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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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4th Sunday of the Resurrection

***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, Mark McLaughlin

***Choir Members:** Lou Kourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski, Holly Stahl

***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer

***Altar Server:** Earl Duffy and Joe Roxby

***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

4th Sunday of the Resurrection

Readings: Heb 13:18-25 and Jn 21:1-14

Christ's appearance to seven of His disciples on the lake Tiberias marks an important advance in the growth of their Easter faith. Just as the Father had sent His Son into the world, so too the Lord Jesus will send His disciples to spread the Good News. The amazing catch of fish is a very live allegory for an apostolate made fruitful by the Risen Christ; for this apostolate Peter, because of his very special love for his master, will take on the ultimate responsibility.

Like the apostles who went back to their fishing nets after the tragic episode of the passion, we too are sometimes tempted to lose hope. Supposing our faith in the Resurrection was only a pious illusion? Maybe Christ no longer lives in this over-established Church of His which has hardened into a defensive attitude and is so lacking in apostolic daring? Our temptation then may be to get back to our everyday bread-and-butter tasks, so reliable and reassuring in their ordinariness; or to set up a religious ghetto of our own, cut off from those who might threaten our convictions, to dream of times gone by when faith was taken for granted and the Church ruled supreme.

No, this is not the way it has to be. Someone is there standing on the shore, someone who is more impelling and more personal than ever, and he is calling me and asking me to put out my net. I'm not always able to recognize him straight off but it's him all right: there at the center of human and professional contacts, our life of faith however limp or unsatisfactory, present in the undertakings of all who search for truth, who love and forgive, and who struggle for a better and more equitable world. He is there above all in this meal which we share in memory of him and which prepares us for our necessary return to the world of every day. So, have we the daring to jump into the water?

This Weekend, April 24-25: 4th Sunday of the Resurrection

Saturday April 24 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Robert L. Hunter Jr. (Anniversary) by Thomasina Geimer and Family
- ✠ Betty Joseph (Birthday) by Becky & Larry Ferrera
- ✠ Jim George by Becky & Larry Ferrera
- ✠ John F. Kukula (Birthday) by Mary Rose Kukula

Sunday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Deceased of the Rohanna and Seabright Families by Mary Seabright Lish and Family
- ✠ Jim George Sr. by Mary Seabright Lish and Family
- ✠ Intentions of our organist Evelyn Ghaphery

Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday April 26: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday April 27 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Jerry & Leslie McGlumphy (Wedding Anniversary) by Jerry McGlumphy and Children
- ✠ Ellis Boury
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)

Wednesday April 28: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Thursday April 29 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Bill Dougherty (Birthday) by his wife Carol
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

Friday, April 30: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Next Weekend, May 1-2: 5th Sunday of the Resurrection

Saturday May 1 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Leslie McGlumphy (Anniversary) by Jerry McGlumphy and Children
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI) and GiGi
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, May 2 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Peggy Palmer by Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Special Intention of Nicky Lenz (Birthday) by Dalton

Deceased Mother's Day Masses (From Sat., May 8 till Thu. May 14)

Please remember your mothers on Mother's Day by offering Masses for their souls.

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Sadie Chidiac (mother), Kathrine & Hasibi (grandmothers) & all my sisters by Msgr. Bakhos
- ✠ Agnes Jacovetty & June Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- ✠ Patricia Gompers by Matt, Vicky & Christine Gompers
- ✠ Emily Vince by her children & grandchildren
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carole Burkhardt
- ✠ Louise N. Khourey & Gladys Howard by children Lou & Charlotte & grandchildren Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Emma Nader & Nabihah "Lena" Khourey by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- ✠ Minnie Church Riggs & Cassandra "Cassie" Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- ✠ Julian H. McGlumphy (Anniversary) by Jerry McGlumphy and children
- ✠ Mariam Joseph (mother) and Mary Katherine Habeb (grandmother) by the Joseph and Weisner Families
- ✠ Amelia Fitzgerald by Rosemary and Dick Coury
- ✠ Mary Ann Khoury by Rosemary and Dick Coury
- ✠ Cecilia Murad by her daughter Luane Frazier & grandsons John & Rick
- ✠ Victoria John and Marion Keegan by Marge John and Family
- ✠ Minnie Leech and Dolores Fahey & Betty Lou Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros
- ✠ Ann Otterbeck & Lucy Gibbons & Sadie Coury by Ron, Kim and Kaitlin Gibbons
- ✠ Emma Dellget & Rita Schaffer by Rita & Rex Strawn
- ✠ Virginia Strawn & Freda Crawford by Rex & Rita Strawn
- ✠ Cecilia Habdo Mays & Saada Habdo by Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Susie Fadoul by Janet, Millet & Jonathan Fadoul
- ✠ Susie Fadoul by Justin, Jacob, Payton, Mackenzie, Cooper and Millet Jr. Fadoul
- ✠ Pearl I. Shutler & Clara Shutler & Isabelle Nolte by Janet Shutler
- ✠ Helen Schroeder by Mark Schroeder
- ✠ Helen Saseen & Margaret Schlog by Fran Saseen
- ✠ Freda Josephs & Sadie George by Larry Josephs (MN)
- ✠ Monica-Marie Peyer by grandson Kenneth Post
- ✠ Mary Daniel by her daughter & son-in-law Rebecca & Michael Difabrizio
- ✠ Mary K. Ferris by her daughter Denise Ferris
- ✠ Ginny and Martha Shia by Sue Jochum
- ✠ Anna Shia by Sue Jochum

