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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Paralytic

***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 Paralytic

Readings: 1Tim 5:24-6:5 and Mk 2:1-12

“Your Sins Are Forgiven.”

Joshua is paralyzed He has consulted every healer in the area. To no avail. Then, one day, his friends come to tell him there is one who might be able to help. He’s right here, today, in Capernaum. A spark of hope is enkindled in Joshua’s heart as four of his friends gently place him on a pallet, and carry him to Peter’s home.

Too late! A large crowd fills the house and surrounds the entrance. Surely they will give way to let them carry in their friend! When no one helps clear a path, they carry their friend to the rear of the house, seeking another entrance. That failing, they resort to extreme measures. Somehow, they lift the pallet to the low roof, and begin to make a new entrance! They’ve come to help their friend, and will not be deterred by any obstacle!

Chances are, the roof was not one that we’re familiar with; it was probably fashioned of packed earth and stones. All the same, they had to believe it was worth all the effort; they had to believe this man Jesus could do what no one else could. Two powerful forces are at work here: love and faith. We can only imagine the scene within as particles of earth and stone filter into the room. Imagine how you would feel if suddenly this roof began to disintegrate! In the midst of all the commotion, Jesus remained calm, waiting for the paralytic, just as he waits for you and me: calmly, hopefully.

Then, Jesus startled the crowd, a crowd among whom were several Scribes. This was toward the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. He needed to establish his claim as Son of Man; the Scribes, on the other hand, needed to discredit him, for he posed a threat to their authority.

Jesus’ first words were of praise for the faith of the friends who had gone to such lengths, followed immediately by this simple promise to the paralytic, “Child, your sins are forgiven.”

This is not what anyone expected! The paralytic sought healing; the delighted Scribes had their chance to discredit Jesus!” He blasphemes! Only God can forgive sins!”

As would happen so many times in the years to come, the Scribes played right into Jesus’ hand. Reading their thoughts, hearing their murmuring gave him the opening he wanted. He challenged the Scribes -and the crowd- to consider which is greater: to forgive sins or to heal physical infirmities. If they had felt sure that Jesus couldn’t cure the paralytic, they would have chosen the latter; but they weren’t sure about this man yet! Rather than trap themselves further, they said nothing.

Just as he would do with Bartimaeus, the man blind from birth, Jesus made it clear that paralysis was not caused by sin. Then he spoke these powerful words to the stunned crowd: “that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth,... I say to you, rise, pick up your mat and go home.”

Now, this itinerant preacher claims to be the Son of Man, and seals his claim by instantly curing a paralytic! The man picked up his mat -and walked; we can be quite sure that a path was open for him this time!

Paralysis though, is not confined to body parts. All of us experienced a real paralysis of fear on 09-11-01 and subsequent days. We live with paralyzing fear of war on a global scale, and violence in our own neighborhoods. We recognize and fear our own inadequacy to combat evil that we see around us and within us. If we are to be “cured,” we must have the faith and love proclaimed in today’s gospel, to claw our way through whatever roof is keeping us from the Son of Man. That is where the cure must begin!

This 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 & Family
- ✠ Robert L. Hunter III (Anniversary) by Thomasina Geimer & 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

Weekdays Masses

Monday, March 15: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, March 16 at 12:05 p.m.:

- † Jim George Sr. by Lou & Charlotte Khourey
- † Susie Fadoul by Peggy Bentz Bergeron
- † Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

Wednesday, March 17: No Mass. Pastor's office work

Thursday, March 18 at 12:05 p.m.:

- † Anna Marie McGlumphy (Anniversary) by Jerry McGlumphy and Children
- † Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock
- † Larry Fulwider by his niece GiGi Harb Rice (OH)

5th Friday of Lent. March 19 at 5:30 p.m.: Saint Joseph Feast Day. Mass followed by Stations and Benediction

- † Philip Hankish by Earl & Linda Duffy
- † Susie Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy
- † Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

Next Weekend, March 20-21: Sunday of the Blind Man

Saturday, March 20 at 4:00 p.m.:

- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- † Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- † Larry Fulwider by his niece GiGi Harb Rice (OH)

Sunday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m.:

- † Betty Abraham, Clara Carter and Evelyn Goodson by Jean Weisner & Family
- † John T. & Cecilia John by Ron & Susan (John) Burns
- † Deceased of the Cater Family by Dr. Maryann Cater
- † Josephine Weidman (Birthday) by her daughter Anne Goist

Palm Sunday Program (Saturday-Sunday, March 27-28)

On Palm Sunday, we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem where people came out to meet Him and shout, "Hosanna," "Save us, O Lord." On that day, we bless palm branches (symbol of victory), and we process inside the church to welcome Christ as the King of our life.

Processions: The palms will be blessed during both Masses and distributed. We will have a procession with the children inside the church in every Mass. Please bring your children and grandchildren and let us welcome Christ the King in our hearts with the shouts of "Hosannas."

Saturday, March 27 at 4:00 p.m.: Mass & Procession with Palms

Sunday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m.: Mass & Procession with Palms

Passion Week & Easter Masses Schedule

Monday March 29 at 5:30 p.m.: Rite of the coming to the Harbor & Mass (No Stations of the Cross)

Tuesday March 30 at 5:30 p.m.: Rite of the Coming to the Harbor & Mass (No Stations of the Cross)

Wednesday March 31 at 5:30 p.m.: Rite of the Lamp & Mass (No Stations of the Cross)

Thursday of the Mysteries, April 1 at 5:30 p.m.:

Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, April 2:

No Morning or Evening Mass Today in All Catholic Churches

10:30 a.m.: Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice (No Mass)

6:00 p.m.: Solemn Burial of the Lord followed by a complimentary Meatless Community Dinner sponsored by the Cedar Club.

