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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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St. Maron Feast Day

Commemoration of the Righteous & Just

- ***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 start 20 minutes 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 Kourey, Mike Linton, Rita Strawn, P.J. Lenz, Mary Stees
- ***Choir Members:** Earl Duffy, George Thomas, Lou Kourey, 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
- ***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven

Saint Maron Feast Day

Life of Saint Maron

Background

Saint Maron, born in the middle of the 4th century was a priest who later became a hermit, retiring to a mountain of Taurus near Antioch. His holiness and miracles attracted many followers, and drew attention throughout the empire. St John of Chrysostom sent him a letter around 405 A.D. expressing his great love and respect asking St Maron to pray for him.

The Maronite Movement

St Maron is considered the Father of the spiritual and monastic movement now called the Maronite Church. This movement had a profound influence on Northern Syria and Lebanon. Saint Maron spent all of his life on a mountain in the region of Cyrrhus in Syria. It is believed that the place was called "Kefar-Nabo" on the mountain of Ol-Yambos, making it the cradle of the Maronite movement.

The Maronite movement reached Lebanon when St Maron's first disciple Abraham of Cyrrhus who was called the Apostle of Lebanon, realized that paganism was thriving in Lebanon, so he set out to convert the pagans to Christians by introducing them to the way of St Maron. The followers of St Maron, both monks and laity, always remained faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Spirituality

St Maron's way was deeply monastic with emphasis on the spiritual and ascetic aspects of living. For Saint Maron, all was connected to God and God was connected to all. He did not separate the physical and spiritual world and actually used the physical world to deepen his faith and spiritual experience with God.

St Maron embraced the quiet solitude of the mountain life. He lived his life in open air exposed to the forces of nature such as sun, rain, hail and snow. His extraordinary desire to come to know God's presence in all things, allowed St Maron to transcend such forces and discover that intimate union with God. He was able to free himself from the physical world by his passion and fervor for prayer and enter into a mystical relationship of love with God.

Mission

St Maron was a mystic who started this new ascetic-spiritual method that attracted many people in Syria and Lebanon to become his disciples. Accompanying his deeply spiritual and ascetic life, he was a zealous missionary with a passion to spread the message of Christ by preaching it to all he met. He sought not only to cure the physical ailments that people suffered, but had a great quest for nurturing and healing the "lost souls" of both pagans and Christians of his time.

This missionary work came to fruition when in the mountains of Syria, St Maron was able to convert a pagan temple into a Christian Church. This was to be the beginning of the conversion of Paganism to Christianity in Syria which would then influence and spread to Lebanon. After his death in the year 410 AD, his spirit and teachings lived on through his disciples.

Commemoration of the Righteous & Just

Readings: Heb 12:18-24 and Mt 25:31-46

A young lady named Sally, relates an experience she had in a seminary class, given by her teacher, Dr. Smith. She says Dr. Smith was known for his elaborate object lessons. One particular day, Sally walked into the seminary and knew they were in for a fun day.

On the wall was a big target and on a nearby table were many darts. Dr. Smith told the students to draw a picture of someone that they disliked or someone who had made them angry, and he would allow them to throw darts at the person's picture.

Sally's girlfriend drew a picture of a girl who had stolen her boyfriend. Another friend drew a picture of his little brother. Sally drew a picture of a former friend, putting a great deal of detail into her drawing, even drawing pimples on the face. Sally was pleased with the overall effect she had achieved.

The class lined up and began throwing darts. Some of the students threw their darts with such force that their targets were ripping apart. Sally looked forward to her turn, and was filled with disappointment when Dr.

Smith, because of time limits, asked the students to return to their seats. As Sally sat thinking about how angry she was because she didn't have a chance to throw any darts at her target.

Dr. Smith began removing the target from the wall. Underneath the target was a picture of Jesus. A hush fell over the room as each student viewed the mangled picture of Jesus; holes and jagged marks covered His face and His eyes were pierced.

Dr. Smith said only these words: "*Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto Me.*" (Mt 25:40)

No other words were necessary; the tear-filled eyes of the students focused only on the picture of Christ.

This Weekend, Feb. 8-9: Commemoration of the Righteous & Just

Saturday, February 8 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last will
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, February 9 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Isabel Ferris Wolfe (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees & Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Helen & Peter Hankish by their son Philip

Weekday Masses

Monday, February 10: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, February 11 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last will
- ✠ Special Intention

Wednesday, February 12: No Mass. Office work

Thursday, February 13 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney & Patrick Sengewalt

Friday, February 14: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Next Weekend, Feb. 15-21: Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

All Masses this week (Tuesday and Thursday) will be offered for the Repose of the Souls of the followings:

- ✠ Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhrt
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Deceased of the Bentz & Reynolds Families by Carolee Bentz
- ✠ Anna Marie McGlumphy by Jerry McGlumphy & Children
- ✠ Deceased of the Kourey & Howard Families by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Kourey
- ✠ Robert Rose by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Suzanne Linton by her husband Mike
- ✠ Frances & Joseph Linton by sons Steve & Mike
- ✠ Adib & Sadie Chidiac (parents), Nadim (brother) & Mona (sister) by Steve & Mike Linton
- ✠ Deceased of our parish by Steve & Mike Linton
- ✠ Ralph & Mary Joseph Shipley by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Robert Hunter, Jr. & Robert Hunter III by Thomasina Geimer

- ✠ *Leona M. Albaugh (on her Birthday February 23) by her son Denny Albaugh*
- ✠ *Beloved grandparents Tom & Sadie John & David & Tamamie Joseph by Ron & Susan Burns*
- ✠ *Beloved parents John T. & Cecilia John by Ron & Susan Burns*
- ✠ *Deceased of the Strawn Family by Rex & Rita Strawn*
- ✠ *Deceased of the Thomas & Dellget Families by Rex & Rita Strawn*
- ✠ *Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt & Family*
- ✠ *Deceased of the Schlog & Saseen Families by Fran Saseen and sons*
- ✠ *Helen Fielding and Augie Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich*
- ✠ *George & Mary Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich*
- ✠ *Mike O'Kane by Joe & Nikki Popovich*
- ✠ *Deceased of the Fadoul & Duffy Families by Earl & Linda Duffy*
- ✠ *Tessa Joseph by her mother Stephanie Joseph*
- ✠ *Gerard Joseph by his wife Stephanie Joseph*
- ✠ *Deceased members of the Shutler Family by Janet Shutler*
- ✠ *Deceased members of the Nolte Family by Janet Shutler*
- ✠ *Deceased members of the Daniel & DiFabrizio Families by Rebecca & Michael DiFabrizio*
- ✠ *Thomas A. & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris*
- ✠ *Barkett & Sadie Coury (parents) by Lucille Coury Gibbons and Family*
- ✠ *Infant George, Vharles, Louis, Eva Coury Moffat by Lucille Coury Gibbons & Family*
- ✠ *Martha Ruggiero, Helen Orosz & Ann Otterbeck by Lucille Coury Gibbons & Family*
- ✠ *Michael Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias*
- ✠ *Freda Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias*
- ✠ *Deceased members of the Josephs and tobias Families by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias*
- ✠ *William Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias*
- ✠ *William & Amelia Fitzgerald by Dick & Rosemary Coury*
- ✠ *Marianna Khoury and Family by Dick & Rosemary Coury*
- ✠ *Tim Shia, Ginny & Martha by the Family*
- ✠ *Thomas Jochum by the Family*
- ✠ *Shirley Elias Nickerson, Mary, Rose, Jean, Helen, Margaret and Madeline Elias by their loving Family*
- ✠ *Shirley Elias Nickerson, Donald A. Nickerson Sr., Nicholas & Amelia Elias, Albert & Wanda Nickerson by their loving Families*
- ✠ *Deceased of the Henning & Bott Families by Don & Roberta Henning*
- ✠ *Deceased of the Bentz, Fadoul, Hancher, Sengewalt and Werner Families by Millet & Susie Fadoul*
- ✠ *Elaine & Jay Cybulski, Tom George, Sharlet Purpura, Annette Tysk, Annette Aprea, Marthann Rinehart, Paul Doyle by Millet & Susie Fadoul*
- ✠ *Steve & Theresa Sofka by Mike & Judy Sofka*
- ✠ *Mary Jean and Tim Stanton by Mike & Judy Sofka*
- ✠ *Robert Baranawski by Mike & Judy Sofka*
- ✠ *Violet Machel by Mike & Judy Sofka*
- ✠ *Julian & Anna Marie McGlumphy by Jerry McGlumphy & Children*
- ✠ *Lesle Ann & Jerbear McGlumphy by Jerry McGlumphy & Family*
- ✠ *Beloved Aunts & uncles: Louis & Cecilia Ammar, Fred & Rita John, Sr. Mary Thomasina John & Ronald & Julia Tappe by Ron & Susan Burns*
- ✠ *Michael Joseph by Vickie Joseph*
- ✠ *Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph*
- ✠ *Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph*
- ✠ *Herman E. Conti Jr, Tony Matesic, Rose Ann & Angelo Polsinelli by Rosalie Conti*
- ✠ *Virginia & Anton Matesic Joe & Ana Palsinelli, Gene & Dorothy Palsinelli by Rosalie Conti*
- ✠ *Deceased of the Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Joseph & Weisner Families*
- ✠ *Deceased of the Weisner, Bishop & Schmeichel Families by Jean & George Weisner*
- ✠ *Matt & Margaret Simonetti by Richard & Mary Ryncarz*

✠ *Thomas & Stella Ryncarz by Richard & Mary Ryncarz*

✠ *Joseph & Julie Strauss by Richard & Mary Ryncarz*

Calendar of Parish Events

St. Maron Feast Day	<i>Sunday, February 9</i>
Msgr. Bakhos Birthday	<i>Sunday, February 9. Celebration following 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>
St. Maron Dinner 30	<i>Sunday, March 8, 2020</i>
Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, Feb 10, 6:00 p.m. Cedar Hall. Hosting Mary Stees & Shirley Bine</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:

February 9: Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Michael DiFabrizio

February 10: Sandra DeMuth

February 11: Charlotte Khourey

February 14: Diane Frenn

February 15: Nettie Seidler

February 16: Dave Sengewalt

February 17: Rebecca DiFabrizio

February 21: Louie Khourey

February 27: MaryAnn Carl

March 2: Ava Murad

March 4: Jeff Sengewalt

March 5: Philip Carl

March 6: Kristen McLaughlin

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)

Bill Dougherty, Al Depto, Don Henning, Lucille Gibbons, Blanche Wakim, Joe Roxby, Dolores Joseph, Jeff Fahey and his daughter Amanda, Elia Frenn, Nick Bedway, Shirley & Jim George, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Phil Geimer, Justin Frenn, John Shibben

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,442.50	Sunday Collection
45.00	Candles
23.00	Coffee hour
1,075.00	Mahrajan
566.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$3,181.50	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

Missing

Two clear large crystal cut glass bowls and a case filled with 50 or more Matchbox cars from the old Basement Hall. Please call or return with any information regarding these items to Linda (304) 242-6853.

Bring Now Your Items to Our Rummage Sale

Dear parishioners and friends,

Please bring your items with you to the church every time you come to daily or weekend Mass. It means from now until the date of the rummage sale in June, fill your trunk with the items you want to donate to our rummage sale and ask Msgr Bakhos or Mike to open the door of the old basement for you. Bring everything except clothing and tires. You can call us also at 304-233-1688 to wait for you. We appreciate your donation. Thanks.

Around Us

Lenten Fish Fry

Where: Our Lady of Seven Dolours Catholic Church

When: February 28 through April 3, 2020- 11:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Menu: Fresh, Hand-Breaded Coleman's Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Desserts

Infant of Prague Novena

Where: Our Lady of Peace Church

When: every Monday at 7:00 p.m. starting February 30, 2020



Story

Ah! Life in frostbite country, it always seems to bring out the Einstein in people.

This is an actual radio report of an incident in upper Michigan: A guy buys a brand new Lincoln Navigator for \$42,500 and has \$560 monthly payments. He and a friend go duck hunting in winter, and of course all the lakes are frozen. These two guys go out on the lake with their guns, a dog, and of course the new vehicle. They drive out onto the lake ice and get ready. Now, they want to make some kind of a natural landing area for the ducks, something for the decoys to float on. In order to make a hole large enough to look like something a wandering duck would fly down and land on, it is going to take a little more effort than an ice hole drill. So, out of the back of the new Navigator comes a stick of dynamite with a short, 40-second fuse. Now these two Rocket Scientists do take in consideration that they want to place the stick of dynamite on the ice at a location far from where they are standing (and the new Navigator), because they don't want to take the risk of slipping on the ice when they run from the burning fuse and possibly go up in smoke with the resulting blast. They light the 40-second fuse and throw the dynamite.

Remember a couple of paragraphs back when I mentioned the vehicle, the guns and the dog? Let's talk about the dog: A highly trained Black Lab used for RETRIEVING, especially things thrown by the owner. You guessed it, the dog takes off at a high rate of doggy speed on the ice and captures the stick of dynamite with the burning 40-second fuse about the time it hits the ice. The two men yell, scream, wave their arms and wonder what to do now. The dog, cheered on, keeps coming. One of the guys grabs the shotgun and shoots the dog. The shotgun is loaded with # 8 buckshot, hardly big enough to stop a Black Lab. The dog stops for a moment, slightly confused, but continues on. Another shot and this time the dog, still standing, becomes really confused and of course terrified, thinking these two geniuses have gone insane. The dog takes off to find cover, under, (what else on a frozen lake) the brand new Navigator. They continue to yell as they run. The exhaust pipe on the truck is still hot, so the dog yelps and drops the dynamite under the truck, and takes off after his master. Then

ka-BOOM the truck is blown to bits and sinks to the bottom of the lake in a very large hole, leaving the two idiots standing there with this quote “I can't believe this happened.”

The insurance company says that sinking a vehicle in a lake by illegal use of explosives is not covered. The owner still had yet to make the first of those \$560 a month payments.... And you thought your day was not going well!

A Time to Laugh (447)

Careless Cruise Control

A man was standing in a motor home dealership when a motor home was towed in for repairs. The front of the home was badly damaged. The man was curious as to how the motor home had gotten so mangled, so he walked over to the service department to ask. The manager explained that the owner of the motor home had been driving on the interstate and had set the cruise control and gone back to the kitchen to make himself a sandwich. There are just so many things to remember.

Just the Good News

A woman called her husband at work to talk. He explained that he was very busy and asked her if she could wait until he came home. His wife said she just wanted to share some good news and bad news. The husband really was busy and needed to get off the phone. He told his wife just to tell him the good news. She answered, “The air bags work fine.”

Elderly Parking

Two elderly women talking: “The thing I hate about parking is the noisy crash.”

Motion or Action

Never mistake motion for action. (Ernest Hemingway)

Speed of Death

Author and drama critic Alexander Woolcott liked to sit at the window of his New York apartment overlooking the East River and watch the boats go by. A visitor once asked him, “How can you sit here by the hour watching one battered old tugboat after another chugging by at ten knots? It sounds pretty dull.”

Woolcott explained, “It's not always tugboats. Every now and then a dead body floats by.”

His guest was taken up short and exclaimed, “A dead body? What's a dead body doing in the river?”

The reviewer shrugged and replied, “I can't say for sure, but my guess would be about five knots.”

Laying or Lying

A gal from the city asked an old farmer, “Which is grammatically correct: to say a hen is ‘setting’ or ‘sitting’?” The farmer replied, “I guess I don't know that one, miss, and it really don't interest me none. What does interest me when I hear a hen cackle is if she's ‘laying’ or ‘lying.’”

Mud Pack

“Every one in awhile my wife puts on one of those mud Packs.”

“Does it improve her Looks?”

“Only for a few days....then the mud falls off.”