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- ✠ LaVerne Thomas & Evelyn Hall by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin and Andreah & Zack Riedel
- ✠ Siham Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Andreah & Zack Riedel
- ✠ Ruth Shibben & Clara McFarland by John & Dee Shibben
- ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson & Amelia Elias by their Loving Family
- ✠ Wanda Nickerson by her Loving Family
- ✠ Leona M. Albaugh (13th Anniversary) by her son Denny Albaugh
- ✠ Mary Joseph Shipley & Salema Joseph by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Theresa Sofka by Mike & Judy Sofka
- ✠ Elizabeth Machel by Mike & Judy Sofka
- ✠ Rose Shedeed Fadoul & Nell Comer Duffy by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Millie Reynolds and Bessie Reynolds and Emma Jeneske by Nathan, Adam & Lee Bentz
- ✠ Cecilia John by her Loving Children: David, Tom, Greg, Maryann, Susan and their Families
- ✠ Sadie John, Tamamie Joseph and Sarah Burns by Ron & Susan Burns
- ✠ Mary Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Helen Fielding Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Betty Joseph, Selma Joseph and Teresa Ferrera by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Nimnoom Ghaphery (grandma) by Michael & Nicole Breit
- ✠ Aurora Doris Lantagne by Nicole Breit and children
- ✠ Bernadine Elias, Barbara George, Nassima Elias, Sadie Nassif, Takla Wakim by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- ✠ Violet Golebiewski, Catherine Tomaszewski, Amelia Golebiewski by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- ✠ Sophie Moses by James Moses

Living Mother's Day Masses (From Sat., May 8 till Thu. May 14)

Please remember your mothers on Mother's Day by offering Masses for their souls.

- ✠ Charlotte Kourey by her children Emmalena and Louie
- ✠ Diane Frenn by Dr. Adel & Justin Frenn and Andreah & Zack Riedel
- ✠ Judy Sofka by Sarah & Patrick Rinehart
- ✠ Linda Rinehart by Sarah & Patrick Rinehart
- ✠ Vicki-Marie Post by her son Kenneth Post
- ✠ Nikki J. Lenz Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Nikki A. Popovich by Joe, Nikki, PJ Lenz and Family
- ✠ Judy Wilson by Buzz, Chris and Pete
- ✠ Becky Ferrera by Melissa, Larry, Tony and Danny
- ✠ Elizabeth Ann Parsons by her daughter Nicole Breit
- ✠ Nicole Breit by William Breit and siblings
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May Flowers for the Blessed Mother

Our Lady of Lebanon Women's Society will be sponsoring the flowers for the Blessed Mother in May
 May 2, Carol Dougherty in honor of Mary Thomas
 May 9 Thomasina Geimer
 May 16 Charlotte Kourey
 May 23 Rita Strawn
 May 30 Nettie Seidler & Mary Lish

Mother's Day Basket

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Our Mother's Day Gift Basket Will Be A Delight For The Lucky Winner. The contents include; two bottles of wine, lovely floral kitchen towels and oven mitts, various color coordinated items for the kitchen, assorted chocolate pralines, a package of biscotti, dark chocolate pralines, color coordinated paper plates and utensils, (no clean up that day) and a beautiful floral table runner.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

