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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Assumption

***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

Assumption

Readings: Rom 12:9-15 and Lk 1:46-55

“Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.” (Luke 1:46-56)

When good things happen in our lives, we step up to take credit. The new home or car is possible because we have worked hard and saved carefully. We have loyal friends, loving children, and a wonderful spouse because we are loyal, loving, and wonderful ourselves. We have learned to take credit for our blessings.

I have lost count of the number of times I have been asked by people who are experiencing difficult times in their lives, “Do you think God is punishing me for some sin in my past?” Unfortunately, I have never been asked by those who are living through times of joy and happiness, “Why do you think God is rewarding me?” Hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and floods are referred to as “acts of God”; sunny days with skies of fleckless blue, the explosive colors of fall foliage, the first crocuses that push through the ground in spring, the magnificent experience of a rosy-colored dawn or the orange fingers of a stunning sunset are seldom, if ever, called acts of God.

Mary’s heart and life were filled with gratitude. She not only said, “Thank God!” she lived “Thank God!” She made herself a lens that magnified God’s greatness. She has shown us the way.

Meditation: Where have I minimized rather than magnified the goodness of God? How can I follow in Mary’s footsteps and praise God?

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ancient tradition tells us and our own faith assures us of what the Church has solemnly proclaimed: the Virgin Mary has entered, body and soul, into heaven.

After her death the Virgin Mother of God, without undergoing corruption, has entered heaven by a special privilege of God. As God has preserved her from the stain of original sin in order to carry His Son, Jesus Our Lord, so also has he brought her to himself in her integral human nature of body and soul.

May her prayer and intercessions protect us always.

The Blessed Mother as an Ideal

That ideal love we see beyond all creature love, to which we instinctively turn when flesh-love fails, is the same ideal that God had in his Heart from all eternity-the Lady whom He calls “Mother.” She is the one whom every man loves when he loves a woman- whether he knows it or not. She is what every woman wants to be, when she looks at herself. She is the woman whom every man marries in ideal when he takes a spouse; she is hidden as an ideal in the discontent of every woman with the carnal aggressiveness of man; she is the secret desire every woman has to be honored and fostered; she is the way every woman wants to command respect and love because of the beauty of her goodness of body and soul. And this blueprint love, whom God loved before the world was made; this Dream Woman before women were, is the one of whom every heart can say in its depth of depths: “She is the Woman I love!” --Bishop Fulton SHEEN

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

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

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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

Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday August 16: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday August 17 at 12:05 p.m.:

- † Holly Bine (9th Anniversary) by his wife Shirley
- † 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 18: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Thursday August 19 at 12:05 p.m.:

- † Latif Thomas by Dr. & Mrs. A.D.Ghaphery
- † Organist Evelyn Ghaphery by Virginia Cox
- † Deceased of the Matiasek Family: Lorena Matiasek, Nora Fleming, Adele Woodard and Robert Matiasek by Terri Peacock

Friday, August 20: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Next Weekend, August 21-22: 14th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday August 21 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 22 at 10:30 a.m.:

- † 40-Day Mass for our Organist Evelyn Ghaphery by the Ghaphery Family
- † Deceased of the David & Tamamie Joseph Family by Ron & Susan (John) Burns
- † Deceased of Nimon Joseph Family by the Joseph and Weisner Families
- † Deceased of the Cater Family by Dr Maryann Cater

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.

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 &

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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, Lou & Charlotte Khourey, James Moses, Harold & Adele Storm,

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:

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
 September 9: Gary Weisner, Patrick Stees,
 September 10: Chris George
 September 15: Ted Olinski

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,

| <i>Your Church Support Last Week</i> | |
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| \$2,716.50 | Sunday Collection |
| 30.00 | Candles |

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| 100.00 | Donation to the church |
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| 213.00 | Lebanese Food Festival: Food Sale |
| 300.00 | Lebanese Food Festival: Sponsorships |
| 5.00 | Utilities |
| \$3,464.50 | 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

As a person must be born before he can begin to lead his physical life, so he must be born to lead a Divine Life. That birth occurs in the Sacrament of Baptism. To survive, the person must be nourished by Divine Life; that is done in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. He must grow spiritually and assume his spiritual responsibilities; that is accomplished in the Sacrament of Confirmation. He must heal the wounds of sin; for this there is the Sacrament of Penance. He must wipe out the traces of sin at the end, to prepare for his journey to eternal life; for this there is the Sacrament of Extreme Unction. Man must also prolong and edify the Kingdom of God, for which he is given the Sacrament of Matrimony. He must live under a spiritual government; this is provided through the Sacrament of Holy Orders in the Priesthood.

Nature *makes* human nature, but grace *remakes* human nature. Every person who has been born can also be regenerated, renewed, and revived if he establishes contact with new and divine sources of energy. Christianity puts a high value on human nature, but it does not trust its unaided powers too far. It says that man in his human nature is neither a saint nor a devil; he is neither intrinsically corrupt nor immaculately conceived. He needs divine assistance to perfect this nature. And it is available to him, no matter how wicked he has been in the past; even a man who stoned a martyr like Stephen, as Paul did, can still be saved, not of himself but by the grace of God -as Paul was. And since the new energy and new power to rescue him come from God, it is beside the point for anyone to plead, "*I am not good enough.*" Of course not -no person is good enough. But hidden reserves of power are available to anyone who so desires. That was why Our Savior said: "***Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.***" (Mt 7:7).

Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Peace of Soul, 1949, pp.254-255.

