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## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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### *Birthday of the Virgin Mary*

**\*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

## ***Birthday of the Virgin Mary***

Readings: 2 Cor 4:1-6 and Lk 8:16-21

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The earliest document commemorating this feast comes from the sixth century. St. Romanus, the great ecclesiastical lyricist of the Greek Church, composed for it a hymn which is a poetical sketch of the apocryphal Gospel of St. James. St. Romanus was a native of Emesa in Syria, deacon of Berytus and later on at the Blachernae church in Constantinople, and composed his hymns between 536-556. The feast may have originated somewhere in Syria or Palestine in the beginning of the sixth century, when after the Council of Ephesus, under the influence of the "Apocrypha", the cult of the Mother of God was greatly intensified, especially in Syria. St. Andrew of Crete in the beginning of the eighth century preached several sermons on this feast. Evidence is wanting to show why the eighth of September was chosen for its date. The Church of Rome adopted it in the seventh century from the East; it is found in the Gelasian (seventh cent.) and the Gregorian (eighth to ninth cent.) Sacramentaries. Sergius I (687-701) prescribed a litany and procession for this feast. Since the story of Mary's Nativity is known only from apocryphal sources, the Latin Church was slow in accepting this oriental festival. It does not appear in many calendars which contain the Assumption, e.g. the Gotho-Gallican, that of Luxeuil, the Toledan Calendar of the tenth century, and the Mozarabic Calendar. The church of Angers in France claims that St. Maurilius instituted this feast at Angers in consequence of a revelation about 430. On the night of 8 Sept., a man heard the angels singing in heaven, and on asking the reason, they told him they were rejoicing because the Virgin was born on that night; but this tradition is not substantiated by historical proofs. The feast is found in the calendar of Sonnatius, Bishop of Reims, 614-31. Still it cannot be said to have been generally celebrated in the eighth and ninth centuries. St. Fulbert, Bishop of Chartres (d. 1028), speaks of it as of recent institution; the three sermons he wrote are the oldest genuine Latin sermons for this festival. The octave was instituted by Innocent IV (a. 1243) in accordance with a vow made by the cardinals in the conclave of the autumn of 1241, when they were kept prisoners by Frederick II for three months. In the Greek Church the apodosia (solution) of the feast takes place 12 Sept., on account of the feast and the solemnity of the Exaltation of the Cross, 13 and 14 Sept. The Copts in Egypt and the Abyssinians celebrate Mary's Nativity on 1 May, and continue the feast under the name of "Seed of Jacob" 33 days; they also commemorate it on the first of every month. The Catholic Copts have adopted the Greek feast, but keep it 10 Sept.

### ***This Weekend, September 4-5: Birthday of the Virgin Mary***

#### **Saturday September 4 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Dennie Bartolovich by his wife and mother-in-law Helen Benline
- ✠ David and Faye Ghaphery
- ✠ Teresa Ferrera (Anniversary) by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson (Birthday) by her loving Family
- ✠ Prayers for Special Intentions

#### **Sunday, September 5 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Mary K. (Anniversary) & Tom Ferris (Birthday) by Denise Ferris & Mary Stees & Libby
- ✠ Organist Evelyn Ghaphery by Mary Lish and Family
- ✠ Cecilia & Louis Ammar

### ***Weekday Masses Schedule***

**Monday September 6: No Mass. Pastor's day off.**

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**Tuesday September 7 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Organist Evelyn Ghaphery by Phil & Tracey Salvatori
- ✠ 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 September 8: No Mass. Pastor's day off.**

**Thursday September 9 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Organist Evelyn Ghaphery by Drs. Douglas Mazurek and Nicole Azar
- ✠ Deceased of the Matiasek Family: Lorena Matiasek, Nora Fleming, Adele Woodard and Robert Matiasek by Terri Peacock

**Friday, September 10: No Mass. Pastor's day off.**

<b><i>Next Weekend, September 11-12: Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i></b>
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**Saturday September 11 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ John G. Moses and Sophie Moses by their son Jim Moses
- ✠ John F. Kukula (Anniversary) by Mary Rose Kukula
- ✠ Augie Montalbano (Birthday) by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Prayers for Special Intentions

