becomes highly significant. Impurity meets up with the "Holy"; the outcast meets the Servant, Himself a future outcast; leprosy which defiles comes into contact with the one who makes pure. Here sin confronts its choicest victim, evil its cure. In the person of this leper the Savior touches and purifies the whole sinful world. Thus, in spite of the injunction to secrecy, the religious authorities to which Jesus sent the man He had just cured should have recognized that the Messiah had come and that through Him the social outcasts and the living-dead had rehabilitated.

In differing degrees the lepers of today are the various outcasts of our society. These are the incurable invalids we shut away in hospitals and forget about; they are those who live on the margins of our society in subhuman conditions, and the others rejected by our society for one reason or another. We must learn from Jesus. Each of us is leprosy; each of us has a hidden uncleanness, which we need to reveal to Jesus, in order to obtain healing and wholeness from Him and to be readmitted into the society of the saved. Once we have been touched and cleansed, we must proclaim God's Word and, following Jesus' example, welcome in their human dignity those who before were cast out or rejected.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, March 9-10: Sunday of the Leper

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

- ✠ Sandra Dusick by Helen & Brann Altmeyer
- ✠ Special Intention

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

- ✠ William Breit
- ✠ Betty Abraham, Clara Carter & Evelyn Goodson by the Weisner & Joseph Families
- ✠ Tom Jalad (Anniversary) by his Family

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, March 11: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Tuesday, March 12: No Mass. Pastor's day of vacation

Wednesday, March 13 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

Thursday, March 14 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Sandra Dusick by George & Jean Weisner
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

Friday, March 15 at 5:30 p.m.: Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction

- ✠ Sandra Dusick by Earl & Linda Duffy

Next Weekend, Mar. 16-17: Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman

Saturday March 16 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ John Wilson by his wife Judy Wilson
- ✠ Sandra Dusick by Lou & Charlotte Khourey
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Mary J. Shipley & Robby Hunter (Anniversary) by Thomasina Geimer & Family

✠ Patricia Gedden by her aunt Nettie Seidler & children Dale and Brian

Calendar of Parish Events

Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, March 11th at 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall (Rita Strawn, Sandy DeMuth & Mary Thomas Hosting)</i>
Work Days for St. Maron Dinner	<i>Monday, March 18th, 9:00 a.m. (Bake Cookies) Tuesday, March 19th, 9:00 a.m. (Cook Chicken) Wednesday, March 20th, 9:00 a.m. (Make Kibbee)</i>
Saint Maron Dinner	<i>Sunday, March 24th from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.</i>
Women Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, March 31st, following Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>
Bake Sale	<i>Orders due by Monday, April 29th Baking days: Monday, May 6th, Tuesday, May 7th & Wednesday, May 8th, Pick up days: Wednesday, May 8th, & Thursday May 9th.</i>
Mahrajan (Festival)	<i>Saturday & Sunday, August 10th & 11th.</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 & Family*
- ✠ Mary K. Ferris by Tom & Denise Ferris*
- ✠ Msgr. Bakhos' parents Adib & Sadie, brother Nadim & sister Mona*
- ✠ 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*
- ✠ Ralph & Mary J. Shipley & Robby Hunter by Thomasina Geimer*
- ✠ Deceased of the Saseen & Schlog Families by Fran Saseen*
- ✠ Deceased of the Strawn & Thomas Families by Rex & Rita Strawn*
- ✠ Deceased of the Nolte & Shutler Families by Janet Shutler*
- ✠ Deceased of the Mushet & Harris Families by Veronica Mushet*
- ✠ Deceased of the Montalbano & 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*
- ✠ Deceased of the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty*
- ✠ Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Joseph & Weisner Families*
- ✠ Danny & Millie Manners by Nini Miller*

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, Dalton Haas, Lucille Gibbons,

Mahrajan Updates (Saturday and Sunday, August 10th and 11th)

