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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Announcement to Zechariah

***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

Announcement to Zechariah

Readings: Rom 3:13-25 and Lk 1:1-25

The prophet Isaiah tells it thus: “A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.” (11:1-2).

Thoughts of Jesus fill our minds when we hear these beautiful words, for Jesus truly is descended from the root of Jesse and has been raised up as a sign to all generations of his kingship.

Many of us have Jesse trees in our churches or homes, onto or under which we remember others -often expectant parents- with prayers and gifts. The Old Testament told us about other special births, but even as we listen to stories about Samson and John the Baptizer, our minds are on the growing Christ-Child. Our time of waiting grows both short and heavy.

Will we be like the unnamed mother of Samson, who “did not ask (the man of God) where he came from” but was faithfully obeyed? Will we be like Zechariah, who “was terrified; and fear overshadowed him” so that he became speechless? Will we be like the psalmist, whose “mouth is filled with... praise... all day long?”

This Weekend, November 14-15: Announcement to Zechariah

Saturday, November 14 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney & Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, November 15 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ George Weisner by Mary Lish
- ✠ Veronica C. Gabriel by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Kourey
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie & Family

Weekdays Masses

Monday, November 16: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Tuesday, November 17 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Joseph A. Benline by his wife Helen Benline
- ✠ Emily Vince (Birthday) by Matt & Vicki Gompers & Ron & Michelle Lucki & Don Vince
- ✠ Deceased Family Members of Rosella Saseen & Sylvia Long by their last will

Wednesday, November 18: No Mass

Thursday, November 19 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Judith A. Wolfe (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees & Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ George Weisner by Dick & Ann Marie Serafin & Family
- ✠ Mike Linton by Libby Magnone

Friday, November 20: No Mass

Next Weekend, November 21-22: Announcement to Mary

Saturday, November 21 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rose & George Fadoul by Millet & Susie Fadoul
- ✠ Josephine Ferris (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees & Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney & Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, November 22 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Alphonse Joseph by Vicki Joseph
- ✠ Harry Seabright, Frank, Edwin & Ernie by Mary Seabright Lish & Family
- ✠ George Weisner by Nettie Seidler

Calendar of Events

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

The Most Beautiful T-Shirts

T-shirts have arrived and are on-sale now while supplies last. Priced at \$20 each, the proceeds will support our church. The shirt illustrates an electrocardiogram (EKG) with heart and Cedar Tree. *"My heart beats for Lebanon"*. The shirt is made of premium cotton fabric and is very stylish. Sizes include: S, M, L, XL, 2X and 3X. Shirts will be available for purchase and pickup before or after mass on Sunday, or call Susan at 304-218-3028. The shirt makes a wonderful Christmas gift!

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*
- ✠ *The Habdo Family by Carol Dougherty*
- ✠ *George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen and Children*

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 Belgium truffles;

A box of assorted pralines;

A box of peppermint bark.

Other items will be added to the basket. Good luck

Christmas 50/50 Winner Prize:	\$528.50 cash. Good Luck. Drawing on Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020
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Lower your 2020 Income Tax Bill

Dear Parishioners and benefactors,

The CARES Act passed by Congress a few months ago has certain tax benefits for Parishioners who choose to donate to their Churches. This will help to benefit all Parishioners who make their end of year charitable giving decisions. The Act allows a personal tax deduction of \$300.00 in charitable contributions, even to those who do not itemize. A more important and substantial benefit of the Act, is that Parishioners can

deduct 100% of their charitable contributions from their adjusted gross income. In years past, the most one could deduct was 60%. This means that every Dollar the parishioners give to their Church can be fully written off on their taxes.

