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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

***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

***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

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Rom 12:9-15 and Lk 10:38-42

The third of the great feasts of the summer is the commemoration of the death of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, which, in liturgical language is called “**Dormition of our Lady**”. This, from the liturgical point of view, is the most important feast dedicated to the Virgin.

To whomever reads this, sacred Tradition has given us the following account of the death of the Theotokos:

“As the time drew near for the Lord to draw unto himself his earthly mother, he sent the Archangel Gabriel to Gethsemane to tell her that it is within her power to ascend to heaven whenever she wills. The Archangel, therefore, comes to Gethsemane and enters the house of the Godmother, he stands in front of her, and with all reverence and piety says to her: *“My mistress and my lady, Queen of heaven, and the Creator’s most Immaculate Mother; your only-begotten Son and God sent me to tell you that he called you unto him, to his Kingdom, to his ineffable glory, that you might sit upon his throne at his right hand. He awaited you.”* And this was in the 44th AD and on her 59th year, also it was eleven years following our Lord Jesus Christ’s Ascension.

Upon the Archangel Gabriel’s departure, the Theotokos went up to the Mount of Olives and prayed and blessed God, and thereafter returned to her house and prepared herself for burial.

Meanwhile, as though by a miracle, all the Apostles left off preaching wherever they were and gathered at once at Gethsemane where Mary lived. Having revealed to them the reason for their strange meeting, she then consoled them in their sorrow.

After this, the Theotokos called the devout widows and distributed to them her garments, and prayed for the salvation of the world, and for the faithful Christians who seek her help and protection, and then blessed the Apostles, and bade farewell unto all those about her, then finally she did lay herself upon her bed and fell asleep. And following her words: *“You my Son and my God, receive my spirit,”* the Son of God did immediately receive his Mother’s most holy soul, and translated it to her throne, at his right side, as the perpetual queen of the angels and all the saints.

“Angelic hosts stood at Zion guarding their master directing a female soul for he cried out sacredly unto her, which begot immaculately; come you venerable one, and glorify yourself together with your Son and your God.” Now the earthly grave is preparing to receive the body of the most holy of all. The most holy one is sleeping, and the funeral burial at the Vessel of choice is followed by the Apostles.

Legend has it that Thomas the Apostle did not arrive in time for the burial. As the others led him to Mary’s tomb to view the remains of the beloved Virgin, they discovered, to their astonishment, that the body was gone. Thus did the belief in her bodily Assumption originate.”

Like her Son, Mary underwent physical death, but her body, like his was afterwards raised from the dead and she was taken up into heaven in her body as well as in her soul. The resurrection of the body, which all Christians await, has in her case been anticipated and is already an accomplished fact.

This Weekend, August 15-16: Assumption

Saturday, August 15: Assumption

At 4:00 p.m.:

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

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

At 5:30 p.m.:

✠ Bill Dougherty by Steve & Mike Linton

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

⊕ Special Intention

Sunday, August 16:**At 9:00 a.m.:**

✠ Bill Dougherty by Ev Lee Powell

✠ Mike Linton by Dolores Cinque

At 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Deceased of Nimon Joseph Family by the Weisner and Joseph Families

✠ Holly Bine (8th Anniversary) by his wife Shirley Bine***Weekdays Masses*****Monday, August 17: No Mass. Pastor's day off****Tuesday, August 18 at 12:05 p.m.:**

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

✠ Mike Linton by Libby Magnone

✠ Kathleen Olinski by her sister Mary

Wednesday, August 19: No mass**Thursday, August 20 at 12:05 p.m.:**

✠ Khalil & Sadie Harb (parents), Annette & Maria (sisters) and Al Togliatti (brother-in-law) by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)

✠ George Weisner by Earl & Linda Duffy

Friday, August 21: No Mass***Next Weekend, August 22-23: 13th Sunday of Pentecost*****Saturday, August 22: Assumption****At 4:00 p.m.:**

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

✠ Al & Annette Harb Togliatti by their daughter GiGi and Family

✠ Kathleen Olinski by her sister Mary

At 5:30 p.m.:

✠ Bob Sengewalt by David & Debbie Sengewalt

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

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, August 23:**At 9:00 a.m.:**

✠ Bill Dougherty by John & Linda Dougherty

✠ Mike Linton by John & Dee Shibben

At 10:30 a.m.:

✠ George Weisner by Carol Dougherty

✠ Mike Linton by the President & Members of the Cedar Club

Calendar of Parish Events**Lebanese Food Festival
(Mahrajan)***Mahrajan food sale on Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18th. More details in the coming bulletins.****Sponsors of the Lebanese Food Festival***

Many Thanks to all the following Parishioners and Friends who made donations to sponsor the Lebanese Food Festival that will be held on October 17 and 18 this year.

Amount	Last Name	First Name	Donation in Memory of
\$500	Harb	Jamil	Sadie Harb
\$100	McLaughlin	Mark & Barb	
\$100	McLaughlin	Mark & Barb	Sarah (Joseph) McLaughlin
\$100	Golebiewski	Michael & Terri	Samuel J. & Bernadine Elias
\$100	Golebiewski	Michael & Terri	Alphonse & Violet Golebiewski
\$100	Weisner	Randy	George Weisner
\$200	Palmer	Dr Jack	Pete & Dr. Joe Palmer
\$100	Ferris	Denise	Thomas & Mary K. Ferris
\$500	Joseph	Vickie	Mike, Alphonse & Georgette Joseph
\$100	Depto	Al	Frank J. Depto Jr., and Susan Depto Frazier
\$100	Haddad	Simon	(Whitesville, WV)
\$100	Brock	Thomas	
\$100	Palmer	Peggy	
\$100	Committee	Bill & Tricia	
\$100	Myles	Timothy & Kathy	Ruth Byers
\$100	Peklinsky	Alicia	
\$100	Weisner	Mary Beth	George Alan Weisner
\$100	Mensore	John	Mensore Distributor Inc
\$125	Gibbons	Ron & Kim & Kaitlin	
\$100	Porter	Dennis & Mary Lee	Porter and Schwizer Family
\$100	Khourey	Lou & Charlotte	
\$100	Popovich	Joe & Nikki	George & Mary Popovich
\$100	Joseph	Kenneth & Nancy	
\$100	Fahey	George & Patricia	
\$100			The Habdo Family
\$100	Josephs	Larry	(Saint Paul, MN)
\$100	Maroon	Lula-Marie K.	Mary Ann Khoury
\$100	Kawas	Emilie	Joseph Kawas
\$100	Beatty	Tom & Sharon	
\$100	John	David and Greg	Deceased Loved Ones
\$100			Kepner Funeral Homes
\$100	Fadoul	Millet & Susie	
\$100	Steas	Bill & Mary	Zaid & Abdo Ferris Family

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

August 23: Georgene Weisner Manning
 August 25: Al Depto
 August 26: Philip Geimer, Nathan Wakim, Jessica George
 August 29: Debbie Elias Davis
 August 31: Joseph R. Simon
 September 1: Janet Fadoul Wilson
 September 8: Carol Dougherty
 September 9: Gary Weisner, Patrick Steas,
 September 10: Chris George
 September 15: Ted Olinski

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)
 Louis "Butch" Elias, Dennis Porter, Stanley Wash (brother-in-law of Carol Dougherty), Mary Thomas, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, John Shibben, Laura Lee Hunter, Jim Sengewalt, Al Depto, Don Henning, Shirley & Jim George, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Mary Jo Terry, Barbara Hostage, Phil Geimer,

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$955.00	Sunday Collection
2,100.00	Donation from our parishioners to Caritas Lebanon
500.00	Donation from Altmeyer Funeral Homes toward our new 2021 calendars
3,725.00	Donations from sponsors towards the Lebanese Food Festival
20.00	Utilities
\$7,300.00	Total Deposits: <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

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.

News about our Rummage Sale

Dear parishioners and friends,

The basement hall is open for shopping and dropp-offs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon to 3:00 p.m. We have many nice items for sale. Please pass the word around to your family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you.

--Linda & Luane

Spirituality: Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lovely Lady dressed in Blue, teach me how to pray.
 God was just your little boy and you know the way.
 Did you lift him up sometime, gently on your knee?
 Did you sing to him, the way mother does to me?
 Did you hold his hand at night? Did you try,
 Telling stories of the world. Oh, and did he cry?
 Do you think he really cares if I tell him things?
 Little things that happen?
 And do the angels wings make a noise?
 Does he hear me when I speak low?
 Does he understand me now? Tell me for you know.
 Lovely Lady dressed in Blue, teach me how to pray.
 God was just your little boy and YOU know the way. --Bishop Fulton Sheen

Wisdom

Don't be aggressive with your friends and family.

--Even if you are right, there is nothing to be gained from letting yourself become adversarial with your loved ones. Remember how much more important these people are to you than is the issue you are talking about.

