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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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14th 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

14th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: 1 Thess 2:1-13 and Lk 10:38-42

The Virgin Mary in the Christian doctrine

The Virgin Mary is an integral part of the Christian doctrine and living, inseparable from the message of Christ and the Gospel. Mary is within the profession of belief in Jesus Christ, “conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary.” A valuable principle is that everything we affirm about Mary stems from our belief in Christ, and what we hold concerning Mary in turn illumines and clarifies our faith in Christ. She is the “Mother of God,” because the one to whom she gave birth was truly the second person of the Holy Trinity. Her “unique holiness” in the Immaculate Conception comes wholly from Christ.

As the mystery of Christ is presented throughout the Scriptures, so many individuals in the Scriptures point to the Virgin Mary. The poor and powerless individuals God chose in the Old Testament to show forth his faithfulness -Hannah, the mother of Samuel, Deborah, Ruth- suggest to us why God chose the Virgin Mary in the New Testament.

Not only is the Virgin Mother within the Creed we profess, but she exemplifies the believer’s response to the truths outlined in the Creed. God’s word is received first through attentively listening with faith (“to listen to” means “to obey.”) The Scriptures refer to Abraham as a model of the “obedience of faith” Mary is its “most perfect embodiment.” Because her faith that God’s word would come to pass never wavered, the Church sees Mary as “the purest realization of faith.” By her holiness, she is the image of the nature of the Church, “the bride without spot or wrinkle,” for that reason, the Marian image of the Church precedes the Petrine dimension.

Mary is inseparably united in the celebration of the mystery of Christ in the liturgical year. The Church’s liturgy is celebrated always “in communion with and commemorating” the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints. In the Eucharist, the Church joins Mary at the foot of cross, where both are united to Christ in offering and intercession.

Mary and the saints show the Gospel lived in daily life. In the worship we offer to the one true God (the first commandment) a Marian dimension is present: As Mary did in the Magnificat, we give praise to God, confessing with gratitude that he has done great things and holy is his name. Those striving for holiness find in all-holy Mary a “model and source.” God’s beauty is reflected in the holiness of the Virgin Mother of God, the angels, and saints.”

Jesus learned to pray from his mother who kept and treasured in her heart all, the great things the Almighty had done.” Mary’s “fullness of grace” allows her to offer her whole self to God in the perfect prayer: “Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord: let it be to me according to your word.” At the Annunciation, Christ’s birth, Pentecost and other events of Christ’s life, Mary’s prayer joins her to the Father’s plan of loving kindness. At the foot of the Cross, Mary becomes the New Eve, the true Mother of all the living.” The Church’s prayer is always joined to that of Mary.

All Christian prayer is “in Christ” and the Holy Spirit, through whom we are united to the Church and the Mother of Jesus. “Wholly transparent” to Jesus, Mary is the way” of Christian prayer. The twofold movement in prayer -praise and intercession- is well illustrated in the two parts of the Hail Mary. Mary is the “perfect prayer” both model for and figure of the Church.

The Virgin Mary was the generous companion and the faithful associate of Christ. The union between Christ and Mary is shown in a number of ways. First, Mary was joined to Christ through her firm faith: Throughout her life and until her last ordeal when Jesus her son died on the cross, Mary’s faith never wavered. Mary was also associated with the redemption of Christ; this union became manifest especially at the hour of his Passion. Her union with Christ is the basis for her role in the Church. Mary was associated with the Jesus in his prayer, and the prayer of Mary continues to sustain the Church. We believe that the Holy Mother of God, the new Eve, Mother of the Church, continues in heaven to exercise her maternal role on behalf of all the members of the Christ.