One way to lower your income tax bill for this year is to make charitable contributions, which can be deducted from your income if you are planning to itemize your deductions when you file your 2020 income tax. Gifts you make to charities, such as **Our Lady of Lebanon Church**, are tax deductible. But in order for you to claim the deduction on your tax return for **2020**, you must make the gift this year. That is important to keep in mind if you are planning on making a year-end gift. For example, if you are going to give money using a check, be sure the date on the check is on or before December 31st, 2020. Also, be sure to give the check to the church on or before that date. The IRS requires that you have a letter or receipt from the church that received the gift. By the **end of January 2021** all donors will receive a statement from **the Church** stating their names and the amount of gift received –through checks or weekly offering envelopes- from **January 1st, 2020 until December 31st, 2020**. It is wise to keep the church statement with your tax records, in case the IRS questions your itemized deductions.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

November 15:	Rena Bratton
November 24:	Rex Strawn
November 26:	Mary Lish
November 28:	Richard Obyc
December 3:	Joey John
December 7:	Christina Committee Zdilla
December 12:	Lou Khourey

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,

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,255.00	Sunday Collection
500.00	Donation to the church
360.00	Bulletin ads
40.00	Candles
672.00	Christmas Basket and 50/50 raffle
50.00	Christmas poinsettias
30.00	Parking
180.00	Utilities
\$3,087.00	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

No Choir because of COVID-19

Due to the recent increasing number of covid-19 in Ohio and Marshall counties and according to the directives of our Diocese, Msgr. Bakhos and the choir organist and members decided to put the choir on hold for a while until it is safe for all who are singing in the choir loft. We will miss the beautiful sound of the choir but it is better to be safe than sorry.

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 21 Ecumenical Councils

1st COUNCIL OF NICAEA. Year: 325

Summary: The Council of Nicaea lasted two months and twelve days. Three hundred and eighteen bishops were present. Hosius, Bishop of Cordova, assisted as legate of Pope Sylvester. The Emperor Constantine was also present. To this council we owe the Nicene Creed, defining against Arius the true Divinity of the Son of God, and the fixing of the date for keeping Easter (against the Quartodecimans).

2nd COUNCIL OF CONSTANTINOPLE. Year: 381

Summary: The First General Council of Constantinople, under Pope Damasus and the Emperor Theodosius I, was attended by 150 bishops. It was directed against the followers of Macedonius, who impugned the Divinity of the Holy Spirit. To the above-mentioned Nicene Creed it added the clauses referring to the Holy Spirit and all that follows to the end.

3rd COUNCIL OF EPHESUS. Year: 431

Summary: The Council of Ephesus, of more than 200 bishops, presided over by St. Cyril of Alexandria representing Pope Celestine I, defined the true personal unity of Christ, declared Mary the Mother of God (*theotokos*) against Nestorius, Bishop of Constantinople, and renewed the condemnation of Pelagius.

4th Council CHALCEDON. Year: 451

Summary: The Council of Chalcedon -- 150 bishops under Pope Leo the Great and the Emperor Marcian -- defined the two natures (Divine and human) in Christ against Eutyches, who was excommunicated.

5th Second COUNCIL OF CONSTANTINOPLE. Year: 553

Summary: The Second General Council of Constantinople, of 165 bishops under Pope Vigilius and Emperor Justinian I, condemned the errors of Origen and certain writings (The Three Chapters) of Theodoret, of Theodore, Bishop of Mopsuestia and of Ibas, Bishop of Edessa; it further confirmed the first four general councils, especially that of Chalcedon whose authority was contested by some heretics.

6th Third COUNCIL OF CONSTANTINOPLE. Years: 680-681

Summary: The Third General Council of Constantinople, under Pope Agatho and the Emperor Constantine Pogonatus, was attended by the Patriarchs of Constantinople and of Antioch, 174 bishops, and the emperor. It put an end to Monothelism by defining two wills in Christ, the Divine and the human, as two distinct principles of operation. It anathematized Sergius, Pyrrhus, Paul, Macarius, and all their followers.

7th SECOND COUNCIL OF NICAEA. Year: 787

Summary: The Second Council of Nicaea was convoked by Emperor Constantine VI and his mother Irene, under Pope Adrian I, and was presided over by the legates of Pope Adrian; it regulated the veneration of holy images. Between 300 and 367 bishops assisted.

8th FOURTH COUNCIL OF CONSTANTINOPLE. Year: 869

Summary: The Fourth General Council of Constantinople, under Pope Adrian II and Emperor Basil numbering 102 bishops, 3 papal legates, and 4 patriarchs, consigned to the flames the Acts of an irregular council brought together by Photius against Pope Nicholas and Ignatius the legitimate Patriarch of Constantinople; it condemned Photius who had unlawfully seized the patriarchal dignity. The Photian Schism, however, triumphed in the Greek Church, and no other general council took place in the East.

