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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Faithful Departed

***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, 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 Faithful Departed

Readings: 1 Thes 5:1-11 and Lk 16:19-31

In 6:20 Jesus had said, 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God', and in the corresponding woe in 6:24, 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.' We are now given an identical message in parable form.

The rich man lived in great luxury, with every day a feast day. The poor man, Lazarus, longed for the scraps that fell from his table but was denied them. There was a vast gulf between them, a gulf that the rich man could have crossed, but would not. A little later in the story he will show that he knew Lazarus by name, so he was aware of the beggar at his door and even knew his name, but day after day made no effort to bridge the gulf.

Both men died and the gulf between them was fixed for eternity, but with the situation of the two men reversed. The poor man was carried to the 'bosom of Abraham', a place of intimacy with the great common father of both men, while the rich man suffered in Hades.

The rich man called to the common father, but the Baptist had already warned that being a son of Abraham was no guarantee of salvation (3:8). He asked that Lazarus be sent to give him a drop of water, but the gulf was now unbridgeable. He asked that Lazarus be sent to his brothers to warn them, but was told that they already had Moses and the prophets with their constant injunction to be merciful to the poor. He said that they would believe one risen from the dead, but was told that, if they would not listen to Moses and the prophets, they would not listen even to one, such as Jesus himself, who had risen from the dead.

When you look at human suffering concretely you destroy all innocence, all neutrality, every attempt to say, 'It wasn't I; there was nothing I could do; I didn't know.' In the face of suffering you are either with the victim or the executioner - there is no other option."

Many times each day we make choices between right and wrong. Most of these choices are minor, though major choices can also present themselves. Through these choices we take responsibility for each of our actions. Then, through the sum total of all these choices, big and small, we gradually and imperceptibly begin to take personal responsibility for the moral direction of our entire lives and to determine our moral identity, who we are.

Over a long period of time we gradually determine whether we are basically just or unjust persons, kind or unkind, truthful or untruthful, honest or dishonest, loving or selfish. It was through a lifetime of actions that each of the two people in the parable had determined who he was before God. The parable seems to imply that, in some manner beyond words or even imagination, the afterlife fixes for eternity who we have become in this life.

It would be most unwise to take this parable as in any way a literal description of hell. At the same time, it is crystal clear that Jesus saw our moral choices, big and small, as all-important, determining who we are, and having eternal consequences.

This Weekend and the following weekdays (February 6 – 12): Sunday of the Faithful Departed

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

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

† Nawal Qorban (Anniversary) and Deceased Family Members of the Qorban and Nassar and Hage Families

† Nimnoom Ghaphery by Michael & Nicole Breit

† William T. Breit by Michael & Nicole Breit

† Aurora D. Lantagne by Michael & Nicole Breit

† Fr. Trent Watts by Michael & Nicole Breit

† All those who died from our parish by Msgr Bakhos

† Deceased members of the Chidiac Family by Msgr Bakhos

- ✠ All the benefactors of our church by Msgr Bakhos
- ✠ 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
- ✠ 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 & sons Rick & 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 & 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

