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## ***Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church***

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### ***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Holy Cross***

**\*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 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

## *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Holy Cross*

Readings: 2Tim 2:1-10 and Mk 10:35-45

Scarcely has Jesus, for the third time, recalled the destiny that awaits him in Jerusalem, than the disciples' ambition gets the better of their momentary fear. After Peter's confession at Caesarea and the dispute along the road as to which of them was the greatest, it is easy to imagine the ambition of the sons of Zebedee to secure for themselves two good places in the messianic kingdom approaching at the end of time in the race for favored positions, they know what they want, and so do the other disciples, in spite of their virtuous indignation.

But no, they do not know, and Jesus reveals it to them. It is about another ministry that he speaks, correcting in passing their popular conception of merit, according to which man acquires rights over God. The true disciple can aspire to only one thing: to share the passion of his master. As for the reward, it eludes every possible claim. God is free to do what he likes with his gifts. The Christian likewise will have his share in the condition of servant which was that of Jesus: that is to say, he will participate in the life and death of Jesus for others'. For true Christian greatness consists in serving, and not in playing the master. Such are the bases of government of a Church which is built up by the work of ministry. Ministry after the example of the Son of God who, like a slave, washes the feet of his disciples, and offers for the multitudes the Suffering Servant's sacrifice of atonement.

Too often, in the course of history, the government of the Church has been seen as power or domination. This was a failure to relate her mission to the mission of Christ dead and risen. According to the gospel, the way of ruling is to serve: our king himself has shown that to us. 'Princes of the Church', if they exist, ought to have no other ambition.

### ***This Weekend, September 19-20: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Holy Cross***

#### **Saturday, September 19:**

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

- ✠ John & Judy Wilson (Wed. Ann.) by Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Al & Annette Harb Togliatti by their daughter GiGi & Family
- ✠ William Thomas by his sister Eva Lee Powell

#### **Sunday, September 20 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol & Family
- ✠ Mike Linton by the President & Members of the Cedar Club
- ✠ George Weisner by Lou & Charlotte Khourey

### ***Weekdays Masses***

**Monday, September 21: No Mass. Pastor's day off**

**Tuesday, September 22 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb & Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (MI) & GiGi

**Wednesday, September 23: No Mass**

**Thursday, September 24 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Intentions of Dr. A.D.Ghaphery
- ✠ Kathleen Olinski by Anne Foreman

**Friday, September 25: No Mass**

### ***Next Weekend, September 26-27: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Cross***

#### **Saturday, September 26:**

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

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ George Weisner by the Sengewalt Family

**Sunday, September 27 at 10:30 a.m.:**

✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie &amp; Family

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

✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol

***Lebanese Food Festival*** – Order Pick-up Dates October 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

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 17<sup>th</sup> OR Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 of Cookies, Zaatar, Pita Bread and many Market Place items.

Please complete your order form and mail back to the church with your payment.

**Reminder: Deadline for orders is absolutely Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.** Please understand that orders received after September 28<sup>th</sup> will NOT be accepted and will be returned to sender.

So please, get your orders in quickly! You don't want to miss out on the chance to purchase GREAT Lebanese Food and 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! Thank you for your support and understanding.