9th FIRST LATERAN COUNCIL. Year: 1123

Summary: The First Lateran Council, the first held at Rome, met under Pope Callistus II. About 900 bishops and abbots assisted. It abolished the right claimed by lay princes, of investiture with ring and crosier to ecclesiastical benefices and dealt with church discipline and the recovery of the Holy Land from the infidels.

10th SECOND LATERAN COUNCIL. Year: 1139

Summary: The Second Lateran Council was held at Rome under Pope Innocent II, with an attendance of about 1000 prelates and the Emperor Conrad. Its object was to put an end to the errors of Arnold of Brescia.

11th THIRD LATERAN COUNCIL. Year: 1179

Summary: The Third Lateran Council took place under Pope Alexander III, Frederick I being emperor. There were 302 bishops present. It condemned the Albigenses and Waldenses and issued numerous decrees for the reformation of morals.

12th FOURTH LATERAN COUNCIL. Year: 1215

Summary: The Fourth Lateran Council was held under Innocent III. There were present the Patriarchs of Constantinople and Jerusalem, 71 archbishops, 412 bishops, and 800 abbots the Primate of the Maronites, and St. Dominic. It issued an enlarged creed (symbol) against the Albigenses, condemned the Trinitarian errors of Abbot Joachim, and published 70 important reformatory decrees. This is the most important council of the Middle Ages, and it marks the culminating point of ecclesiastical life and papal power.

13th FIRST COUNCIL OF LYONS. Year: 1245

Summary: The First General Council of Lyons was presided over by Innocent IV; the Patriarchs of Constantinople, Antioch, and Aquileia (Venice), 140 bishops, Baldwin II, Emperor of the East, and St. Louis, King of France, assisted. It excommunicated and deposed Emperor Frederick II and directed a new crusade, under the command of St. Louis, against the Saracens and Mongols.

14th SECOND COUNCIL OF LYONS. Year: 1274

Summary: The Second General Council of Lyons was held by Pope Gregory X, the Patriarchs of Antioch and Constantinople, 15 cardinals, 500 bishops, and more than 1000 other dignitaries. It effected a temporary reunion of the Greek Church with Rome. The word *filioque* was added to the symbol of Constantinople and means were sought for recovering Palestine from the Turks. It also laid down the rules for papal elections.

15th COUNCIL OF VIENNE. Years: 1311-1313

Summary: The Council of Vienne was held in that town in France by order of Clement V, the first of the Avignon popes. The Patriarchs of Antioch and Alexandria, 300 bishops, and 3 kings -- Philip IV of France, Edward II of England, and James II of Aragon -- were present. The synod dealt with the crimes and errors imputed to the Knights Templars, the Fraticelli, the Beghards, and the Beguines, with projects of a new crusade, the reformation of the clergy, and the teaching of Oriental languages in the universities.

16th COUNCIL OF CONSTANCE. Years: 1414-1418

The Council of Constance was held during the great Schism of the West, with the object of ending the divisions in the Church. It became legitimate only when Gregory XI had formally convoked it. Owing to this circumstance it succeeded in putting an end to the schism by the election of Pope Martin V, which the Council

of Pisa (1403) had failed to accomplish on account of its illegality. The rightful pope confirmed the former decrees of the synod against Wyclif and Hus. This council is thus ecumenical only in its last sessions (42-45 inclusive) and with respect to the decrees of earlier sessions approved by Martin V.

17th COUNCIL OF BASLE/FERRARA/FLORENCE. Years: 1431-1439

Summary: The Council of Basle met first in that town, Eugene IV being pope, and Sigismund Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. Its object was the religious pacification of Bohemia. Quarrels with the pope having arisen, the council was transferred first to Ferrara (1438), then to Florence (1439), where a short-lived union with the Greek Church was effected, the Greeks accepting the council's definition of controverted points. The Council of Basle is only ecumenical till the end of the twenty-fifth session, and of its decrees Eugene IV approved only such as dealt with the extirpation of heresy, the peace of Christendom, and the reform of the Church, and which at the same time did not derogate from the rights of the Holy See.

18th FIFTH LATERAN COUNCIL. Years: 1512-1517

Summary: The Fifth Lateran Council sat from 1512 to 1517 under Popes Julius II and Leo X, the emperor being Maximilian I. Fifteen cardinals and about eighty archbishops and bishops took part in it. Its decrees are chiefly disciplinary. A new crusade against the Turks was also planned, but came to naught, owing to the religious upheaval in Germany caused by Luther.