Wisdom: Creation

One of the most important things that any religion can teach us is what it means to be human. The Bible's vision of Man is a fundamental to its overall outlook as its vision of God. Two passages at the very beginning of the Bible teach us about being human, and tell us how we, as human beings, relate to God and to the world around us.

The first is the statement in the opening chapter of the Book of Genesis that human beings are made in the image of God. At the climax of the Creation process, God is represented as saying, "Let us made Man in our image." Why the plural? Who is the "us," the "our" of which God speaks? It seems that this sentence is connected to the sentences that preceded it.

God first creates a world covered with water, He then causes the dry land to emerge, fills His world with plants, fish, birds, and reptiles, and finally with mammals. Having created animals and beasts, He says ***to them:*** "Let us arrange for a new kind of creature to emerge, a human being, in ***our*** image, yours and Mine. Let us fashion a creature that will be like you, an animal, in some ways -needing to eat, to sleep, to mate- and will be like Me in other ways, rising above the animal level. You animals will contribute his physical dimension, and I

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will breathe a soul into him.” And so, as the crown of Creation, human beings are created, part animal, part divine.

Story: Highway

A drunk man in an Oldsmobile they said had run the light,
 That caused the six-car pileup On 109 that night.
 When broken bodies lay about And blood was everywhere,
 The sirens screamed out elegies, For death was in the air.
 A mother, trapped inside her car, Was heard above the noise;
 Her plaintive plea near split the air: "Oh, God, please spare my boys!"
 She fought to loose her pinned hands; She struggled to get free,
 But mangled metal held her fast In grim captivity.
 Her frightened eyes then focused On where the back seat once had been,
 But all she saw was broken glass and Two children's seats crushed in.
 Her twins were nowhere to be seen; She did not hear them cry,
 And then she prayed they'd been thrown free, "Oh, God, don't let them die!"
 Then firemen came and cut her loose, But when they searched the back,
 They found therein no little boys, But the seat belts were intact.
 They thought the woman had gone mad And was traveling alone,
 But when they turned to question her, They discovered she was gone.
 Policemen saw her running wild And screaming above the noise
 In beseeching supplication, "Please help me find my boys!
 They're four years old and wear blue shirts; Their jeans are blue to match."
 One cop spoke up, "They're in my car, And they don't have a scratch.
 They said their daddy put them there And gave them each a cone,
 Then told them both to wait for Mom To come and take them home.
 I've searched the area high and low, But I can't find their dad.
 He must have fled the scene, I guess, and that is very bad."
 The mother hugged the twins and said, While wiping at a tear,
 "He could not flee the scene, you see, For he's been dead a year."
 The cop just looked confused and asked, "Now, how can that be true?"
 The boys said, "Mommy, Daddy came And left a kiss for you.
 He told us not to worry And that you would be all right,
 And then he put us in this car with The pretty, flashing light.
 We wanted him to stay with us, Because we miss him so,
 But Mommy, he just hugged us tight And said he had to go.
 He said someday we'd understand And told us not to fuss,
 And he said to tell you, Mommy, He's watching over us."
 The mother knew without a doubt That what they spoke was true,
 For she recalled their dad's last words, "I will watch over you."
 The firemen's notes could not explain The twisted, mangled car,
 And how the three of them escaped Without a single scar.
 But on the cop's report was scribed, In print so very fine,
 An angel walked the beat tonight On Highway 109.

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Native American Meteorology

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An old Native American chief was famous for predicting what the weather would do. A group of people would go to the chief and ask him, "What will the weather be like tomorrow?"

The chief would reply, "Much rain. Very wet."

The next day it would rain and be very wet.

Others from the tribe would go to the chief and ask, "What will the weather be like tomorrow?"

"Much snow. Very cold," he would reply.

Sure enough, it snowed, and it was very cold.

On one such occasion, the people of the tribe asked, "Chief, what will the weather do tomorrow?"

The chief replied, "I dunno. Radio broken."

Four Engineers and One Broken Car

Four engineers—a mechanical engineer, a chemical engineer, an electrical engineer, and a computer engineer—were traveling in a car when it broke down.

"Sounds to me as if the pistons have seized. We'll have to strip down the engine before we can get the car working again," said the mechanical engineer.

"Well," said the chemical engineer, "it sounded to me as if the fuel might be contaminated. I think we should clear out the fuel system."

"I thought it might be a grounding problem," said the electrical engineer, "or maybe a faulty plug lead."

They all turned to the computer engineer, who had said nothing, and said, "Well, what do you think?"

"Hmm—perhaps if we all get out of the car and get back in again?"

Confidence Builder

Overheard from a physician to a patient following surgery: "I had to remove one of your livers, but you'll be up and around in no time or I don't know my medicine."

Don't Mess with elderly

An elderly couple was celebrating their sixtieth anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood after they retired.

Holding hands they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they'd shared, where Andy had carved "I love you, Sally."

On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armored car, practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up, but not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money—fifty-thousand dollars!

Andy said, "We've got to give it back."

Sally said, "Finders keepers." She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic.

The next day, two FBI agents were canvassing the neighborhood looking for the money, and knocked on the door. "Pardon me, but did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armored car yesterday?"

Sally said, "No."

Andy said, "She's lying. She hid it up in the attic."

Sally said, "Don't believe him, he's getting senile."

The agents turn to Andy and began to question him.

One says: "Tell us the story from the beginning."

Andy said, "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday..."

The other FBI agent turns to her partner and says, "We're outta here."