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## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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### Pentecost 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]

**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 Khoureys, Rita Strawn, Mary Stees, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin

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

**\*Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer

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

**\*Altar Boy:** Christopher AlKhouri

**\*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

## **Pentecost Sunday**

Readings: Acts 2:1-21 and Jn 14:15-20

It may be said, that from the day of Pentecost to this hour there has been in the Church but one Holy One, the King of kings, and Lord of lords himself, who is in all believers, and through whom they are what they are; their separate persons being but as separate developments, vessels, instruments, and works of him who is invisible. Such is the difference between the Church before the Spirit of Christ came, and after. Before, God's servants were as the dry bones of the prophet's vision connected by profession, not by an inward principle; but since; they are all the organs as if of one invisible, governing soul, the hands, or the tongues, or the feet, or the eyes of one and the same directed mind, the types, tokens, beginnings, and glimpses of the eternal Son of God.

Such is the Christian Church, a living body, and one; not a mere framework artificially arranged to look like one. Its being alive is what makes it one; were it dead, it would consist of as many parts as it has members; but the living Spirit of God came down upon it at Pentecost, and made it one, by giving it life.

### **This Weekend, May 22-23: Pentecost Sunday**

#### Saturday May 22 at 4:00 p.m.:

- † Robert L. Rose (Birthday) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † Jim George Sr. by his wife Shirley and Children
- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ◊ Special Intention

#### Sunday, May 23 at 10:30 a.m.:

- † George Weisner by his wife Jean and Children
- † Deceased of the Cater Family by Dr. Maryann Cater
- † David & Tamamie Joseph by their loving grandchildren David, Tom, Greg, Maryann, Susan and their Families
- ◊ Special Intention of Dalton Haas

### **Weekday Masses Schedule**

#### Monday May 24: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

#### Tuesday May 25 at 12:05 p.m.:

- † Rhoda Marie Perilli by her daughters Paula and Ginger
- † Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- † Robert Matiasek by Anna and James Bris/Bougher

#### Wednesday May 26: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

#### Thursday May 27 at 12:05 p.m.:

- † Jim George Sr. by his wife Shirley and children
- † Rhoda Marie Perilli by her daughters Paula and Ginger
- † Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Tigliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI) & GiGi
- † June & Dennis Fahey by George & Patty Fahey

#### Friday, May 28: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

### **Next Weekend, May 29-30: Trinity Sunday**

#### Saturday May 29 at 4:00 p.m.:

- † Dick Bentz (Birthday) and Susie Fadoul by Millet Fadoul
- † Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick
- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

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◊ Special Intention

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

† Bill Dougherty (Birthday) by his wife Carol

† Mark Fertig by OLOL Women Society

† Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie and Family

## ***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 23 Rita Strawn

May 30 Nettie Seidler & Mary Lish

## ***Deceased Father Day Masses (From Sat., June 19 till Friday June 25)***

† (Special Remembrance) Sara (Joseph) McLaughlin (Birthday 6/21) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin & Family

### **Please remember your fathers on Father's Day by offering Masses for their souls.**

† Habib Khourey, Louis Khourey, Sr., & Nassif Nader by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie

† Charles "Pud" Howard, Bruce Cody Riggs & Franklin Howard by Lou & Charlotte & Family

† Vincent Jacovetty & Denis Fahey by George & Patty Fahey

† George N. Lewis (Anniversary) by Cynthia Lewis Reasbeck

† Donald Vince by his children and grandchildren

† Arthur Long and his son Mark Long

† Nimon Joseph (father) by the Weisner and Joseph Families

† Maroon Habeb (grandfather) by the Weisner & Joseph Families

† William Fitzgerald by Rosemary & Dick Coury

† Joseph John, John Keegan and Louis John by Marge John and Family

† George A. Fahey and Philip Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros

† James Dellget and William Schaffer by Rita & Rex Strawn

† Harold Strawn and John Strawn by Rex & Rita Strawn

† Bill Dougherty by his daughter Lisa

† Charles (Darwish) Habdo by his granddaughter Carol Dougherty

† Robert J. Shutler, Sr. and Harry J. Nolte, Fred Shutler and Harry F. Nolte by Janet Shutler

