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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



9th Sunday of Pentecost

*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: Tuesday and Thursday at 12:05 p.m. [Rosary & Litany before Mass]

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday No 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 Khoureay, Mike Linton, Rita Strawn, P.J. Lenz, Mary Stees

*Choir Members: Earl Duffy, Lou Khoureay, 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

9th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: 2 Cor 5:20-6:10 and Lk 4: 14-21

In the ancient world, anointing with oil was linked with the notion of well-being and prosperity, and so with health and happiness. Under the old covenant, the anointing of a person with oil had a further, religious significance: it sets him apart for God and gave him extra powers, either as priest or king.

In the eyes of his fellows, the anointed one belonged to God in a special way. With time, this anointing was seen in a more spiritual light: when the Lord gave his Spirit to a person, he could say: “*the Lord has anointed me*”.

When Jesus read this text at Nazareth, he claimed that it was fulfilled in himself. It was an anointing with the Spirit which constituted him the Messiah (Hebrew *Mashiah*), literally the “*anointed one*” -the Christ. In that same passage from Isaiah, the purpose of anointing is outlined: it is to make peace between earth and heaven and to turn the established order upside-down. Ultimately this was to be achieved by Jesus’ sacrificial death on the cross, completed by his resurrection, and then by the gift of the Spirit to his followers. In his own person, Jesus was the Christ, the Suffering Servant, the Victor King, and Lord of Death and Life...

The world revolution had begun, not by the sword, but by a change in men’s hearts and lives and so in society.

All Christ’s followers are to be other christs. They share in the priesthood. They are a people set apart, holy to the Lord; not for their own sake, but to serve our God and Father on behalf of all mankind. From among this priestly people, some are chosen to minister to the rest, to serve them in love, nourishing them with God’s word and through the life-giving and healing sacraments.

Historically the oils were blessed because they were needed for the initiation rites during the Easter celebration. Surely it is fitting though, that as we reflect on the priesthood of Jesus, the Christ, the “*Anointed*”, the oils should be blessed which make us and ours his and, too, make us whole.

Transfiguration of our Lord

At times it must have been depressing, being a disciple of Jesus. To travel with him and constantly experience the mounting hostility, the carping criticism and the negative attitudes could not have been encouraging.

The incident of the healing at the pool is a good example. Jesus makes a man ‘whole’ and the “religious” leaders attack him for working on the Sabbath. The opposition to him was growing in intensity, and Jesus perceived that it was leading him down a path of suffering.

The disciples needed a ray of hope and encouragement to dispel the clouds of doubt. It must have been a terrible strain to remain loyal to one whom the “religious” leaders declared to be a hypocrite, a charlatan or insane. When many had already turned off the words of Jesus, the disciples were also tempted to do so. They desperately needed to experience the transfiguration, and to know that they were not wrong, even if they were very much in the minority.

Jesus understood. Their mystical experience with him on Mount Tabor was so moving and comforting to them that they wanted to set up residence there. The beauty, calm and peace were quite a change from the antagonism they met in their ministry. They felt a deep reassurance when they perceived Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah, the real religious leaders of the people. They experienced a seal of approval on what they were about, and with renewed confidence could “listen to him.” In discouragement or disillusionment, if we go apart for prayer, and open

ourselves to him, the same understanding and kindness of Jesus will come to us. He knows that we all need our moments of transfiguration, and He is waiting to touch us and say, “Rise and have no fear.”

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, August 3-4: Transfiguration of our Lord

Saturday, August 3:

At 3:30 p.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

At 4:00 p.m.:

- † Virginia Williams by Rosemary Coury
- † Helen Fielding (Date of Burial) by her husband Don (FL)
- ◊ Special Intention

Sunday, August 4 at 10:30 a.m.: Benediction after Mass

- † Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoon Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- † Elias & Gabrielle George

This Weekdays Masses

Monday August 5: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

Tuesday August 6 at 12:05 p.m.:

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

Wednesday August 7: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

Thursday August 8 at 12:05 p.m.:

- † Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- † Bob Sengewalt by his wife Sally

Friday, August 9: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

Next Weekend, August 10-11: Festival - Assumption

Saturday, August 10 at 4:00 p.m.:

- † Sue Brubach (Anniversary) by Don & Roberta Henning
- † Bob Sengewalt by his wife Sally
- ◊ Special Intention

Sunday, August 11 at 10:30 a.m.: Outdoor Assumption Mass at Oglebay Park

- † Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie and Family
- † Deceased of the Rohanna and Seabright Families by Mary Seabright Lish & Family
- † Shirley Elias Nickerson & Deceased of the Elias Family by the Family

Calendar of Parish Events

Mahrajan (Festival)	<i>Saturday & Sunday, August 10th & 11th</i>
Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, Septemer 9th, 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall. Election of officers will be voted on</i>
Spaghetti Dinner	<i>Sunday, September 15th from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</i>
Women Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, September 22nd, following Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>

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

--The Ad Book is printed in color and is ready for pickup at the back of the church

--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

Volunteers Needed – We appreciate all you do!

The Lebanese Festival “Mahrajan” Committee is asking for your help to ensure that we have an excellent and successful festival. Please volunteer at our Lebanese Festival on either Saturday, August 10th or Sunday, August 11th. Your help is needed at the: Pastry Table, Marketplace, 50/50 Raffle, or Children’s Games. Please contact Ryan Storm at (304)280-2578, Liz Murad (304)281-7948 or Susan John (304)281-4392 if you can volunteer 30 minutes or 1-hour. We appreciate your help and support!!

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:

Please like: **LEBANESEFEST** on Facebook and share with your followers. We really need to increase “Likes” and “Shares”. THANK YOU!

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

August 7:	Rita Strawn
August 10:	Kory Bratton, Thomasina Geimer
August 14:	Mary Thomas
August 16:	Tara George Musilli
August 17:	Judy Bedway
August 20:	Tricia Committee
August 22:	Kathleen George
August 23:	Georgene Weisner Manning
August 25:	Al Depto
August 26:	Philip Geimer, Nathan Wakim, Jessica George
August 29:	Debbie Elias Davis
August 31:	Joseph R. Simon
September 1:	Janet Fadoul Wilson

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) Shirley & Jim George, Patty Fahey, Bill Dougherty, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Brian Logan (son-in-law of Larry Siebieda), Judi Blake and Donnie Sigler (cousins of Larry & Lillian Siebieda), Phil Geimer, Debbie Crumpler (sister of Nini Miller), Justin Frenn, John Shiben

Your Church Support Last Week	
\$1,266.00	Sunday Collection
18.00	Candles
14.00	Coffee hour
2,890.00	Mahrajan
930.00	Parking
55.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$5,203.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Khoureys, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton

***Story***

A group of country neighbors wanted to get together on a regular basis and socialize. As a result, about 10 couples formed a dinner club and agreed to meet for dinner at a different neighbors' houses each month. Of course the lady of the house was to prepare the meal.

When it came time for Jimmy and Susie Brown to have the dinner at their house, like most women, Susie wanted to outdo all the others and prepare a meal that was the best that any of them had ever enjoyed. A few days before the big event, Susie got out her cookbook and decided to have mushroom smothered steak. When she went to the store to buy some mushrooms, she found the price for a small can was more than she wanted to pay. She then told her husband, "We aren't going to have mushrooms because they are too expensive."

He said, "Why don't you go down in the pasture and pick some of those mushrooms? There are plenty of them right in the creek bed." She said, "No, I don't want to do that, because I have heard that wild mushrooms are poison." He then said, "I don't think so. I see the varmints eating them all the time and it never has affected them." After thinking about this, Susie decided to give this a try, got in the pickup and went down in the pasture to pick some.

She washed them, sliced and diced them to get them ready to go over her smothered steak. Then she went out on the back porch and got Ol' Spot's (the yard dog) bowl and gave him a double handful. She even put some bacon grease on them to make them tasty. Ol' Spot didn't slow down until he had eaten every bite.

All morning long Susie watched him and the wild mushrooms didn't seem to affect him, so she decided to use them. The meal was a great success, and Susie even hired a lady from town to come out and help her serve. She had on a white apron and a little cap on her head. It was first class.