April 28: Ann Marie Weisner Serafin
 April 29: Linda Hostutler, Jeannette Wakim
 May 5: Mark Thomas, Eden DeMuth
 May 6: Nikki Lenz
 May 7: Laura Lee Hunter
 May 9: Mark Thomas
 May 15: Austin Musilli
 May 16: Jacqueline Petros
 May 17: Tina Kitlak, David Weisner
 May 18: Millet L. Fadoul
 May 20: John Fadoul
 May 21: Rachel Zinn, Ella George,
 May 23: Jim George Jr.,

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)

Nick & Judy Bedway, 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>	
\$698.00	Sunday Collection
20.00	Candles
140.00	50/50 Mother Day (Net Cash Prize is now: \$595.00)
110.00	Gift Basket Mother Day
808.00	Bake Sale
\$1776.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy, Susan Burns, Liz Murad

What's New

Altar Server removed

Dalton Haas is no longer an altar server at Our Lady of Lebanon Church because of a decision of the Chancellor of our Maronite Catholic Diocese and the parish council of our church due to an issue involving his actions that were in violation of the Diocese. –Msgr. Bakhos

Did you get vaccinated?

Dear parishioners, please get vaccinated whenever you can so that together we fight this corona virus and protect each other. I took both shots and they seem working. The doctor advised us to drink extra water so that no temperature or headache or any side effect can be felt. It is better to live with the vaccine than to live with the virus.

Many Thanks

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--To the dedicated and responsible parishioners who sanitized the pews and every possible touched item 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: Submission to the Will of God

The God-responsive soul thinks of religion in terms of submission to the will of God. He does not look to the Infinite to help in his finite interests but, rather, seeks to surrender his finite interests to the Infinite. His prayer is *“Not my will, but Yours, be done, O Lord.”* No longer interested in using God, he wants God to use him. Like Mary, he wants God to use him. Like Mary, he says: *“Be it done unto Me according to Your Word,”* or like Paul he asks: *“What will you have me to do, O Lord?”* or like John the Baptizer he says: *“I must decrease, he must increase.”* The destruction of egotism and selfishness so that the whole mind may thus be subject to the Divine Personality does not entail a disinterest in the active life; it brings a greater interest, because the person now understands life from God’s point of view. Because of his unity with the Divine Source of energy, he has greater power to do good -as a soldier is stronger under a great general than a poor one. *“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask whatever you will and it shall be done unto you. In this is my Father glorified; that you bring forth very much fruit”* (Jn 15:7-8). It is hard for self-centered creatures to realize that there are some souls that are really and truly passionately in love with God. But this should not be so hard to understand; whoever loves the light and heat of the candle should surely love the sunlight even more.

--Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Peace of Soul, p.59.

Wisdom: In My Children’s Home

When I get old, in each of my children's homes I shall reside
I will bring in my bags and plop them down, the kids will move them aside.

I will go straight to the refrigerator, hold the door open for a few
Exclaim, "There's nothing to eat!" Then twist off the cap and drink from the Mountain Dew.

When feeling thirsty, I'll go to the freezer, empty the trays of ice.
Then put the empty trays back, even though I know it's not nice.

After they go to the store, I'll wait till they fall asleep.
Then I'll invite all of my friends, to come in and have a feast.

Their forks, blankets, and towels, will gradually disappear.
When they want to wrap a gift, the tape and scissors will be nowhere near.

I will borrow all of their things, why should I buy my own?
They should give me their stuff, now that I live in their home.

I will sleep until noon, after I party with my friends all night.

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"What! You want me to do the dishes?!" Well, that's just not right!

They'll tell me to be home for dinner, together the family must eat.
I'll turn up my nose, "OH Yuck! I don't like that kind of meat."

I'll make a peanut butter sandwich, and then I'll head on out.

"Who left this knife with peanut butter?" "I don't know. Wasn't me." I'll shout.

So, I can't wait for the day, when my life will be fulfilled.

I will live in the homes of my children, and they will be just thrilled.

Story

"I am going home, Son, and I just wanted to tell you I love you. In my dad's last telephone call to me, he repeated that line seven times in a half hour. I wasn't listening at the right level. I heard the words, but not the message, and certainly not their profound intent. I believed my dad would live to be over 100 years old, as my great-uncle lived to be 107 years old. I had not felt his remorse over Mom's death, understood his intense loneliness as an "empty nester," or realized most of his pals had long since light-beamed off the planet. He relentlessly requested my brothers and I create grandchildren so that he could be a devoted grandfather. I was too busy "entrepreneuring" to really listen.

"Dad's dead," sighed my brother. My little brother is a witty lawyer and has a humorous, quick mind. I thought he was setting me up for a joke, and I awaited the punchline -there wasn't one. "Dad died in the bed he was born in. "The funeral directors are putting him in a coffin, and shipping Dad and his belongings to us by tomorrow. We need to prepare for the funeral."

