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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Pastor

Mary Lee Porter, Organist



2nd Sunday of the Holy Cross

***Weekend Masses:**

Saturday at 4:00 p.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

2nd Sunday of the Holy Cross

Readings: 1 Cor 15:19-34 and Mt 24:1-14

Mother Theresa was found of saying that we should help those who suffer because it is Jesus who is hidden under the guise of suffering. A very humble woman, Mother Theresa did not place herself above the sick and dying but consider them her equals.

The first step to recognizing Christ in others is to see ourselves as their peers. Jesus said: *“Whoever humbles himself shall be exalted”* (Mt.23:12) and He condemned the Pharisees because they are so puffed up with their own clothing, position, and language that they cannot see beyond themselves. Isaiah denounced also the towns of Sodom and Gomorra because they have ceased to care for the wronged, the orphaned, and the widowed.

Today let us look beyond ourselves. Pick out one person who is wronged or poor, orphaned or widowed, sick or imprisoned. Keep him or her in your mind and thoughts throughout this day. Let blessings flow from you to this person. Pray, *“Call upon me in time of distress; and I will rescue you, and you shall glorify me.”* (Psalm 50:15)

This Weekend, September 26-27: 2nd 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 & Family
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb & Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (MI) & GiGi
- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol

Weekdays Masses

Monday, September 28: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Tuesday, September 29 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
- ✠ Mike Linton by Libby G. Magnone

Wednesday, September 30: No Mass

Thursday, October 1 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Mike Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Kathleen Olinski by Anne Foreman
- ✠ Martha Thomas by her husband Latif Thomas

Friday, October 2: No Mass

Next Weekend, October 3-4: 3rd Sunday of the Cross

Saturday, October 3 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ George Weisner by Dick & Ann Marie Serafin & Family
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.

Sunday, October 4 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Camille Rohanna (father) & Louis Rohanna (brother) by Mary Seabright Lish & Family
- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol

Calendar of Events

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| Saturday, October 3 rd From 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. | Everything is half price in the Rummage Sale in the basement of the church |
| Sat. & Sun, October 17 & 18 | Lebanese food festival pick up orders |
| October 31 until November 6 | All Souls Masses |

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, Baklava, 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 28th. Please understand that orders received after September 28th 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:

| Amt. | Last Name | First Name | Donation in Memory of |
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| \$10,000 | | | From Anonymous |
| \$1,000 | | | Wheeling Convention Center |
| \$1,000 | | | Wheeling Heritage |
| \$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 |
| \$100 | Peklinsky | Alicia | |
| \$100 | Weisner | Mary Beth | George Alan Weisner |
| \$100 | Mensore | John | Mensore Distribution, Inc |
| \$125 | Gibbons | Ron & Kim & Kaitlin | |
| \$100 | Porter | Dennis & Mary Lee | Porter & Schwizer Family |

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| \$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 & Greg | Deceased Loved Ones |
| \$100 | | | Kepner Funeral Homes |
| \$100 | Fadoul | Millet & Susie | |
| \$100 | Steers | 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 | |

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| \$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. Kourey | Louise Nader Kourey |
| \$500 | Ghaphery | Nick Jr. & Evelyn | Nicholas & Nimnoon 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 & 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 |
| \$100 | | Mountaineer Excavating | |
| \$100 | Breit | Juliette A. | |
| \$100 | Strawn | Rex & Rita | |
| \$100 | Gompers | Matt & Vicky | Gompers Pharmacy, Inc. |
| \$100 | Deeb | Bassam & Jodi | |