† Al Schroeder by Mark Schroeder

† Bob Saseen and Steve Schlog by Fran Saseen

† Deceased fathers and grandfathers of Larry Josephs (MN)

† Bill Daniel by his daughter and son-in-law Rebecca and Michael Difabrizio

† Tom A. Ferris by his daughter Denise Ferris

† Tim Shia by his daughter Sue Jochum

† Tom Jochum by his children and grandchildren

† Elias Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Andreah & Zack Riedel

† Ed Shiben and Ray McFarland by John & Dee Shiben

† Donald A. Nickerson Sr., and Albert Nickerson by their Loving Family

† Nickolas Elias by his Loving Family

† Elmer E. Albaugh (father) and Rodney M. Albaugh (brother) by Denny Albaugh

† Steve Sofka by Mike & Judy Sofka

† John T. John and D. William Burns by Ron & Susan Burns

† Thomas John and David Joseph by their Loving grandchildren: David, Tom, Greg, Maryann, Susan and their Families

† Doug Bentz, Harold Reynolds, Clarence Reynolds, William Bentz by Nathan, Adam and Lee Bentz

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- † George T. Fadoul and Joseph P. Duffy by Earl & Linda Duffy
- † Augie Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † George Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † George Joseph, Lawrence Ferrera, Edward, Joseph, Elias Joseph by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † William Thomas Breit by Michael and Nicole Breit
- † Samuel Elias, Albert Elias, Charles George by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Alphonse Golebiewski, Benny Tomaszewski, Stanislaus Golebiewski by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † John G. Moses by James Moses
- † Tony George and Salim George by Margaret George
- † Albert Stiles by Margaret George
- † Walter Elwartoski by Richard Elwartoski
- † Jim George Sr., Frank Gray and Abraham George by Shirley George and Children
- † Angelo Palsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- † John Miller, Ray McLaughlin, Sr., Mickey McLaughlin and Gary McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin & Family
- † Elias Joseph, George Joseph (godfather) and Edward Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin & Family
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## **2021 Living Father Day Masses (From Sat., June 19 till Friday June 25)**

- ◊ Lou Khourey by his children Emmalena & Louie
- ◊ Dr. Adel Frenn by Diane & Justin Frenn and Andreah & Zack Riedel
- ◊ James Thomas by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Andreah & Zack Riedel
- ◊ Michael Sofka by Kelly & Kirezytaf Kowalski
- ◊ Terry Rinehart by Sarah & Patrick Rinehart
- ◊ Joe Popovich by Nikki Popovich
- ◊ PJ Lenz by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ◊ Larry Ferrera, Larry Ferrera III and Tony Ferrera by Becky Ferrera
- ◊ Michael Breit by Nicole Breit and children
- ◊ Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac and all priests (in gratitude for shepherding us) by the Breit Family
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## **Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:**

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| May 23:  | Jim George Jr.,                                    |
| May 27:  | Emmalena Khourey, Brad McLaughlin                  |
| May 30:  | Josie Stees Fertig                                 |
| June 1:  | Billy Committee                                    |
| June 2:  | Debbie Sengewalt                                   |
| June 5:  | Earl "Mickey" Duffy, Mary Zaid Stees, Kenly George |
| June 7:  | Jean Weisner                                       |
| June 8:  | Patty Olinski                                      |
| June 9:  | Ava DeMuth   |
| June 11: | Allison Duffy                                      |
| June 14: | P.J. Lenz, Kathy Boehm                             |
| June 15: | Becky Joseph Ferrera                               |
| June 20: | Nick Ghaphery, Jr.                                 |
| June 23: | Mary Beth 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)

Mary Stees, Ron Gibbons, Diane Palotay, Rex & Rita Strawn, 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 Khoureya), 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>Your Church Support Last Week</b>	
\$1,257.00	Sunday Collection
5,200.00	Donation to the church
1,868.00	Bake Sale (deposited in Women Society account)
31.00	Utilities
\$8,356.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> Finance Committee: Lou Khoureya, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy, Susan Burns, Liz Murad

## **What's New?**

### **Many Thanks**

--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.