**Sunday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Elias Frenn (Anniversary) by Dr. Adel and Diane and Justin Frenn and Andreah & Zack Riedel
- ✠ Joe & Nell Duffy and Geo & Rose Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie and Family

***Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:***

September 8:	Carol Dougherty
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
September 24:	Luane Frazier
September 25:	Natalie Committee
September 26:	Mary Rose Kukula

***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)*

Dennis Porter, 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,

<b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b>	
\$660.00	Sunday Collection
35.00	Lebanese Food Festival: Food Sale
100.00	Donation in memory of Latif Thomas

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32.00	candles
\$827.00	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?*

### *Help needed to sanitize pews*

Dear parishioners,

Our goal is to protect you inside and outside the church. We are asking for two volunteers after every Mass to help sanitizing the pews and railings and door handles, etc. Please stay after Mass in the church for five minutes and join those who are sanitizing. May the Blessed Mother protect you and reward you. Msgr Bakhos

### *More Memorials for Organist Evelyn Ghaphery*

--\$200.00 from Curtis and Lori Breit

--\$25.00 from Alice Dolan

## *Spirituality*

Is there a mass confusion about Hell in today's society?

Visionaries throughout history, including some in our present day, have been shown heaven, hell, and purgatory. Jesus tells us, in Mark 9:41-47, to avoid Hell at all cost. The late Bishop Fulton SHEEN told a story of meeting a prostitute and asking her to repent in order to save her soul from eternal damnation. She said she would never. She was looking forward to going to Hell. That is where all the rich go and have fun.

If only people knew what awaits them in Hell, they would do everything to change their lives. The three children of Fatima were shown Hell in a vision. After seeing Hell, they were in such terror that they all responded by doing severe penance. In doing so, they were responding to Mary's request to "pray and offer sacrifices for poor sinners, for many go there [to Hell] because they have no one to pray for them. Little Jacinta, one of the three visionaries, said, *"If only men knew what awaits them in eternity, they would do everything to change their lives."*

Saint Faustina also had a vision of Hell. She wrote: "I have visited the abysses of Hell so that I might tell souls about it and testify to its existence. The devils were full of hatred for me, but they had to obey me at the command of God. What I have written is but a pale shadow of the things I saw. But, I noticed one thing. Most souls there are those who disbelieved that there is a Hell. "Today I was led by an angel to the chasms of Hell. It is a place of great tortures: how, awesomely large and extensive it is! The kinds of tortures that constitute Hell are:

The loss of God.

The perpetual remorse of conscience.

One's condition will never change.

The fire that will penetrate the soul without destroying it. A terrible suffering since fire lit by God's anger.

The continual darkness and terrible suffocation smell, and despite the darkness, the devils and the souls of the damned see each other and all the evil, both of others and their own.

The constant company of Satan.

The horrible despair and hatred of God. Vile words, curses and blasphemies; indescribable sufferings.

The torments of the senses. Each soul undergoes terrible and indescribable sufferings related to the manner which it has sinned.

No one can say there is no Hell. Let the sinner know that he will be tortured throughout all eternity on those senses which he made us of to sin. If your words are: *"It's too late for me,"* remember the words from the criminal next to Jesus on the cross. He said: *"Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."* He replied to him: *"Amen, I say to you. Today you will be with me in paradise."* (Luke 23: 42-43) A soul goes to Hell only because it refuses to repent. If the soul refuses to repent of its sins, it refuses God.

## *Wisdom:*

*Question: Why go to daily Mass? Isn't going on Sunday enough?*

*Answer:* As Catholics we have the serious obligation to attend Mass once every weekend, either on Saturday evening or on Sunday. If we fulfill this obligation, why should we go to Mass again during the week?

It is good to go to Mass on weekdays for a number of reasons. The primary one is to worship and thank God for His graces. This is what the Mass is for. The worship of God is the most important act that a human person can do. Thanking God is something that we should do every day here on earth. It is the one thing that everyone who is in heaven does constantly.