--It would be great to always be right, wouldn't it? Adam is always right. At least, he thinks so. Whether it's a matter of a trivia question or the best way to hang wallpaper, Adam knows the answer. When his family challenges him on some point, any point, Adam launches an inquest. He asks people to tell him why they disagree, and then he tries to catch them in an inconsistency. His follow-up questions are like those used by a lawyer trying to get an unreliable witness to admit his faults.

Adam almost always wins. He almost always gets a concession from his witness. The problem is, Adam's witness is not a criminal in a courtroom but a friend or loved one who holds a different opinion. Some of his friends have concluded it's just not worth disagreeing with Adam, and others have concluded it's not even worth talking to Adam, since you never know when a topic will lead to a controversy. Adam wins all the little battles, but he loses the metaphorical war. He loses the opportunity to spend enjoyable time with those he cares about.

"Prevalent criticism within relationships reduces happiness up to one-third."

Story: God and the spider

During World War II, a US marine was separated from his unit on a Pacific island. The fighting had been intense, and in the smoke and the crossfire he had lost touch with his comrades.

Alone in the jungle, he could hear enemy soldiers coming in his direction. Scrambling for cover, he found his way up a high ridge to several small caves in the rock. Quickly he crawled inside one of the caves. Although safe for the moment, he realized that once the enemy soldiers looking for him swept up the ridge, they would quickly search all the caves and he would be killed.

As he waited, he prayed, "Lord, if it be your will, please protect me. Whatever your will though, I love you and trust you. Amen."

After praying, he lay quietly listening to the enemy begin to draw close. He thought, "Well, I guess the Lord isn't going to help me out of this one." Then he saw a spider begin to build a web over the front of his cave.

As he watched, listening to the enemy searching for him all the while, the spider layered strand after strand of web across the opening of the cave.

"Hah, he thought. "What I need is a brick wall and what the Lord has sent me is a spider web. God does have a sense of humor."

As the enemy drew closer he watched from the darkness of his hideout and could see them searching one cave after another. As they came to his, he got ready to make his last stand. To his amazement, however, after glancing in the direction of his cave, they moved on. Suddenly, he realized that with the spider web over the entrance, his cave looked as if no one had entered for quite a while.

"Lord, forgive me," prayed the young man. "I had forgotten that in you a spider's web is stronger than a brick wall."

We all face times of great trouble. When we do, it is so easy to forget what God can work in our lives, sometimes in the most surprising ways. And remember with God, a mere spider's web becomes a brick wall of protection.

Prayer: Lord, I thank you for all our Military, and their families. I pray for your Brick wall of protection, to protect them everyday!!! Amen.

A Time to Laugh (465)

Dishonest Golf Buddies

Sam and Barney headed out for a quick round of golf since they were short on time they decided to play only nine holes.

Sam made Barney an offer. "Let's say we make the time worthwhile, at least for one of us, and spot five dollars on the lowest score for the day."

Barney agreed, and they enjoyed a great game. After the eighth hole, Barney was ahead by one stroke, but he cut his ball into the rough on the ninth. "Help me find my ball. You look over there," he told Sam.

After five minutes neither had had any luck, and since a lost ball carries a four-point penalty, Barney pulled a ball from his pocket and tossed it to the ground. "I've found my ball!" he announced triumphantly.

Sam looked at him forlornly. "After all the years we've been friends, you'd cheat me at golf for a measly five bucks?"

"What do you mean cheat? I found my ball sitting right here!"

"And a liar too!", Sam said with amazement. "I'll have you know I've been standing on your ball for the last five minutes!"

One Dollar for Each Point

A college professor was giving a final exam to his students. He distributed the tests to the class and waited for his students to finish. When the students handed in their completed tests, one of the tests had a one-hundred-dollar bill attached with a note that explained, "One dollar for each point."

When the student got his exam back, he had a grade of forty-five with fifty-five dollars in change attached.

Double Standards

If you copy anything out of one book, it is plagiarism. If you copy it out of two books, it is research. If you copy it out of six books, you are a professor. (Bishop Fulton J. Sheen)

More Theology Needed

Children have a way of keeping all of us off balance. I read recently about a new salesman who worked door-to-door selling children's encyclopedias. He had concluded his presentation to the mother of a five-year-old boy. Although he sensed that he had already convinced her of the value of the books, he went on and used one more of his highly charged sales techniques.

"If the answer to any question your little boy asks can't be found in this encyclopedia, I will refuse to sell these books to you," he said to the mother. Then, turning to the five-year-old, he said, "Ask me a question, sonny. Just ask me anything you want to know, and I'll show your mother where she can find the answer in this wonderful encyclopedia."

The five-year-old thought only a moment before he asked, "What kind of car does God drive?"

That experience was educational for the salesman. He never used that sales technique again.