### **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 and Evil**

### Did God create Evil?

At a certain college there was a professor with a reputation for being tough on Christians. At the first class, every semester, he asked if anyone was a Christian and proceeded to degrade them and to mock their statement of faith. One semester, he asked the question; and a young man raised his hand.

The professor asked, "Did God make everything young man?" He replied "Yes sir he did!" The professor responded, "IF God made everything, then he made evil." The student didn't have a response, and the professor was happy to once again prove the Christian faith to be a myth.

Then another man raised his hand and asked, "May I ask you something, sir?" "Yes, you may," responded the professor. The young man stood up and said, "Sir, is there such a thing as cold?" "Of course there is, what kind of a question is that? Haven't you ever been cold?" The young man replied, "Actually, sir, cold doesn't exist. What we consider to be cold, is really an absence of heat. Absolute zero is when there is absolutely no heat, but cold does not really exist. We have only created that term to describe how we feel when heat is not there." The young man continued, "Sir, is there such a thing as dark?" Once again, the professor responded, "Of course there is."

And once again, the student replied, "Actually, sir, darkness does not exist. Darkness is really only the absence of light. Darkness is only a term developed to describe what happens when there is no light present."

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Finally, the young man asked, "Sir, is there such a thing as evil?"

The professor responded, "Of course, we have rapes, murders and violence everywhere in the world; those things are evil."

The student replied, "Actually, sir, evil does not exist. Evil is simply the absence of God. Evil is a term developed to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. It isn't like truth, or love which exist as virtues like heat or light. Evil is simply the state where God is not present, like cold without heat, or darkness without light."

The professor had nothing to say.....

Be full of Christ today, there is no room for anything else.

## ***Wisdom:***

### **WHY GOD CREATED CHILDREN (AND IN THE PROCESS GRANDCHILDREN)**

To those of us who have children in our lives, whether they are our own, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or students...here is something to make you chuckle. Whenever your children are out of control, you can take comfort from the thought that even God's omnipotence did not extend to His own children. After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve. And the first thing he said was "DON'T!" "Don't what?" Adam replied.

"Don't eat the forbidden fruit." God said.

"Forbidden fruit? We have forbidden fruit? Hey Eve.. we have forbidden fruit!!!!"

"No Way!"

"Yes way!"

"Do NOT eat the fruit!" said God.

"Why"

"Because I am your Father and I said so!" God replied, wondering why He hadn't stopped creation after making the elephants. A few minutes later, God saw His children having an apple break and He was ticked!

"Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit?" God asked.

"Uh huh," Adam replied.

"Then why did you?" said the Father.

"I don't know," said Eve.

"She started it!" Adam said.

"Did not!"

"Did too!"

"DID NOT!"

Having had it with the two of them, God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own. Thus, the pattern was set and it has never changed.

**BUT THERE IS REASSURANCE IN THE STORY!** If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give children wisdom and they haven't taken it, don't be hard on yourself. If God had trouble raising children, what makes you think it would be a piece of cake for you?

### **THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!**

1. You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and shut up.
2. Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your own children.
3. Mothers of teens now know why some animals eat their young.
4. Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.
5. The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own.
6. We childproofed our homes, but they are still getting in.

**ADVICE FOR THE DAY:** Be nice to your kids. They will choose your nursing home one day.

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AND FINALLY:

IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF TENSION AND YOU GET A HEADACHE, DO WHAT IT SAYS ON THE ASPIRIN BOTTLE:

"TAKE TWO ASPIRIN" AND "KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN"!!!!

