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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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5th 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

5th Sunday of the Holy Cross

Readings: Phil 2:12-18 and Mt 25:1-13

Entry to the kingdom of heaven cannot be taken for granted. St Matthew's gospel stresses two essential conditions for entry: a higher standard of justice than that of the Scribes and Pharisees, and a readiness to accept the coming of the kingdom at any moment.

It would be reasonable to expect a festive atmosphere for these ten bridesmaids, full of joy and gaiety. But that would be to show how little one knew Matthew. Far from singing and dancing, he describes a formal ceremony and a series of hitches, which point to his intention of giving a lesson about the final coming of Christ and the last judgment. All ten bridesmaids fall asleep: but that is not the point of the story, because the second coming will take the whole world by surprise. The mistake would be not to have made the necessary preparations for the feast. Those who have taken the precaution to bring plenty of oil light up the night and are able to meet the Bridegroom face to face. The foolish ones, whose supplies run short, bestir themselves too late: the door is shut in their faces.

The Bridegroom arrives in the middle of the night: this corresponds to a very ancient conviction of both Judaism and the Church. In this Easter night of eternity, believers will find the fulfillment of all that their baptism means: meeting Christ, they will pass from sleep to wakefulness and from darkness to light.

In this wedding story it is curious that there is no mention at all of the Bride. Reference was made in times gone by on the evidence of some manuscripts. But it is better not to rush into speaking of her. Because this Bride is the Church, and she is also each one of us, in so far as we actively prepare in faith for the coming of the Lord. We must be able to say, 'I sleep, but my heart is awake' (Song 5:2).

This Weekend, October 17-18: 5th Sunday of the Cross

Saturday, October 17 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Dick & Billy Bentz (Anniversary) by Millet & Susie Fadoul
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, October 18 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Mike Linton by Libby Magnone
- ✠ Anna Jalad (Anniversary) by her Family
- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol

Weekdays Masses

Monday, October 19: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Tuesday, October 20 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
- ✠ George Weisner by Dick & Ann Marie Serafin & Family

Wednesday, October 21: No Mass

Thursday, October 22 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Mike Linton by Libby Magnone
- ✠ George Weisner by Dick & Ann Marie Serafin & Family
- ✠ Martha Thomas by her husband Latif Thomas
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

Friday, October 23: No Mass

Next Weekend, October 24-25: 6th Sunday of the Cross

Saturday, October 24 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bess Ferris Garcia (Anniversary) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Betty Joseph and John Wilson (Anniversary) by Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave and Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ George Weisner by Lou & Charlotte Kourey
- ✠ Mike Linton by Nettie Seidler
- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol

Calendar of Events

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.

Lebanese Food Festival Order Pickup

Order pick for the Lebanese Food Festival is Saturday, October 17th and Sunday, October 18th. Everyone selected a pickup date and time on the order form. It is very important to arrive on pick-up date and time that you selected. We have many people coming to the church for pickup. In an effort to maintain a quick and easy pickup process, please arrive at your selected pickup date & time. We will have your order packed and ready for pick-up at the time you selected. If you forget the pickup date & time that you selected, please call Susan (before Oct 17th) at 304-218-3028 and she will let you know.

When you arrive at the church:

- A volunteer will be at the main door.
- Enter through the main door - a face mask or shield must be worn once you enter the building.
- The pick-up table will be located near the Cedar Hall.
- Please give your name to the volunteer at the pickup table and you will receive your order.
- Please remember to maintain a 6ft distance from others in the line.