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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 & Bentz Families |
| \$100 | Volk | Sarah | Marie Harb, Khalil & Sadie Harb & Al & Annette Togliatti |
| \$100 | Misko | Diane | Peter & Emilia Misko |
| \$100 | Duymich | Frank & Anna Marie | |
| \$100 | Smith | Scott R. | |
| \$200 | Carter | Orval & Clara | Clara Joseph Carter |
| \$100 | Kazour | George | Aziz & Mahassen Kazour |
| \$100 | Shiben | John & Dee | Joseph & Minnie Shiben |
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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
- ✠ Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Virginia Khourey Bryan & Deceased of the Nabihah & Habib Khourey Family by the Khourey Family
- ✠ 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 & Terri Golebiewski
- ✠ Alphonse & Violet Golebiewski by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- ✠ William T. Breit by Michael & 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 & Ingrid Hendrickson
 † Dr. Stephen Ward by his granddaughter Ingrid Hendrickson
 † Al & Helen Schroeder by Mark Schroeder
 † Suzanne Bush by Mark Schroeder
 † Tom Jochum by his Family
 † Deceased of Anna Shia by her Family
 † Michael Josephs by Cyndi & Shawn Josephs Tobias
 † Will & Freda Josephs by Cyndi & Shawn Josephs Tobias
 † Thomas Josephs by Cyndi & Shawn Josephs Tobias
 † Deceased Members of the Josephs Family by Cyndi & Shawn Josephs Tobias
 † Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
 † Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
 † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
 † LaVerne Thomas, Siham & Elias Frenn and Evelyn Hall by Adel, Diane, Justin and Andreah & Zack Riedel
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Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- 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
 October 24: Jonathan D. Fadoul

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, Jack Hogan (infant son of Mark & Michaela Hogan & great nephew of Lou Khourey), 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,

| <i>Your Church Support Last Week</i> | |
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| \$1,105.00 | Sunday Collection |
| 2,969.00 | Lebanese Food Festival |
| 89.00 | Candles |
| 60.00 | Flowers |
| \$4,223.00 | 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

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, Thank you everyone for all the wonderful sale merchandise. We are filled to capacity and can no longer accept donations.

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

These are the words of the Church on the fullness of Christ:

“On the day of Pentecost there were twelve cells in my body besides the Blessed Mother who was left to be my mother and nurse during infancy. My body first began to grow within the nursery of Judaism where I had my birth; but within a few short years I had incorporated unto myself even the Gentiles who knew no God but Caesar. My Spouse, Christ, had told me that I would be hated as he was hated, and while still an infant there were other Herods who would have slain me in Rome, as they would have slain him in Bethlehem. I have had but few moments of peace. From the outside I was attacked by the sword; from the inside I was abused by false brethren. And yet neither persecution nor error has stopped my growth. The sword strengthened my courage, and error sharpened my intellect.

In a century I had grown until I filled the Roman Empire, and then beyond its outposts I sent forth missionaries to the barbarians who helped me grow unto that fullness I had when I crowned Charlemagne in the year 800. My body grew in age and grace and strength and in the twelfth century of my existence, like Christ in the twelfth year, I was instructing the doctors of the world in the temples of the medieval universities. In the sixteenth century, I lost some cells of my body, as I had lost some before in the errors of the Gnostics and Pelagians. And yet after each loss there came new strength, for my lot, like that of my Spouse Christ, is to be ever rising from the tomb where men can leave me as dead. And so I chastened myself at the Council of Trent and brought myself into subjection, and now at this very hour the twelve cells whom I numbered in my body on Pentecost have grown to [several hundred million] souls in every corner of the globe.

But in the course of my life [of 2000 years], like the life of a human body, some of my cells have died and been replaced by others -but I have remained the same, because my soul is the abiding Spirit of God. Some of my members have been gathered into the Church Triumphant, where they enjoy blessedness with my Spouse Christ; others of my members who, while they were with me in the Church Militant, sinned and atoned not, are now gathered in purgatory, which is the Church Suffering where they wash their baptismal robes clear for the Spotless King in the glory of heaven.

How much longer I shall live on this earth, how much time awaits the consummation, I know not. But when the number of the elect is completed, when the seats vacated by the fallen angels are filled, when I shall have grown to my full stature, then shall the end come; then shall the Church Militant on earth and the Church Suffering in purgatory be gathered into the unity of the Church Triumphant in heaven, on the glorious Easter that shall never end because there is no time with God but only eternal love.

