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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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2nd 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

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: 2 Cor 4:5-15 and Jn 1:35-42

How sensitive this little Samuel appears, attentive to the voice of the mysterious being who calls him in the temple! From the moment the living God pronounces his name, the child awakens and is responsive to an experience of intimacy which will allow him, in his turn, to recognize and to name the One who speaks to him. Something similar occurs at the first meeting between Jesus and some of his future disciples. A mystery of communion is hinted at something irreversible is set in motion: heaven murmurs names known to God alone, while waiting for the earth in its turn to discover and pronounce the divine name.

On the banks of the Jordan, it is Jesus who comes and goes, accessible to everyone, as if he wanted to attract attention. On the testimony of the Baptist, who points him out, two men set out to find him, to follow the Lamb so that they may live close to him. "Come and see ...". What wonderful delicacy, without the shadow of constraint: the invitation to walk freely towards the truth, trusting in this friendship which is offered.

At the heart of every attachment, there is always a privileged moment when we seek to give the one we love the secret name which belongs to that person alone. Just so, all human beings bear a name of eternal tenderness which Christ destines for them and which they will receive on the palm of their hand, inscribed on a white pebble, in the kingdom (Apoc 2: 17). Cephas: this was the name of love which the Son of Man reserved for Simon; henceforth, Peter will have to merit it by his life of discipleship, while awaiting the day when he too will name the Son of God.

Of the two disciples who followed Jesus, only Andrew is mentioned by name. We can guess who the other was: the beloved disciple. But under his anonymity is not each of us included, each of us called to discover the intimate name which Jesus has reserved for us?

This 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

Weekdays Masses

Monday, January 18: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Tuesday, January 19 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI) and GiGi

Wednesday, January 20: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Thursday, January 21 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Kathleen Olinski and Alois Marchy by Mary Ragase
- ✠ Susie Fadoul by Mary Rose Kukula
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

Friday, January 22: No Mass. Pastor's day of vacation

Next Weekend, January 23-24: Commemoration of the Priests

Saturday, January 23 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Elizabeth Ferris Magnone (Anniversary) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave and Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Susie Fadoul by Dave and Debbie Sengewalt

Sunday, January 24 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Ida Shia Lewis (Anniversary) by Cynthia Lewis Reasbeck
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie and Family
- ✠ Nikki Popovich and Lisa Breiding (Birthdays) by Dalton Haas

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 Khourey and Howard Families by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Khourey
- ✠ Bob Saseen and Steve Schlog (Birthday) by Fran Saseen
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Michael Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- ✠ Freda & William Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- ✠ Deceased Members of the Josephs Family by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- ✠ Johnny George and Deceased Members of the George Family by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- ✠ Nicholas & Amelia Elias (grandparents) by their loving Family
- ✠ Donald A. Nickerson Sr., by his loving Family
- ✠ Our dear mother Shirley Elias Nickerson by her loving Family
- ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson and all deceased members of the Elias Family: Rose, Helen, Margaret, Mary, Madeline, Jean by their loving Family
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas Family by Rita Strawn
- ✠ Deceased of the Strawn Family by Rita Strawn
- ✠ Deceased of the Dellget Family by Rita Strawn
- ✠ Deceased of our parish by Rita Strawn
- ✠ Deceased of the Anna & Gus Shia Family by the Family
- ✠ Thomas Jochum by his Family
- ✠ Tim, Ginny, and Martha Shia by Sue Jochum
- ✠ Deceased members of the Golebiewski Family by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- ✠ Deceased members of the Elias Family by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- ✠ Richard Frazier by his wife Luane and sons Rick and John
- ✠ Cecilia Ann Murad by her daughter Luane Frazier
- ✠ Susie Fadoul by her friend Luane Frazier
- ✠ Thomas A. Ferris & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris
- ✠ Bill Daniel Jr., by Rebecca & Michael DiFabrizio

- † Mary E. Daniel by Rebecca & Michael DiFabrizio
- † Najib Nassif (MN) by Msgr Bakhos
- † Tessa Christine Joseph by her mom Stephanie Joseph
- † Gerard Henry Joseph by his wife Stephanie Joseph
- † Deceased members of the Elias Joseph Family by Stephanie Joseph
- † Deceased of the George and Stiles Families by Margaret George, Mary & Karen George
- † All Souls in Purgatory by Margaret George
- † Ralph & Mary J. Shipley and Deceased of Namon & Salema Joseph & Family by Thomasina Geimer
- † Robert L. Hunter, Jr. & Robby Hunter III by Thomasina Geimer
- † Deceased Family members of the Albaugh and Chidiac Family by Denny Albaugh
- † Leona Albaugh by Msgr Bakhos
- † George & Mary Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Augie Montalbano & Helen Fielding by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Mike O’Kane by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † To honor Jesus agonizing suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Susie M. Fadoul by her husband Millet, daughter Janet, sons Millet C & Jonathan
- † Deceased of the Bentz, Fadoul, Sengewalt & Werner Families by Millet L. Fadoul & Family
- † Elaine & Jay Cybulski, Marthann Rinehart, Carolyn Costain, Annette Tysk, George Thomas & Paul Doyle by Millet L. Fadoul & Family
- † Michael Joseph by his wife Vickie Joseph
- † Alphonse and Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph
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(Please complete the attached Mass Form and return it before February 3rd)

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- 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
- February 11: Charlotte Khourey
- February 14: Diane Frenn
- February 15: Nettie Seidler
- February 16: Dave Sengewalt
- February 17: Rebecca DiFabrizio

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>	
\$1,678.00	Sunday Collection
34.00	Candles
25.00	Donation to church
55.00	Utilities
\$1,792.00	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.

