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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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9th Sunday of Pentecost

***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 Kourey, Rita Strawn, Mary Stees, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad

***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

9th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: 2 Cor 5:20-6:10 and Lk 4:14-21

In the ancient world, anointing with oil was linked with the notion of well-being and prosperity, and so with health and happiness. Under the old covenant, the anointing of a person with oil had a further, religious significance: it sets him apart for God and gave him extra powers, either as priest or king.

In the eyes of his fellows, the anointed one belonged to God in a special way. With time, this anointing was seen in a more spiritual light: when the Lord gave his Spirit to a person, he could say: “*the Lord has anointed me*”.

When Jesus read this text at Nazareth, he claimed that it was fulfilled in himself. It was an anointing with the Spirit which constituted him the Messiah (Hebrew *Mashiah*), literally the “*anointed one*” -the Christ. In that same passage from Isaiah, the purpose of anointing is outlined: it is to make peace between earth and heaven and to turn the established order upside-down. Ultimately this was to be achieved by Jesus’ sacrificial death on the cross, completed by his resurrection, and then by the gift of the Spirit to his followers. In his own person, Jesus was the Christ, the Suffering Servant, the Victor King, and Lord of Death and Life...

The world revolution had begun, not by the sword, but by a change in men’s hearts and lives and so in society.

All Christ’s followers are to be other christs. They share in the priesthood. They are a people set apart, holy to the Lord; not for their own sake, but to serve our God and Father on behalf of all mankind. From among this priestly people, some are chosen to minister to the rest, to serve them in love, nourishing them with God’s word and through the life-giving and healing sacraments.

Historically the oils were blessed because they were needed for the initiation rites during the Easter celebration. Surely it is fitting though, that as we reflect on the priesthood of Jesus, the Christ, the “*Anointed*”, the oils should be blessed which make us and ours his and, too, make us whole.

This Weekend, July 17-18: 9th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday July 17 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Walter Elwartoski (Birthday) by his so Richy
- ✠ Healing Prayers for a Special Intentions

Sunday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m.: Happy 4th of July

- ✠ LaVerne Thomas (Anniversary) by Dr. Adel, Diane, Justin Frenn and Andreah & Zack Riedel
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas & Sadie John Family by Ron & Susan (John) Burns
- ✠ Rose Ann & Angelo Polsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- ✠ Virginia & Anton Matesic by Rosalie Conti

Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday July 19: No Mass. Pastor’s day off.

Tuesday July 20 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Peg Emmert by her sister Helen Benline
- ✠ Gido Louis Michael Hatty by his grandson Hon. Michael P. Hatty
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

Wednesday July 21: No Mass. Pastor’s day off.

Thursday July 22 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI) and GiGi

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✠ Deceased of the Matiasek Family: Lorena Matiasek, Nora Fleming, Adele Woodard and Robert Matiasek by Terri Peacock

Friday, July 23: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Next Weekend, July 24-25: 10th Sunday of Pentecost

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

✠ Jim Henglen (Anniversary) and Susie Fadoul by Millet Fadoul & Family

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

✠ Healing Prayers for a Special Intention

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

✠ George Weisner (Anniversary) by his wife Jean and Children

✠ Susie Fadoul by Dorothy & Chuck McKee

Lebanese Food Festival (Saturday and Sunday, August 14 and 15)

Out of precaution and for the protection of our volunteers and guests, the Mahrajan Committee decided to have a Lebanese Food Festival similar to last year one. All food and pastries that were served at Oglebay Park during the previous Mahrajans will be prepared and served as take-out only from the Cedar Hall of our church on Saturday and Sunday, August 14 and 15 from 11:30 am until 3:00 pm. If you like to receive a Food Order Form, please ask Msgr. Bakhos.

Mahrajan (Festival) Sponsors (Saturday and Sunday, August 14 and 15)

Msgr. Bakhos and the members of the Parish Council appreciate and compliment the following generous sponsors of the Mahrajan (Festival). Their actions mean lot of love and dedication to keep the spirit of our tradition going for the generations to come. The full list of their memorials and donations will be printed and distributed with every food order on August 14 and 15. May God and the Blessed Mother reward you many folds.