## ***Story***

An old man, probably some ninety plus years, sat feebly on the park bench. He didn't move, just sat with his head down staring at his hands. When I sat down beside him he didn't acknowledge my presence and the longer I sat I wondered if he was ok. Finally, not really wanting to disturb him but wanting to check on him at the same time, I asked him if he was ok. He raised his head and looked at me and smiled. "Yes, I'm fine, thank you for asking," he said in a clear strong voice. "I didn't mean to disturb you, sir, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands and I wanted to make sure you were ok?" I explained to him. "Have you ever looked at your hands?" he asked. "I mean really looked at your hands." I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands as I tried to figure out the point he was making.

Then he smiled and related this story:

"Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands, though wrinkled, shriveled and weak have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life. They braced and caught my fall when as a toddler I crashed upon the floor. They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back. As a child my mother taught me to fold them in prayer. They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots. They dried the tears of my children and caressed the love of my life. They held my rifle and wiped my tears when I went off to war. They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent. They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn son. Decorated with my wedding band they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special."

They wrote the letters home and trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse and walked my daughter down the aisle. Yet, they were strong and sure when I dug my buddy out of a foxhole and lifted a plow off of my best friends' foot. They have held children, consoled neighbors, and shook in fists of anger when I didn't understand. They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body. They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw. And to this day when not much of anything else of me works real well these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer. These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of my life. But more importantly it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when he leads me home. And He won't care about where these hands have been or what they have done. What He will care about is to whom these hands belong and how much He loves these hands. And with these hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of Christ."

## ***A Time to Laugh (505)***

### ***How's Your Wife?***

Randy and Dan hadn't seen each other for over a year. They bumped into each other after a football game.

Randy: "And how is your wife?"

Dan: "My wife has gone to heaven."

Randy: "Oh, I'm so sorry." Then realizing that wasn't the appropriate response, he countered by saying, "I guess I mean I'm glad." That didn't sound quite right either, so he said, "I mean I'm so surprised!"

### ***Revealing Photo***

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The following incident was reported as a true story by an embarrassed mother:

I was taking a shower when my two-year-old son came into the bathroom and wrapped himself in toilet paper. Although he made a mess, he looked adorable, so I ran for my camera and took a few shots. They came out so well that I had copies made and included one with each of our Christmas cards. Days later, a relative called about the picture, laughing hysterically and suggesting I take a closer look. Puzzled, I stared at the photo and was shocked to discover that in addition to my son, I had captured my reflection in the mirror-wearing nothing but a camera!

## ***Sock in the Mouth***

A young couple decided to wed. As the big day approached, they grew apprehensive. Each had a problem he or she had never before shared with anyone, not even each other.

The groom-to-be, overcoming his fear, decided to ask his father for advice. "Dad," he said, "I am deeply concerned about the success of my marriage."

His father replied, "Don't you love this girl?"

"Oh yes, very much," he said. "But you see, I have very smelly feet, and I'm afraid she won't want to sleep in the same room with me."

"No problem," said the dad. "All you have to do is never take off your shoes until right before bed, and then always put on new clean socks and wear them to bed."

Well, this seemed to the son to be a workable solution.

The bride-to-be, overcoming her fear, decided to take up her problem with her mother. "Mom," she said, "when I wake up in the morning my breath is truly awful."

"Honey," her mother consoled, "everyone has bad breath in the morning."

"No, you don't understand. My morning breath is so bad, I'm afraid my husband won't want to sleep in the same room with me."

Her mother said simply, "Try this: In the morning, get straight out of bed and head for the kitchen and make coffee. While your husband is busy, move on to the bathroom and brush your teeth. The key is not to say a word until you've brushed your teeth."

"I shouldn't say good morning or anything?" the daughter asked.

"Not a word," her mother affirmed.

Well, it's certainly worth a try, the daughter thought.

The loving couple were finally married. Not forgetting the advice each had received-he with his perpetual socks and she with her morning silence-they managed quite well. That is, until about six months later.

Shortly before dawn one morning, the husband awakened with a start to find that one of his socks had come off. Fearful of the consequences, he frantically searched the bed. This, of course, awakened his bride, and without thinking, she asked, "What on earth are you doing?"

"Oh no," he replied, "you've swallowed my sock!"