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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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11th 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

11th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Eph 2:17-22 and Lk 19:1-10

How can Jesus' predilection for publicans and sinners be explained, except that there is some divine link between salvation and that which is lost? Such, at least, is suggested by the story of Zacchaeus, this senior tax collector. A man rich, despised, but enterprising, dogged and straightforward, wholly devoid of caring about appearances. It is not every day that a senior tax collector climbs a tree like a schoolboy in order to see Jesus passing by, making a public show of himself while Jesus is visiting Jericho!

It is from his perch in the sycamore that the Lord's grace plucks Zacchaeus, with humor and gentleness: "COME DOWN, HURRY!" Zacchaeus responds promptly to the divine impatience. He hears the words which do away with his life as an outcast and fill him with joy: I must stay at your house today. Today you too can become a son of Abraham! This "TODAY" of salvation Jesus no doubt explained at length to Zacchaeus in his house, while the people of Jericho complained outside. The offer of grace, the decision to accept it by the obedience of faith, this is the "TODAY" of God and mankind.

Forthright even in his spectacular conversion, Zacchaeus opens at the same time his house, his heart, his life: the fiscal officer admits his income, and taxes it generously for the poor and any he may have wronged. Some may have thought he had lost his head, but his unusual generosity was the simple consequence of God's goodness to him, the outer sign of an inward change of heart. When one has really been forgiven, the desire is to give everything in return, for one has become a new person, a descendant of Abraham, saved and believing in the unexpected and surprising love God bears towards us. The Church, too, is the house of sinners: but are we sufficiently aware of that?

This Weekend, July 31-August 1: 11th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday July 31 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ William Bentz (Birthday) and Susie Fadoul by Millet Fadoul
- ✠ George Weisner (Anniversary) by his wife Jean and Family
- ✠ Prayers for Special Intentions

Sunday, August 1 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Organist Evelyn Ghaphery by Carol Dougherty

Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday August 2: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday August 3 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Organist Evelyn Ghaphery by Jean Weisner
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

Wednesday August 4: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Thursday August 5 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Elias & Gabrielle George
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI) and GiGi
- ✠ Deceased of the Matiasek Family: Lorena Matiasek, Nora Fleming, Adele Woodard and Robert Matiasek by Terri Peacock

Friday, August 6: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Next Weekend, August 7-8: Transfiguration of our Lord

Saturday August 7 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Organist Evelyn Ghaphery by Pat & Jackie Petros
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- ✠ Kathleen Olinski by her sister Mary Ragase
- ✠ Prayers for Special Intentions

Sunday, August 8 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Deceased members of the Habdo Family by Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Michael Thomas Hatty by his son Hon. Michael P. Hatty
- ✠ Deceased of the Hassan and Nassar Families by Dalton Haas

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 Shiben, 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, Chris & Jeannette Wakim, Vickie Joseph, Tom & Sharon Beatty, Mary Seabright-Lish, Rose Hankish, Nettie Seidler, Mary Beth Weisner, Ron & Susan Burns, Dave & Debbie Sengewalt,

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.

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Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

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
 August 20: Tricia Committee
 August 23: Georgene Weisner Manning
 August 25: Al Depto
 August 26: Philip Geimer, Nathan Wakim, Jessica George
 August 29: Debbie Elias Davis
 August 31: Joseph R. Simon
 September 1: Janet Fadoul Wilson

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>	
\$1,862.00	Sunday Collection
67.00	Candles
500.00	Donation to church in memory of Evelyn Ghaphery
904.00	Lebanese Food Festival: Food Sale
700.00	Lebanese Food Festival: Sponsorships
50.00	utilities
\$4,083.00	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 (Saturday, July 31 from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm)

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.

Open to the public on Saturday, July 31 from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm

Antiques, jewelry, housewares, toys, seasonal decorations, glassware, books, purses and more.

Treasures for everyone. Please masks optional.

For any questions call Linda (304) 242-6853

Spirituality: Grace

It is a law of physics that a body continues in a state of rest or uniform motion in a straight line until it is compelled by outside forces to change that state; man, too, is subject to inertia, and he will remain in a merely

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natural state unless he is changed from the outside. Stones do not become elephants, nor elephants people. Man, by nature, is only a creature of God, almost as a stone or a bird is a creature of God -although man reflects some of the attributes of the Creator more faithfully than the stars and the plants do. In truth, the supernatural order is something to which man is not entitled; nevertheless it once belonged to our race. But the supernatural privilege of being a child of God, entitled to call Him Father, was always as unattainable to the nature of man as life is to a crystal. If a piece of marble suddenly burst into bloom, that would be a “supernatural” act, for it does not belong to the powers, the nature, or the capacities of marble to bloom. If a flower suddenly began to move from place to place, and to touch, and to taste, and to feel, that would be a “supernatural” act, for it does not belong to the flower’s nature, its powers, or its capacities to possess the five senses. If a dog suddenly began to quote Shakespeare and Sophocles, that would be a “supernatural” act for a dog; it does not belong to the nature, the powers, or the capacities of a dog to reason. Man is by nature a creature of God, as humbly as a table is a creature of the carpenter; if he suddenly begins to throb with the very life of God, so that he can call God not his Creator but his Father, that is a supernatural act for a man. Man then *becomes* something which he *was* not; that elevation of his nature can come only as a gift from God.

Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Peace of Soul, 1949, pp.249-250.

Wisdom: Complicity

Feel a self-reproachful complicity; in every crime on page one;
 Feel every man’s sin as your own; as a mother feels a daughter’s pains;
 Take another’s sickness unto your own; as “He bore our infirmities.”

Against a wall with arms outstretched; a wife in sobbing tears did fling herself;
 At the husband’s tale of another woman; and he at the sight of it did say:
 “At that moment I saw Christ hanging on the Cross;”
 The lesser cross revealed the greater Cross; in which Love is wounded by our sins.

Only the wounded know how to bind up wounds:
 The converted sinner has more mercy than the sinless Pharisee;
 True helpers are those who have been bombed out;
 Hence He, in the words of Scriptures; “Has compassion on our infirmities.”

You are not alone! You are on a team! Hurt, they carry you to the sidelines;
 “Why should this happen to me?” you ask; forgetful that you helped the team to win
 No suffering is wasted! As clouds carry rain over mountains;
 So your patience with cancer; your resignation to withered limbs;
 redounds to some soul in Ceylon; and helps a missionary in Seoul.

The greatest tragedy is not what people suffer;
 but that they have no one whom they love;
 To whom they can offer their cross;
 This is wasted pain, the pain of the cross, not the Crucifix;
 The guillotine, not the oneness with Christ.

Bishop Fulton SHEEN

Story:

"I give up," I thought, turning off the computer. "I need to get some sleep." Several hours searching the Internet that evening had been in vain.

As president of my Blue Army chapter (an apostolate which promotes the Rosary) someone had contacted me regarding an organization that was bringing a pilgrim virgin statue into the diocese. I was certain the organization was not in union with its local bishop but I could not find anything to back this up.

I was already busy babysitting our nine-month-old granddaughter, but I still spent several hours searching for any reliable information that I could give to our spiritual director. It occurred to me that if there was anyone who would have such information, it would be Fr. Robert Fox, founder of the Fatima Family Apostolate. I had several years of Fr. Fox's *Immaculate Heart Messenger* magazines stored away in my basement but was too tired and too busy to take the time to search through them.

I said a prayer and decided to get some sleep. The next morning, I was still watching my granddaughter, Erin, who had recently started to crawl. She was not very familiar with our home and had spent most of her time on our living room floor. I happened to go into my office for something and Erin followed me. She went right over to the bottom shelf of a bookcase, pulled out a magazine, and came over to me at the desk and handed it to me.

To my surprise it was one of Fr. Fox's magazines. I opened it up and there was the article that I had been searching for the night before.

It took my breath away to realize that God had answered me through one so small and helpless as my baby granddaughter.

A Time to Laugh (516)

Strategic Name Change

I had just put my little boy to bed for the umpteenth time and my patience was running out. When I heard him cry "Mama" again, I yelled to him, "If I hear you say 'Mama' one more time, I'm going to spank you." For a little while, all was quiet. Then I heard a little voice whisper, "Mrs. Green, can I have a drink?"

Questions and Answers

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with "I."

MILLIE: I is...

TEACHER: No, Millie..... Always say, "I am."

MILLIE: All right... "I am the ninth letter of the alphabet."

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the ax in his hand.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, teacher, it's the same dog.

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher

Lazy

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Earl and Larry planned to go duck hunting. They thought the expedition might be more successful if they used the services of a hunting dog. They went to the Rent-A-Dog center and explained their need. The manager recommended an Irish Setter named "Priest". Earl and Larry paid the \$25 daily rental fee and went out hunting. At the end of the day, they had their hunting bag half filled with birds.

While making plans for their second day of hunting, Earl and Larry were sure they wanted to rent Priest for another day. They were certain that he had been of great assistance in their efforts. When they went to Rent-A-Dog, they were told that the rental fee for Priest was well worth it. Once again, they had a successful outing and were pleased with Priest's hunting and retrieving skills.

On day three, the duo went to rent their canine assistant for another hunting trip.

Earl was shocked when the manager said the cost would be \$100 for a day with Priest.

"One hundred smackers???" exclaimed Earl. Larry thought about it and said, "Earl, we've been mighty successful on these hunting expeditions. We've gone home with our bags filled to the brim. Surely, Priest is well worth the one hundred dollars". Earl shook his head in agreement. Earl, Larry and Priest had another successful adventure.

A month later, for their fourth hunting trip, Earl and Larry were rubbing their hands together in eager anticipation of hunting with Priest. Both of them wondered what the price increase might be, but they knew Priest was quite valuable. They went to get him and much to their surprise, they were told that the rental cost for one day would be one dollar. "One dollar? How can that be possible? Why has there been such a drop in price"? The manager leaned closer and placed his elbows on the counter. He explained to the men. "Well, since your last visit, Priest has a new name. Now his name is Monsignor. All he does not is sit on his ass and bark!"