Saturday of the Light, April 3:

10:30 a.m.: Prayer of Forgiveness & Communal Reconciliation (No Mass)

4:00 p.m.: (1st Mass) Easter Vigil Mass & “Rite of Peace”

7:00 p.m.: (2nd Mass) Easter Vigil Mass & “Rite of Peace”

Easter Sunday, April 4:

10:30 a.m.: Easter Day Mass & “Rite of Peace.”

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 & Sarah Burns by Ron & Susan Burns
- ✦ Our beloved Aunts & Uncles, Louis & Cecilia Ammar, Fred & Rita John, Sister Mary Thomasina John & Roland & Julia Tappe by Ron & Susan Burns
- ✦ Deceased members of the Nimon & Miriam Joseph Family by the Joseph & Weisner Families
- ✦ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt and Family
- ✦ Abdoo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell

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, 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, Janet Shutler, Mary Beth Weisner, Latif Thomas (KY), Pat & Jackie Petros, Rosalie Conti, Maryann Carl, John & Kathleen Kazour (LA), Dave Sengewalt, Chris & Jeannette Wakim, Evelyn and Nick Ghaphery, Randy Weisner, Rex & Rita Strawn, Patrick & Laurie Henry,

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

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
 April 8: Jesse John
 April 11: Randy Weisner
 April 12: Justin Frenn
 April 13: Adel Frenn
 April 14: Mark McLaughlin, Lori DeMuth

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 & 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>	
\$2,346.00	Sunday Collection
100.00	Diocesan appeal
300.00	Donation to the church
272.00	Utilities
30.00	parking
25.00	Easter lilies
1,357.00	St. Maron Dinner
\$4,430.00	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.

-- Many thanks to Joe & Henya Betras for donating \$200.00 toward St Maron Dinner.

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

A wealthy Jewish merchant treats a poor old man with rudeness and disdain as they travel together on a train. When they arrive at their common destination, the merchant finds the station thronged with pious Jews waiting in ecstatic joy to greet the arrival of one of the holiest rabbis in Europe, and learns to his chagrin that the old man in his compartment is that saintly rabbi.

Embarrassed at his disgraceful behavior and distraught that he missed a golden opportunity to speak in privacy to a wise and holy man, the merchant pushes his way through the crowd to find the old man. When he reaches him, he begs the rabbi's forgiveness and requests his blessing. The old rabbi looks at him and replies, "I cannot forgive you. To receive forgiveness you must go out and beg it from every poor old person in the world."

Wisdom

Cell Phone cooks our brains daily

It takes approximately 2 minutes of speaking on a cellular phone for the radiation to cross the protective Blood Brain Barrier. So whenever there is a landline available use it in preference to your cell.

How Two Russian Journalists Cooked an Egg with their Mobile Phones.

Vladimir Lagovski and Andrei Moiseynko from Komsomolskaya Pravda Newspaper in Moscow decided to learn first-hand how harmful cell phones are. There is no magic in cooking with your cell phone. The secret is in the radio waves that the cell phone radiates.

The journalists created a simple microwave structure. They called from one cell phone to the other and left both phones on talking mode. They placed a tape recorder next to phones to imitate sounds of speaking so the phones would stay on.

After, 15 minutes: The egg became slightly warm.

25 minutes: The egg became very warm.

40 minutes: The egg became very hot.

65 minutes: The egg was cooked.

Story

WHAT GOD, CAN DO WITH 57 cents.

A sobbing little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it "was too crowded." "I can't go to Sunday School," she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by.

Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday school class. The child was so happy that they found room for her, that she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus.

Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings and the parents called for the kindhearted pastor, who had befriended their daughter, to handle the final arrangements.

As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled purse was found which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump. Inside was found 57 cents and a note scribbled in childish handwriting which read, "This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday School. For two years she had saved for this offering of love.

When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do. Carrying this note and the cracked, red pocketbook to the pulpit, he told the story of her unselfish love and devotion.

He challenged his deacons to get busy and raise enough money for the larger building. But the story does not end there!

A newspaper learned of the story and published it. It was read by a Realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth many thousands. When told that the church could not pay so much, he offered it for 57 cents.

Church members made large donations. Checks came from far and wide.

Within five years the little girl's gift had increased to \$250,000.00--a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the century). Her unselfish love had paid large dividend.

When you are in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church, with a seating capacity of 3,300 and Temple University, where hundreds of students are trained.

Have a look, too, at the Good Samaritan Hospital and at a Sunday School building which houses hundreds of Sunday Schoolers, so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside during Sunday school time.

In one of the rooms of this building may be seen the picture of the sweet face of the little girl whose 57 cents, so sacrificially saved, made such remarkable history. Alongside of it is a portrait of her kind pastor, Dr. Russel H. Conwell, author of the book, "Acres of Diamonds."

A Time to Laugh (495)

Church humor

LOT 'S WIFE:

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mommy looked back once, while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

GOOD SAMARITAN:

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, 'If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?'

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, 'I think I'd throw up.'

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, 'Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?'

'No,' replied Johnny. 'How could he, with just two worms.'

HIGHER POWER:

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, 'We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it is?'

One child blurted out, 'Aces!'

MOSES AND THE RED SEA:

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School.

'Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the People walked across safely. Then, he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.'

'Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his mother asked.

'Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!'

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD:

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible; Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task -- but, he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, 'The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know.'

UNANSWERED PRAYER?

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head, for a moment, before starting his sermon.

One day, she asked him why. 'Well, Honey,' he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages, 'I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon.'

'How come He doesn't do it?' she asked.

BEING THANKFUL

A rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, 'So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?'

The little boy replied, 'Thank God he's in bed!'