--Mahrajan Sponsors

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

Presenting Sponsor: \$2,500	Wheeling Convention & Visitors Bureau by Frank O'Brien
Platinum Sponsor: \$1,000	
Gold Sponsor: \$500	
Silver Sponsor: \$250	
Bronze Sponsor: \$100	J.C.Mensore Distributor Inc. by John Mensore

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 10: Liam George
 March 12: Lindsey Coffield
 March 15: Shelby Imer, Scott Hancher
 March 18: John Shiben, 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
 April 6: Ronald Weisner
 April 8: Jesse John

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, 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 Shiben

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,157.00	Sunday Collection
50.00	Diocesan Appeal
30.00	Candles
19.00	Coffee hour
1,089.00	St. Maron Dinner
200.00	Donation to the church
100.00	Mahrajan
50.00	Easter Lillies
567.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to the poor

\$3,292.00

Total Deposits: *May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!*
 The Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton

What's New?

Condolences: Sandra Dusick

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Dusick family on the loss of their beloved Sandra who passed away in Wheeling. Sandra was the president of the Women Society of OLOL. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Church on Tuesday, March 5. The Women's Society served the Mercy Meal at the Cedar Hall after the interment. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid and we extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow.

Around Us

Fundraising for Good Cause

On March 24th, the Elm Grove Eagles is holding a Spaghetti/Meatball Dinner Benefit from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for the grandson of our parishioner Denny Albaugh, Luke. Luke, who is only one year of age, lost one of his eyes to cancer. The cost of the benefit is \$10.00 per person and is open to the public. Luke's other grandparents are Janet Albaugh and John and Bev Hanasky. Please try to attend or donate via Msgr. Bakhos. Thank you

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. 4th Street, Martins Ferry, Ohio

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



Story

Our house was directly across the street from the clinic entrance of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. We lived downstairs and rented the upstairs rooms to out-patients at the clinic.

One summer evening as I was fixing supper, there was a knock at the door. I opened it to see a truly awful looking man. "Why, he's hardly taller than my 8-year-old," I thought as I stared at the stooped, shriveled body. But the appalling thing was his face, lopsided from swelling, red and raw.

Yet his voice was pleasant as he said, "Good evening. I've come to see if you've a room for just one night. I came for a treatment this morning from the eastern shore, and there's no bus 'til morning."

He told me he'd been hunting for a room since noon but with no success, no one seemed to have a room. "I guess it's my face I know it looks terrible, but my doctor says with a few more treatments."

For a moment I hesitated, but his next words convinced me: "I could sleep in this rocking chair on the porch. My bus leaves early in the morning."

I told him we would find him a bed, but to rest on the porch.. I went inside and finished getting supper. When we were ready, I asked the old man if he would join us. "No, thank you. I have plenty." And he held up a brown paper bag.

When I had finished the dishes, I went out on the porch to talk with him a few minutes. It didn't take a long time to see that this old man had an oversized heart crowded into that tiny body. He told me he fished for a

living to support his daughter, her 5 children, and her husband, who was hopelessly crippled from a back injury.

He didn't tell it by way of complaint; in fact, every other sentence was preface with a thanks to God for a blessing. He was grateful that no pain accompanied his disease, which was apparently a form of skin cancer. He thanked God for giving him the strength to keep going...

At bedtime, we put a camp cot in the children's room for him. When I got up in the morning, the bed linens were neatly folded and the little man was out on the porch.

He refused breakfast, but just before he left for his bus, haltingly, as if asking a great favor, he said, "Could I please come back and stay the next time I have a treatment? I won't put you out a bit. I can sleep fine in a chair." He paused a moment and then added, "Your children made me feel at home. Grownups are bothered by my face, but children don't seem to mind."

I told him he was welcome to come again.

And, on his next trip, he arrived a little after 7 in the morning. As a gift, he brought a big fish and a quart of the largest oysters I had ever seen! He said he had shucked them that morning before he left so that they'd be nice and fresh. I knew his bus left at 4:00 a.m. And I wondered what time he had to get up in order to do this for us.