Ron & Kim and Kaitlin Gibbons, Gary Weisner, Frank O'Brien (Wheeling Convention & Visitors Bureau), Dr. Dianna M. Vargo, Frank & Anna Mary Duymich, Dennis & Mary Lee Porter, The Holloway Group of Hazlett, Burt & Watson, Marge John, Al Depto & Mary C. Davis, Drs. Rajai & Nahla Khoury, Cave Club, Mark & Barb McLaughlin, Bill & Tricia Committee, John Palotay, George & Patty Fahey, Robert & Paula Gibbons, John & Dee Shibben, Tom & Judy Brock, Denise Ferris, Mr. & Mrs. Wm Blair, David & Cindy Reasbeck, Jerry McGlumphy & Children, Fran Saseen, Alicia Peklinsky, Pat & Jackie Petros, Matt & Vickie Gompers, Melissa Gibbons, Marc & Debbie Abraham, Paula Perilli, Carol Dougherty, Thomasina Geimer, Millet Fadoul, Joe & Henya Betras, John & Sherri Kalkreuth, Barbara Joseph, Grisell Funeral Home, Mary Stees, Rusty & Annette Wetzal, Angele Mansor, Robert Hetzel, Anonymous, Carolee Bentz, John & Tulane Mensore, Jean Weisner, Linda Hostutler, Dr. Adel & Diane Frenn, Earl & Linda Duffy, George & Susan Saseen, Altmeyer Funeral Homes, Myron & Cynthia Law, Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence Wright, Riesbeck Food Market, John & Rose Palmer DDS, Wheeling National Heritage, Thomas Abraham, Larry & Becky Ferrera, Lisa Breiding, Michael & Nicole Breit, Drs. Maryann Cater and Robert Vawter, Kenny & Nancy Joseph, Maryann Carl, Carol Burkhart, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sofka, Nick Ghaphery, Michael & Kathryn Kelly, Don & Lori Nickerson,

Sunday Mass one time change (Sunday, August 15)

On Sunday, August 15th, Msgr. Bakhos has to drive three hours to Dayton Ohio to officiate a wedding. Please come and attend morning Mass on that day at 9:00 am instead of 10:30 am so that he can drive and reach his destination without rush. There is no 10:30 a.m. Mass that day. Thanks for your cooperation.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

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July 20: Shirley George
 July 22: Grace Klein, Mark Boehm
 July 26: Anna Marie Duymich
 July 30: Dee Shiben, Susan John Burns
 August 2: Rosella C. DeMuth
 August 7: Rita Strawn
 August 10: Kory Bratton, Thomasina Geimer
 August 14: Mary Thomas
 August 16: Tara George Musilli
 August 17: Judy Bedway

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)

John Frazier, Danny Albaugh and Rita, Mary Stees, 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 Khourey), Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, John Shiben, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Barbara Hostage, Phil Geimer,

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$2,063.00	Sunday Collection
35.00	Candles
1,080.00	Donation to church in memory of Evelyn Ghaphery
460.00	Donation to the church
300.00	Lebanese Food Festival: Donation from Susan John Burns
1,792.00	Lebanese Food Festival: Food Sale
400.00	Lebanese Food Festival: Sponsorships
\$6,130.00	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?

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: Finding God

Five Surprising Places to Find God in Your Life

Last Sunday I met some neighbors as we were walking to Mass. When we turned the corner and could see the church, their four-year-old pointed and said proudly, "That's where God lives." Like that four-year-old, many of us fall into the subtle trap of thinking the only place to find God is at church. If we're not expecting to find God everywhere, we might just miss great opportunities for help, healing, and spiritual growth.

Here are five places where God awaits you:

1-At Work:

The relationships you have, the results you achieve, the quality and mindfulness with which you do your work can all be the stuff of holiness. Plus, the money you earn to support your family and the esteem you hold as a

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contributor to the world can either help serve the kingdom or be an impediment to it. Each day we “suit up and show up” at work we get opportunities to learn more about ourselves and to contribute our gifts to the good of the world.

2- In Difficult Relationships:

It’s easy to love other people when everything’s going well. When there are hurt feelings, mistrust, or clashing wills, however, relationships don’t feel very much as though they are of God. Yet it is at just those times that we can witness the movement of God in our lives, leading us to healing, trust, and cooperation. These can be opportunities to let go of character defects and to exercise virtues.

3- In Our Failings:

We all like to be heroes. We all want an “undefeated season. Yet it’s a given that each of us will fail in our lives—sometimes quite seriously. Nevertheless, when we hit our limits or even when we sin, we can turn to God for acceptance, mercy, and the strength to make amends and sin no more. In that turning to God and in our opening ourselves up to God’s grace and forgiveness, we become better people.

