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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Transfiguration of our Lord

***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

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Readings: 2 Cor 3:7-17 and Mk 9:1-7

The surprise of the Transfiguration is found in the expression of Jesus' divinity - "His clothing became dazzlingly white." Not until the Resurrection, not even when Jesus performs some of his most spectacular miracles, is his divinity so expressly revealed. A possible reason for this might be that the apostles need to be strengthened in their belief and in their faith.

The Transfiguration occurs immediately after Jesus predicts his passion and death. This is the first time that the apostles have heard him speak in this manner. Undoubtedly, this prediction causes some grumbling, a little doubting, and possibly even a hint of uncertainty and confusion among the disciples. So, God hands them a vision that would inspire courage!

The voice of God, coming from the clouds, is also an indication of the purpose of the Transfiguration. "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." This is a clear exhortation to the apostles to listen to Jesus, and not to the voices of the scribes and Pharisees, those other "voices" that call out for attention.

The power of the witness of the Transfiguration is not limited to the apostles. It is also meant for each of us. If we might be inclined to dismiss the teaching of Jesus, or to listen to the "other voices" that call out to us for our attention, the events of this day are a clear remedy. "This is my Son, my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him."

This 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

Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday August 9: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday August 10 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Organist Evelyn Ghaphery by Sam Nazaro
- ✠ 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 11: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

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

- ✠ Ginger & Joe Perilli by Mary Lee Porter
- ✠ Latif Thomas by Lou & Charlotte Khourey
- ✠ 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 13: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Next Weekend, August 14-15: Assumption of the B.V.Mary

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Saturday August 14 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Organist Evelyn Ghaphery by Pat & Jackie Petros
- ✠ Latif Thomas by Dr. & Mrs. A.D.Ghaphery
- ✠ Kathleen Olinski by her sister Mary Ragase
- ✠ Prayers for Special Intentions

Sunday, August 15 at 9:00 a.m.: (There is no 10:30 am Mass today)

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Deceased of the Rohanna & Seabright Families by Mary Seabright Lish & Family
- ✠ Mike Linton (Birthday) by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone
- ✠ Susie Fadoul by her husband Millet & Family

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

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 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
 September 8: Carol Dougherty

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 Shibben, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Barbara Hostage, Phil Geimer,

Your Church Support Last Week

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| \$1,085.00 | Sunday Collection |
| 37.00 | Candles |
| 400.00 | Donation to church in memory of Evelyn Ghaphery |
| 1,325.00 | Donation to church in memory of Latif Thomas |
| 4,012.00 | Lebanese Food Festival: Food Sale |
| 300.00 | Lebanese Food Festival: Sponsorships |
| 22.00 | Lebanese Food Festival: Donations |
| 293.00 | Utilities |
| 941.95 | Rummage Sale by the Cedar Club |
| \$8,415.95 | 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?***Spirituality: Grace***

A plant is more than the sum of the chemicals that enter into it, because a plant possesses an X quality that is not in the chemical order; an animal is something more than the sum of plant qualities, because it possesses an X that is not found in the antecedent order; and, in the same way, man possesses an X quality that makes him different from the animal, something that makes him able to laugh and think and freely love. But when a human enters the supernatural order, a new and greater X quality is introduced -something that is different in its nature from the sum of merely natural virtues he may have possessed before. That is why, throughout the Sacred Scriptures, man is constantly invited to become something that he is *not*. There is assumed, throughout the Scriptures, a difference between making and begetting: We make what is unlike us - for example, someone makes a table; but we beget what is like us- for example, a father begets a child.

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Inasmuch as we are made by God, we are unlike Him in His Divine Nature; inasmuch as we are begotten by God, we can become like Him, be partakers of His Nature, assume our place as His Children and the Heirs of the Kingdom of God. This is possible only because of a miraculous elevation, which is not ours by right or nature; for if the supernatural order were natural to man, then man himself would be God.

Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Peace of Soul, 1949, pp.250-251.

