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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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6th 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

6th Sunday of the Holy Cross

Readings: Gal 6:1-10 and Mt 25:14-30

Yes, he is coming. And we do delight in him. But if we are honest, we have to admit that we each have our own images of him. Some of these images are very attractive, and some fill us with fear. The defenseless, lovable, little displaced person in the manger can hardly be a turn-off. But a refiner with his blazing furnaces is not quite so attractive. We need some time of reflection to appreciate him in this guise. As we bend low -the only way to get into the Bethlehem cave- we realize our sinfulness, our unworthiness to approach such innocence, such holiness, such goodness, such self-giving love. This realization leads us to desire that in his mercy, he will be a refiner and will make us worthy so that we may receive the fullness of the joy to be found in this Bethlehem cave.

PRAYER: "Lord, the hour is near at hand. With all my heart I ask you to purify me and prepare me to receive you this Christmas with all the love and purity of heart that is necessary so that I may truly see you, my God.

This 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 & Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Betty Joseph & John Wilson (Anniversary) by Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Special Intention

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

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

Weekdays Masses

Monday, October 26: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Tuesday, October 27 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Theodore and Bertha Rydzak
- ✠ 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, October 28: No Mass

Thursday, October 29 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 30: No Mass

Next Weekend, October 31-Nov. 6: All Souls Masses

- ✠ 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 Maroney, Darnell 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 & 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 & sons Rick & John
- † Shirley Elias Nickerson (our dear mother) by her loving Family
- † Shirley Elias Nickerson & 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 Nikerson & Albert & Wanda Nickerson (grandparents and parents) by their loving Family
 † Tessa Joseph by Stephanie Joseph
 † Deceased of the Duffy, Fadoul & Shedeed Families by Earl & Linda Duffy
 † Deceased of the Bott & Henning Families by Don & Roberta Henning
 † Don & Emilie Vince by their children & grandchildren
 † Patricia Gompers by Matt & Vickie & Christine Gompers
 † Gus & Anna Shia by their grandchildren
 † Deceased of the Reynolds and Bentz Families by Nathan, Adam and Lee Bentz
 † Silvio Perilli by the Perilli Family
 † Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart
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Calendar of Events

Saturday, November 7th	Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Everything Half Price
Christmas Basket & 50/50	Drawing: Sunday, December 20, 2020 after Mass
Bulletin ad renewal	Please renew your ad at the back of the bulletin by sending your payment

Christmas Poinsettias in Memory of:

- ☼ Leslie McGlumphy by Jerry McGlumphy & Children
 ☼ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol
 ☼ Mary K. & Thomas Ferris by Denise Ferris
 ☼ Patricia Gompers by Matt & Vickie Gompers
 ☼ Don & Emilie Vince by Matt & Vickie Gompers
 ☼ *Louis N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr. & Gladys Howard by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family*
 ☼ *Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt and Family*
 ☼ *Silvio Perilli by the Perilli Family*
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Christmas Basket & 50/50 Raffle

Dear parishioners and friends,

A Christmas Gift Basket and a 50/50 Raffle will be your Christmas gift this year. You will receive letters by mail. The Christmas Basket includes these precious items:

8 cloth Christmas napkins, red with silver accents;

3 kitchen towels, 1 Christmas, 2 red;

2 red & white striped oven mitts;

A box of Belgian truffles;

A box of assorted pralines;

A box of peppermint bark.

Other items will be added to the basket. Good luck

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

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
 November 24: Rex Strawn
 November 26: Mary Lish

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)

Hailey John (granddaughter of Marge John, 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,

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,270.00	Sunday Collection
136.00	2 nd collection: propagation of the faith
80.00	Christmas Poinsettias
16.00	Candles
12.00	Utilities
20.00	Bake sale
2,233.75	Lebanese Food Festival
\$3,767.75	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy, Susan Burns

What's New

Many Thanks

--To the dedicated and responsible parishioners who sanitized the pews and every possible touched items on the way to Mass. May God reward you abundantly.

--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

One day long ago Napoleon said to Pope Pius VII, "I am going to destroy this Church of yours." Pius laughed at him and said: "We clergy have been trying to do that for 1800 years. We haven't succeeded. Neither will you." That in spite of Napoleon's having captured Rome and imprisoned the pope!

The Church, priesthood, and marriage all have their attackers. At various times critics have predicted that all three will fade away. Yet, with God's help, they endure.