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 Kourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Kourey & Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Virginia Kourey Bryan & Deceased of the Nabihah & Habib Kourey Family by the Kourey Family
- ✠ Jim Hengler, Marthann Rinehart, Elaine Cybulski, Joan Maroney, 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
- † Walter Elwartoski by his son Richard Elwartoski
- † Lottie Elwartoski by her son Richard Elwartoski
- † George & Betty Joseph, Lawrence & Teresa Ferrera by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † Selma & Elias Joseph, Edward & Edith Joseph, Sarah & Ray McLaughlin by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † Our beloved parents John & Cecilia John and D. William Burns by Ron & Susan Burns
- † Our beloved grandparents Tom & Sadie John, David & Tamamie Joseph and Sarah Burns by Ron & Susan Burns
- † Our beloved Aunts & Uncles, Louis & Cecilia Ammar, Fred & Rita John, Sister Thomasina John & Julia Tappe by Ron & Susan Burns
- † Ralph & Mary Joseph Shipley by Thomasina Geimer
- † Robert L. Hunter, Jr. & Robby L. Hunter, III by Thomasina Geimer
- † Tony, Charlotte and Michael George by the George Family (MN)
- † Beloved husband Holly Bine by his wife Shirley
- † Beloved mother, father, sister & brother by Shirley Bine
- † Philip Petros by the Petros Family
- † Betty Lou Petros by the Petros Family
- † George A. Fahey by the Petros Family
- † Dolores Fahey by the Petros Family
- † Bert D. Fahey by the Petros Family
- † Richard Frazier by his wife Luane and sons Rich and John
- † Shirley Elias Nickerson (our dear mother) by her loving Family
- † Shirley Elias Nickerson and the Deceased Members of the Elias Family by their loving Family
- † Nicholas & Amelia Elias (grandparents) by their loving Family
- † Donald A. Nickerson Sr. & Shirley Elias Nickerson and Albert & Wanda Nickerson (grandparents and parents) by their loving Family
- † Tessa Joseph by Stephanie Joseph
- † Deceased of the Duffy, Fadoul and Shedeed Families by Earl & Linda Duffy

- † Deceased of the Bott and Henning Families by Don & Roberta Henning
 † Don & Emilie Vince by their children and grandchildren
 † Patricia Gompers by Matt & Vickie and Christine Gompers
 † Gus and Anna Shia by their grandchildren

Christmas Poinsettias in Memory of:

- ✦ Leslie McGlumphy by Jerry McGlumphy and Children
 ✦ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol
 ✦ Mary K. and Thomas Ferris by Denise Ferris
 ✦ Patricia Gompers by Matt & Vickie Gompers
 ✦ Don & Emilie Vince by Matt & Vickie Gompers
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Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- October 20: Courtney Sengewalt
 October 24: Jonathan D. Fadoul
 October 30: Michael Duffy, Andrea Frenn
 November 4: Kenny Joseph, Libby G. Magnone, Dalton Haas
 November 8: Staci Duffy, Mark Wilson, Garrett Bratton
 November 9: Liz Murad, Cindy Thomas
 November 11: Ryan Murad
 November 15: Rena Bratton

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>	
\$1,031.00	Sunday Collection
100.00	Christmas Poinsettias
23.00	Candles
5.00	Utilities
\$1,159.00	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.

Spirituality

The white robe of the fool is a judgment on the world; it is the sign of its evil; the death rattle of its wickedness. Because men mock, a verdict is passed on them; because the Church is martyred by evil powers, a sentence has been pronounced on those powers. Their deeds are known to be sinful by what they do to innocence. Thus will men who live in the world and do not know where to look for religion finally find it in the religion which their very world crucified, and in finding it will find peace which the world cannot take away!

True followers of Christ, be prepared to have a world make jokes at your expense. You can hardly expect a world to be more reverent to you than to Our Lord. When it does make fun of your faith, its practices, abstinences, and rituals, then you are moving to a closer identity with Him who gave us our faith. Nor may you repay sneer with sneer. We cannot fight God's battles with the weapons of Satan. Repaying jeer with jeer is not the response of a Christian, for under scorn Our Lord "*answered nothing*". The world gets more of its amusement from a Christian who fails to be Christian, but none from his respectful silence.

The answer of Our Lord to Herod was that Our Lord continued to be Our Lord. Dogs bay at the moon all night, but the moon gives back no snarl. It goes on shining. Shine forth in your white robe of mockery, O Christian! One day it will be the robe of your glory.

Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Lessons on Faith & Truth, 1947, pp.61-62.

Wisdom

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.

Attitude, to me, is more important than money, than circumstances, than failures, than success, than what other people think or say or do.

It is more important than appearances, giftedness, or skill.

It will make or break a company... a church... a home.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day.

We cannot change our past...

We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way.

We cannot change the inevitable.

The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...

I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so, it is with you...

We are in charge of our attitude.

