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Bulletin #10

## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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### Sunday of the Prodigal Son

**\*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 Server:** Earl Duffy

**\*Altar Boy:** 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 Prodigal Son*

Readings: 2 Cor 13:5-13 and Lk 15:11-32

Why does the parable of the “**Prodigal son**” move us so deeply? No doubt because it strikes a chord at the deepest level of our being in our relationship with God and His Son, Jesus Christ. For this parable is really the story of the “merciful father”, of a God whose solicitude for each sinner is such that He cannot endure the idea of losing His child. A God of “tenderness and compassion”, of infinite patience who in order to manifest Himself fully as a father must be continually welcoming back the prodigal son.

Not only does this parable reveal God as a Father, to whose Kingdom sinful man has access at all times, provided he returns to the One whom he has abandoned: it is also a revelation of Jesus Himself. For it is His own way of acting which constitutes the starting-point of the story. It is in order to justify His own dealings with sinners that Jesus describes this father who hurries out to receive the returning prodigal, and finds his joy in restoring him to his dignity as a son.

Finally, every Christian is in danger of becoming like the elder son who, in contrast to the father, is unwilling to welcome back the erring younger brother. The writer Ramuz depicts for us the scene on the last day, with the crowd of the elect pushing their way towards the gate of paradise, and shaking with indignation, complaining: “*How can he pardon people like that.*” And then, all those sham devout people, who refuse to recognize their brother in the pardoned sinner, are driven back to hell. The Gospel story does not go as far as that. How it ends depends on us. Will the elder brother, the one we fancy we are like, be able to make the transition from contempt of sinners to love for them, from the idea of a book-keeping God to that of a Father who loves because he wishes to save?

### ***This Weekend, March 6-7: Sunday of the Prodigal Son***

#### **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

### ***Weekdays Masses***

#### **Monday, March 8: No Mass. Pastor’s day off.**

#### **Tuesday, March 9 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Jim George Sr. by Chuck & Jeannie Bourne
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

#### **Wednesday, March 10: No Mass. Pastor’s office work**

#### **Thursday, March 11 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ William Breit
- ✠ Blanche Wakim (Birthday) by Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Friday of Lent. March 12 at 5:30 p.m.: Mass followed by Stations and Benediction**

- ✠ Jim George Sr. by Dalton Haas

✠ Susie Fadoul by Mary & Bill Gavin

✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

## *Next Weekend, March 13-14: Sunday of the Paralytic*

### Saturday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Mary Joseph Shipley (Anniversary) by her daughter Thomasina Geimer and Family

✠ Robert L. Hunter III (Anniversary) by Thomasina Geimer and Family

✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

### Sunday, March 14 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ 40-Day of Jim George Sr., by Evelyn & Nick Ghaphery

✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie and 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 & Children

✠ Mary K. & Thomas Ferris by Denise Ferris

✠ Deceased Members of the George & 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 & Children

✠ Gladys Howard & Louise N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr., by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & 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 & Jeannette Wakim

✠ In Memory of Danny & Milly Manners by NiNi Miller

✠ In Memory of the Saseen and Schlog Families by Fran Saseen

✠ Our beloved parents John & Cecilia and D. William Burns by Ron & Susan Burns

✠ Our beloved grandparents Tom & Sadie John, David & Tamamie Joseph and Sarah Burns by Ron & Susan Burns

✠ Our beloved Aunts & Uncles, Louis & Cecilia Ammar, Fred & Rita John, Sister Mary Thomasina John and Roland & Julia Tappe by Ron & Susan Burns

✠ Deceased members of the Nimom & Miriam Joseph Family by the Joseph & Weisner Families

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## *St. Maron Dinner* (Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Take-out ONLY)

Our Lady of Lebanon Church will host its annual Saint Maron Lebanese Dinner (take-out only) on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 21<sup>st</sup>.

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), Baklava, 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, Mildred Joseph (TX), David & Greg John, John & Dee Shiben, Bill & Tricia Committee, Myron & Cynthia Law (OH), George & Patty Fahey, Lou & Charlotte Khourey, John & Opal Ritts, Jerry McLumphy, Fran Saseen, Carolee Bentz, Carol Dougherty, Kenny & Nancy Joseph, Mary Lish, Jamil Harb, Mike & Judy Sofka, Linda Hostutler, Dr Adel & Diane Frenn,*

### ***Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:***

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  
 March 30: Greg John  
 March 31: Jonas George  
 April 1: Patrick Sengewalt  
 April 6: Ronald Weisner

### ***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,

<b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b>	
\$1,305.00	Sunday Collection
2,160.00	Diocesan appeal
31.00	Candles
135.00	Easter lilies

752.00	St. Maron Dinner
\$4,383.00	<b>Total Deposits:</b> <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*

One rainy afternoon I was driving along one of the main streets of town, taking those extra precautions necessary when the roads are wet and slick. Suddenly, my son Matthew spoke up from his relaxed position in the front seat. "Mom, I'm thinking of something." This announcement usually meant he had been pondering some fact for a while and was now ready to expound all that his seven-year-old mind had discovered. I was eager to hear. "What are you thinking?" I asked. "The rain," he began, "is like sin and the windshield wipers are like God, wiping our sins away." After the chill bumps raced up my arms, I was able to respond.

