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

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



### ***Announceent to Zechariah***

- \***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

## ***Announceent to Zechariah***

Readings: Rom 4:13-25 and Lk 1:1-25

Angels Make Important Announcements

The angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son... “ Luke 1:13

What significance would the early Christians have attached to stories about angels announcing births? Do the birth announcements of John and Jesus imply they were equals?

Equally essential to God’s plan of salvation, yes; equal in stature, no. Luke’s parallel annunciation stories serve both to link Jesus and John as well as to differentiate them.

Even if Gabriel had disclosed nothing about the destinies of John and Jesus to their respective parents, the first readers of Luke’s Gospel would nonetheless have been clued in to the fact that both births were to be crucial to God’s covenant relationship with Israel. This implication of angelic annunciations is present in the two most famous biblical precedents: Isaac (Gn 18) and Samson (Jgs 13).

But Luke’s pairing up of birth announcements specifies the role each child will come to play; each is different. Moreover, Luke deliberately reproduces aspects of John’s annunciation in Jesus’ annunciation in order to contrast them. Whereas John will be great because of his connection with the Lord, Jesus will be great without qualification (1:15; 1:32).

### ***This Weekend, November 16-17: Announcement to Zechariah***

#### **Saturday, November 16 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Joseph A. Benline (Anniversary) by his wife Helen
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock
- ✠ Special Intention

#### **Sunday, November 17 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Emily Vince (Birthday) by her children and grandchildren
- ✠ Angela Nagem by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Benefactors of the church by Msgr Bakhos

### ***This Weekdays Masses***

**Monday November 18:** No Mass. Pastor’s Day off.

#### **Tuesday November 19 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Josephine Ferris (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

**Wednesday November 20:** No Mass. Pastor’s Day off.

#### **Thursday November 21 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Alphonse Joseph (Anniversary) by Vickie Joseph

**Friday, November 22:** No Mass. Pastor’s Day off.

### ***Next Weekend, November 23-24: Announcement to the B.V.Mary***

#### **Saturday, November 23 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Rose & George Fadoul by Millet & Susie Fadoul
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock
- ✠ Special Intention

#### **Sunday, November 24 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Karem & Amelia Azar
- ✠ Harry Seabright, Ernest, Edwin & Frank (Anniversary) by Mary Seabright Lish & Family

## ***Calendar of Parish Events***

<b>Women's Society Meeting</b>	<i>Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, following Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>
<b>Christmas Family Breakfast</b>	<i>Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, following Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>
<b>Hall for Parishioner</b>	<i>Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.</i>
<b>Rummage Sale</b>	<i>Friday-Saturday June 5-6, 2020 Please start saving your merchandise for us. More information at a later date. No clothing will be accepted in 2020.</i>

### ***Family Christmas Breakfast*** (Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 am Mass)

Come One Come All and join us for our Christmas Family Breakfast. You will enjoy a bountiful breakfast of: Scrambled Eggs; Sausage or Bacon; Hash Brown Potatoes; Toast or Biscuits with Butter, Assorted Jellies or Honey; Mixed Fruit; Orange Juice and Coffee.

Bring the children because we have heard that Santa will make a surprise visit.

Let us start the Christmas Season right with our wonderful Family Christmas Breakfast. A modest donation of \$5.00 a person is welcomed.

**Your reservation(s) must be made by Monday, November 24.** This is not an open banquet to the public. Every person is asked to write his/her name and the names of his family members on the sheet of paper and handle it to Msgr. Bakhos personally or to one of the ladies of the church so that we can order the right amount of food for everyone. You may also make your reservation by calling 304-639-1372. You should receive a mailing with a flier for this event and raffle tickets soon. The Raffle Drawing will be on Sunday, December 22.

### ***“Noel” Gift Basket & 50/50 Raffle*** (Drawing: Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>)

A 50/50 Raffle and a Gift Basket Raffle will be held for Christmas. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 22, following Mass. Contents of the “Noel” Gift Basket are: 1 bottle of Barefoot Red Moscato, 1 bottle of White Zinfandel, 1 bottle of Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon, 1 bottle of Merlot, 4 mini bottles of Pinot Noir, 4 tins Shortbread Cookies, 1 bag Milk Chocolate Kisses, 1 bag Chocolate Covered Pretzels, 1 mini Cutting Board with Knife and 2 Christmas Hand Towels.

