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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Palm Sunday

***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

Palm Sunday

Readings: Phil 1:1-13 and Jn 12:12-22

“Blessed is he who comes as king in the name of the Lord!!”

Mother Teresa said, “Jesus comes to meet us. To welcome him, let us go to meet him. He comes to us in the hungry, the naked, the lonely, the alcoholic, the drug addict, the prostitute, the street beggars. If we reject them, if we do not go out to meet them, we reject Jesus himself.” Like Jesus, Mother Teresa triumphed by giving to others.

Today Saint Luke’s passion story presents the image of Jesus, a person who is for the other. Jesus prays, forgives, shows deep concern for the outcast, and asks us to follow him in this holy task. We sing today of Jesus’ triumph because of his powerful love for the poor. We praise God in singing the Hosanna because the Lord rides in on a donkey, an animal that the poor of his day rode. If we are to triumph like Jesus, we also must ride with the poor. We must triumph in extending ourselves to those who have less, who are sick, who are dying. If we do so, the Lord will sing a Hosanna to us when we pass into heaven, as we do today to the Lord!

This Weekend, March 27-28: Palm Sunday

On Palm Saturday and 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.: Palm Procession

- ✠ George Popovich (Birthday) by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m.: Palm Procession

- ✠ 40-Day Mass for Peggy Palmer by her Family
- ✠ Michael & Annette Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Khourey

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)

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Jim George Sr. by Kathleen George and Family

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

- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock
- ✠ Larry Fulwider by his niece GiGi Harb Rice

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

- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock
- ✠ Larry Fulwider by his niece GiGi Harb Rice

Thursday of the Mysteries, April 1 at 5:30 p.m.: Mass of the Lord’s Supper & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI) and GiGi
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock

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. (No meatless dinner this year because of COVID-19)

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”

✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson and the Deceased members of the Elias Family by their loving family

✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt

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

✠ Intentions of all the Benefactors of our church and our pastor

✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock

✠ Larry Fulwider by his niece GiGi Harb Rice

Easter Sunday, April 4:

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

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

✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family

✠ Mary C. Custer by her sister Helen Benline

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

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, Ron & Kim Gibbons, Mary Rose Kukula, Tammy Strong, Gary Weisner, Nettie Seidler, Denise Ferris, Michael & Nicole Breit (NC),

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

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
 April 20: Angela Petros
 April 28: Ann Marie Weisner Serafin
 April 29: Linda Hostutler, Jeannette Wakim

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>	
\$1,610.00	Sunday Collection
92.00	Candles
50.00	St. Maron Dinner
100.00	Donation to the church
\$1,852.00	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

Congratulations on Your Baptism

Trey and Vanessa Zambito granted to their daughter Giovanna the honor to be the adopted daughter of God through the sacrament of Baptism, last Saturday, March 20th, at Our Lady of Lebanon Church. Godparents were: Jeremy Saseen and Victoria Zambito. Giovanna is the granddaughter of Al & Dana Zambito and the great granddaughter of Fran Saseen. May Saint Catherine of Alexandria, the patron saint of Giovanna, protect her and grant her along with her parents, godparents, and grandparents, good health and bright future.

Mailing Information

Dear Parishioners and friends, The church is here to serve you and inform you about the events that are taking place in the parish. During the year, all parishioners receive some mailings concerning: Saint Maron Dinner, Bake Sale, Lebanese Food Festival, Spaghetti Dinner, Diocesan Appeal, Raffles, and Masses for your beloved ones. We thank you if you participate and support the church in order to cover the expenses, if not, please call 304-233-1688 in order to be removed from our mailing list. –Msgr Bakhos

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.
 --No Mary Crowning procession this year because of COVID-19

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: God & Enemy

The enemy in your mind says you don't have what it takes;
 God says you do have what it takes. Whom are you going to believe?
 The enemy says you're not able to succeed; God says you can do all things through Christ.
 The enemy says you'll never get out of debt; God says not only are you going to get out of debt, you will lend and not borrow.
 The enemy says you're never going to get well; God says He will restore your health.
 The enemy says you'll never amount to anything; God says He will raise you up and make your life significant.
 The enemy says your problems are too big, there's no hope; God says He will solve those problems; moreover, He will turn those problems around and use them for your good.
 So, start believing what God says about you, and start thinking God's thoughts. God's thoughts will fill you with faith and hope and victory. God's thoughts will build you up and encourage you. They will give you the strength you need to keep on keeping on. God's thoughts will give you that can-do mentality.

Wisdom

The Wisdom of the Second Childhood

"It takes a long time to become young." (Pablo PICASSO 1881-1973)

Youth, the saying goes, is wasted on the young. A cynical saying, perhaps, but one that many in midlife and beyond can relate to. Picasso seems a bit more hopeful, though: If it takes a long time to become young,

then certainly we have the possibility of youthfulness in later years. What might we reasonably expect in our “second childhood?”

Biologically human life is a circle of sorts. We start off small, weak, and dependent and end up that way, too, though never quite as short as we were as infants. Our vocabulary and language skills start off small, too, then peak in our middle years, and trail off with approaching old age. To be sure, the progression from childhood to old age is rather Hegelian: thesis-antithesis-synthesis. As the riddle of the Sphinx asks, “What goes on four legs, then two legs, then three legs?” The answer is, a human being: crawling on all fours as a baby walking upright in the years of vigor, then tapping along with a cane as an elder. In other words, second childhood is never quite like the first.

As preadolescent children we are still natural, spontaneous, unaffected by the views and requirements of adult civilization. Then, as our minds fill with the truths and half-truths of our culture, many of us lose contact with that inner child who, Jesus told us, was the prototype of the citizens of heaven. As the ambitions and pretenses of the earning years give way to the joys of grandparenthood, we have a second chance to become like little children Pablo Picasso, who lived to his ninety-second year and was by all accounts a very complex adult, had reason to know how arduous it was to regain inner youth. Yet as an artist, to the end his work was always fresh, new, and unique. Perhaps he did manage to become young after all those years.