In addition to the worship of God, the Mass strengthens our faith. Do we know anyone who is serious about living the Gospel who will say that his or her faith is adequate? No. Our faith is never strong enough. Each Mass affords us the opportunity to strengthen our faith by participating in the mystery of faith, namely, the death and resurrection of Christ, which is re-presented at Mass in an unbloody manner. Moreover, each Mass makes it possible for us to partake of the Body and Blood of Our Lord when receiving Holy Communion. What could strengthen our faith in God more than uniting ourselves with God in Holy Communion?

There are other good reasons for attending daily Mass. For example, we can pray for: ourselves as “sinners” in order to be forgiven, for our sick family members, for the repose of the souls of our deceased beloved ones, for the poor, the broken, the sinful world; we can pray for the living and the dead; we can pray for the poor souls in purgatory; we can pray for our sick parishioners and friends; and on and on. Daily Mass also gives us the opportunity to strengthen the spiritual and social bonds between all of us Christians by joining with each other in prayer.

If you do not already do so, think and pray about attending Mass during the week. If you begin, you won't regret your choice.

## *Story*

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end.

They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

Every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by.

Although the other man couldn't hear the band - he could see it. In his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words. Days and weeks passed.

One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could

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have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, *"Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."*

Epilogue: There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled.

## *A Time to Laugh (521)*

### *Found Someone Else*

A minister told about a function he attended at his church, which his wife was unable to attend. During the function, he struck up a conversation with a woman who was attending the church for the first time. As they talked, they learned that the woman had a great deal in common with his wife—same birthplace, background, and interests. The minister told the woman he would be sure to mention this to his wife.

At the end of the function, as the woman was preparing to leave, she turned toward the minister from the other side of the room and spoke so all could hear: "Be sure to tell your wife that you have found someone else."

### *Mommy's Victory*

Have you ever noticed the times in which a four-year-old's voice is louder than a hundred adult voices? Several years ago a man returned home from a trip just when a storm hit with crashing thunder and severe lightning. As he entered the bedroom at about 2:00 A.M., he found his two children in bed with his wife, apparently scared by the loud storm. He reluctantly resigned himself to sleeping in the guest room. The next day he spoke to his children and explained that it was okay to sleep with Mom when the storm was bad, but when he was expected home, he did not want them to sleep with Mom. They said that was okay.

After his next trip a few weeks later, this man's wife and children went to pick him up at the airport terminal, and since the plane was late, a crowd of people waited at the gate for its arrival. As the father entered the waiting area, his son saw him and came running. As he ran, he shouted, "Hi, Dad! I've got some good news!"

As the father waved back, he shouted, "What is the good news?"

"Nobody slept with Mommy while you were away this time!"

The noisy airport became very quiet as everyone in the waiting area looked at the boy, then at his dad, and then scanned the area to find his poor, embarrassed mother.

### *No Single Virtue*

Family life teaches you loyalty, patience, understanding, perseverance, and a lot of other things you wouldn't need if you had stayed single.

### *Ideal Father*

The father of five children had won a toy at a raffle. He called his kids together to ask which one should have the present. "Who is the most obedient?" he asked. "Who never talks back to Mother? Who does everything she says?" Five small voices answered in unison, "You play with it, Daddy!"

### *Devil Dad*

Asked by a friend if she thought the devil was real, a little girl replied, "He's probably like Santa Claus—my father."

### *Picture of a Father*

A father is a man who carries photographs where his money used to be.

### *Daddy Got Two Shots*

The cold and flu season had come to our church, and I was talking to one of the first graders after she and her father had missed a Sunday due to illness. I asked her if she was feeling better, and she replied with a proud voice, "Yes, I'm all better now, but Daddy and I had to go to the doctor."

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Sensing there was more to the story, I asked, "And what did you think about visiting the doctor?"

She answered with a small, sad voice, "I didn't like it very much. I had to get a shot, and it hurt."

But before I could begin to comfort her, she suddenly looked up with a great big, beaming smile and said, "Yep, had to get a shot, but my daddy had to get two shots, and that made me feel lots better!"