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



### ***Sunday after the Birth of Jesus***

- \***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 for Parishioners only:** 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 after the Birth of Jesus***

Readings: Heb 11:23-31 and Mt 2:13-18

The angel who appeared spoke not to Mary but to Joseph: and what did he say: “*Arise, and take the child, and his mother.*” Here he no longer says: *your wife, but His mother.* For since the Birth had taken place, and the suspicion dissipated, and the man reassured, the angel now says openly, speaking neither of wife nor son: *Take the child and his mother, and fly into Egypt;* and he gives also the reason for the flight: for *it will come to pass that Herod will seek the child to destroy him.*

And Joseph is not offended at hearing this, nor did he say: this is hard to understand. Did you not but lately say: He shall save his people: now he cannot save himself, and we must take flight, and go a long journey, and dwell at length in another land? These things are contrary to what you promised. But he said nothing of this sort, for he was a man of faith; nor does he make inquiry as to when they shall return, although the angel had spoken in an indefinite manner, saying: *Be there until I shall tell you.* Neither was he regretful at this command, but submissive and obedient, bearing these trials with cheerfulness.

For the loving God mingled joy with his labors: as he does with all who are devoted to him; not permitting their tribulations or their peace to be continuous, but ordering the life of the just by commingling the one with the other. This he did here also; and it is this on which I wish you to reflect. For Joseph saw that the Virgin was with child: and he was troubled by this, and in great anxiety: for he began to suspect the maiden of adultery; but immediately an angel stood by him, who undid his suspicion and banished his fear. And when he beheld the Child born he was filled with great joy: and then to this joy there succeeds this great peril, for the city was troubled, and the king was raging with anger, and seeking the Child.

### ***Capital Campaign of our Diocese***

Dear Parishioners and friends,

This is an exciting and historic time for our Diocese, the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles. We are in the midst of celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Eparchy. Like any milestone, this is an opportunity to reflect on God's blessings to us, and a chance to look to the bright future of our Church. Our Bishop Elias Zaidan is not just thinking about the future – he is *building* it, through Eparchy's first-ever Capital Campaign - Vision for the Future, Mission for Today. This campaign is to strengthen our parishes, missions and ministries today, *and* create the resources we will need for tomorrow! Over \$4 million has been pledged towards the Campaign's \$15 million goal!

The Eparchy continues to make great progress in so many ways: 2 deacons had been ordained this year and they are on the way toward the priesthood. We have seven additional young men preparing to become priests, along with several married men. Large numbers of children received their First Communion in parishes across the Eparchy. Two new churches had been blessed this year: one in El-Paso and the other in Dayton. At this time of giving thanks, we thank you for all that you do for the Church and your Eparchy.

As we approach the holidays and Christmas, we ask you to please be generous to the Eparchy and include us among your Christmas and year-end giving. Your gift will help support our seminarians, missions and important ministries in 2020. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift today. Thank you.

### ***This Weekend, December 28-29: Sunday after the Birth of Our Lord***

#### **Saturday, December 28 at 4:00 p.m.: Visit of the Magi**

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Angela Nagem by Carol Flathey
- ✠ Living and Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock

#### **Sunday, December 29 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Living and Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock
- ♠ Luke Lenz (Birthday) by Dalton Haas

## ***This Weekdays Masses***

**Monday, December 30:** No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

**Tuesday, December 31 at 4:00 p.m.: New Year Eve Mass (No Midnight Mass)**

✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick

✠ Living and Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock

✠ Special Intention

**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m.: New Year Day Mass**

✠ Living and Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock

✠ Intentions of Msgr Bakos' Benefactors

**Thursday, January 2 at 12:05 p.m.:**

✠ Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph

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

**Friday, January 3:** No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

## ***Next Weekend, January 4-5: Finding Jesus in the Temple***

**Saturday, January 4**

**at 3:30 p.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

**at 4:00 p.m.:**

✠ Nicholas Abraham Ghaphery Sr.