- † Deceased members of the Shiben and McFarland Families by John & Dee Shiben
- † Siham & Elias Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane, Justin and Andreah & Zack Riedel
- † LaVerne Thomas by Dr. Adel, Diane, Justin and Andreah & Zack Riedel
- † Silvio Perilli by Paula Perilli and the Perilli Family
- † Melvin Peluchetti by Paula Perilli
- † Judith L. Bowman by Paula Perilli
- † Brian D. Schwanerbrger by Paula Perilli
- † George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen and Family
- † Deceased Members of the Shutler Family by Janet Shutler
- † Deceased Members of the Nolte Family by Janet Shutler
- † Deceased of the Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Weisner & Joseph Families
- † George Weisner (beloved husband and father) by Jean Weisner and Family
- † Blanche and John G. Wakim by Jeannette & Chris Wakim
- † Walter Elwartoski by his son Richard Elwartoski
- † Lottie Elwartoski by her son Richard Elwartoski
- † Monica Marie Peyer by Keneth Post (Parkersburg)
- † Monica Marie Peyer by Vicki-Marie Peyer
- † Mike & Sue Linton and his parents Joe & Frances Linton
- † Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † Cathy (Sharp) Howard by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol Dougherty & Family
- † Deceased of the Habdo Family by Carol Dougherty
- † Deceased of the Duffy, Fadoul, Comer & Shedeed Families by Earl & Linda Duffy
- † Amelia & William Fitzgerald by Rosemary & Dick Coury
- † Deceased of Maryann Khoury by Rosemary & Dick Coury
- † Philip Hankish and his deceased Family members
- † Deceased of the Wilson and Hodulik Families by Judy Wilson
- † Anne Marie & Julian McGlumphy by Jerry McGlumphy & Children
- † Leslie & Jerry Jr. McGlumphy by Jerry McGlumphy & Children
- † Deceased of the Machel Family by Mike & Judy Sofka
- † Deceased of the Sofka Family by Mike & Judy Sofka
- † Deceased of the Stanton and Sayre Families by Mike & Judy Sofka
- † Deceased of the Spyra Family by Mike & Judy Sofka
- † Andrew Demsko Sr. & Mary Demsko & Andrew Demsko Jr., by Rosemary Cornish
- † Deceased of the Reynolds and Bentz Families by Lee, Nathan and Adam Bentz
- † John G. Moses by Jim Moses
- † Sophia Moses by Jim Moses
- † Jeffery Moses by Jim Moses
- † Lucy Gibbons, Ann Otterbeck and Sadie Coury by Ron & Kim Gibbons
- † Vincent & Agnes Jacovetty by George & Patty Fahey
- † Dennis & June Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- † Helen & Al Schroeder by Mark Schroeder
- † Martha Paul by Mark Schroeder

Next Weekend, February 13-14: Cana Sunday. Entrance to Lent

Saturday, February 13 at 4:00 p.m.:

- † Doug G. Bentz by Peggy Bentz Bergeron
- † Susie Fadoul by Regina Hancher
- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

Sunday, February 14 at 10:30 a.m.:

- † Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol

✠ Susie Fadoul by Sandra DeMuth

✠ Jim George by Carol Dougherty

Ash Monday & Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule (Feb. 15 and 17)

Meaning of Ash

“Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart...” (Joel 2:12)

Ashes are imposed on foreheads using one of two formulas:

“Remember, you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.”

Our mortality and our need for a change of heart are the very things we do not like to think about. In fact, in some ways we are masters in the art and science of denying our death. Fearful of our creatureliness, we dream of life-extension, cloning, maybe even having a silicone body that could not be wounded or die.

Our denial of sin is even stronger. We desperately want to believe that we are nice guys and gals. The most we seem able to admit sometimes is that we “made a mistake.” It pains us to think that there is something deep in us that needs healing and forgiveness. Even in the smallest matters it can be excruciating to ask forgiveness, to admit we need help or to acknowledge that we have sinned.

So it is with each of us. So it is with the Church. So it is with our nation. But if we think we are not creatures utterly reliant upon God to sustain us, then we will see no need for Lent. If we think we do not stand in need of forgiveness, then we will not want Lent. Worse yet, we will not want Christ, either. In the grip of such illusions, we can easily convince ourselves that we have no need of him.

On Ash Monday, we will have two Masses and blessing with Ashes at 12:05 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. Ashes will also be distributed during the two Masses on Ash Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. for those who missed it on Monday.

Ash Monday, February 15:

12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

Ash Wednesday, February 17:

12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

Stations of the Cross and Benediction (Starting, Friday, February 19)

The **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place at our Church every Friday during **Great Lent Season, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass**

The “Stations of the Cross” is a devotion which consists of following the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by recalling the fourteen prominent events that took place from the time of the trial under Pontius Pilate until his death and burial on Mount Calvary.

Friday, February 19:

5:10 p.m.: Rosary & Litany

5:30 p.m.: Divine Liturgy

6:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction of the Cross

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

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

February 21: Louie Khourey

February 24: Mary Lee Porter

February 27: MaryAnn Carl

March 2: Ava Murad

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)

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 Shibben, 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>	
\$713.00	Sunday Collection
55.00	Candles
60.00	Saint Maron Dinner
150.00	Donations to the church
5.00	Utilities
\$983.00	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.

Upcoming Rummage Sale

Please, start saving your items for our Rummage Sale. You can bring your items to the church every Saturday and Sunday before Mass. Weekdays dates of receiving items will be announced later.