"That's really good, Matthew." Then my curiosity broke in. How far would this little boy take this revelation? So, I asked... "Do you notice how the rain keeps on coming? What does that tell you?" Matthew didn't hesitate one moment with his answer: "We keep on sinning, and God just keeps on forgiving us." I will always remember this whenever I turn my wipers on. Isn't it comforting to know that God does keep forgiving us? That all we have to do is ask Him to come into our lives and He will keep washing our sins away.

Hope each of you remember this when you turn on your wipers for God does keep forgiving when we invite him into our life.

### *Wisdom*

The Shell Oil Company recently issued a warning after three incidents in which mobile phones (cell phones) ignited fumes during fueling operations. In the first case, the phone was placed on the car's trunk lid during fueling; it rang and the ensuing fire destroyed the car and the gasoline pump. In the second, an individual suffered severe burns to their face when fumes ignited as they answered a call while refueling their car. And in the third, an individual suffered burns to the thigh and groin as fumes ignited when the phone, which was in their pocket, rang while they were fueling their car. You should know that Mobile Phones can ignite fuel or fumes that light up when switched on or when they ring; they release enough energy to provide a spark for ignition. They should not be used in filling stations, or when fueling lawn mowers, boat, etc. They should not be used, or should be turned off, around other materials that generate flammable or explosive fumes or dust, i.e. solvents, chemicals, gases, grain dust, etc...

Another related topic for safe refueling regarding static electricity causing fires at gas pumps... To sum it up, here are the three Rules for Safe Refueling:

1- Turn off engine

2- Don't smoke

3- Don't re-enter your vehicle during fueling.

Almost all cases involved the person getting back in their vehicle while the nozzle was still pumping gas, when finished and they went back to pull the nozzle out the fire started, as a result of static. Most had on rubber-soled shoes. It is the vapors that come out of the gas that cause the fire, when connected with static charges.

There were 29 fires where the vehicle was reentered and the nozzle was touched during refueling from a variety of makes and models. Some resulting in extensive damage to the vehicle, to the station, and to the customer. Seventeen fires that occurred before, during or immediately after the gas cap was removed and before fueling began.

NEVER get back into your vehicle while filling it with gas. If you absolutely HAVE to get in your vehicle while the gas is pumping, make sure you get out, close the door TOUCHING THE METAL, before you ever pull the nozzle out. This way the static from your body will be discharged before you ever remove the nozzle.

## *Story*

An old man sat in his rocker day after day. Fixated in his chair, he promised not to remove himself from this spot until he saw God. On one fine spring afternoon, the old man rocking in his chair, relentless in his visual quest of God, saw a young girl playing across the street. The little girl's ball rolled into the old man's yard. She ran to pick it up and as she bent down to reach for the ball, she looked at the old man and said, "Mr. Old Man, I see you every day rocking in your chair and staring off into nothing. What is it that you are looking for?"

"Oh, my dear child, you are yet too young to understand," replied the old man. "Maybe," replied the young girl, "but my momma always told me if I had something in my head I should talk about it. She says to get a better understanding. My momma always says 'Ms Liz share your thoughts.' Share, share, share, my momma always says." "Oh, well, Ms Liz child, I do not think you could help me," grunted the old man. "Possibly not, Mr. Old Man, sir, but maybe I can help just listening." "All right, Ms Liz child, I am looking for God." "With all due respect, Mr. Old Man, sir, you rock back and forth in that chair day after day in search of God?" Ms Liz responded, puzzled.

"Why, yes. I need to believe before my death that there is a God. I need a sign and I have yet to have seen one," said the old man. "A sign, sir? A sign?" said Ms Liz, now quite confused by the old man's words. "Mr. Old Man, sir, God gives you a sign when you breathe your next breath. When you can smell fresh flowers. When you can hear the birds sing. When all of the babies are born. Sir, God gives you a sign when you laugh and when you cry, when you feel the tears roll from your eyes. It is a sign in your heart to hug and to love. God gives you a sign in the wind and in the rainbows and the change in the seasons. All of the signs are there, but do you not believe in them? Mr. Old Man, sir, God is in you and God is in me. There is no searching because he, she or whatever may be is just here all of the time."

With one hand on her hip and the other hand flailing about the air, Ms Liz continued, "Momma says, 'Ms Liz, if you are searching for something monumental, you have closed your eyes because to see God is to see simple things, to see God is to see life in all things.' That is what Momma says." "Ms Liz, child, you are quite insightful in your knowledge of God, but this that you speak of is yet not quite enough." Liz walked up to the old man and placed her young childish hands over his heart and spoke softly into his ear. "Sir, it comes from in here, not out there," pointing to the sky. "Find it in your heart, in your own mirror. Then, Mr. Old Man, sir, you will see the signs." Ms Liz, walking back across the street, turned to the old man and smiled. Then, as she bent down to smell the flowers, she shouted, "Momma always says, 'Ms Liz, if you are looking for something monumental, you have closed your eyes."

## *A Time to Laugh (494)*

### *Kids Are Quick*

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I.'

MILLIE: I is.

TEACHER: No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am'

MILLIE: All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog.

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher