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## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

**\*Weekend Masses:**

**Saturday at 4:00 p.m.** (For Senior Citizen 65 year and older)

**Saturday at 5:30 p.m.** [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]

**Sunday at 9:00 a.m.** (For Senior Citizen 65 year and older)

**Sunday 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. Pastor's office work.**

**\*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, Rita Strawn, Mary Stees, Susan (John) Burns

**\*Choir Members:** Lou Kourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski

**\*Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer

**\*Altar Servers:** Earl Duffy, Dalton Haas

**\*Altar Boys:** 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

## ***6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

Readings: 1 Cor 12: 12-30 and Mt 10:16-25

It is evident that the gospel of the kingdom has not yet been preached in all the world. It is not reported to have been preached among all the Ethiopians, especially among those beyond the river, nor among the Serae, nor in the East. What are we to say of the Britons, or of the Germans along the ocean, or of the barbarians, Dacians, Samaritans and Scythians, the greatest part of whom have not yet heard the word of the gospel, but who will certainly hear it by the time of the end? If any one is minded to say rashly that the gospel of the kingdom has already been preached in all the world as a testimony to all nations, he will consequently be constrained to say that the end has already come! That would be a most rash statement indicating a lack of understanding.

Therefore the Lord exhorts us to wait with patient and reverent faith until the end comes, for ***“Blessed is he that endures to the end.”*** It is neither a blessed nothingness that awaits us, nor is nonexistence the fruit, nor annihilation the appointed reward of faith. Rather the end is the final attainment of the promised blessedness. They are blessed who endure until the goal of perfect happiness is reached, when the expectation of faith reaches toward complete fulfillment. Their end is to abide with unbroken rest in that condition toward which they are presently pressing.

### ***This Weekend, July 4-5: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

#### **Saturday, July 4: Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

##### **At 4:00 p.m.:**

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

✠ Mike Linton by Mary Rose Kukula

✠ Special Intention

##### **At 5:30 p.m.: Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

✠ Mike Linton by Tammy Strong

✠ Bill Dougherty by George & Patty Fahey

✠ Special Intention

#### **Sunday, July 5:**

##### **At 9:00 a.m.:**

✠ Bill Dougherty by Jean Weisner

✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie and Family

##### **At 10:30 a.m.:**

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

✠ Bill Dougherty by Robert Harris

### ***Weekdays Masses***

#### **Monday, July 6: No Mass. Pastor's day off**

#### **Tuesday, July 7 at 12:05 p.m.:**

✠ Bill Dougherty by Mary Lish

✠ Living and Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

#### **Wednesday, July 8: No mass**

#### **Thursday, July 9 at 12:05 p.m.:**

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

✠ Bill Dougherty by Veronica Mushet

#### **Friday, July 10: No Mass**

## ***Next Weekend, July 11-12: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

### **Saturday, July 11:**

#### **At 4:00 p.m.:**

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

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

✠ Special Intention

#### **At 5:30 p.m.:**

✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

✠ Bill Dougherty by Dolores Cinque

✠ Special Intention

### **Sunday, July 12:**

#### **At 9:00 a.m.:**

✠ Deceased of the Dougherty Family by Carol Dougherty

✠ Virginia Kourey bryan (Anniversary) by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Kourey

✠ Living & Deceased of the Duffy and Shedeed Families by Earl & Linda Duffy

#### **At 10:30 a.m.:**

✠ Bill Dougherty by Sandra DeMuth

✠ Mike Linton by Msgr Bakhos

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

<b>Rummage Sale</b>	<i>Please start saving your merchandise for us. More information at a later date. No clothing will be accepted in the 2020 Rummage sale.</i>
<b>Lebanese Food Festival (Mahrajan)</b>	<i>Mahrajan food sale on Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>. More details in the coming bulletins.</i>

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

July 11:	Justin Wilson
July 12:	Shaun Hancher
July 14:	Chloe Imer
July 15:	Denny Albaugh
July 16:	Payton Wilson, Pam Obyc
July 20:	Shirley George
July 22:	Grace Klein, Mark Boehm
July 26:	Anna Marie Duymich
July 30:	Dee Shiben, Susan John Burns
August 2:	Rosella C. DeMuth
August 3:	Jim George, Sr.
August 7:	Rita Strawn
August 10:	Kory Bratton, Thomasina Geimer

## ***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)*

Mary Thomas, Kathleen Olinski, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, John Shiben, Laura Lee Hunter, Jim Sengewalt, Al Depto, Don Henning, Jeff Fahey & his daughter Amanda, Nick Bedway, Shirley & Jim George, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Mary Jo Terry, Barbara Hostage, Phil Geimer,

<i><b>Your Church Support Last Week</b></i>	
\$813.00	Sunday Collection
250.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection: Peter's Pence
1340.00	Donation to the church
6.00	Utilities
\$2409.00	<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, Susan Burns

## ***What's New***

### ***Parish Condolences: Annette Harb Togliatti***

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Harb and Togliatti families on the loss of their beloved Annette who passed away in Ohio. May the Blessed Mother intercede for her and lead her to the light of Christ. We extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow.

### ***Many Thanks***

--To the dedicated and responsible parishioners who sanitized the pews and every possible touched items on the way to Mass. May God reward you abundantly.

### ***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 our future rummage sale in the fall, fill your trunk with the items you want to donate to our rummage sale and ask Msgr. Bakhos or Earl Duffy 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. If you would like to shop at the sale, stop in after Sunday's Mass or call Linda at 304-242-6853 to set up a day and time. We appreciate your donation. Thanks.

## ***Spirituality***

In Florida, an atheist created a case against Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned."

## ***Wisdom***

Man depends on God for all things; God depends on man for one. Without Man's love, God does not exist as God, only as creator, and love is the one thing no one, not even God Himself, can command. It is a free

gift, or it is nothing. And it is most itself, most free, when it is offered in spite of suffering, of injustice, and of death.

We do not love God because He is perfect. We do not love Him because He protects us from all harm and keeps evil things from happening to us. We do not love Him because we are afraid of Him, or because He will hurt us if we turn our back on Him. We love Him because He is God, because He is the author of all the beauty and the order around us, the source of our strength within us, and of other people's strength and hope and courage with which we are helped in our time of need. We love Him because He is the best part of ourselves and of our world. That is what it means to love. Love is not the admiration of perfection, but the acceptance of an imperfect person with all his imperfections, because loving and accepting him makes us better and stronger.

Is there an answer to the question of why bad things happen to good people?

The response would be Job's response which is: to forgive the world for not being perfect, to forgive God for not making a better world, to reach out to the people around us, and to go on living despite it all.

### *Story: Friends are God's way of caring for us*

"Friends are God's way of taking care of us" this was written by a Hospice of Metro Denver physician I just had one of the most amazing experiences of my life, and wanted to share it with my family and dearest friends:

I was driving home from a meeting this evening about 5, stuck in traffic on Colorado Blvd., and the car started to choke and splutter and die - I barely managed to coast, cursing, into a gas station, glad only that I would not be blocking traffic and would have a somewhat warm spot to wait for the tow truck. It wouldn't even turn over. Before I could make the Call, I saw a woman walking out of the "quickie mart" building, and it looked like she slipped on some ice and fell into a gas pump, so I got out to see if she was okay. When I got there, it looked more like she had been overcome by sobs than that she had fallen; she was a young woman who looked really haggard with dark circles under her eyes.

She dropped something as I helped her up, and I picked it up to give it to her. It was a nickel. At that moment, everything came into focus for me: the crying woman, the ancient Suburban crammed full of stuff with 3 kids in the back (1 in a car seat), and the gas pump reading \$4.95. I asked her if she was okay and if she needed help, and she just kept saying "I don't want my kids to see me crying," so we stood on the other side of the pump from her car. She said she was driving to California and that things were very hard for her right now.

So I asked, "And you were praying?" That made her back away from me a little but I assured her I was not a crazy person and said, "He heard you, and He sent me."

I took out my card and swiped it through the card reader on the pump so she could fill up her car completely, and while it was fueling walked to the next door McDonald's and bought 2 big bags of food, some gift certificates for more, and a big cup of coffee.

She gave the food to the kids in the car who attacked it like wolves, and we stood by the pump eating fries and talking a little. She told me her name, and that she lived in Kansas City.

Her boyfriend left 2 months ago and she had not been able to make ends meet. She knew she wouldn't have money to pay rent Jan 1, and finally in desperation had finally called her parents, with whom she had not spoken in about 5 years. They lived in California and said she could come live with them and try to get on her feet there. So she packed up everything she owned in the car. She told the kids they were going to California for Christmas, but not that they were going to live there.

I gave her my gloves, a little hug and said a quick prayer with her for safety on the road. As I was walking over to my car, she said, "So, are you like an angel or something?" This definitely made me cry. I said, Sweetie, at this time of year angels are really busy, so sometimes God uses regular people."

It was so incredible to be a part of someone else's miracle. And of course, you guessed it, when I got in my car it started right away and got me home with no problem. I'll put it in the shop tomorrow to check, but I suspect the mechanic won't find anything wrong. Sometimes the angels fly close enough to you that you can hear the flutter of their wings.

## *A Time to Laugh (459)*

### ***Stop While You're Ahead***

A burglar broke into an opulent home and was filling his sacks with stolen goods when he heard a deep growl. He looked down to see the biggest Doberman pinscher he had ever seen. But before he had a chance to do anything, he heard a small voice ask, "Who are you? Who are you?" He looked around but couldn't find anyone or anything that was saying it, and the dog just sat there. So, he continued to rob the house until his bags were full. Then as he was ready to leave the house, he noticed a parrot in a cage.

As he walked over to the cage the parrot said, "Who are you? Who are you?"

The crook looked at the bird and said, "Is that all you can say? "Who are you? Who are you?"

And the parrot replied, "Sic'em!"

### ***Dating Dinosaur Bones***

Some tourists in the Chicago Museum of Natural History were marveling at the dinosaur bones. One of them asked the guard, "Can you tell me how old the dinosaur bones are?"

The guard replied, "They are three million four years and six months old."

"That's an awfully exact number," said the tourist. "How do you know their age so precisely?"

The guard answered, "Well, the dinosaur bones were three million years old when I started working here, and that was four and a half years ago."

### ***Frogs or God***

A pastor invited the children to come forward for the children's sermon. After they had seated themselves on the platform steps, he announced he was going to talk about frogs. He asked the group, "When I say 'frog' what's the first thing that comes to your mind?"

Promptly a child answered, "God."

Surprised, the pastor asked with obvious puzzlement, "Why do you think about God when I say 'frog'?"

The child replied, "Because I know you didn't bring us down here to talk about frogs."

### ***Blind Police Officer***

An elderly woman came home to find that her house had been broken into. She immediately called the police and frantically reported how her house had been burglarized.

The nearest unit to her house was a canine unit, which responded to the call. The police officer drove up to the house and proceeded to let the dog out of the car. The woman came running out of the house at the sight of the police car only to see the dog getting out.

She threw her hands up in the air and screamed, "Not only have I been robbed, but now they've sent me a blind police officer!"

### ***Oooooooooooooooooops!***

Wife: Honey, what are you looking for?

Husband: Nothing.

Wife: Nothing?? You have been reading our Marriage Certificate for an hour.

Husband: I was just looking for the expiry date.