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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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15th Sunday of Pentecost

***Weekend Masses:**

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. (For Senior Citizen 65 years & older)

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

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (For Senior Citizen 65 years & 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

15th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: 1Thess 1-10 and Lk 7:36-50

Jesus associated a number of women with him in his mission, though in those times women hardly counted for anything outside their families. He went further, he cut across a series of taboos in order to receive the repentance of a sinful woman.

During a meal given Jesus by the Pharisee Simon, someone quite unexpected came in: doubtless a prostitute - rabbinical teaching said prostitutes should be kept at a distance of two yards. Perhaps she had been following and listening to Jesus for some time. Now, anyway, she was prepared to change her way, recognizing that Jesus had come for just such a person as herself. She displayed none of Simon's calculated reserve. Her tears have the freshness of sorrow, flowing from her heart: by means of these tears, happy and sad all at once, bliss opens up, 'for the rear alone leads to the laugh of blessedness' (Origen).

Without knowing it she is worthy of pardon, and Jesus is not mistaken: after all he had won her before she had surrendered herself. Compared to Simon, who believed he had little to do to obtain forgiveness, and so was hard in his complacency, the woman is held by grace, and the love of God is able to pierce her armor and change the heart of stone into a heart of flesh.

'Your sins are forgiven.' Jesus bears no resemblance to a patcher-up of consciences. Recognition of his mercy, greater than the heavens, will save us from astonishment: from a rag picked up from the mud he makes a wedding dress; with no-good grain he harvests a saint, If it is true that living beings look like the way they are looked at, we owe our existence to Christ's look of love. In him, moreover, my death is no longer ahead of but behind me: I now can try to live, try to love. Like the sinful woman I have the chance of a fresh start.

This Weekend, September 5-6: 15th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, September 5:

At 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Cecilia & Louis Ammar

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

At 5:30 p.m.:

✠ Bill Dougherty by Steve & Mike Linton

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

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, September 6:

At 9:00 a.m.:

✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol

✠ Mike Linton by Linda Duffy

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

At 10:30 a.m.:

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

✠ Elias Frenn (Anniversary) by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Zack & Justin

✠ Thomas A. Ferris (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees & Libby G. Magnone

Weekdays Masses

Monday, September 7: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Tuesday, September 8 at 12:05 p.m.: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

✠ John F. Kukula (Anniversary) by Mary Rose Kukula

✠ Kathleen Olinski by Anne Foreman

✠ George Weisner by Dick & Ann Marie Serafin & Family

Wednesday, September 9: No Mass

Thursday, September 10 at 12:05 p.m.:

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

✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb & Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (MI) & GiGi

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

Friday, September 11: No Mass

This Weekend, September 12-13: Exaltation of the Cross

Saturday, September 12:

At 4:00 p.m.:

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

✠ Bill Dougherty by Steve & Mike Linton

At 5:30 p.m.:

✠ Mike Linton by Libby Magnone

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

† Special Intention

Sunday, September 13:

At 9:00 a.m.:

✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol

✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie & Family

✠ Martha Thomas by her husband Latif & Family

At 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Joseph & Nell Duffy & George & Rose Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy

✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb & Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (MI) & GiGi

Lebanese Food Festival – Order Pick-up Dates October 17th & 18th

The Lebanese Festival Committee is proud to announce that preparations for the Our Lady of Lebanon Church **LEBANESE FOOD FESTIVAL** are underway! Although we were very disappointed that the Lebanese Festival – *Mahrajan* had to be cancelled this year due to the pandemic, we are enthusiastic about the opportunity to offer a Food Festival to our church family and community.

The Lebanese Food Festival will be different from anything we have ever done before because of current guidelines for social distancing. Our Lebanese Food Festival will be **PRE-ORDERS ONLY, & PRE-PAYMENT ONLY**. **PICK-UP** will be on either Saturday, October 17th OR Sunday, October 18th. Orders must be Paid-in-Advance. Order forms should have been received at your homes by now.

When you received the order form, you will see a wonderful selection of food items including: Kibbee, Grape Leaves, Meat Pies, Spinach Pies, Hummus, Lebanese Rice, Baklawa, Lebanese Mix Cookies, Zaatar, Pita Bread and many Market Place items.

Please complete your order form and mail back to the church with your payment. **Deadline for orders is September 28th. Please understand that orders received after September 28th will NOT be accepted.** So please, get your orders in quickly! You don't want to miss out on the chance to purchase GREAT Lebanese Food or support our church.