4- In Loneliness

Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O God. Rather than trying to fill the emptiness with mindless entertainment or indulging our cravings, sit still and find God in the emptiness. It takes patience and courage and humility, but you will hear the “still small voice” of God even in the midst of your emptiness responding to your loneliness and restlessness with the only love that fully satisfies.

5- In Pleasure

Many people seem to think that if something’s fun, it must be at least partially wrong. Yet God gives us the world to live in and enjoy. In the words of St. Irenaeus, the “glory of God is a human being fully alive.” Therefore, pleasure is a place to meet God, whether it be the pleasure of nature, of playing, of loving one another, of beauty, or of the occasional overwhelming conviction that we are loved by God.

Wisdom: Community Sharing

Emile DURKHEIM was interested in the role that society played in shaping a person’s religious and ethical outlook. He spent years in the South Sea islands studying the religion of primitive natives in order to find out what religion was like before it was formalized with prayer books and professional clergy. In 1912, he published his important book *Elementary Forms of the Religious Life*, in which he suggested that the primary purpose of religion at its earliest level was not to put people in touch with God, but to put them in touch with one another. Religious rituals taught people how to share with their neighbors the experiences of birth and bereavement, of children marrying and parents dying. There were rituals for planting and for harvesting, for the winter solstice and for the vernal equinox. In that way, the community would be able to share the most joyous and the most frightening moments of life. No one would have to face them alone.

Story: Hell

This is a great glimpse of reality.

While walking down the street one day, a US senator is tragically hit by a truck and dies. His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance.

'Welcome to heaven,' says St. Peter. 'Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you.'

'No problem, just let me in,' says the senator.

'Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in hell and one day in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity.'

Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in heaven,' says the senator.

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'I'm sorry, but we have our rules.'

And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him.

Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. They run to greet him, shake his hand and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the common people. They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne.

Also present is the devil - really a very friendly guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it is time to go.

Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises.... The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him. 'Now it's time to visit heaven.'

So, 24 hours pass with the senator joining a group of contented souls floating from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time, and, before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns.

'Well, then, you've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity.' The senator reflects for a minute, then answers: 'Well, I would never have said it before, I mean heaven has been delightful and all, but I think I would be happier in hell.'

So St. Peter escorts him down to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell.

Now the doors of the elevator open and he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage. He sees all his friends dressed in rags picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more trash falls from above.

The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder.

'I don't understand,' stammers the senator. 'Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne and danced and had a great time. Now there's nothing but a wasteland full of garbage and all of my friends look miserable. What happened?'

The devil looks at him, smiles and says.....

'Yesterday we were campaigning. Today you voted!!' WELCOME TO HELL!

A Time to Laugh (514)

Excitement or Resurrection

A preacher was visiting with his congregation after the Sunday morning service when a determined-looking woman approached him. Obviously displeased, she said, "Pastor, as a member of the pulpit committee, I was hoping that your sermons would excite our congregation."

The new pastor replied, "You're right, I did say I could excite this congregation, but I did not say I could raise them from the dead!"

Waiting Too Long

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of the minister.

Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

An Oral Exaggeration

A man with a toothache went to the dentist. "I have a huge cavity!" he said. The doctor, seeing only a moderate amount of decay, assured him, "It will only be a small filling."

"But why does it feel so large?" the patient asked.

"Just the natural tendency of the tongue to exaggerate, I guess," replied the dentist with a twinkle in his eye.

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A Car Like That

A Texan drove into a gas station in the hills of Tennessee. He was wearing a ten-gallon hat and fancy cowboy hoots, he had diamond rings on both hands, and he was puffing a king-sized cigar. "Fill 'er up!" he yelled at the attendant as he strolled inside.

Sitting over to one side of the room on a keg was a Tennessee farmer.

"Live around here?" asked the Texan.

"Yep," the farmer answered, "that's my place across the road."

"Oh, it is?" said the Texan condescendingly. "Well, tell me, how many acres have you got?"

"Oh, about eighty acres, more or less."

"Only eighty acres?" scoffed the Texan, "Well, let me tell you about my place. Why, I get in my car early in the morning and start driving in a straight line, and by noon I haven't even reached the other side! Now what about that?"

"Yep, I know what you mean," the Tennessee farmer replied. "I used to have a car like that myself."

The Way They Used To

Another thing they don't make like they used to is people who can fix 'em like they used to!

Previous Giving

Here's the perfect answer when you are hit up for a donation by a Hare Krishna at the airport: "I gave in a previous lifetime."