**These are the generous Sponsors of the Lebanese Food Festival:**

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\$1,000			Wheeling Convention Center
\$1,000			Wheeling Heritage
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\$100	Kelly	Michael & Kathryn	
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\$500	Ghaphery	Dr. & Mrs. A.D.	Living & Deceased of Ghaphery & Rydzak Families
\$100	Zambito	Al & Dana	
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\$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 & 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	Our loving parents John & Cecilia John and D. William Burns and our loving grandparents Tom & Sadie John, David & Tamamie Joseph, and Sarah Burns.
\$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	Joe	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
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\$100	Gain	Theresa, Don, Jenny, Jackie & Josalyn Mann	Uncles, Chorbishop Paul Abraham, Rev. Paul Coury & my mother Mounira Midlege
\$100	Strawn	Rex & Rita	
\$100	Baker	Joe	
\$100	Carroll	Jim & Rose Marie	In Memory of the beautiful friendship of Lucy Gibbons & Martha Ruggiero
\$100	Reasbeck	David & Cynthia	George & Ida Shia Lewis
\$100			Mitchell & Rachel Farrah
\$100	George	Kathleen	Thomas E. George
\$250	Joseph	Laura	The Nassief Lewis Family & Cater Joseph
\$200	Cater	MaryAnn & Vawter Robert	The Cater Family
\$100	Conti	Rosalie	Herman E. Conti Jr.
\$100	Murphy	Tom & Lori	Thomas George & Wilma Betras
\$100	Lish	Mary A. Seabright	
\$100	Sengewalt	David & Debbie	Bob Sengewalt
\$100	Bedway	Judy & Nick	The Nick Bedway Family
\$100	Bentz	Carolee	Reynolds and Bentz Families
\$100	Volk	Sarah	Marie Harb, Khalil & Sadie Harb and Al & Annette Togliatti
\$100	Misko	Diane	Peter & Emilia Misko
\$100	Duymich	Frank & Anna Marie	

### *All Souls Masses* (October 31 until November 6)

- ✠ Anna Marie, Julian, Leslie & Jerry Jr. McGlumphy by Jerry McGlumphy & Children
- ✠ The Habdo Family by Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol
- ✠ Jim Hengler, Marthann Rinehart, Elaine Cybulski, Joan Masoney, Darrell Burch by Millet & Susie Fadoul
- ✠ Deceased of the Bentz, Fadoul, Sengewalt, Werner Families by Millet & Susie Fadoul
- ✠ Robert L. Rose by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Cathy Sharp Howard by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ George & Mary Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Helen Fielding & Augie Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Deceased members of the Robert Shutler Family by Janet Shutler
- ✠ Deceased members of the Pearl Nolte Family by Janet Shutler
- ✠ Mary K. & Thomas Ferris by Denise Ferris
- ✠ Sam & Bernadine Elias by Mike and Terri Golebiewski
- ✠ Alphonse & Violet Golebiewski by Mike and Terri Golebiewski
- ✠ William T. Breit by Michael and Nicole Breit
- ✠ Mr. & Mrs. Walter Machel by Mr. & Mrs Michael Sofka
- ✠ Mr. & Mrs. Leo Spyra by Mr. & Mrs Michael Sofka
- ✠ Mr. & Mrs. Tim Stanton by Mr. & Mrs Michael Sofka
- ✠ Ms. Violet Machel and Mr. William Sayre by Mr. & Mrs Michael Sofka
- ✠ Jan Hendrickson by Josh and Ingrid Hendrickson
- ✠ Dr. Stephen Ward by his granddaughter Ingrid Hendrickson
- ✠ Al & Helen Schroeder by Mark Schroeder
- ✠ Suzanne Bush by Mark Schroeder

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

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
October 9:	Susie Fadoul
October 10:	Linda Duffy
October 12:	Gina Haas
October 15:	Denise "Nini" Miller
October 16:	Karen John, Natalie DeMuth Mulvey
October 20:	Courtney Sengewalt

## ***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, 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,

<b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b>	
\$914.00	Sunday Collection
1,846.00	Lebanese Food Festival
38.00	Candles
354.00	Flowers
100.00	Flowers
\$3,252.00	<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***

### ***New Mass Schedule***

There will be no 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays starting Saturday 20, 2020. We are back to one Mass on Saturday and one Mass on Sunday as usual. Young parishioners can sit on the choir loft if needed.

### ***Congratulations on Your Wedding (Frenn - Riedel)***

Andreas Frenn and Zack Riedel were united in the bond of Holy Matrimony with Msgr. Bakhos and Rev. Paul pastor of Corpus Christi officiating the marriage ceremony. A great number of friends and guests of honor attended the beautiful wedding and shared the luxurious reception that followed it at Oglebay Park. The bride is the daughter of our beloved parishioners Dr. Adel and Diane Frenn and the groom is the son of Michael and Brenda Riedel. We wish the young couple a happy and long life together.

### ***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 in case of sickness or 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.

