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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Hemorrhaging woman

*Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 4:00 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]

(Lent) Friday at 5:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Monday and Wednesday 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, Marc McLaughlin

*Choir Members:

Lou Kourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski, Holly Stahl

*Bulletin Coordinator:

Thomasina Geimer

*Altar Servers:

Earl Duffy, Dalton Haas

*Altar Boys:

Christopher AlKhoury

*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

Sunday of the Hemorrhaging woman

Readings: 2 Cor 7:4-11 and Lk 8:40-56

The story of the healing hemorrhaging woman is reported by the three Synoptic evangelists: Matthew, Mark and Luke. (Mt 9:20-22, Mk 5:25-34, Lk 8:43-48). Mark's text contains more detail than the others. The woman was cured of an issue of blood, and Jesus said to her, "***Daughter it is your faith that has cured you. Go in peace and be free of this illness.***" (Mark 5:34).

Particularly curious in this case of healing is that the hemorrhaging woman did not make a request of Jesus for healing. In general, sick people approached Jesus and asked him to cure them; or they were brought to him by others who made the request for them. In this case, the woman came up behind Jesus and touched His cloak, and immediately she was cured (Mark 5:27-28).

Her case was humanly hopeless. Several doctors tried in vain to cure her, and "***she exhausted her savings in the process, yet she got no relief; on the contrary, she only grew worse.***" (Mark 5:26). Then she heard about Jesus and put her faith in Him to restore her total health.

Faith can be alive and strong, even in complete silence. Both active and contemplative religious orders please God. Often we ignore the reason why the sick woman did not face Jesus and openly petition the miracle. None of the three evangelists provides us with an answer to this question. It may be her shyness or her feminine decency; in all probability, she did not want to reveal publicly her gynecological illness. Perhaps she also feared that she would be rejected by the public since according to Jewish law (Leviticus 13: 1-2 and 44-46), her bleeding condition rendered her ritually impure. But this is only speculation. The important thing is that she had strong faith in Jesus. Sober and reserved in her belief, she wished only to "***touch His clothing.***" (Mark 5:28). No need for her to make a long speech, no need for ostentation.

Her attitude tells us that we must also deal delicately and discretely with delicate matters. Jesus granted her wish and praised this faith of hers; faith and decency go together, and Jesus appreciates both.

The healing of the hemorrhaging woman reveals Jesus' power over incurable diseases and His sensitive concern for everyone in need. Jesus is both healer and savior of mankind. When He sent His disciples to preach the Gospel He commanded them to "***heal the sick***" (Matthew 9:8).

God created the human person healthy in body and soul. But sin, the mortal sickness of the soul brought sickness to the body as its consequence. Every person became basically sick. Christ came to heal all our sicknesses, as Isaiah the prophet says: "***It was our infirmities that He bore our sufferings that He endured.***" (Isaiah 53:4). Jesus became, so to speak, "***sinner***" and "***ill***" for our sakes, in order that we may have health in soul and body. Without Jesus we all remain sinners and sick. Only in, with, and through Him can we become completely whole

In conclusion, Jesus forgives us all our sins, even those for which we are humanly ashamed!

This Weekend, Feb. 27-28: Sun. of the Hemorrhaging Woman

Saturday, February 27 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Patricia Gompers (Birthday) by Matt, Vickie and Christine Gompers
- ✠ Susie Fadoul by Peggy Bentz Bergeron
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

Sunday, February 28 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie and Family
- ✠ Susie Fadoul by Mickey & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Cecilia John by her loving children, David, Tom, Greg, Maryann, Susan and their Families

Weekdays Masses

Monday, March 1: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, March 2 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Jim George Sr. by Jean Weisner and Family
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

Wednesday, March 3: No Mass. Pastor's office work

Thursday, March 4 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Susie Fadoul by Mary & Bill Gavin
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- ✠ Mike Linton by the parishioners of OLOL church

3rd Friday of Lent. March 5 at 5:30 p.m.: Mass followed by Stations and Benediction

- ✠ Jim George Sr. by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Susie Fadoul by Mary & Bill Gavin
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

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| <i>Next Weekend, March 6-7: Sunday of the Prodigal Son</i> |
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Saturday, March 6 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Lawrence Ferrera Sr., (Anniversary) by Larry and Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol
- ✠ Helen Fielding (Birthday) by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Irene Breiding (Anniversary) by her grandson Dalton Haas
- ✠ Tom Jalad (Anniversary) by his Family

Easter Lilies in Memory of:

These generous parishioners sponsored the Easter Lilies to decorate the church and the tomb of Christ at Easter in memory of their beloved ones:

- ✠ Leslie McGlumphy by Jerry McGlumphy and Children
- ✠ Mary K. & Thomas Ferris by Denise Ferris
- ✠ Deceased Members of the George and Stiles Families (MN)
- ✠ Patricia Gompers by Matt & Vickie Gompers
- ✠ Don & Emilie Vince by Matt & Vickie Gompers
- ✠ Silvio Perilli by the Perilli Family
- ✠ George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen and Children
- ✠ Gladys Howard and Louise N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr., by Lou & Charlotte Khourey and Family
- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol & Family
- ✠ The Habdo Family by Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Ralph & Mary J. Shipley & Deceased of Namon & Salema Joseph & Family by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Robert L. Hunter, Jr. & Robby L. Hunter, III by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ In Honor of Dr. Nabel & Nisrine AlKhouri & Family
- ✠ In Honor of Mark & Barb McLaughlin & Family
- ✠ In Honor of Frank & Anna Marie & Michael Duymich
- ✠ In Honor of Jean Weisner
- ✠ In Honor of Ron Weisner
- ✠ In Honor of Chris & Jeannete Wakim
- ✠ In Memory of Danny & Mill Manners by NiNi Miller

St. Maron Dinner (Sunday, March 21st. Take-out ONLY)

Our Lady of Lebanon Church will host its annual Saint Maron Lebanese Dinner (take-out only) on Sunday, March 21st. The deadline for orders and payment is March 9th. Orders will be available for pickup at the church from 11:30a.m. through 4:00p.m., on March 21st.

The Saint Maron Lebanese Dinner celebrates the Feast Day of Saint Maron, the Patron Saint of Lebanon. The dinner will be prepared by the ladies of the church and will feature an array of delicious Lebanese food. The dinner includes: Baked Kibbee, Stuffed Grape Leaves, Hummus, Chicken & Rice, Salad, Pita Bread, Yogurt, and Mamoul pastry. **The cost of the dinner is \$15.00.** No substitutions for the dinner items. All food items are made fresh and refrigerated until pickup time. The dinner will be cold at pickup. Additional items are available for pre-order and include: Lebanese Pastry Mix (variety of 6 homemade Lebanese cookies), Baklawa, Mamoul and Pita Bread.

The dinner is take-out only. No indoor dining. When placing orders, customers will select their preferred time for pickup at the church. For safe distancing purposes, only four people at a time will be allowed in the building to pick up orders.

For Saint Maron Lebanese Dinner order forms or more information, call Our Lady of Lebanon Church at 304-233-1688 or Susan at 304-218-3028. **The deadline for orders and payment is Tuesday, March 9th.** Orders and payment received after March 9th cannot be processed.

Easter Obligation (Lenten Appeal) (by Sunday, March 28)

The Lenten Appeal for our Diocese (the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon) is now taking place. A letter from our church was mailed to every family. Our Diocese relies upon your support in order to educate and prepare our future Maronite priests to serve you and keep the doors of the churches open. Every family is asked to participate in the Appeal and be generous. Please drop your donation in the collection or mail it to our church for tax deduction. Please be generous and support our diocese. Thank you.

Many thanks for those who so far fulfilled their Easter Obligation of \$50.00

Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Dennis & Mary Lee Porter, Joe & Nikki Popovich, The Stees Family, Debbie & Mark Huffman, Carol Burkhart, Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Susan & Ron Burns, Earl & Linda Duffy, Thomasina Geimer, Jean Weisner, Mark Schroeder, Millet Fadoul, Denny Albaugh, Mark & Barb McLaughlin, Veronica Mushet, Dianna Vargo, Elsie Renzella, Dr. Jack & Rose Palmer, Sue Jochum, Marge John, Denise Ferris, Tom & Judy Brock, Dr. & Mrs. A.D. Ghaphery, Cathy Goodson, Paula Perilli,

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

March 2: Ava Murad
 March 4: Jeff Sengewalt
 March 5: Philip Carl
 March 6: Kristen McLaughlin
 March 10: Liam George
 March 15: Shelby Imer
 March 18: John Shiben, Kenny Imer, Bill Stees, Patrick Petros
 March 21: Caroline Stees McDowell
 March 22: Jennifer Imer
 March 26: Joseph John

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)

Shirley George, Earl Duffy and his sister Dorothy McKee, Viola J. Yeater (mother of Jeannette Wakim), Louis "Butch" Elias, Mary Thomas, Jack Hogan (infant son of Mark & Michaela Hogan & great nephew of Lou Khourey), Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, John Shiben, Al Depto, Don Henning, 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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| \$965.00 | Sunday Collection |
| 775.00 | Diocesan appeal |
| 162.00 | 2 nd collection: missions |
| 37.00 | Candles |
| 55.00 | Easter lilies |
| 30.00 | Parking |
| 1,674.00 | St. Maron Dinner |
| \$3,698.00 | 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

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.

Rummage Sale Information

Parishioners and friends; you can start bringing items with you on Saturday and Sunday. We can open the basement door before and after mass for the drop-offs. Please remember, no personal clothing.

More information at a later date. For any questions call Linda (304) 242-6853

Spirituality: Forgiveness

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, he wrote in the sand: "TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE".

They kept on walking, until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but his friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: "TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE".

The friend, who had slapped and saved his best friend, asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand, and now, you write on a stone, why?"

The other friend replied: "When someone hurts us, we should write it down in sand, where the winds of forgiveness can erase it away, but when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone, where no wind can ever erase it."

LEARN TO WRITE YOUR HURTS IN THE SAND AND TO CARVE YOUR BLESSINGS IN STONE!!

Wisdom

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. (but try anyway---:) Just read straight through, **and you'll get the point.**

- 1- Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
- 2- Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
- 3- Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.

- 4- Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
- 5- Name the last half dozen Academy Award winner for best actor and actress.
- 6- Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

- 1- List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
- 2- Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
- 3- Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
- 4- Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
- 5- Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.
- 6- Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier?

The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia." (Charles Schultz)

Story: That is God

It was one of the hottest days of the dry season. We had not seen rain in almost a month. The crops were dying. Cows had stopped giving milk. The creeks and streams were long gone back into the earth. It was a dry season that would bankrupt several farmers before it was through. Every day, my husband and his brothers would go about the arduous process of trying to get water to the fields. Lately this process had involved taking a truck to the local water rendering plant and filling it up with water. But severe rationing had cut everyone off. If we didn't see some rain soon ... we would lose everything. It was on this day that I learned the true lesson of sharing and witnessed the only miracle I have seen with my own eyes.

I was in the kitchen making lunch for my husband and his brothers when I saw my six-year-old son, Billy, walking toward the woods. He wasn't walking with the usual carefree abandon of a youth but with a serious purpose. I could only see his back. He was obviously walking with a great effort ... trying to be as still as possible. Minutes after he disappeared into the woods, he came running out again, toward the house. I went back to making sandwiches; thinking that whatever task he had been doing was completed. Moments later, however, he was once again walking in that slow purposeful stride toward the woods. This activity went on for an hour: walking carefully to the woods, running back to the house. Finally I couldn't take it any longer and I crept out of the house and followed him on his journey (being very careful not to be seen ... as he was obviously doing important work and didn't need his Mommy checking up on him). He was cupping both hands in front of him as he walked, being very careful not to spill the water he held in them ... maybe two or three tablespoons were held in his tiny hands. I sneaked close as he went into the woods. Branches and thorns slapped his little face, but he did not try to avoid them. He had a much higher purpose. As I leaned in to spy on him, I saw the most amazing site. Several large deer loomed in front of him. Billy walked right up to them. I almost screamed for him to get away. A huge buck with elaborate antlers was dangerously close. But the buck did not threaten him ... he didn't even move as Billy knelt down. And I saw a tiny fawn lying on the ground; obviously suffering from dehydration and heat exhaustion, lift its head with great effort to lap up the water cupped in my beautiful boy's hand. When the water was gone, Billy jumped up to run back to the house and I hid behind a tree. I followed him back to the house to a spigot to which we had shut off the water. Billy opened it all the way up and a small trickle began to creep out. He knelt there, letting the drip, drip slowly fill up his makeshift "cup," as the sun beat down on his little back. And it came clear to me: The trouble he had gotten into for playing with the

hose the week before. The lecture he had received about the importance of not wasting water. The reason he didn't ask me to help him. It took almost twenty minutes for the drops to fill his hands. When he stood up and began the trek back, I was there in front of him.

His little eyes just filled with tears. "I'm not wasting," was all he said. As he began his walk, I joined him ... with a small pot of water from the kitchen. I let him tend to the fawn. I stayed away. It was his job. I stood on the edge of the woods watching the most beautiful heart I have ever known working so hard to save another life. As the tears that rolled down my face began to hit the ground, other drops ... and more drops ... and more suddenly joined them. I looked up at the sky. It was as if God, himself, was weeping with pride.

Some will probably say that this was all just a huge coincidence. Those miracles don't really exist. That it was bound to rain sometime. And I can't argue with that ... I'm not going to try. All I can say is that the rain that came that day saved our farm ... just like the actions of one little boy saved another.

I don't know if anyone will read this ... but I had to send it out. To honor the memory of my beautiful Billy, who was taken from me much too soon ... But not before showing me the true face of God, in a little, sunburned body.

A Time to Laugh (493)

Children's science exam

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: *Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.*

A: *Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.*

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: *How can you delay milk turning sour?*

A: *Keep it in the cow.*

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: *What are steroids?*

A: *Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.*

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: *What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?*

A: *He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.*

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: Premature death.

Q: *How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen)*

A: *The body is consisted into three parts -- the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels A, E, I, O, and U.*

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: *What does 'varicose' mean?*

A: *Nearby.*

Q: Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarian Section.'

A: The Caesarian Section is a district in Rome

Q: *What does the word 'benign' mean?'*

A: *Benign is what you will be after you be eight.*