Story

A poor but honest jeweler was arrested for a crime he never committed. He was placed in a secure and well-protected prison in the center of the city. One day, after he had been imprisoned for months, his wife came to the main gate. She told the guards how her husband, the poor jeweler, was a devout and prayerful man. He would be lost without his simple prayer rug. Would they not permit him to have this single possession? The guards agreed that it would be harmless and gave him the prayer rug. Five times daily he would unroll his rug and pray.

Weeks passed, and one day the jeweler said to his jailers, "I'm bored sitting here day after day with nothing to do. I am a good jeweler and, if you will let me have some pieces of metal and some simple tools, I will make you exquisite pieces of jewelry. You can sell what I make in the bazaar and add to your low salaries as civil servants. I ask for so little -just something to fill the idle hours and keep my skill in practice."

The poorly paid jailers agreed that it would be a good arrangement. Each day they brought the jeweler some bits of silver and other metals, and a few simple tools. Each night they would remove the tools and metals and take home the jewelry that he had made for them.

Days grew into weeks, weeks into months. One bright morning when they came to the jeweler's cell, they found it empty! No sign was found of the prisoner or how he had escaped from this secure and well-protected prison.

Some time later, the real criminal was arrested for the crime of which the poor jeweler had been falsely accused. One day in the city's bazaar, one of the prison guards spotted the ex-prisoner, the jeweler. Quickly explaining that the real criminal was caught, he asked the jeweler how he had escaped. The jeweler proceeded to tell an amazing story.

The jeweler's wife had gone to the chief architect who had designed the prison. She obtained from him the blueprints to the cell door locks. She then designed a pattern and weaved it into a prayer rug. Five times each day he would pray, his head touching the rug. Slowly, he began to see that there was a design within a design, within yet another design, and it was the pattern for the lock of his cell door. From the bits of leftover metal and the simple tools, he fashioned a key and escaped!

A Time to Laugh (474)

Cranial Cobwebs

A friend of mine used to get together with a group of women each week to share a devotional reading and spend time in prayer. One time, a particular lady in the group prayed, "Dear Lord, please remove the cobwebs from my mind, so that I can more clearly contemplate your love." The next week, her prayer was exactly the same: "Dear Lord, please remove the cobwebs from my mind, so that I can more clearly contemplate your love." The next week was the same, and the week after that, and the one after that! It was always: "Dear Lord, please remove the cobwebs from my mind so that I can more clearly contemplate your love."

Then one week, as this precious woman began her routine prayer, an exasperated sigh was heard from one of the other ladies. She interrupted the prayer with "God Almighty, just get rid of the spider!"

Heavenly Meals

A cat died and went to Heaven. God met her at the gates and said, "You've been a good cat all these years. Anything you want is yours for the asking."

The cat thought for a minute and said, "All my life I lived on a farm and slept on hard wooden floors. I'd really like a fluffy pillow to sleep on."

God said, "Say no more." Instantly the cat had a huge fluffy pillow.

A few days later, six mice were killed in an accident and they all went to Heaven together. God met the mice at the gates with the same offer He had made to the cat.

The mice said, "Well, we've had to run all of our lives: from cats, dogs and even people with brooms! If we could just have some little roller skates, we wouldn't have to run again."

God answered, "It is done." All the mice had beautiful little roller skates.

About a week later, God decided to check on the cat. He found her sound asleep on her fluffy pillow. God gently awakened the cat and asked, "Is everything okay? How have you been doing? Are you happy?" The cat

replied, "Oh, it's truly WONDERFUL here. I've never been so happy in my life. The pillow is so fluffy... and those little Meals on Wheels you've been sending over are just delicious!"

The Car Accident

A rabbi and a priest get into a car accident and it's a bad one. Both cars are totally demolished, but, amazingly, neither of the clerics is hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the rabbi sees the priest's collar and says, "So you're a priest. I'm a rabbi. Just look at our cars. There's nothing left, but we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God. God must have meant that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace the rest of our days." The priest replies, "I agree with you completely. This must be a sign from God." The rabbi continues, "And look at this. Here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but this bottle of Mogan David wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune." Then he hands the bottle to the priest. The priest agrees, takes a few big swigs, and hands the bottle back to the rabbi. The rabbi takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap on, and hands it back to the priest. The priest asks, "Aren't you having any?" The rabbi replies, "No...I think I'll wait for the police."