This 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

Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday August 23: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday August 24 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Latif Thomas by Dr. & Mrs. A.D.Ghaphery
- ✠ 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 25: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Thursday August 26 at 12:05 p.m.:

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

Friday, August 27: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Next Weekend, August 28-29: 15th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday August 28 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Latif Thomas by Dr. & Mrs. A.D.Ghaphery
- ✠ Living and Deceased of Tom Brock Jr.
- ✠ Prayers for Special Intentions

Sunday, August 29 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie and Family
- ✠ Organist Evelyn Ghaphery by Lou & Charlotte Kourey

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- 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

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September 9: Gary Weisner, Patrick Stees,
 September 10: Chris George
 September 15: Ted Olinski
 September 18: Michael Duymich
 September 20: Regina Hancher, Gavin Hancher
 September 22: John Jay Thomas

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 Kourey), 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>	
\$815.00	Sunday Collection
112.00	Candles
175.00	Donation to the church in memory of Latif Thomas
104	Lebanese Food Festival: Food Sale
100.00	Lebanese Food Festival: Sponsorships
1,531.00	Lebanese Food Festival: Bake Sale
50.00	Parking
4.00	Utilities
\$2,891.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> Finance Committee: Lou Kourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy, Susan Burns, Liz Murad

What's New?

Spirituality: Nasty People in Heaven!

Our Blessed Lord was very fond of nasty people. He told so many stories about them. One of the charges the enemies made against Him was that He ate with nasty people and with sinners. One of the greatest of all the Apostles came to Our Blessed Lord through hate. It is the prodigal who was placed before his virtuous brother; the son who rebelled and repented was preferred to the one who pleaded loyalty and then disobeyed. The lost sheep was put upon the shoulders of the Good Shepherd, and the ninety-nine were left in the field. The lost coin was found and made an occasion for rejoicing, but there was never any party or celebration for the other nine. The Savior turns out the buyers and sellers from the Temple and then takes a child upon His knees and says that he will enter the Kingdom of Heaven before the wise university professors. He washes the feet of disciples who seek first place at table, talks freely to women whom the whole nation hates, and intervenes to protect an adulteress from stoning at the hands of those adultery has not yet been found out. The announcement of His Incarnation was made to a Virgin; but the announcement of His Resurrection from the dead was made to a converted sinner.

Because Our Blessed Lord preferred the nasty people to the nice people, it is very likely that if we could look up into Heaven we should see some sights that would scandalize us. We should say: “*Well, how did that woman get there?*” or “*How did he get in? I knew him when ...*” There will be many in Heaven whom we never expected to see there. The surprises will be numerous. But the greatest surprise of all will be to find that we are there ourselves.

Bishop Fulton Sheen, Peace of Soul, pp.82-83.

Wisdom:

After God created Adam and Eve, He set them in the garden and told them that they could eat the fruit of all the trees in the garden, including the Tree of Life. Only the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was forbidden to them. God warned them that on the day they ate of that tree, they would die. Partly because of the serpent's urging, they ate the forbidden fruit. God confronted them with their disobedience and punished them in the following ways:

They must leave the garden and no longer eat the fruit of the Tree of Life. (They do not die that day, but are told that they will now bear children and die, instead of living forever).

Eve will find the process of bearing and raising children painful. (*"I will greatly multiply your pain and anguish; in pain will you bring forth children."*)

Adam will have to work to grow food instead of merely finding it on trees. (*"By the sweat of your brow will you earn your bread."*)

There will be sexual tension between men and women. (*"Your desire will be for your husband, but he will rule over you."*)

Story: Honor your father & mother

Once there was an old man who had lost his wife and lived all alone. He had worked hard as a tailor all his life, but misfortunes had left him penniless, and now he was so old that he could no longer work for himself. His hands trembled too much to thread a needle, and his vision had blurred too much for him to make a straight stitch. He had three sons, but they were all grown and married now, and they were so busy with their own lives, they only had time to stop by and eat dinner with their father once a week.

Gradually the old man grew more and more feeble, and his sons came by to see him less and less. "They don't want to be around me at all now," he told himself, "because they're afraid I'll become a burden." He stayed up all night worrying what would become of him, until at last he thought of a plan.