Spirituality

HIS LIBERALITY AND MERCY ARE HERE MANIFESTED MORE VIVIDLY THAN IN THE OTHER SACRAMENTS

None can be compared to the Eucharist. By Baptism, it is true, we receive the title of God's children; heaven is opened to us in consequence, and we are made participators in all the treasures of the Church. By Penance, the wounds of our soul are healed, and the friendship of God is restored to us. By Confirmation, Jesus Christ gives us the Spirit of light and power. By Extreme Unction, he clothes us with the merits of his death and passion. By Holy Orders, he communicates to the priest all his powers. By Matrimony, he sanctifies all our actions, even those in which man seems only to follow natural inclinations. Mercies truly worthy of a God who is in all things infinite!

“But all this seems to be only an apprenticeship of his love for men in the adorable Sacrament of the Eucharist he goes further.” He gives us himself; we receive here not the application of his precious Blood, but the author of grace as well.

The Eucharist is Jesus in all his different states it is Nazareth where he renews his Incarnation, Bethlehem where he is mystically born, Galilee where he continues to teach souls and to move them with his grace, the Calvary on which he offers himself in sacrifice. It is Jesus prolonging his life and his benefits in our midst.

What a happiness was the aged Simeon’s when he was “pressing to his love-laden heart the child Jesus, who was enkindling and consuming that heart!” “Now, Lord, let me die,” he cried out... Truly he was in ecstasy.

But we, are we not happier than Simeon? He could keep Jesus only for an instant; we can keep him always, if we will. He comes not only into our arms, but into our heart

THE EUCHARIST, SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL JOY RESULTING FROM OUR LORD’S PRESENCE

“When we go to Holy Communion, we feel something extraordinary, a well-being which runs through the whole body from head to foot. What is this well-being? It is our Lord, who imparts himself to every part of our body, making it thrill with joy. We are compelled to say, like St John, It is the Lord! Those who feel nothing at all are much to be pitied!

When you have had the happiness of receiving the good God, you feel for some time a gladness, a balm in your heart... Pure souls are always like that; and this union is their strength and happiness.

Wisdom

1- We come into this world crying while all around us are smiling. May we so live that we go out of this world smiling while everybody around us is weeping. (Persian Proverb)

2- “If a man loses his reverence for any part of life, he will lose his reverence for all of life.”

--Albert SCHWEITZER

3- “If you attack this disease (cancer) instead of remaining a hopeless, helpless victim, you will feel better and you just might -and that’s the key word, might- improve your chances of licking your disease. I’ve always believed that. --Dr. Walter MATERN, in “Finding Strength in Cancer”

Story

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer and he started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie. The old man gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. The old man gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what?" "He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, “You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime.

A Time to Laugh (490)

Ole & Clarence

Ole lived across the Mississippi from Clarence who he didn't like at all.

All the time they were yelling across the river at each other.

Ole would yell to Clarence, 'If I had a way to cross dis river, I'd come over dere an beat you up good, yeah sure, ya betcha by golly!'

This went on for years. Finally the state built a bridge across the river right there by their houses. Ole's wife, Lena, says, 'Now is your chance, Ole, why don't you go over dere and beat up dat Clarence like you said you would.'

Ole says, 'OK, by yimmy I tink I vill do yust dat'

Ole started for the bridge but he sees a sign on the bridge an he stops to read it, then he turns around and comes back home.

Lena asked, 'why did you come back?'

Ole said, 'Lena, I tink I change my mind 'bout beatin' up dat Clarence, you know, dey put a sign on da bridge dat says 'Clarence is 13 ft. 6 in.' You know, he don't look near dat big when I yell at him from across da river'.

You Know you are living in 2008 when...

- 1- You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
- 2- You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
- 3- You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have email addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.
8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.
11. You start tilting your head sideways to smile.
12. You're reading this and nodding and laughing.
13. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this message.
14. You are too busy to notice there was no #9 on this list.
15. You actually scrolled back up to check that there wasn't a #9 on this list.

NOW U R LAUGHING at yourself

On the Losing Side

A ten-year-old boy answered the doorbell at his home one day. When he opened it, he discovered a strange man on the porch.

The man said, "Son, you don't know me, do you?"

The boy agreed that he did not know the man.

The man replied, "Well, I am your uncle on your father's side.

To this the young fellow replied, "Well, I'm glad to meet you, but you are certainly on the losing side."

Her Own Way

Only two things are necessary to keep one's wife happy: One is to let her think she is having her own way; the other is to let her have it.