If you need extra order forms please contact Susan at 304-242-5706. We look forward to seeing you on Pick-up Day!

These are the Sponsors of the Lebanese Food Festival:

Amt.	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., & Susan Depto Frazier
\$100	Haddad	Simon	(Whitesville, WV)
\$100	Brock	Thomas	
\$100	Palmer	Peggy	
\$100	Committee	Bill & Tricia	
\$100	Myles	Timothy & Kathy	Ruth Byers
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\$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	The Khourey & Howard Families
\$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
\$100	Oliver	Jim	
\$100	Thomas	Latif B.	
\$100	Saseen	George, Susan, Matthew & Luke	
\$100	Wetzel	William & Annette	Father Jim LaCrosse by Rusty & Annette
\$100	Jochum	Sue	Anna Shia Family
\$100	Kelly	Michael & Kathryn	
\$100	Joseph	Michael & Janet	Kareem & Alice Joseph
\$200	Schroeder	Mark A.	Al & Helen Schroeder
\$100	Comerci	James & Lynn	
\$100		Schmidt Bros. Sunoco/Tires & Service	
\$100	Renzella	Elsie	Nichola & Filomena Renzella & Deceased Members of the Family
\$100	John	Marjorie C.	Deceased of Victoria & Joseph J. John Family
\$100	Daniel	Eddie	Pete & Hasiba Daniel Family
\$50	Mansor	Angele C.	Raymond Mansor
\$100	Hankish	Rose	Paul N. Hankish
\$100	Hankish	Rose	Christopher Hankish
\$100	Hankish	Rose	Patricia Ross Hankish
\$100	Breiding	Lisa	Larry Breiding
\$100	Khoury	Drs. Rajai & Nahla	

\$100	Kazour	John & Kathleen	The Kazours
\$100	Hetzel	Robert W.	John & Lillian Hetzel
\$100	Abraham	Tom	
\$100	Goodson	Cathy	Evelyn Goodson
\$100	Gibbons	Bob & Paula & Scott	Lucy Gibbons
\$100	Chahine	Youssef & Jocelyne	Tita & Jeddo
\$100	Shia	Claire	Dr. George J. Shia
\$100	Hundley	Paula S.	George J. Shia
\$100	Fahey	Mike	Fahey-Leavitt Insurance Agency, Inc.
\$100	Saseen	Fran & Sons	Robert J. Saseen
\$100	Foreman	Ann	Roze Hazlett
\$100	Weisner	Jean	
\$200	Betras	Joe	Betras Family
\$200	Wakim	Chris & Jeannette	Blanche M. Wakim
\$100	David	Michael	
\$100	Duffy	Earl & Linda Fadoul Duffy	
\$200	Shutler	Janet	Deceased of the Shutler & Nolte Families
\$100	Joseph	Stephanie	Tessa Joseph
\$100	Vargo	Dr. Dianna M. Vargo	Ernest & Minnie Shia Vargo
\$100	Bowers	Claudia M. Khourey	Louise Nader Khourey
\$500	Ghaphery	Nick Jr. and Evelyn	Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery
\$500	Ghaphery	Dr. & Mrs. A.D.	Living & Deceased of Ghaphery & Rydzak Families
\$100	Zambito	Al & Dana	
\$100	Altmeyer	Jim	Altmeyer Funeral Homes
\$100	Zdilla	Drs. Matthew & Christina & Family	
\$250	Carl	Maryann	Mr & Mrs John T. John
\$100	Abraham	Marc	Abraham & Company PLLC
\$100	John	Mark & Catherine	Michael John and Fred T. John Jr. (brothers)
\$100	Albaugh	Dennis	Albaugh & Chidiac Family members
\$100	Bine	Shirley	
\$100	Thomas	Latif	Martha Thomas
\$100	Kannan	Tom	Deceased of the Kannan Family
\$100	Kalkreuth	John & Sherri	The Kalkreuth Family
\$25	Mason	Linda	
\$50			Riesbeck Food Markets
\$100	Petros	Pat & Jackie	Petros & Fahey Families
\$100	Sofka	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sofka	
\$500	Weisner	David	
\$100	Weisner	Ron	Deceased Members of the Weisner & Joseph Families
\$650	Burns	Ron & Susan	
\$100	Geimer	Thomasina	
\$200	Seidler	Nettie	The George Family
\$100	Magnone	Libby G.	Deceased members of the Ferris Family: Elizabeth Ferris Magnone, Josephine Ferris & Thomas Ferris
\$150	Law	Myron & Cynthia	
\$100	Hostutler	Linda	