### ***Donations for Santa's Christmas Treats***

The ladies are collecting candy to prepare treat bags for the children attending Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> Family Christmas Breakfast Party which will follow Mass that day.

### ***Christmas Poinsettias in Memory of:***

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

*These Poinsettias were donated in Memory of:*

- ☼ *Tom & Mary K. Ferris by Denise Ferris*
- ☼ *George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen & Family*
- ☼ *Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt*
- ☼ *Louis N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr. & Gladys Howard by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family*
- ☼ *Bill & Mary Daniel by Rebecca & Michael DiFabrizio*

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

November 24: Rex Strawn

November 26: Mary Lish

November 28: Richard Obyc

December 3: Joey John

December 7: Christina Committee Zdilla

December 12: Lou Khourey

## ***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)*

Jeff Fahey and his daughter Amanda, Elia Frenn, Nick Bedway, Shirley & Jim George, Patty Fahey, Bill Dougherty, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Phil Geimer, Justin Frenn, John Shiben

## ***Your Church Support Last Week***

\$996.00	Sunday Collection
120.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection
240.00	Bulletin ads
59.00	Candles
50.00	Christmas Breakfast
19.00	Coffee hour
25.00	Donations toward the New Metal Roof
67.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$1606.00	<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

## ***Update on the New Roof of the Church and Rectory***

The roof of the church is almost done completely. They were working on the last touches of the fascia and downspouts. The old roof of the rectory was also covered with four other layers. The Parish Council agrees to change it while the equipments are still here. This will cost an additional \$15,000. We still need your help. Many Thanks to all generous parishioners and friends who donated toward the new metal roof that need to be installed before winter. All your donations are tax deductible and your names will be engraved on the Plaque to be mounted inside the church. May God reward you abundantly.

### **Diamond Level [\$500 and over]**

Tom & Judy Brock, Jr., John & Deanna Shiben, Tom, Mary K. & Denise Ferris, Michael & Nicole Breit, Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Rex & Rita Strawn, Women Society, Cedar Club, George J. Thomas (Memorial), George, Susan, Matthew & Luke Saseen, Anonymous, Mark Schroeder and Helen Schroeder, Ron Weisner, Al & Dana Zambito, Ron & Susan Burns, Bill & Mary Zaid Stees, Mike Linton, Jerry McGlumphy Family,

### **Gold Level [\$250 to \$499]**

Dr. Joseph C. Palmer Family, Evelyn Goodson & Family, Bill & Carol Dougherty, Mike & Terri Golebiewski, Chris & Jeannette Wakim, Kenneth & Nancy Joseph, Don & Lori, Emma & Elijah Nickerson, Matthew & Victoria Gompers, Jack & Rose Palmer, Shirley Bine, George & Jean Weisner, Dr. Lawrence & Victoria Wright, Scott R. Smith, Dr. Adel & Diane Frenn, Dr. Nabil & Nisrin AlKhouri, Mark & Barb McLaughlin,

### **Silver Level [\$25 to \$249]**

Larry & Lillian Siebieda, Denny & Mary Lee Porter, Ron, Kim & Kaitlin Gibbons, Frederick & Janet Jaquay, Peggy Palmer, Joe Roxby, Michael & Kathryn Kelly, Millet & Susie Fadoul, Paul & Natalie Mulvey, Anonymous, Al Depto & Mary C. Davis, Vickie Joseph, Laurence G. Schroeder, Elsie Renzella, Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Pam & Rick Obyc, Phillip & Thomasina Geimer, Robert J. Coram, Latif Thomas, Richard Elwartoski, Patrick & Jackie Petros, Larry & Becky Ferrera, Carol Burkhart, The Palotay Family, Sue Jochum, Scott & Alicia Peklinsky, Abraham & Company PLLC, Elizabeth Simon, Angele Mansor, James & Lynn Comerc, Fran Saseen, Nini Miller, Mark & Debbie Huffman, Dave & Debbie Sengewalt, Drs. Matthew & Christina Zdilla, Bassam & Jodi Deeb, Mike & Judy Sofka, Rosalie Conti, Sheila Saab, Donzil & Theresa Gain, Michael Duymich, Don & Roberta Henning, Anonymous, Veronica C. Mushet, Randy Weisner, Robert Harris, Carolee K. Bentz, Dolores Oser, Denny Albaugh, Mark & Catherine John, Virginia Ghaphery Cox, Dan & Cheryl Tucker, Joe & Mary Thomas,

## *What's New?*

--The Cedar Hall is not for rent anymore. We have no hired Hall Manager to open and close doors and help renters in their needs. It was built and paid by our parishioners for them to enjoy. Please don't ask Charlotte or Msgr Bakhos to rent the hall for your friends who are not parishioners. It is exclusively for our parishioners and their family members. Parish rate apply.