Wisdom

Michael is the kind of guy you love to hate. He is always in a good mood and always has something positive to say: When someone would ask him how he was doing, He would reply, "If I were any better, I would be twins!" He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, Michael was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up to Michael and asked him, "I don't get it! You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?" Michael replied,

"Each morning I wake up and say to myself, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or you can choose to be in a bad mood. I choose to be in a good mood.

Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or I choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it.

Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life.

"Yeah, right, it's not that easy," I protested.

"Yes, it is," Michael said. "Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people affect your mood. Your bottom line: It's your choice how you live life." I reflected on what Michael said. Soon thereafter, I left the Tower Industry to start my own business.

We lost touch, but I often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it. Several years later, I heard that Michael was involved in a serious accident, falling some 60 feet from a communications tower. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, Michael was released from the hospital with rods placed in his back. I saw Michael about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied. "If I were any better, I'd be twins. Wanna see my scars?" I declined to see his wounds, but I did ask him what had gone through his mind as the accident took place. The first thing that went through my mind was the well-being of my soon to be born daughter," Michael replied. "Then, as I lay on the ground, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or I could choose to die. I chose to live." Weren't you scared? Did you lose consciousness?" I asked. Michael continued, "...the paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the ER and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read "he's a dead man. I knew I needed to take action." "What did you do?" I asked. "Well, there was a big burly nurse shouting questions at me," said Michael. "She asked if I was allergic to anything. "Yes, I replied." The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, "Gravity." Over their laughter, I told them, "I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead." Michael lived, thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully. Attitude, after all, is everything. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. After all today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

ENJOY LIFE - IT'S THE ONLY ONE YOU GET !!!

Story

You may remember the story of Helen of Troy. According to legend this beautiful queen was captured and carried away and became a victim of amnesia. She became a prostitute in the streets. She didn't know her name or the fact that she came from royal blood. But back in her homeland, friends didn't give up hope for her return. An old friend believed she was alive and went to look for her. He never lost faith.

One day while wandering through the streets, he came to a waterfront and saw a wretched woman in tattered clothes with deep lines across her face. There was something about her that seemed familiar, so he walked up to her and said, "What is your name?" She gave a name that was meaningless to him. "May I see your hands?" he pursued. She held her hands out in front of her, and the young man gasped, "You are Helen! You are Helen! Do you remember?"

She looked up at him in astonishment. "Helen!" he yelled out. Then the fog seemed to clear. There was recognition in her face. The light came on! She discovered her lost self, put her arms around her old friend and wept. She discarded the tattered clothe and once more became the queen she was born to be God searches for you in the same way. He uses every method possible to look for you and try to convince you of your worth to him.

A Time to Laugh (475)

The Priest and the Pilot

A priest dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him is a guy who's dressed in sunglasses, a loud shirt, leather jacket and jeans. Saint Peter addresses this cool guy, "Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven?"

The guy replies, "I'm Tom, retired American Airlines Pilot from Dallas."

Saint Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the pilot, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom."

The pilot goes into Heaven with his robe and staff.

Next it's the priest's turn. He stands erect and booms out, "I am Father Bob, pastor of Saint Mary's in Pasadena for the last 43 years."

Saint Peter consults his list. He says to the priest, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom."

"Just a minute," says the good father, "that man was a pilot and he gets a silken robe and golden staff, and I get only cotton and wood. How can this be?"

"Up here, we go by results", says Saint Peter. "When you preached, people slept; when he flew, people prayed."

Married Life

Wife: You always carry my photo in your handbag to the office. Why?

Husband: When there is a problem, no matter how impossible, I look at your picture and the problem disappears.

Wife: You see, how miraculous and powerful I am for you?

Husband: Yes, I see your picture and say to myself, "What other problem can there be greater than this one?"

Girl: When we get married, I want to share all your worries, troubles and lighten your burden.

Boy: It's very kind of you, darling, But I don't have any worries or troubles.

Girl: Well that's because we aren't married yet.

A newly married man asked his wife, "Would you have married me if my father hadn't left me a fortune?"

"Honey," the woman replied sweetly, "I'd have married you NO MATTER WHO LEFT YOU A FORTUNE"

Father to son after exam: "let me see your report card."

Son: "My friend just borrowed it. He wants to scare his parents."

Interviewer to Millionaire: To whom do you owe your success as a millionaire?"

Millionaire: "I owe everything to my wife."

Interviewer: "Wow, she must be some woman. What were you before you married her?"

Millionaire: "Billionaire"

A wife asked her husband: "What do you like most in me my pretty face or my body?"

He looked at her from head to toe and replied: "I like your sense of humor."