\$200	Weisner	Gary A.	
\$100	Coleman	Jo	Colemans Fish Market
\$100	Perilli	Paula	Lou Elias
\$100	Strong	Tammy	Shirley Elias Nickerson & Deceased Members of the Elias Family by their loving family
\$100	Abraham, Jr.	Josph N.	Abraham Families
\$100	McGlumphy	Jerry & Children	Leslie & Jerbear
\$100		Mountaineer Excavating	
\$100	Breit	Juliette A.	
\$100	Strawn	Rex & Rita	
\$100	Gompers	Matt & Vicky	Gompers Pharmacy, Inc.
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Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

September 8:	Carol Dougherty
September 9:	Gary Weisner, Patrick Stees,
September 10:	Chris George
September 15:	Ted Olinski
September 18:	Michael Duymich
September 20:	Regina Hancher, Gavin Hancher
September 22:	John Jay Thomas
September 24:	Luane Frazier
September 25:	Natalie Committee
September 26:	Mary Rose Kukula
October 6:	Joe Popovich, Frank Duymich

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, Mary Thomas, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, John Shiben, 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,

Your Church Support Last Week

\$40.00	Sunday Collection
500.00	Donation from Our Parishioners to Caritas Lebanon
1600.00	Donations from Sponsors towards the Lebanese Food Festival
200.00	Donation to the church
30.00	Parking
\$2370.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Kourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy, Susan Burns

What's New

Parishioners Emails Requested for Emergency Notices

Dear parishioners, & visitors who attend Masses at OLOL: Please submit your email to Msgr. Bakhos so that he can email you if there is a message about changing dates or masses or in case of a snow emergency.

Your emails will not be shared with anybody else because of privacy.

Ma'amoul Cookies Available

Delicious homemade Ma'amoul cookies made by the ladies of our church are available for sale. The cookies are prepacked, 2 cookies/package at \$3.00/package. Limited supply. Please call Mary Stees 304-242-2026 or Linda Duffy 304-242-6853

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.

Many Thanks

--To those of you who are wearing Masks properly at all times that you are inside Our Lady of Lebanon Church Building. This is to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other flu & bacteria. Please note that your Nose & Mouth are to be covered at ALL times – especially when you are within 6 feet of another person.

News about Our Rummage Sale

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

Spirituality:

What is a Christian?

A Christian is a mind through which Christ think;
a heart through which Christ loves,
a voice through which Christ speaks,
and a hand through which Christ helps. -E C. McKenzie

Wisdom

JFK'S

-Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, was in France in the early 60's when Charles de Gaulle decided to pull out of NATO de Gaulle said he wanted all US military out of France as soon as possible. Rusk responded "does that include those who are buried here?"

de Gaulle did not respond.

You could have heard a pin drop

-When in England, at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of empire building by George Bush.

He answered by saying, 'Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return.'

You could have heard a pin drop.

-There was a conference in France where a number of international engineers were taking part, including French and American. During a break, one of the French engineers came back into the room saying 'Have you heard the latest dumb stunt Bush has done? He has sent an aircraft carrier to Indonesia to help the tsunami victims. What does he intend to do, bomb them?'

-A Boeing engineer stood up and replied quietly: 'Our carriers have three hospitals on board that can treat several hundred people; they are nuclear powered and can supply emergency electrical power to shore

facilities; they have three cafeterias with the capacity to feed 3,000 people three meals a day, they can produce several thousand gallons of fresh water from sea water each day, and they carry half a dozen helicopters for use in transporting victims and injured to and from their flight deck. We have eleven such ships; how many does France have?'

You could have heard a pin drop.

-A U.S. Navy Admiral was attending a naval conference that included Admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian and French Navies. At a cocktail reception, he found himself standing with a large group of Officers that included personnel from most of those countries. Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks but a French admiral suddenly complained that, whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English. He then asked, 'Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?'

Without hesitating, the American Admiral replied, 'Maybe it's because the Brit's, Canadians, Aussie's and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German.'

You could have heard a pin drop.

-AND THIS STORY FITS RIGHT IN WITH THE ABOVE...

Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by plane. At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on.

"You have been to France before, monsieur?" the customs officer asked sarcastically.

Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France previously.

"Then you should know enough to have your passport ready."

The American said, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it."

"Impossible. Americans always have to show your passports on arrival in France!"

The American senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then he quietly explained, "Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find a single Frenchmen to show a passport to."

You could have heard a pin drop.