In the years he came to stay overnight with us, there was never a time that he did not bring us fish or oysters or vegetables from his garden.

Other times we received packages in the mail, always by special delivery; fish and oysters packed in a box of fresh young spinach or kale, every leaf carefully washed. Knowing that he must walk 3 miles to mail these, and knowing how little money he had made the gifts doubly precious.

When I received these little remembrances, I often thought of a comment our next-door neighbor made after he left that first morning.

"Did you keep that awful looking man last night? I turned him away! You can lose roomers by putting up such people!"

Maybe we did lose roomers once or twice. But, oh! if only they could have known him, perhaps their illnesses would have been easier to bear.

I know our family always will be grateful to have known him; from him we learned what it was to accept the bad without complaint and the good with gratitude to God.

Recently I was visiting a friend, who has a greenhouse, as she showed me her flowers, we came to the most beautiful one of all, a golden chrysanthemum, bursting with blooms. But to my great surprise, it was growing in an old dented, rusty bucket. I thought to myself, "If this were my plant, I'd put it in the loveliest container I had!"

My friend changed my mind. "I ran short of pots," she explained, "and knowing how beautiful this one would be, I thought it wouldn't mind starting out in this old pail. It's just for a little while, till I can put it out in the garden."

She must have wondered why I laughed so delightedly, but I was imagining just such a scene in heaven.

"Here's an especially beautiful one," God might have said when he came to the soul of the sweet old fisherman. "He won't mind starting in this small body."

All this happened long ago - and now, in God's garden, how tall this lovely soul must stand. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7b)

A Time to Laugh (400)

You Got It

A man and his wife were sitting in the living room and he said to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of his beer.

Pray to God with children

Dear God,

- Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there now. Amanda
- Thank you for the baby brother, but what I asked for was a puppy. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up. Joyce
- I wish you would not make it so easy for people to come apart. I had to have 3 stitches and a shot. Janet
- I read the bible. What does beget mean? Nobody will tell me. Love, Alison
- Is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his golf words in the house? Anita
- I bet it's very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it. Nancy
- I like the story about Noah the best of all of them. You really made up some good ones. I like walking on water too. Glenn
- My Grandpa says you were around when he was a little boy. How far back do you go? Love, Dennis
- Do you draw the lines around the countries? If you don't, who does? Nathan
- Did you mean for giraffes to look like that or was it an accident? Norma
- In bible times, did they really talk that fancy? Jennifer
- How come you did all those miracles in the old days and don't do any now? Billy
- Please send Dennis Clark to a different summer camp this year. Peter
- Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they each had their own rooms. It works out OK with me and my brother. Larry
- Is Reverend Coe a friend of yours or do you just know him through the business? Donny
- It is great the way you always get the stars in the right place. Why can't you do that with the moon? Jeff
- I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday night. That was really cool!
Thomas

Humor in the Uniform

Imagine my surprise when I went to Tipler Army Medical Center for a heart bypass operation and discovered my surgeon's name was Dr. Error.

"What a name for a doctor," I said, not sure whether to laugh or cry.

"Yeah," he agreed. "You can imagine the reaction I got when I was a major."

Another Genie Joke

A state government employee sits in his office and out of boredom decides to see what's in his old filing cabinet. He pokes through the contents and comes across an old brass lamp. *"This would look nice on my mantelpiece,"* he thinks, so he takes it home with him.

While polishing the lamp, a genie appears and grants him three wishes. *"I wish for an ice cold diet Pepsi right now!"* POOF! A Pepsi appears before him on his desk, so he picks it up and guzzles it all at once. Now that he can think more clearly, he states his second wish. *"I wish to be on an island where no one but beautiful and lonely women reside."* POOF! Suddenly he is on an island with gorgeous females fighting over him. He then tells the genie his third and last wish: *"I wish I'd never have to work ever again."* POOF! He's back in his government office.