19th COUNCIL OF TRENT .Years: 1545-1563

Summary: The Council of Trent lasted eighteen years (1545-1563) under five popes: Paul III, Julius III, Marcellus II, Paul IV and Pius IV, and under the Emperors Charles V and Ferdinand. There were present 5 cardinal legates of the Holy See, 3 patriarchs, 33 archbishops, 235 bishops, 7 abbots, 7 generals of monastic orders, and 160 doctors of divinity. It was convoked to examine and condemn the errors promulgated by Luther and other Reformers, and to reform the discipline of the Church. Of all councils it lasted longest, issued the largest number of dogmatic and reformatory decrees, and produced the most beneficial results.

20th FIRST VATICAN COUNCIL. Years: 1869-1870

Summary: The Vatican Council was summoned by Pius IX. It met 8 December, 1869, and lasted till 18 July, 1870, when it was adjourned; it is still (1908) unfinished. There were present 49 cardinals, 11 patriarchs, 680 archbishops and bishops, 28 abbots, 29 generals of orders, in all 803. Besides important canons relating to the Faith and the constitution of the Church, the council decreed the infallibility of the pope when speaking *ex cathedra*, i.e. when as shepherd and teacher of all Christians, he defines a doctrine concerning faith or morals to be held by the whole Church.

21st SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL. Years: 1962-1965

Wisdom

(On January 2, 2002, a mother wrote for her daughters, ages 1 and 6, in hope that they will meet challenges head on and become strong, dignified young women.)

“Look fear in the face. Be brave and bold. Don't be scared of the unknown. Accept your own wrong doings as an opportunity to search deep within your soul. This way, you can't blame others for your problems.

Be strong my child, admit defeat and always stand tall with dignity and pride. Allow your tribulations to become your guide for new found wisdom. Don't look back with regret; move forward with positive thoughts about the good and bad.

Be slow to speak and listen openly to what others have to say with respect. Remember you have a choice to make. Live negative or positive; the choice is only dependent upon you.

You are sent to this world for a reason; a gift to others and remember always you have a special purpose so never give up but move straight ahead with love, peace, forgiveness, and strength!”

A Time to Laugh (478)

Actual Call Center Conversations!

Customer: "I've been calling 700-1000 for two days and can't get through; can you help?"

Operator: "Where did you get that number, sir?"

Customer: "It's on the door of your business."

Operator: "Sir, those are the hours that we are open."

Samsung Electronics

Caller: "Can you give me the telephone number for Jack?"

Operator: "I'm sorry, sir, I don't understand who you are talking about."

Caller: "On page 1, section 5, of the user guide it clearly states that I need to unplug the fax machine from the AC wall socket and telephone Jack before cleaning. Now, can you give me the number for Jack?"

Operator: "I think it means the telephone plug on the wall."

RAC Motoring Services

Caller: "Does your European Breakdown Policy cover me when I am traveling in Australia?"

Operator: "Does the product name give you a clue?"

Callers:

--"If I register my car in France, and then take it to England, do I have to change the steering wheel to the other side of the car?"

--On another occasion, a man making heavy breathing sounds from a phone box told a worried operator: "I haven't got a pen, so I'm steaming up the window to write the number on."

--"I deleted a file from my PC last week and I just realized that I need it. So, if I turn my system clock back two weeks will I get my file back again?"

Tech Support:

"I need you to right-click on the Open Desktop."

Customer: "OK."

Tech Support: "Did you get a pop-up menu?"

Customer: "No."

Tech Support: "OK. Right-Click again. Do you see a pop-up menu?"

Customer: "No."

Tech Support: "OK, sir. Can you tell me what you have done up until this point?"

Customer: "Sure. You told me to write 'click' and I wrote 'click'."

Tech Support: "OK. At the bottom lefthand side of your screen, can you see the 'OK' button displayed?"

Customer: "Wow! How can you see my screen from there?"

Drums

Mother: I don't think the man upstairs likes Mike to play on his drums.

Father: Why do you say that?

Mother: Because this afternoon he gave Mike a knife and asked him if he knew what was inside the drum.