I am proud to be of this land, AMERICA

Story: God's Garden

Why do I always have to be the one that starts to do laundry and there's no detergent?

I guess it was time for me to do my "Dollar Store" run, which included light bulbs, paper towels, trash bags and Clorox. So off I go.

I scurried around the store, gathered up my goodies, and headed for the checkout counter only to be blocked in the narrow aisle by a young man that appeared to be about sixteen-years- old.

I wasn't in a hurry, so I patiently waited for the boy to realize that I was there.

This was when he waved his hands excitedly in the air and declared in a loud voice, "Mommy, I'm over here."

It was obvious now, he was mentally challenged, and also startled as he turned and saw me standing so close to him, waiting to squeeze by.

His eyes widened and surprise exploded on his face as I said, "Hey Buddy, what's your name?"

"My name is Denny and I'm shopping with my mother," he responded proudly.

"Wow," I said, "that's a cool name; I wish my name was Denny, but my name is Hal."

"Hal like Halloween?" he asked.

"Yes," I answered. "How old are you Denny?"

"How old am I now Mommy?" he asked his mother as she slowly came over from the next aisle.

"You're fifteen-years- old Denny. Now be a good boy and let the man pass by."

I acknowledged her and continued to talk to Denny for several more minutes about summer, bicycles and school. I watched his brown eyes dance with excitement because he was the center of someone's attention.

He then abruptly turned and headed toward the toy section.

Denny's mom had a puzzled look on her face and thanked me for taking the time to talk with her son. She told me that most people wouldn't even look at him, much less talk to him.

I told her that it was my pleasure and then I said something. I have no idea where it came from, other than by the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

I told her that there are plenty of red, yellow and pink roses in God's garden, however, "Blue Roses" are very rare and should be appreciated for their beauty and distinctiveness. You see, Denny is a "Blue Rose" and if someone doesn't stop and smell that rose with their heart and touch that rose with their kindness, then they've missed a blessing from God.

She was silent for a second, then with a tear in her eye she asked, "Who are you?"

Without thinking I said, "Oh, I'm probably just a daffodil or maybe even a dandelion, but I sure love living in God's garden."

A Time to Laugh (468)

Forrest Gump Goes to heaven

The day finally arrived. Forrest Gump dies and goes to Heaven. He is at the Pearly Gates, met by St. Peter himself. However, the gates are closed, and Forrest approaches the gatekeeper.

St. Peter said, "Well, Forrest, it is certainly good to see you. We have heard a lot about you. I must tell you, though, that the place is filling up fast, and we have been administering an entrance examination for everyone. The test is short, but you have to pass it before you can get into Heaven."

Forrest responds, "It sure is good to be here, St. Peter, sir. But nobody ever told me about any entrance exam. I sure hope that the test ain't too hard. Life was a big enough test as it was."

St. Peter continued, "Yes, I know, Forrest, but the test is only three questions.

First: What two days of the week begin with the letter "T"?

Second: How many seconds are there in a year?

Third: What is God's first name?"

Forrest leaves to think the questions over. He returns the next day and sees St. Peter, who waves him up, and says, "Now that you have had a chance to think the questions over, tell me your answers."

Forrest replied, "Well, the first one which two days in the week begins with the letter "T"? Shucks, that one is easy. That would be Today and Tomorrow."

The Saint's eyes opened wide and he exclaimed, "Forrest, that is not what I was thinking, but you do have a point, and I guess I did not specify, so I will give you credit for that answer. How about the next one?" asked St. Peter.

"How many seconds in a year? Now that one is harder," replied Forrest, but I think and think about that, and I guess the only answer can be twelve.

Astounded, St. Peter said, "Twelve? Twelve? Forrest, how in Heaven's name could you come up with twelve seconds in a year?"

Forrest replied, "Shucks, there's got to be twelve: January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd... "

"Hold it," interrupts St. Peter. "I see where you are going with this, and I see your point, though that was not quite what I had in mind ... but I will have to give you credit for that one, too. Let us go on with the third and final question. Can you tell me God's first name"?

"Sure," Forrest replied, "it's Andy."

"Andy?" exclaimed an exasperated and frustrated St Peter.

"Ok, I can understand how you came up with your answers to my first two questions, but just how in the world did you come up with the name Andy as the first name of God?"

"Shucks, that was the easiest one of all," Forrest replied. "I learnt it from the song, "ANDY WALKS WITH ME, ANDY TALKS WITH ME, ANDY TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN."

St. Peter opened the Pearly Gates, and said: "Run Forrest, run."