--Letters have been mailed requesting payments for Ads on the back page of the bulletin. There are 2 openings for new ads for \$120.00 per year each. Ads can be a memorial for your loved ones or for a business or any other message. Please talk or call Msgr. Bakhos or Charlotte before December 2<sup>nd</sup>. These ads help defray the expenses of printing our bulletins throughout the year. Thanks for your support.



## *Story*

Diane, a young university student, was home for the summer. She had gone to visit some friends one evening and time passed quickly as each shared their various experiences of the past year.

She ended up staying longer than planned, and had to walk home alone. She wasn't afraid because it was a small town and she lived only a few blocks away. As she walked along under the tall elm trees, Diane asked "God" to keep her safe from harm and danger.

When she reached the alley, which was a short cut to her house, she decided to take it. However, halfway down the alley she noticed a man standing at the end as though he were waiting for her. She became uneasy and began to pray, asking for "God's" protection. Instantly a comforting feeling of quietness and security wrapped around her, she felt as though someone was walking with her. When she reached the end of the alley, she walked right past the man and arrived home safely.

The following day, she read in the newspaper that a young girl had been raped in the same alley just twenty minutes after she had been there. Feeling overwhelmed by this tragedy and the fact that it could have been her, she began to weep.

Thanking the Lord for her safety and to help this young woman, she decided to go to the police station. She felt she could recognize the man, so she told them her story. The police asked her if she would be willing to look at a lineup to see if she could identify him. She agreed and immediately pointed out the man she had seen in the alley the night before. When the man was told he had been identified, he immediately broke down and confessed.

The officer thanked Diane for her bravery and asked if there was anything they could do for her. She asked if they would ask the man one question. Diane was curious as to why he had not attacked her. When the policeman asked him, he answered, "Because she wasn't alone. She had two tall men walking on either side of her."



## *A Time to Laugh (436)*

### *Just for Laughs*

--I was in a crowded pub one night when a large man sat down next to me and began pounding on the bar. The waitress was juggling three mugs of beer in each hand, and said she'd be right back. But that wasn't soon enough for him, and he again pounded away. Going to the cash register, the waitress wrote the number "567" on a piece of paper and laid it in front of the man. "You'll have to wait until your number is called," she said. Then, turning to the other patrons, she called out, "Who has number one?"

--Driving through Oklahoma, my husband and I went out of our way to stop at what was billed as the largest McDonald's in the world. However, we were less than thrilled when an employee addressed everyone over the intercom: "Attention, world's largest McDonald's customers..."

--My wife was sitting in the cockpit of my fighter jet—her head spinning as I pointed to the myriad buttons, levers and switches on the control panel.

"Do you really know what each one of these buttons does?" she asked.

"Yes", I said proudly.

Scowling, she then asked, "And I'm supposed to believe you can't figure out how to run the washing machine?"

--During inspection, I was hoping—praying—that our gnarly-looking sergeant would find nothing wrong with my sleeping area. He did. But much to my surprise, he was quite philosophical about it.

"Son, when you're born you come from dust, and when you die you return to dust," he intoned. "Now, someone is either coming or going underneath your bed and you better get him cleaned up."

--When my son visited me at my daughter's home in Plano, Texas, at the height of tornado season, the first thing he noticed was that something was missing. "Umm ... there's no basement" he said. "Where do you go for tornadoes?"

I told him, "For really good ones, we go to Kansas."

### *Live in Uniform*

Fascinated by the military, my son went online to research everything there was to know about the armed forces, from training to equipment.

Looking up bulletproof vests, he found one with an interesting warranty. It said: "Guaranteed or your money back."

### *Facing Fears Head-On*

The thought of my first airplane trip terrified me. But after the ticket agent quoted statistics proving that flying was safe, I felt much better.

"Now take this to Gate 22," he said, handing me my ticket. "That's where we give out the helmets, scarves, goggles and parachutes."