✠ Jean Bentz and Doug Bentz (Anniversary) by Millet & Susie Fadoul

✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave and Debbie Sengewalt

**Sunday, January 5 at 10:30 a.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass**

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

✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie and Family

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

**Rummage Sale**

*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.*

## ***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

✠ Ralph & Mary J. Shipley by daughter Thomasina Geimer

✠ Robert Hunter, Jr. (son-in-law & Robby Hunter, III (grandson) by Thomasina Geimer

✠ Deceased of the Saseen and Schlog Families by Fran Saseen

✠ Danny & Milly Manners by daughter Nini Miller

✠ In Honor of Veronica Mushet

- ☼ *Nimon & Miriam Joseph Family by the Weisner & Joseph Families.*
- ☼ *Deceased of the DeMuth & Moses Families by Sandra DeMuth*
- ☼ *Deceased of the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty*
- ☼ *Shirley Elias Nickerson & Deceased of the Elias Family by Tammy, Robbie, Don, Lori, Emma & Elijah*
- ☼ *Suzanne Linton by husband Mike*
- ☼ *Frances & Joseph Linton by sons Steve & Mike*
- ☼ *The deceased of our parish by Steve & Mike Linton*
- ☼ *Msgr. Bakhos' parents Adib & Sadie, his sister Mona & his brother Nadim by Steve & Mike Linton*
- ☼ *Leslie McGlumph by her husband Jerry & Children*
- ☼ *Abdo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Patty Saseen Connell*
- ☼ *Deceased of the Nolte Family by Janet Shutler*
- ☼ *Deceased of the Shutler Family by Janet Shutler*

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

- December 29: Jeff Bentz  
 January 1: Nancy Joseph  
 January 3: Rosemary Coury  
 January 6: Gina Stees  
 January 7: Jacob Fadoul Wilson  
 January 10: Marjorie John, Mary Petros  
 January 11: Jennifer Klein  
 January 17: George Weisner  
 January 22: Nick Bedway  
 January 23: Dale Seidler Jr., Lisa Breiding  
 January 26: Chris DeMuth  
 January 28: Nikki Popovich

## ***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

<b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b>	
\$2,459.00	Sunday Collection
265.00	Bulletin ads
44.00	Candles
50.00	Flowers
500.00	2020 Mahrajan
720.00	Donation toward the new roof
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$4,068.00	<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 done completely. The leak damage inside the church is repaired and the wall painted. This week they installed the roof of the rectory. Both roofs and the inside repair cost us around \$45,000. So far, we raised \$25,185.00. Please help if you can. Many Thanks to all generous parishioners**

**and friends who donated toward this project. All your donations are tax deductible and your names will be engraved on the Plaque to be mounted inside the church. Please secure your names on the plaque by donating before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. May God reward you abundantly.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## *What's New?*

### *Many Thanks to Lou Khourey*

--During his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, Lou directed the proceeds of his gifts toward Our Lady of Lebanon Church to cover the expenses of the new roofs. His donation was \$670.00 May you live long and happy life with your wife Charlotte and your children Emmalena and Louie. Happy Birthday.

### *Gift Basket and 50/50 winners*

On Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, two children drew the following winners in the Cedar Hall:

--Kathryn W, Simon won the 50/50 prize of \$195.00

--Patty Fahey won the Gift Basket

--Pat Butler won the first shawl

--Jerry McGlumphy won the second shawl. Congratulations to all.

### *Christmas Barrel for the Needy*

Please bring non-perishable food items to help needy families in our parish and put them in the barrel at the entrance of the church. Thanks

### *Cedar Hall Not for Rent*

--The Cedar Hall is not for rent anymore. We have no hired Hall Manager to open and close doors and answer the questions of renters about our electronic and electrical equipments. The Hall was built and paid by our

parishioners and it is exclusively for them to enjoy. Please don't ask Charlotte or Msgr. Bakhos to rent the hall for your friends who are not parishioners. Parish rate apply.



## Story

The 26-year-old mother stared down at her son who was dying of terminal leukemia. Although her heart was filled with sadness, she also had a strong feeling of determination. Like any parent, she wanted her son to grow up and fulfill all his dreams. Now that was no longer possible. The leukemia would see to that. But she still wanted her son's dreams to come true.

She took her son's hand and asked, *"Billy, did you ever think about what you wanted to be once you grew up? Did you ever dream and wish what you would do with your life?"* *"Mommy, I always wanted to be a fireman when I grew up."*

Mom smiled back and said, *"Let's see if we can make your wish come true!"*

Later that day, she went to her local fire department in Phoenix, Arizona, where she met Fireman Bob, who had a heart as big as Phoenix. She explained her son's final wish and asked if it might be possible to give her six year old son a ride around the block on a fire engine. Fireman Bob said, *"Look, we can do better than that. If you will have your son ready at seven o'clock Wednesday morning, we'll make him an honorary fireman for the whole day. He can come down to the fire station, eat with us, go out on all the fire calls, the whole nine yards! And if you'll give us his sizes, we'll get a real fire uniform for him, with a real fire hat not a toy one - - with emblem of the Phoenix Fire Department on it, a yellow slicker like we wear, and rubber boots. They're all manufactured right here in Phoenix, so we can get them fast."*