Wisdom: Crackpot friends

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on each end of a pole that he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water in his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. *"I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you."* *Why?"* asked the bearer. *"What are you ashamed of?"* *"I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts,"* the pot said. The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion, he said, *"As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path."* Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again it apologized to the bearer for its failure. The bearer said to the pot, *"Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."*

Moral: Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are, and look for the good in them. There is a lot of good out there. There is a lot of good in us! Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape. Remember to appreciate all the different people in your life! Or as we like to think of it, if it hadn't been for the crackpots in our lives, it would have been pretty boring and not so interesting...Thank you all my crackpot friends.

Story: Heroes

Babe Ruth had hit 714 home runs during his baseball career and was playing one of his last full major league games. It was the Braves vs. the Reds in Cincinnati. But the great Bambino was no longer as agile as he had been. He fumbled the ball and threw badly, and in one inning alone his errors were responsible for most of the five runs scored by Cincinnati.

As the Babe walked off the field and headed toward the dugout after the third out, a crescendo of yelling and booing reached his ears. Just then a boy jumped over the railing onto the playing field. With tears streaming down his face, he threw his arms around the legs of his hero.

Ruth didn't hesitate for a second. He picked up the boy, hugged him and set him down on his feet, patting his head gently. The noise from the stands came to an abrupt halt. Suddenly there was no more booing. In fact, a hush fell over the entire park. In those brief moments, the fans saw two heroes: Ruth, who, in spite of his dismal

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day on the field, could still can about a little boy; and the small lad, who cared about the feelings of another human being. Both had melted the hearts of the crowd.

A Time to Laugh (517)

Familial Enemies

Little Anne had been exceedingly naughty, and during the dinner hour she was forced to eat alone in the corner at a card table. When everyone was seated, Father bowed his head and gave thanks.

Then little Anne gravely bowed her head and said, "Thank you, dear Lord, for preparing a table before me in the presence of my enemies."

Height or Length

Two men were measuring a pole. One was holding it up, and the other was trying to run the tape up it. A man driving by saw what these two were trying to do, and he pulled up alongside them and asked, "Why don't you lay the pole down so it will be easier to measure?"

So, the two men laid down the pole and began measuring. As soon as the man drove off, one of the fellows said to the other, "Put that pole back up the way it was; I wanted to measure the height of the pole, not the length."

Easier Direction

Two Georgia hunters were dragging their dead deer back to their car. A South Carolina hunter approached pulling his along too. "Hey, I don't want to tell you fellows what to do, but I can tell you that it's easier if you drag the deer in the other direction. Then the antlers won't dig into the ground."

After the third hunter left, the two decided to try it. A little while later one hunter said to the other, "You know, that guy was right. This is a lot easier!"

"Yeah," the other added, "but we're getting farther away from the truck!"

Direction Prioritized

It is more important to know where you are going than to how fast you can get there.

Misplaced Mountain

After a half day of climbing a range of mountains, a party of climbers came to the realization that they were lost. They took turns studying the map, and each tried to figure out where they were. One of the climbers began to match up the surrounding landmarks with the ones shown on the map as he confirmed his findings with his compass. After careful charting, he announced to the others, "See that big mountain over there?"

"Yes," answered his fellow climbers eagerly.

"According to the map, we're standing on top of it."

Not Too Picky

A woman went into a restaurant and ordered the breakfast special. "I want my pancakes well done," she said.

"You need to cook them all the way through and golden brown on both sides. Use the light syrup, because the regular syrup is too sweet. Make the bacon crisp and thin, not oily or soggy, and put it on a separate plate. The eggs must be over-easy, not broken or runny."

"And would you like butter or margarine?" asked the waitress.

The woman answered, "Oh, it doesn't matter; I'm not that picky."

Bird Expert

A man had two parrots, and he wanted to know which was male and which was female. A man standing nearby said, "I'm a bird expert, and I can tell you. If you will notice, every time the birds eat worms, the male bird always eats the male worms and the female bird always eats the female worms."

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"Well, how do you know which is the male worm and which is the female worm?"

"I don't know that. I'm just a bird expert."