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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



Epiphany

- ***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

Epiphany

Readings: Tit 2:11-3:7 and Lk 3:15-22

On January 6th the Church celebrates the feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Eastern Church this feast is generally known by one of two Greek names: Epiphany or Theophany (in Syriac the feast is referred to as Denho). Epiphany means “manifestation or appearance”; Theophany means “an appearance of God”. Both refer directly to the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptizer in the Jordan River and the proclamation of Jesus as God’s Son. At this event Jesus is publicly proclaimed (manifested) as the Son of God. Traditionally, the Epiphany celebrated both the birth of Jesus and his baptism some 30 years later. In some ways it is the original “Christmas.”

The feast of the Epiphany was first celebrated by the Eastern Churches (it was later adopted by the Latin/Western Church); the Latin Church began to emphasize the visit of the Magi (Wise men) instead of the Baptism of the Lord.

The feast of the Epiphany not only reminds us of the baptism of Christ, but also of our own baptism. On the feast of Epiphany the Church blesses water (to commemorate that through Christ’s baptism in the Jordan all waters are blessed). It was on Epiphany that the baptism of converts was traditionally celebrated.

The Maronite Church structures an entire liturgical season around this feast: The Season of Epiphany. It can last up to five weeks, depending upon when the Season of Great Lent begins.

Baptism affects us in two ways:

- a- Baptism incorporates us into the Body of Christ (the Church);
- b- Baptism removes all sin, including the effects of original sin.

According to Jesus, Baptism is necessary for salvation (John 3:5). The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) teaches “Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament.” (CCC # 1257). This is why proclaiming the Gospel and seeing that all who can be baptized are baptized is fundamental to the Church’s mission.

Do you remember when you were baptized? Who was the priest who baptized you? Who were your godparents? Do you have any photos of your baptism?

On January 6, Lebanese Christians make a special pastry known as zlaabyeh, which is a type of donut or fried dough. At midnight, all people carry bundle of aromatic sticks and go to the nearby creek. They plunge the sticks in the water and spread water all around while chanting: “Jesus is baptized by Saint John and Mary was his godmother...” They believe that by doing that all the water become blessed.

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 25th 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, January 4-5: Epiphany

Saturday, January 4:

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

at 4:00 p.m.: Blessing of the Holy Water during Mass

† Nicholas Abraham Ghaphery Sr.

† Jean Bentz & Doug Bentz (Anniversary) by Millet & Susie Fadoul

† Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

Sunday, January 5 at 10:30 a.m.:

Blessing of the Holy Water during Mass

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass

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

† Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie & Family

This Weekdays Masses

Monday, January 6 at 12:05 p.m.: Epiphany Day Mass

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

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

Tuesday, January 7: No Mass. Pastor day off after Epiphany

Wednesday, January 8: No Mass. Pastor day off

Thursday, January 9 at 12:05 p.m.:

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

† Bob Sengewalt by his wife Sally

Friday, January 10: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

Next Weekend, January 11-12: First Sunday of Epiphany

Saturday, January 11 at 4:00 p.m.:

† Vernon Hancher (11th Anniversary) by his wife Regina and Family

† Healing Mass for Lillian Siebieda by Lou & Charlotte Khourey

† Special Intention

Sunday, January 12 at 10:30 a.m.:

† Deceased of the Habdo Family by Bill & Carol Dougherty

† Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie & Family

Calendar of Parish Events

Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, January 13th at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your covered dish to share and inform John at 304-215-6055. He will have a current list of food.</i>
St. Maron Dinner	<i>Sunday, March 8, 2020</i>
Bake Sale	<i>Cooking dates: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, April 20, 21 and 22nd Pick up orders: Wednesday, April 22nd (afternoon) and Thu, 23rd.</i>
Rummage Sale	<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>

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

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
 February 2: David John, Doug Bratton
 February 4: Lindsay Carl

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

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,300.00	Sunday Collection
120.00	Bulletin ads
27.00	Candles
28.00	Coffee hour
1,250.00	Donation toward the new roof
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$2,755.00	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

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 31st, 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, Saab M. & Tacla W. **Saab** (Memorial), George, Susan, Matthew & Luke **Saseen**, Mark **Schroeder** and Helen **Schroeder**, John & Deanna **Shiben**, Bill & Mary Zaid **Stees**, Rex & Rita **Strawn**, George J. **Thomas** (Memorial), Chris & Jeannette **Wakim**, Ron **Weisner**, **Women Society**, Al & Dana **Zambito**,

Gold Level [\$250 to \$499]

Dr. Nabil & 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**, Joe & Nikki **Popovich**, Denny & Mary Lee **Porter**, Elsie **Renzella**, Joe **Roxby**, Sheila **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?



Story

Mike, is a young man who lives to play basketball. At just 13 years old he made the decision to quit playing other sports and to concentrate all his energies on playing basketball.

At an early age Mike developed the discipline to practice, practice, practice. It was not uncommon to see him dribbling a basketball while carrying his books. This self-discipline eventually evolved into a daily workout ritual. Every morning before school he lifted weights and shot 100 free throws. Every afternoon before practice he tossed 100 jump shots. During the summer, he often played long into the evening on a court in the alley next to his house, using the streetlight to see the hoop.

He became a standout point guard at Altoona High School in Pennsylvania, and won all-state honors his senior year.

Despite his outstanding shooting ability, Mike didn't attract the attention of very many major college basketball programs. You see, Mike was only five-feet, ten-inches tall, trying to make it in a "big" man's game. Penn State did offer him a scholarship, however, and Mike grabbed at the chance to continue playing ball at the college level.

During his freshman and sophomore years at Penn State, Mike spent most of his time on the bench, and averaged only 2.8 points a game. He was frustrated, but not discouraged. He continued his personal practice rituals. When he wasn't practicing, he was studying. He became an honor student.

At the end of his sophomore year, Mike decided to leave Penn State. He wanted to play the game he loved; however, it looked like he wouldn't be getting much "PT" (play time) at Penn State. He transferred to Saint Francis College, a small liberal arts college in Loretto, PA, only 30 minutes from his home. He could not play basketball his first year at Saint Francis because of NCAA transfer regulations, but he did continue his personal daily practice. Once again Mike was on the bench watching others play the game he loved.

When his chance did come the next year, Mike made the most of it. He averaged 21 points per game his junior season and 24 his senior year. Mike finished among the nation's leaders in three major scoring categories, making him the best all-around shooter in the country. Mike was named "Player of the Year" in the Northeast Conference and "Most Valuable Player" of the conference tournament.

Mike won in the classroom as well. He was twice named a first team Academic All-American. Mike also was recognized as the Mercedes-Benz Scholar-Athlete of the Year and "Champions" Scholar-Athlete, earning him scholarships for graduate school.

Mike's lifelong dream of making it to the NCAA tournament became a reality on a March evening in Loretto, when Saint Francis' Red Flash team defeated a heavily favored Fordham squad to win the first ever NCAA play-in game and gain a berth as one of 64 teams in the annual "March Madness" tournament.

For most people, what Mike had overcome—lack of height, lack of playing time, lack of national media attention—was a lifetime's worth of adversity. Now Mike could enjoy what he had persevered so hard to accomplish.

However, Mike had one more dream—the most fantastic one of all. He wanted to play in the National Basketball Association. Never mind that only two percent of all college players ever make it to the NBA. Never mind that, as one sportscaster put it, "Five-foot, ten-inch guys aren't supposed to be drafted by the NBA."

Don't tell that to Mike. Taking advantage of the opportunity to demonstrate his deadly three-point shooting accuracy during pre-draft camps, Mike won over all doubters and showed that he could play with the big guys. On June 26, 1991, in the NBA draft, Mike Buzzolino was the 35th pick, a second round choice of the Dallas Mavericks.

The axiom still holds ... most little guys don't stand a chance of making it to the NBA. But little guys with big dreams who possess courage and determination do make it.



A Time to Laugh (443)

Just for Laughs

--I work in the library's Local Studies section. Recently, my colleagues and I received invitations to attend a presentation at the town hall. The invites were computer-generated and used abbreviations for job titles. So, the Reference Librarian became Ref Lib and so on. I'm not sure whether my co-workers were impressed or amused when my invitation arrived—addressed to "Local Stud."

--Recently, one of the guys at the warehouse called my husband, the general manager, to tell him that he wouldn't be in that day. "I'm having my autopsy," he said. "But with any luck I'll be in tomorrow."

--How do you say in your language: "HUH?"

During our lunch break one day in college, a friend of mine sneezed. "In my culture, if you sneeze once, that means someone is missing you," my Chinese friend Lin told her. "If you sneeze twice, someone's saying nasty things about you behind your back. And if you sneeze three times, someone is speaking kindly about you."

"What if you sneeze four times?" asked our friend Jon.

"That," said Lin, "means you've caught a cold."

--American idioms don't travel well. Case in point, this e-mail my boss received from a Chinese businessman: "I apologize for taking so long to get the pricing to you, but I had to get all my ducts in the road."

--Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbor and his wife were told there would be a 45-minute wait for a table. "Young man, we're both 90 years old," the husband said. "We may not have 45 minutes." They were seated immediately.

Church

--"If absence makes the heart grow fonder," said a minister, "a lot of folks must really love our church."

--I don't want to say it was a cold church, but the ushers were using ice skates.

--I spoke in one church that was so small that when I took a bow, I hit my head on the back pew.

--The chief trouble with the church is that you and I are in it.

--Wife: Did you see that hat Mrs. Jones wore to church?

Husband: No!

Wife: Did you see the new dress Mrs. Smith had on?

Husband: No!

Wife: A lot of good it does you to go to church!

--You can always tell a church that isn't doing well. The Cadillac they raffle off is a used one.

--A boy to his grandpa, "The Bible says if I ask for an egg you won't give me a scorpion. So, if I ask for a nest egg you won't give me junk bonds?"

Rest in Peace

Ed was in trouble. He forgot his wedding anniversary and his wife was really ticked off at him. She told him, "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in 6 seconds, AND IT BETTER BE THERE".

The next morning Ed got up and left for work. When his wife woke up, she looked out the window and sure enough there was a small box gift wrapped in the middle of the driveway. Confused, she put on her robe and ran out the driveway and brought the box back in the house. She opened it up and found a brand new bathroom scale.

Funeral services for Ed have been scheduled for Friday.