Three days later, Fireman Bob picked up Billy, dressed him in his fire uniform and escorted him from his hospital bed to the waiting hook-and-ladder truck. Billy got to sit on the back of the truck and help steer it back to the fire station. He was in heaven. There were three fire calls in Phoenix that day, and Billy got to go out on all three calls. He rode in the different fire engines, the Paramedic's van, and even the fire chief's care. He was also videotaped for the local news program. Having his dream come true, with all the love and attention that was lavished upon him, so deeply touched Billy that he live three months longer than any Doctor thought possible.

One night all of his vital signs began to drop dramatically, and the head nurse, who believed in the hospice concept that no one should die alone, began to call family members to the hospital. Then she remembered the day Billy had spent as a fireman, so she called the Phoenix Fire Chief and asked if it would be possible to send a fireman in uniform to the hospital to be with Billy as he made his transition!

The chief replied, *"We can do better than that. We will be there in five minutes. Will, you please, do me a favor? When you hear the sirens screaming and see the lights flashing, will you announce over the PA system that there is not a fire? It's just the fire department coming to see one of its finest members one more time. And will you open the window to Billy's room?"*

About five minutes later a hook-and-ladder truck arrived at the hospital, extended its ladder up to Billy's third floor open window and 16 firefighters climbed up the ladder into Billy's room. With his mother's permission, they hugged him and held him and told him how much they loved him.

With his dying breath, Billy looked up at the fire chief and said, *"Chief, am I really a fireman now?"* *"Billy, you are,"* the chief said. With those words, Billy smiled and closed his eyes for the last time.



## A Time to Laugh (442)

### *Just for Laughs*

--Q: What do you get when you cross a snake with a rabbit and an amoeba?

A: An adder that can multiply and divide.

--God is talking to an angel about creating the world. "I just made a 24-hour period," God explains. "It will be half-light and half-dark, and will keep repeating itself until the end of time." "Wow," says the angel. "What are you going to do next?" "Well," God answers, "I think I'll call it a day."

--Buried on page

I had no idea just how dire the recent vaccine shortage really was last flu season—until I spotted this front-page announcement in *The Oldham (Kentucky) Era*: "The Oldham County Health Department is now scheduling flu shot appointments. To see if you qualify in one of the high-risk groups being accepted, turn to the obituaries page."

--Ever hear the old chestnut "Nothing is carved in stone"? The people who placed this ad in the *Whatcom Independent* (Bellingham, Washington) haven't: "Used Tombstone, perfect for someone named Homer Bergen-Heinzel."

--I'll Skip the Omelet: I must admit, I looked forward to our upcoming church service with greater anticipation than usual after reading in our bulletin, "This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Brown to come forward and lay an egg on the altar."

--Humor in Uniform: The sweat dripping off my brow gave away my secret: I dreaded giving blood. "This'll only take 15 minutes," said the nurse on our base. Pointing to a judge advocate general also donating a pint, I said, "She's been here longer than that."

Another donor interjected, "That's because she's used to taking blood, not giving it."

--A pair of night-vision goggles sets Uncle Sam back a pretty penny. So just before night maneuvers, as my son-in-law handed a pair to a young private with a reputation for losing things, he warned, "Hold on to these!" Afterward, my son-in-law ran into the private, who said, "I have good news and bad news." "You lost those goggles?" "No, of course not." "So, what's the bad news?" "I lost the Humvee."

--As I guided an elderly safety inspector on a trip around an oil rig out at sea, I invited him to take the helm. "Turn to port," I said, adding, "that's left to you. Now, turn starboard—that means right." Having circled the rig, I joked, "Now, give the boat back to the driver." As he did so, I asked him about his career. "Navy," he said. "Twenty years. Submarines." Then he leaned in. "I was the driver."

--During basic training, my platoon was given a choice of going either to the gym or the PX. By a show of hands, we opted for the PX. "Uh-uh," said our sergeant. "You're all going to the gym." "But, Sarge," whined one recruit, "we took a vote." "Boys, let me explain," he said. "We're here to defend democracy, not practice it."

--Days after gorging myself at Easter dinner, I did penance by going to the gym across the street from work. The first thing I noticed as I signed in was a bowl of Easter candy sitting on the counter, calling to me. "That doesn't seem fair," I joked to the trainer. Patting the bowl, she smiled. "Job security."