I was speechless. This isn't the way it's supposed to happen. If I knew these were to be Dad's final days, I would have asked to go with him to his hometown of origin. I believe in the hospice movement, which says: "No one should die alone." A loved one should hold your hand and comfort you as you transition from one plane of reality to another. I would have offered consolation during his final hour, if I'd been really listening, thinking and in tune with the Infinite. Dad announced his departure as best he could, and I had missed it. I felt grief, pain and remorse. Why had I not been there for him? He'd always been there for me.

In the mornings when I was nine years old, he would come home from working 18 hours at his bakery and wake me up at 5:00 A.M. by scratching my back with his strong, powerful hands and whispering, "Time to get up, Son." By the time I was dressed and ready to roll, he had my newspapers folded, banded and stuffed in my bicycle basket. Recalling his generosity of spirit brings tears to my eyes.

When I was racing bicycles, he drove me 50 miles each way to the city, every Tuesday night so I could race and he could watch me. He was there to hold me if I lost and shared the euphoria when I won. Later, he accompanied me to all my local talks in Memphis to have a talk in the churches. He always smiled, listened and proudly told whomever he was sitting with, "That's my boy!"

After the fact, my heart was in pain because Dad was there for me and I wasn't there for him. My humble advice is to always, always share your love with your loved ones, and ask to be invited to that sacred transitional period, where physical life transforms into spiritual life. Experiencing the process of death with one you love will take you into a bigger, more expansive dimension of beingness.

A Time to Laugh (501)

Designated Decoy

A police officer was waiting across the street from a bar parking lot late on a Saturday night watching for drunks trying to drive home. After a short wait, one particularly sad case stumbled out the door with the front of his shirt

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soaked. He was bleary-eyed and confused as he wandered to the parking lot looking for his car. He finally located his car, fumbled for his keys, bumped his head while getting into the car, and drove off, bumping the curb on the way.

Of course, the man didn't get very far before the police officer was on him, and he immediately pulled over. The police officer had him step out of the car and proceeded to administer several sobriety field tests. The driver seemed to have considerable difficulty understanding some of the tests. In fact, he failed all the tests miserably: he couldn't touch his nose, he couldn't walk straight, he couldn't stand on one foot, and he couldn't recite the alphabet quickly. The final legal step, of course, was the Breathalyzer, so the police officer asked his subject to blow into the tube. The green light indicated that the man was not drunk. In disbelief, the police officer checked the Breathalyzer and had the suspect try again. Another green light-the guy's blood-alcohol level was legal. "All right," said the police officer, "how can you pass a breath test when you're so obviously falling-down drunk?"

"Well, it's like this," replied the man. "I'm the designated decoy."

What Fish?

A man carrying two buckets of fish was stopped by a game warden while leaving a northern Michigan lake well known for its fishing. The game warden asked the man, "Do you have a license to catch those fish?"

The man replied, "No, sir. These are my pet fish."

"Pet fish," the warden repeated.

"Yes, sir. Every night I take these here fish down to the lake and let them swim around for a while. I whistle, they jump back into their buckets, and I take them home."

"That's a bunch of hooey! Fish can't do that!"

The man looked at the game warden for a moment and then said, "Here, I'll show you. It really works."

"Okay, I've got to see this!" The game warden was curious now.

The man poured the fish into the lake; then he stood patiently and waited. After several minutes the game warden turned to the man and said, "Well?"

"Well, what?" the man responded.

"When are you going to call them back?" the game warden prompted.

"Call what back?" the man inquired.

"The fish."

"What fish?" the man asked.

Bad Mommy!

A young man was walking through a supermarket to pick up a few items when he noticed an old lady following him around. Thinking nothing of it, he ignored her and continued on. Finally, he went to the checkout line, but she got in front of him.

"Pardon me," she said. "I'm sorry if my staring at you has made you feel uncomfortable. It's just that you look just like my son who died recently."

"I'm very sorry," replied the young man. "Is there anything I can do for you?"

"Yes," she said. "As I'm leaving, can you say, 'Good-bye, Mother'? It would make me feel so much better."

"Sure," answered the young man. As the old woman was leaving, he called out, "Good-bye, Mother!"

Then as he stepped back to the checkout counter, he saw that his total was \$127.50. "How can that be?" he asked. "I only purchased a few things!"

"Your mother said that you would pay for her," said the clerk.