Bishop Fulton SHEEN, In the Fullness of Time, pp.129-130.

Wisdom

“Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else... You are the one who gets burned.” (Buddha)

Story

Years ago, a famous golfer was invited by the king of Saudi Arabia to play in a golf tournament. He accepted the invitation, and the king flew his private jet over to the United States to pick up the pro. They played golf for several days, and enjoyed a good time. As the golfer was getting on the plane to return to the United States, the king stopped him and said, “I want to give you a gift for coming all this way and making this time so special. Anything you want. What could I get you?”

Ever the gentleman, the golfer replied, “Oh, please; don’t get me anything. You’ve been a gracious host. I’ve had a wonderful time. I couldn’t ask for anything more.

The king was adamant. He said, “No, I insist on giving you something so you will always remember your journey to our country” When the golfer realized that the king was resolute, he said, “Okay, fine. I collect golf clubs. Why don’t you give me a golf club?” He boarded the plane, and on his flight back home, he couldn’t help wondering what kind of golf club the king might give him. He imagined that it might be a solid gold putter with his name engraved on it. Or maybe it would be a sand wedge studded with diamonds and jewels. After all, this would be a gift from the oil-rich king of Saudi Arabia.

When the golfer got home, he watched the mail and the delivery services every day, to see if his golf club had come yet. Finally, several weeks later, he received a certified letter from the king of Saudi Arabia. The U.S. professional thought that rather strange. Where’s my golf club? He wondered. He opened the envelope, and to his surprise, inside he discovered a deed to a five-hundred-acre golf course in America.

Sometimes kings think differently than you and I think. And we serve the King of kings. We serve the Most High God, and His dream for your life is so much bigger and better than you can even imagine. It’s time to enlarge your vision!

A Time to Laugh (471)

The Bottle of Wine

Sally was driving home from one of her business trips in Northern Arizona when she saw an elderly Navajo woman walking on the side of the road.

As the trip was a long and quiet one, she stopped the car and asked the Navajo woman if she would like a ride. With a silent nod of thanks, the woman got into the car.

Resuming the journey, Sally tried in vain to make a bit of small talk with the Navajo woman. The old woman just sat silently, looking intently at everything she saw, studying every little detail, until she noticed a brown bag on the seat next to Sally.

"What in bag?" asked the old woman.

Sally looked down at the brown bag and said, "It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my husband."

The Navajo woman was silent for another moment or two.

Then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder, she said: "Good trade....."

Drinking

A Preacher said: 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river'. And the congregation cried, 'Amen!'

'And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it in the river'.

And the congregation cried, 'Amen!'

'And if I had all the whiskey and rum in the world, I'd take it all and throw it in the river'. Again the congregation cried, 'Amen!'

The preacher sat down. The deacon then stood up & said: 'For our closing hymn, let's turn to page 126 of our hymn books and sing: 'We shall drink from that river.'"

It's All in the Name

I was teaching CCD class for my small country parish. The lesson for the day was on Moses. The kids listened, spellbound, to the story about baby Moses sent afloat in a basket. I explained Moses childhood in the palace, his discovery that he was an Israelite, and his eventual fleeing into the desert. The kids listened with keen interest as I told them that Moses, while in the desert, took off his sandals and approached the burning bush from which God spoke and revealed His name, Yahweh. Seeing the kids' fascination with this story from Exodus, I was satisfied that it had been a good class. As I always did before dismissing them, I reviewed the day's lesson. "Now what was the name God revealed to Moses at the burning bush?" I asked. One little girl waved her arm excitedly. "I know the answer!" she announced confidently. Her enthusiastic display made it impossible not to let her answer.

When I called on her she jumped up. "It's Yahoo!" she announced confidently.

Well, not quite. But I bet God wouldn't mind hearing a few "Yahoo's" when we call out His name.