After everyone had finished they all began to kick back and relax and socialize. The men were visiting and the women started to gossip a bit. About this time the lady from town came in from the kitchen and whispered in Susie's ear. She said, "Mrs. Brown, Spot just died."

With this news, Susie went into hysterics. After she finally calmed down, she called the doctor and told him what had happened. The doctor said, "It's bad, but I think we can take care of it. I will call for an ambulance and I will be there as quick as I can get there. We will pump out everyone's stomach and everything will be fine. Just keep them all there and keep them calm."

It wasn't long until they could hear the wail of the siren as the ambulance was coming down the road. When they got there, the EMTs got out with their suitcases and a stomach pump and the doctor arrived shortly thereafter. One by one they took each person into the master bedroom and pumped out their stomach. After the last one was finished, the doctor came out and said, I think everything will be fine now, and he left.

They were all looking pretty peaked sitting around the living room, and about this time the town lady came in and said, "You know, that fellow that ran over Ol' Spot never even stopped."



A Time to Laugh (421)

1. The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."
2. "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt"
3. Almonds are members of the peach family.
4. The symbol on the "pound" key (#) is called an octothorpe.
5. The dot over the letter 'i' is called a tittle.
6. Ingrown toenails are hereditary.
7. The word "set" has more definitions than any other word in the English language.
8. "Underground" is the only word in the English language that begins and ends with the letters "und."
9. There are only four words in the English language which end in "-dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
10. The longest word in the English language, according to the Oxford English Dictionary, is pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis.
11. The only other word with the same amount of letters is its plural: pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosesl.
12. The longest place-name still in use is Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwe-nuakit natahu, a New Zealand hill.

13. Los Angeles's full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula" and can be abbreviated to 3.63% of its size, L.A.

14. An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

15. Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

16. Alfred Hitchcock didn't have a belly button. It was eliminated when he was sewn up after surgery.

17. Telly Savalas and Louis Armstrong died on their birthdays.

18. Donald Duck's middle name is Fauntleroy.

19. The muzzle of a lion is like a fingerprint - no two lions have the same pattern of whiskers.

21. A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.

23. There is a seven-letter word in the English language that contains ten words without rearranging any of its letters, "therein": the, there, he, in, rein, her, here, ere, therein, herein.

24. Dueling is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors.

26. A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

27. It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

28. Cranberries are sorted for ripeness by bouncing them; a fully ripened cranberry can be dribbled like a basketball.

30. The letters KGB stand for Komitet Gosudarstvennoy Bezopasnosti

31. 'Stewardesses' is the longest English word that is typed with only the left hand.

33. The combination "ough" can be pronounced in nine different ways; the following sentence contains them all: "A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccoughed."

34. The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable.

35. Facetious and abstemious contain all the vowels in the correct order, as does arsenious, meaning "containing arsenic."

36. Emus and kangaroos cannot walk backwards, and are on the Australian seal for that reason.

37. Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds, while dogs only have about ten.

38. The word "Checkmate" in chess comes from the Persian phrase "Shah Mat," which means "the king is dead."

39. The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the days of yore when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.

The Locked Car...

A woman received a phone call that her daughter was very sick with a fever. She left work and stopped by the pharmacy for some medication for her daughter. She returned to her car to find she had locked her keys inside. She had to get home to her sick daughter and didn't know what to do. She called her mom to the baby sitter, and was told her daughter was getting worse. The sitter said, "You might find a coat hanger and use that to open the door." The woman found an old rusty coat hanger on the ground, as if someone else had locked their keys in their car. Then she looked at the hanger and said, "I don't know how to use this." She bowed her head and asked God for help. An old rusty car pulled up, driven by a dirty, greasy, bearded man with a biker skull rag on his head.

The woman thought, "Great God. This is what you sent to help me?????" But she was desperate and thankful. The man got out of his car and asked if he could help. She said "Yes, my daughter is very sick. I must get home to her. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?" He said, "SURE." He walked over to the car and in seconds the car was opened. She hugged the man and through her tears she said, "THANK YOU SO MUCH....You are a very nice man." The man replied, "Lady, I ain't a nice man. I just got out of prison for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again and cried out loud, "THANK YOU GOD FOR SENDING ME A PROFESSIONAL."