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Bulletin #2

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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1st Sunday of Epiphany

***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]

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, Holly Porter

***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

1st Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: 2 Cor 10:1-11 and Jn 1:29-34

After thirty years of hidden growth, here is a surprising happening, and one full of consequences. Here, among the crowds of people called to repentance by John, Jesus undergoes an indescribable experience. The Precursor's baptism becomes for Jesus, the sinless One, a kind of door through which he passes in search of sinners. He will share in their lot and redirect toward God a creation, now, at last, on its true course. So Jesus descends into the Jordan to ***"Do all that righteousness demands."*** (Mt 3:15).

To this humble inauguration of a new and purified future, the very heavens open and reveal divine secrets. The Holy Spirit comes down on Jesus and a voice speaks: ***"You are my Son..."*** (Mk 1:11) Jesus has always been the well-beloved of the Father, but today he finds himself established in his role of Servant -like a new Isaac ready for sacrifice. Jesus will show himself to be truly the Son and Servant of his Father as, under the impulse of the Holy Spirit, he forms step by step a new and entirely filial humanity.

"There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over." (Lk 12:50) Do you, a Christian, not realize that ***"baptized as you are in Christ Jesus, you are also baptized into his death, so that you may live a new life?"*** (Rom 6:3) Attuned, like him, to the invisible, you must keep to your baptismal promise or fail from Grace.

This Weekend, January 9-10: 1st Sunday of Epiphany

Saturday, January 9 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Jean and Doug Bentz (Anniversary) by Millet Fadoul
- ✠ Vincent & Agnes Jacovetty by George and Patty Fahey
- ✠ Vernon Hancher (12th Anniversary) by his wife Regina and Family

Sunday, January 10 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Kathy McKee (niece) by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Deceased members of the Maroon and Mary Catherine Habeeb by the Weisner and Joseph Families
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb & Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI) and GiGi

Weekdays Masses

Monday, January 11: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Tuesday, January 12 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ William G. Breit (Birthday)
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI) and GiGi

Wednesday, January 13: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Thursday, January 14 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Susie Fadoul by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Khourey
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

Friday, January 15: No Mass. Pastor's day of vacation

Next Weekend, January 16-17: 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Saturday, January 16 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his wife Sally
- ✠ Susie Fadoul by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Kathleen Olinski and Alois Marchy by Mary Ragase

Sunday, January 17 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Don Vince (Birthday) by his Children and grandchildren
- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol

† Deceased of the Cater Family by Dr. Maryann Cater

Week of the Faithful Departed (February 6 until February 12, 2021)

It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead. Think of how anxious you'll be to be remembered in the Masses and prayers of your relatives and friends when you die. All of us hope and pray that we'll never be forgotten and that our loved ones will pray to God for us every day. Your deceased relatives and friends are just as anxious for you to offer for them a Mass which is the best offering pleasing to God the Father because it is the pure Body and Blood of His Son. They are depending upon God's mercy and your good works to bring about their union with the Holy Trinity, our Blessed Mother and all the saints. The Church is here to remind you to pray for your parents and beloved ones who are deceased. Remember them and pray for them, so that your children and friends will pray for you after your death. You can be sure that your prayers and your sacrifices for the dead will be rewarded when they join the Community of Saints and speak to God in your behalf.

All Masses will be offered for the Repose of the Souls of the followings:

† Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and the David Abraham Ghaphery Family

† Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart

† Josephine Ferris (Anniversary) by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone

† Isabel Ferris Wolfe (Birthday) by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone

† Deceased Members of the Kourey and Howard Families by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Kourey

† Bob Saseen and Steve Schlog (Birthday) by Fran Saseen

† Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

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(Please complete the attached Mass Form and return it before February 3rd)

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!

Great news: We now have stylish face masks that match the "My Heart Beats for Lebanon" T-Shirt!! The masks are \$10 each and available after mass.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

January 10: Marjorie John, Mary Petros

January 11: Jennifer Klein

January 22: Nick Bedway

January 23: Dale Seidler Jr., Lisa Breiding

January 26: Chris DeMuth

January 28: Nikki Popovich

February 2: David John, Doug Bratton

February 4: Lindsay Carl

February 9: Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Michael DiFabrizio

February 10: Sandra DeMuth

Msgr Bakhos 70th Birthday

On February 9th, Msgr Bakhos will celebrate his 70th birthday. He spent the last 20 years serving Our Lady of Lebanon church in Wheeling. They were fruitful years for the church and the parish. He loves West Virginia and he will retire at age of 75. His daily prayers are for all the benefactors of the church and her pastor.

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, Mary Thomas, Jack Hogan (infant son of Mark & Michaela Hogan & great nephew of Lou Khourey), Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, John Shibben, 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>	
\$3,405.00	Sunday Collection
18.00	Candles
50.00	Flowers
40.00	T-Shirts sales donated by Mick Ghaphery
356.00	Utilities
\$3,869.00	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

Statement for Your Tax Deduction

By mid January 2021, all those who donated -from January 1st until December 31st, 2020- the sum of \$250.00 or more to our church will receive from the church a statement and a detailed copy of their donations in order to be used for tax deduction. Those who donated less than \$250.00 will not receive a statement unless requested by them. Checks used to purchase food or items from the church are not tax deductible. Only \$250 or more are tax deductible according to the IRS. We appreciate all your donations and may God reward you abundantly.

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

If you find yourself stuck in traffic, don't despair; there are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege.

Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for years.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk?

Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror, think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what is life all about, asking what is my purpose?

Be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity. Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, or insecurities, remember, things could be worse. You could be them!

Wisdom

THE BUZZARD:

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

THE BAT:

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

THE BUMBLEBEE:

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

PEOPLE:

In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up! Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, but faith looks up! Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly and trust in our Creator who loves us.

Story

Have you had a challenging week? Then here's a refreshing treat for you. Sit back, and enjoy reading the simple words of an 8 year-old boy trying to explain God. Written by Danny Dutton, age 8, from Chula Vista, California, for his third grade homework assignment to "Explain God."

One of God's main job is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way, he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk, he can just leave that to mother and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears unless he has thought of a way to turn it off. God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have. Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind of like his Father and he told his Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK. His Dad "God" appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore, he could stay

in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary only more important. You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to hear you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to Church on Sunday because it makes God happy and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong! And, besides, the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know he's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim very good and you get thrown into deep water by big kids. But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you.

I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And that's why I believe in God.

A Time to Laugh (485)

Get a Second Opinion

A pastor was shaking hands with people as they left the church. A couple greeted him and said, "We listened carefully to every word you said."

The pastor thanked the couple and said that he looked forward to seeing them next week.

"Oh, we won't be here next week," the couple responded. "We're going to another church next week to get a second opinion."

Indian Doppler Radar

It was already late fall and the Indians on a remote reservation in South Dakota asked their new chief if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild.

Since he was a chief in a modern society, he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky, he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like.

Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the village should collect firewood to be prepared.

But being a practical leader, after several days he got an idea. He went to the phone booth, called the National Weather Service and asked, "Is the coming winter going to be cold?"

"It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold," the meteorologist at the weather service responded.

So, the chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more firewood in order to be prepared.

A week later he called the National Weather Service again. "Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?"

"Yes," the man at National Weather Service again replied, "it's going to be a very cold winter."

The chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find.

Two weeks later the chief called the National Weather Service again. "Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?"

"Absolutely," the man replied. "It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters we've ever seen."

"How can you be so sure?" the chief asked.

The weatherman replied, "The Indians are collecting firewood like crazy."