Story

“There is no way I’m going to make it,” I thought. I was twenty-five miles into the South African Comrades, a fifty-four-mile ultra marathon, and my body was spent. The rhythmic pounding of one foot over the other continued automatically, but I was certain my glycogen levels were too low to keep it up much longer. It was 1994 and, after a ten-year hiatus from running, this was going to be my last big race.

In the early 1980s, I won three consecutive New York Marathons and the Boston Marathon in 1982. I qualified for the U.S. Olympic team in 1980 and 1984 and had set US track records in the 5K, 10K, and five-mile run. My 1981 marathon time of 2:08:13 was a milestone for U.S. runners at that time.

To say I was self-assured back then is an understatement. I would predict I was going to win a marathon or set a world record, and then I would go out and do it. I pushed myself relentlessly.

On more than one occasion, I actually collapsed at the finish and had to be revived. It was mind over matter and winning was what mattered. But sometimes, not even clogged determination could override physical reality. In 1978, while still in college and competing against Bill Rodgers in hot, humid temperatures, I collapsed at the finish. Some people were concerned enough to have the sacrament of last rites administered to me in the medical tent.

My endocrine system became so stressed over time that I eventually became plagued with chronic health problems. I consulted doctors all over the world before finally realizing that my competitive running days were over. My belief had always been that I could accomplish anything I put my mind to -and I usually did- but now I had to accept defeat over something that was beyond my control.

It was around this time that I began to turn to God and religion in a serious way. My human frailty perhaps led me to more fully understand that it is God (and not me) who is ultimately in control. It was what my mother and father had always taught me.

My parents were devout Catholics. That is actually what brought us to the United States from Cuba. My father was working on the construction of a planned community. The only thing left to build was the chapel. Fidel Castro stepped in and told them there would no longer be a need for churches in the new society he was building. The year was 1959. My father wanted no part of a “new” anything that did not include God. We soon moved to the United States, and he and my mom raised their four kids as practicing Catholics.

Like so many young adults, I drifted away from Mass and the sacraments but finally returned with a vengeance. My Catholic faith was no longer just window dressing but became something that pervaded every part of my life. Even my regular workouts now included praying all fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.

Despite my physical setbacks, there were short periods of improvement, only to then run poorly again. The few races I did enter, my performances were mediocre at best. Then, in 1993, my running consistently and steadily improved. “One last race,” I thought when I heard about the South African Marathon. I would be thirty-six.

The old adrenaline surge pulsed through my body at the starting line. "I can do this," I thought confidently. But now, halfway through, I determined it was impossible. "I can't do this," I thought. It was at that point, it hit me: I really was "my old self" when I started the race. Not once had I thought to pray or call upon God. "I can't do anything without You, God," I realized.

"Lord, I'm putting this race in your hands," I prayed. I then began praying the rosary. My legs somehow kept going. When I was still going an hour later, I thought: "Maybe this is God's plan for me today."

When I crossed the finish line, I had outrun 12,000 other entrants, winning the fifty-four-mile marathon in five hours, thirty-eight minutes and thirty-nine seconds nearly a record. Knowing how I felt physically, it was pretty amazing that I even finished that race, let alone won it. Once I acknowledged it was not in my power to keep going, I put myself in God's hands. In the end, this is the only success that matters.

A Time to Laugh (497)

Do you go to Church?

A young man was coming out of church one day and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed the young man by the hand and pulled him aside. The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" He replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

Remember, God can see where you are on Sunday morning and what part he takes in your life.

He gives you 168 hours a week. How much do you give Him back?

Time to Pray

A pastor asked a little boy if he said his prayers every night.

'Yes, sir,' the boy replied.

'And, do you always say them in the morning, too?' the pastor asked.

'No sir,' the boy replied. 'I ain't scared in the daytime.'

The Ideal Male Combination

"I'd be the happiest girl in the world if only I could combine the two men I'm dating," one girl said to a friend.

"One of them is incredibly handsome, filthy rich, and wonderful to be around."

"And the other one?" her friend asked.

The girl concluded, "The other one wants to marry me."

Child's Logic

A five-year-old girl came home from her grandmother's funeral in a car with her other grandmother. "Where did Grandma go?" she asked.

"We believe she went to be with God," the other grandmother replied.

"How old was she?" asked the girl.

"She was eighty years old," her grandmother replied.

"How old are you?"

"Eighty-three," said the grandmother.

The little girl thought a bit then said, "I hope God hasn't forgotten you!"

What You Need to Have Courage

There is an apocryphal account of two skeletons in the corner of a closet who were grumbling about the heat, the dust, and the boredom. "What are we staying here for anyhow?" one asked.

"I don't know," the second skeleton answered. "I'd leave here in a minute if I had any guts."

Wild Adventures

A little boy came running into the kitchen and hurriedly asked his mother if he could watch a wildlife special on the public television station. "Hurry, Mom! It's got lions and tigers and snakes and all kinds of wild animals.

Please, Mom, can I watch it?"

"Well, sure, son," his mother answered. "You know it's all right to watch that station. And that sounds like a wonderful show for a brave little guy like you to watch."

"Will you come watch it with me?" the little boy asked.

"I'm sorry, but Mommy is kind of busy right now."

"But Mom, you've got to watch it with me-I'm too scared to watch it by myself."

That's the way with life. There are a lot of exciting things to do out there. There are many unique and adventurous opportunities. It's just that we want someone to keep us company throughout the adventure. God has not forgotten us; God has not left us.