Spirituality

I knelt to pray but not for long, I had too much to do.

I had to hurry and get to work, for bills would soon be due.

So, I knelt and said a hurried prayer, and humped up off my knees.

My Christian duty was now done, my soul could rest at ease.

All day long I had no time, to spread a word of cheer.

No time to speak of Christ to friends, they'd laugh at me I'd fear.

No time, no time, too much to do, that was my constant cry.

No time to give to souls in need, but at last the time to die.

I went before the Lord, I came, I stood with downcast eyes.

For in His Hands God held a book, it was the book of life.

God looked into His book and said, ***“Your name I cannot find.***

I once was going to write it down..., but never found the time.”

Wisdom

Cancer is a serious crisis -but isn't life a matter of adapting to one change after another?

I believe we must continually adapt to survive, and as life goes on, we can thrive on living. There's no reason we cannot maintain a fine quality of life during a life-threatening crisis. The diagnosis of cancer is not an automatic death warrant that demands that the patient and his family stop living.

Story

A young soldier was in his bunkhouse all alone one Sunday morning over in Afghanistan. It was quiet that day, the guns and the mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't made a noise. The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week. As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk.

Just then an army sergeant came in and said, “Why aren’t you with the rest of the platoon?” The soldier replied, “I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord.” The sergeant said, “Looks like you’re going to play cards.” The soldier said, “No sir, you see, since we are not allowed to have Bibles or other spiritual books in this country, I’ve decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards.” The sergeant asked in disbelief, “How will you do that?” “You see the Ace, Sergeant, it reminds that there is only one God. The Two represents the two parts of the Bible, Old and New Testaments.

The Three represents the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

The Four stands for the Four Apostles: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The Five is for the five virgins that were ten but only five of them were glorified.

The Six is for the six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth.

The Seven is for the day God rested after working the six days.

The Eight is for the family of Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives, in which God saved the eight people from the flood that destroyed the earth for the first time.

The Nine is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy. He cleansed ten but nine never thanked Him.

The Ten represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone.

The Jack is a reminder of Satan. One of God’s first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the joker of eternal hell.

The Queen stands for the Virgin Mary.

The King stands for Jesus, for he is the King of all kings.

When I count the dots on all the cards, I come up with 365 total, one for every day of the year. There are a total of 52 cards in a deck, each is a week, 52 weeks in a year. The four suits represent the four seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. Each suit has thirteen cards, there are exactly thirteen weeks in a quarter.

So when I want to talk to God and thank Him, I just pull out this old deck of cards and they remind me of all that I have to be thankful for.”

The sergeant just stood there and after a minute, with tears in his eyes and pain in his heart, he said, “Soldier, can I borrow that deck of cards?”

A Time to Laugh (486)

These were posted on an Australian Tourism Website and the answers are the actual responses by the website officials, who obviously have a sense of humor.

Q: Does it ever get windy in Australia? I have never seen it rain on TV, how do the plants grow? (UK).

A: We import all plants fully grown and then just sit around watching them die.

Q: Will I be able to see kangaroos in the street? (USA)

A: Depends how much you've been drinking.

Q: I want to walk from Perth to Sydney - can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: Sure, it's only three thousand miles, take lots of water.

Q: Are there any ATMs (cash machines) in Australia? Can you send me a list of them in Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville and Hervey Bay? (UK)

A: What did your last slave die of?

Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Australia? (USA)

A: A-fri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe. Aus-tra-lia is that big island in the middle of the Pacific which does not ... oh forget it. Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Kings Cross. Come naked.

Q: Which direction is North in Australia? (USA)

A: Face south and then turn 180 degrees. Contact us when you get here and we'll send the rest of the directions.

Q: Can I bring cutlery into Australia? (UK)

A: Why? Just use your fingers like we do.

Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)

A: Aus-tri-a is that quaint little country bordering Ger-man-y, which is ... oh forget it. Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every Tuesday night in Kings Cross, straight after the hippo races. Come naked.

Q: Can I wear high heels in Australia? (UK)

A: You are a British politician, right?

Q: Are there supermarkets in Sydney and is milk available all year round? (Germany)

A: No, we are a peaceful civilization of vegan hunter/gatherers. Milk is illegal.

Q: Please send a list of all doctors in Australia who can Dispense rattlesnake serum. (USA)

A: Rattlesnakes live in A-meri-ca which is where YOU come from. All Australian snakes are perfectly harmless, can be safely handled and make good pets.

Q: I have a question about a famous animal in Australia , but I forget its name. It's a kind of bear and lives in trees. (USA)

A: It's called a Drop Bear. They are so called because they drop out of Gum trees and eat the brains of anyone walking underneath them. You can scare them off by spraying yourself with human urine before you go out walking.

Q: I have developed a new product that is the fountain of youth. Can you tell me where I can sell it in Australia? (USA)

A: Anywhere significant numbers of Americans gather.

Q: Can you tell me the regions in Tasmania where the female population is smaller than the male population? (Italy)

A: Yes, gay night clubs.

Q: Do you celebrate Christmas in Australia? (France)

A: Only at Christmas.

Q: Will I be able to speak English most places I go? (USA)

A: Yes, but you'll have to learn it first.