The next morning he went to see his friend the carpenter, and asked him to make a large chest. Then he went to see his friend the locksmith, and asked him to give him an old lock. Finally he went to see his friend the glassblower, and asked for all the old broken pieces of glass he had. The old man took the chest home, filled it to the top with broken glass, locked it up tight, and put it beneath his kitchen table. The next time his sons came for dinner, they bumped their feet against it.

"What's in this chest?" they asked, looking under the table.

"Oh, nothing," the old man replied, "just some things I've been saving."

His sons nudged it and saw how heavy it was. They kicked it and heard a rattling inside. "It must be full of all the gold he's saved over the years," they whispered to one another. So they talked it over, and realized they needed to guard the treasure. They decided to take turns living with the old man, and that way they could look after him, too. So the first week the youngest son moved in with his father, and cared and cooked for him. The next week the middle son took his place, and the week afterward the eldest son took a turn. This went on for some time.

At last the old father grew sick and died. The Sons gave him a very nice funeral, for they knew there was a fortune sitting beneath the kitchen table, and they could afford to splurge a little on the old man now. When the service was over, they hunted through the house until they found the key, and unlocked the chest. And of course they found it full of broken glass.

"What a rotten trick!" yelled the eldest son. "What a cruel thing to do to your own sons!"

"But what else could he have done, really?" asked the middle son sadly. "We must be honest with ourselves. If it weren't for this chest, we would have neglected him until the end of his days."

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"I'm so ashamed of myself," sobbed the youngest. "We forced our own father to stoop to deceit because we would not observe the very commandment he taught us when we were young.

But the eldest son tipped the chest over to make sure there was nothing valuable among the glass after all. He poured the broken pieces onto the floor until it was empty. Then the three brothers silently stared inside, where they now read an inscription left for them on the bottom: HONOR THY FATHER AND MOTHER.

A Time to Laugh (519)

Weather Logic

Tourist: "What's that you have there?"

Old-timer: "That there's a weather gauge."

Tourist: "How can you possibly tell the weather with a piece of rope?"

Old-timer: "It's simple. When it swings back and forth, it's windy, and when it gets wet, it's raining."

Definition of an Auditor

An auditor is the person who shows up at the end of the battle and bayonets all of the wounded.

Build It or Plan It

Sometimes putting the cart before the horse is the right to do. During World War II, General Douglas MacArthur asked one of his army engineers how long it would take to "throw a bridge across this river."

"Three days," said the engineer.

"Good!" snapped the general. "Have your draftsmen make the drawing right away."

Three days later the general asked the engineer how the bridge was progressing.

"It's all ready," reported the engineer. "You can send your troops across right now if you don't have to wait for plans. They aren't done yet."

Just Missed by Plenty

A golfer returned to the clubhouse and announced that he had just missed a hole-in-one on the fourteenth hole. The guys in the clubhouse were impressed. One of them said, "But the fourteenth hole is a par four. How did you get so close to a hole-in-one?"

The golfer thought for a moment and answered, "How did I get so close? I only missed it by four strokes."

Equal Opportunity Robbers

A pair of robbers entered a record shop nervously waving revolvers. The first one shouted, "Nobody move!" When his partner moved, the startled first bandit shot him.

Pitcher's Predicament

The rookie pitcher had just walked a third straight batter, and the manager went to the mound. "Son," he told the pitcher, "I think it's time to replace you." "Don't replace me now," the pitcher protested. "Last time this guy was up, I struck him out." "That's true," agreed the manager. "But we are still in the same inning."

Winning Point

Johnny's father called home during a business trip to see how his son's basketball game had gone. Johnny came to the phone and told his dad, "I finally made a basket today." His father was excited. "Did it help the team, Johnny?" "Well," Johnny answered, "it was the winning point." Now Johnny's dad was ecstatic. "Son, that's wonderful. You are a hero with your very first basket!"

"Not exactly, Dad," Johnny explained. "I made the basket for the other team."