--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:*

Bishop Fulton SHEEN wrote: “When I am asked what the Church means to me, I answer that it is the Temple of Life in which I am a living stone; it is the Tree of Eternal Fruit of which I am a branch; it is the Mystical Body of Christ on earth of which I am a member. The Church is, therefore, more to me than I am to myself; her life is more abundant than mine, for I live by union with her. She could live without me, for I am only a cell in her body; but I could not normally live without her. I live only as a part of her, as my arm lives only as a part of my body. So absorbing does she become that her thoughts are my thoughts; her loves are my loves; her ideals are my ideals. I consider sharing her life to be the greatest gift God has ever given to me, as I should consider losing her life the greatest evil that could befall me.

(...) Christ’s Mystical Body is like a beautiful garden, formed by the blossoming of individual flowers each in its own beauty, but in its varied beauty blending into one harmonious, rapturous delight. Each flower of that garden has its own beauty revealed as in no other flower, yet each flower grows in beauty by contrast and by blending with the other flowers all rooted in a common soil and lighted by a common sun.

So it is in the mystical life, where Christ dwells in his Church, revealing himself anew in each individual soul, and never in two wholly alike, here manifesting himself in a Peter, there in a Paul, here in a Martha, there in a Mary, here in a lover of his infancy, there in a lover of his Cross, here in a rose with thorns, there in a flower without them, and yet all growing more beautiful by their fellowship with other saintly flowers because all rooted in the same Christ-life and all lighted by the same Christ-truth.”

*Bishop Fulton Sheen, In the Fullness of Time, p. 33-36*

## *Wisdom*

### NAIL IN THE FENCE

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His Father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper.

The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out.

It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there. " A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one. Please forgive me if I have ever left a hole.

### ***Story: God Is Helpful***

A man is in his house. It is a beautiful house with a view of a nearby river. One day, the river began to rise ... and rise.., and rise, until it surrounded, and finally filled, his house. To keep from drowning he climbed upon his roof and began to pray, "Oh God, save me. Do not let me drown."

Shortly afterwards a rowboat came by. The gentleman rowing offered to give the guy a ride but was told, "No, no, God is going to save me." Alone, the gentleman and his boat rowed away. Later a helicopter flew overhead. The pilot dropped a rope and pleaded with the guy to climb up, but the guy said, "No, no, God is going to save me." The river continued to rise, and the guy drowned.

When he arrived in heaven he asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "I tried to, twice."

The point of this story is that sometimes we limit God's help by telling Him how to help us and how to console us. It is arrogant to say to the Lord, "Yes, I will allow you to console me, in this way, through this person, but not those people."

That is not the way to receive. Rather we should say, "Lord, I need your help. Please help me in the best way You can, in the way You know is best for me." Whatever it is we need, we can offer it up to God and let Him work it out for us; let Him be our consolation, our source of hope; let Him give us strength and courage.

If we do not allow anyone, not even Jesus, to console us, then we feel hopeless. We give up and our hope leaves us. When that happens we need to go to Jesus, in His Blessed Sacrament, and tell Him we feel hopeless. It is not news to Him, He already knows how we feel, yet for some reason we do not tell Him! If we go to Him and say, "God, I am hopeless. This situation is hopeless." then we free ourselves because we allow God to carry the burden. Jesus said to us, "My yoke is easy and My burden light." (Mt 11: 30). That is not a lie. If we are carrying with us something that seems too heavy, too burdensome, then we can be sure we are carrying something God does not want us to carry.

### ***A Time to Laugh (470)***

-- Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, "How old was your husband?" "98," she replied. "Two years older than me." "So you're 96," the undertaker commented. She responded, "Hardly worth going home, is it?"

--Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

--The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs.

--I've sure gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

--I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

--An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart. "Wal-Mart?" the preacher exclaimed. "Why Wal-Mart?" "Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me seven days a week "

--My memory is not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory is not as sharp as it used to be.

--Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

--It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffeemaker.

--These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, "For fast relief"

--Remember: You don't stop laughing because you grow old, You grow old because you stop laughing.

THE SENILITY PRAYER : Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Question: What is the difference between Mother & Wife?

Answer: One woman brings you into this world crying, and the other ensures you continue to do so.

Wife: Do you want dinner?

Husband: Sure, what are my choices?

Wife: Yes and no.