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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- ***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 Khourey, Mike Linton, Rita Strawn, P.J. Lenz, Mary Stees
- ***Choir Members:** Earl Duffy, Lou Khourey, Robert Harris, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski, Joe Simon
- ***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

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Readings: 1 Cor 1:18-25 and Jn 12:20-32

God so loved the world. This one sentence precludes the Christian from thinking of God's love as some metaphysical attribute of a distant divine being only to be contemplated by the philosophically wise. For God's love is an action in man's history -the Greek uses an aorist tense here, the tense regularly used of historical happenings and actions. God loved, and things happened. But he loved the world. So the witness of the Spirit is making plain the vast origin of the lifting up of Jesus: the divine love which is its origin is not to be confined to one people, race or nation; for God's love embraces the world. The magnitude of the love is matched by the magnitude of the gift: **God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.** God loved all there was, and gave all he had. So the splendid objective of the love of God can be stated only in universal terms: **that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.** The service of love, then, is not a trivial thing. It is not just a question within it; it is a question whether in response to the act of love a man will embrace the life that is offered, or finally and utterly perish. The terms **eternal life** and **perish** are, as Barrett observes, "absolute alternatives". The world into which the Son was sent was, and remains, in Paul's phrase, "IN BONDAGE TO DECAY" (Rom.8:21). Man in his inescapable mortality shares the finitude of the whole natural order. But at the cross, seen in the illumination of the Spirit, we learn of the victorious purpose of God's love that has asserted the gift of life in the midst of a dying world. Man has now the possibility of two destinies: life or death. Only God has life in himself. His gift of life to men is thus their own hope of attaining it, and to attain it is to share the fullness of life itself, in never -failing abundance. Its quality is the source of its prosperity. But outside this life, everything ends in death. The alternatives are indeed absolute.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, September 14-15: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 14 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Sandra Dusick and the Deceased of the Jacob Family
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, September 15 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Bob Saseen (2nd Anniversary) by his wife Fran Saseen
- ✠ John T. John (22nd Anniversary) by his children David, Tom, Greg, Maryann, Susan and their families.
- ✠ John, Rosie, Tillie, Philip, and Edward George

This Weekdays Masses

Monday September 16: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

Tuesday September 17 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Angela Nagem by Lucille Gibbons

Wednesday September 18: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

Thursday September 19 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Sue, Frances and Joe Linton

Friday, September 20: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

Next Weekend, September 21-22: Third Sunday after the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 21 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Ed Monseur by Lucille Gibbons

† Special Intention

Sunday, September 22 at 10:30 a.m.:

† Mary K. & Tom Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris

† Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie and Family

† The Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty

Calendar of Parish Events

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 News

Please see attached the Mahrajan financial report.

Fall Spaghetti Dinner (Sunday, September 15th, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.)

IMPORTANT: Please mark your calendar for Our Lady of Lebanon Church's fall Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, September 15th, from 11:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.** You should have received the Spaghetti Dinner mailing by now. Save money by paying in advance and order your tickets to be held at the door.

Tickets are: \$8.00 adult; \$5.00 Child.

There will be a Bake Sale, and a 50/50 Raffle and a Gift Basket Raffle. Please make a donation of your favorite homemade baked goods for our Bake Sale Table such as pies, cake, cookies, fudge, bread, brownies, Lebanese items, etc. Please bring your baked donation on Saturday or early Sunday Morning. We also need desserts for the dessert table.

If you can volunteer at the dinner, please call Fr. Bakhos 304-233-1688 or Charlotte 304-639-1372.

All Souls Masses (November 1 until November 8)

† The Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty

† Adib & Sadie Chidiac (parents), Nadim (brother) & Mona (sister) by Steve & Mike Linton

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

† Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Khourey

† Virginia Khourey Bryan & Deceased of the Nabihah & Habib Khourey Family by the Khourey Family

† Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart

† Libby G. Magnone (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone

† Austin Ghaphery

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

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

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

† Michael Josephs by his daughter Cyndi and Family

† Freda & William Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias

† Mike Joseph by Vickie Joseph

† Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph

† Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph

† Mary K. and Tom Ferris by Denise Ferris

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† Special Prayer for Dalton on his Birthday by PJ, Nikki, Lindsay and Luke Lenz

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

September 15: Ted Olinski
 September 18: Michael Duymich
 September 20: Regina Hancher, Gavin Hancher
 September 22: John Jay Thomas
 September 24: Luane Frazier
 September 25: Natalie Committee
 September 26: Mary Rose Kukula
 October 6: Joe Popovich, Frank Duymich
 October 10: Linda Duffy
 October 12: Gina Haas
 October 15: Denise "Nini" Miller

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)

Nick Bedway, Shirley & Jim George, Patty Fahey, Bill Dougherty, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Phil Geimer, Justin Frenn, John Shibem

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,340.00	Sunday Collection
134.00	2 nd collection: Catholic University
29.00	Candles
332.00	Spaghetti Dinner
20.00	Coffee hour
500.00	Donation toward the new metal roof
936.27	Mahrajan
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$3,321.27	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?

Parish Condolences: Mike Flading

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Flading Family on the loss of their beloved Mike. Mike was the son-in-law of Kay Garvey. May the Blessed Mother intercede for him and lead him to the light of Christ. We extend the parish's condolences to his wife Sue in her time of sorrow.



Story

The young man was at the end of his rope. Seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer. "Lord, I can't go on," he said. "I have too heavy a cross to bear."

The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then, open that other door and pick out any cross you wish."

The man was filled with relief. "Thank you Lord," he sighed, and he did as he was told.

Upon entering the other door, he saw many crosses, some so large the tops were not visible. Then, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall. "I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered.

And the Lord replied, " *My son, that is the cross you just brought in.*"

YOUR CROSS:

(When life's problems seem overwhelming, it helps to look around and see what other people are coping with. You may consider yourself far more fortunate than you imagined.

Whatever your cross, whatever your pain. There will always be sunshine after the rain. Perhaps you may stumble, perhaps even fall, but God's always there.)



A Time to Laugh (427)

Southern Grandma on the Witness Stand

Lawyers should never ask a Southern grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer.

In a trial, a southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, Mrs. Jones, do you know me? She responded, "Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a young boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie; you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you never will amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you."

The lawyer was stunned! Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney? She again replied, "Why, yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention, he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I do know him."

The defense attorney almost died.

The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench and, in a very low, quiet voice, said, "If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you to the electric chair."

This is how business is done in Lebanon!!

(Conversation between Joseph & his son.)

Joseph: I want you to marry a girl of my choice.

Son: "I will choose my own bride!"

Joseph: "But the girl is Bill Gates's daughter."

Son: "Well, in that case...ok"

Next Joseph approaches Bill Gates.

Joseph: "I have a husband for your daughter."

Bill Gates: "But my daughter is too young to marry!"

Joseph: "But this young man is a vice-president of the World Bank."

Bill Gates: "Ah, in that case...ok"

Finally Joseph goes to see the president of the World Bank.

Joseph: "I have a young man to be recommended as a vice-president."

President: "But I already have more vice-presidents than I need!"

Joseph: "But this young man is Bill Gates's son-in-law."

President: "Ah, in that case...ok"

Bible

A little boy opened the big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear."

Divorce, International Style

The moral of this story is "Watch what you say over the airwaves." British deejay Tim Shaw didn't, and it cost him big. Hayley Shaw was listening to her husband's show one day when he joked that he would be willing to leave his family for another woman. That, reported the BBC, is when Hayley took action. She reportedly sold his car, a \$45,000 Lotus Esprit Turbo, for 92 cents on eBay.