



November 21, 2021
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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Announcement to 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

Announcement to Mary

Readings: Rom 3:13-25 and Lk 1:1-25

“This what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me, and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.” (Lk 1:25)

Somewhere within us, each one of us carries that thought that something wonderful and unexpected might happen in our lives one day. Suppose someone arrives? Suppose everything changes? Suppose the old way would be over? Elizabeth must have struggled with that reality when she unexpectedly became pregnant in her old age. She was upset, surprised, happy, and confused, and she hid herself for five months.

It must have been such a relief for Elizabeth when Mary arrived. They must have talked together day and night. Perhaps they knew that the two lives in their wombs were going to face a superhuman task. Perhaps they intuited that once born, the two would not belong to them alone anymore. But for now Mary and Elizabeth could still talk, sing, weep, laugh, and rejoice. They could hold each other tight from time to time, when they thought it all over, and support one another in messianic joy. And there was Zechariah, struck dumb by the angel. He heard them, but he could not join in with them except by the signs he made with his hands.

This Weekend, Nov. 20-21: Announcement to Mary

Saturday November 20 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ George Joseph (Birthday) by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Josephine Ferris (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Special Intentions of A Friend

Sunday, November 21 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Harry Seabright, Ernest, Edwin and Frank Lish (Anniversary) by Mary Seabright Lish and Family
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie and Family
- ✠ John T. & Cecilia John by their Loving Children: David, Tom, Greg, Maryann, Susan and Families

Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday November 22: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday November 23 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Karem & Amelia Azar
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.
- ✠ Deceased Family members of Rosella Saseen and Sylvia Long by their Last Will.

Wednesday November 24: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Thursday November 25 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Selma Joseph and Gary McLaughlin (Anniversary) by Becky & Larry Ferrera
- ✠ Kathleen Olinski by her sister Mary Ragase

Friday, November 26: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Next Weekend, Nov. 27-28: Mary visits Elizabeth

Saturday November 27 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rose & George Fadoul (Birthday) and Susie Fadoul by Millet Fadoul
- ✠ Kathleen Olinski by her sister Mary Ragase
- ✠ Special Intentions of A Friend

Sunday, November 28 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt

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✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.

30th Anniversary to the Priesthood (*Sunday, Dec. 19 after 10: 30 am Mass*)

This year, Msgr. Bakhos reached his 70th Birthday (February 9th) and his 30th Anniversary to the priesthood will be on (December 21). He was ordained in Sydney, Australia on December 21, 1991. He designed the church of Saint Joseph in Croydon -which is a suburb of Sydney, Australia- and he handled the building project to the parish council over there before he moved to the United States in 1994. He served in Lawrence (Massachusetts), Dayton (Ohio), St. Paul (Minnesota), in many Missions and he spent the last 20 years serving Our Lady of Lebanon in Wheeling. A brunch will be served on Sunday, December 19th following the 10:30 am Mass at the Cedar Hall. All parishioners and Friends are cordially invited to attend. Please call Linda at 304-242-6853 and let her know how many guests are attending so that the ladies can prepare food for everyone. Please plan to attend because Msgr. Bakhos likes to see you there.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

November 24: Rex Strawn
 November 26: Mary Lish
 December 3: Joey John
 December 7: Christina Committee Zdilla
 December 12: Lou Khourey
 December 22: Millet C. Fadoul

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)

Mark Boehm, Carol Dougherty, Shirley George, Harper Musilli, John Frazier, Dennis Porter, Mary Stees, Diane Palotay, Rex & Rita Strawn, Nick & Judy Bedway, 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, Anthony Chockery, Ted Olinski & Family, Corey Armstran,

Your Church Support Last Week	
\$1,095.00	Sunday Collection
990.00	Bulletin ads
59.00	Candles
50.00	Donation to Women Society
35.00	utilities
\$2,229.00	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?**Register to Vote in Lebanon election**

If you a Lebanese national holding an identity card or valid passport, you are eligible to vote in the coming parliament election. Please make sure that you must register before Saturday, November 20th, 2021. For more information, please ask Msgr. Bakhos or call at 304-233-1688

Thanksgiving Bake Sale Financial Report

Income	Expenses	Net Profit
7,419.40	2,488.95	4,930.45

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Many Thanks to all volunteers and donors who contributed to the success of this Bake Sale. You are the pillars of the church and your food is well known everywhere as delicious and genuine.

Bulletin Ads

If you wish to place a memorial Ad or business Ad on the back of our 2022 weekly church bulletin, please contact Msgr. Bakhos 304-233-1688 or Charlotte 304-639-1372 for more information.

Lower your 2021 Income Tax Bill

Dear Parishioners and benefactors,

The CARES Act passed by Congress has certain tax benefits for Parishioners who choose to donate to their Churches. This will help to benefit all Parishioners who make their end of year charitable giving decisions. The Act allows a personal tax deduction of \$300.00 in charitable contributions, even to those who do not itemize. A more important and substantial benefit of the Act, is that Parishioners can deduct 100% of their charitable contributions from their adjusted gross income. In years past, the most one could deduct was 60%. This means that every Dollar the parishioners give to their Church can be fully written off on their taxes.

So, one way to lower your income tax bill for this year is to make charitable contributions, which can be deducted from your income if you are planning to itemize your deductions when you file your 2021 income tax. Gifts you make to charities, such as **Our Lady of Lebanon Church**, are tax deductible. But in order for you to claim the deduction on your tax return for **2021**, you must make the gift this year. That is important to keep in mind if you are planning on making a year-end gift. For example, if you are going to give money using a check, be sure the date on the check is on or before December 31st, 2021. Also, be sure to give the check to the church on or before that date. The IRS requires that you have a letter or receipt from the church that received the gift. By the **end of January 2022** all donors will receive a statement from **the Church** stating their names and the amount of gift received –through checks or weekly offering envelopes- from **January 1st, 2021 until December 31st, 2021**. It is wise to keep the church statement with your tax records, in case the IRS questions your itemized deductions.

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

2022 Mahrajan (Festival) (Sunday, August 14, 2022)

Dear Parishioners, The Mahrajan committee decided to have the 2022 Mahrajan at Oglebay Park on Sunday, August 14, 2022. There will be only one day festival instead of two. More details will be published in the coming bulletins.

Spirituality

What shall these poor, frustrated, psychotic, and neurotic millions in our midst do to escape a creeping insanity and a growing madness? The only answer for them is to enter into themselves, to lift their eyes to the Divine Physician and cry, ***“Have mercy on me, O God!”*** If they only knew it, a single confession would rescue them by helping them to have their sins forgiven; it would also save them the small fortune spent in having their sins explained away.

God has promised us pardon if we are penitent, but not if we procrastinate. Sin will wear out mind, heart, and soul, but it will not wear itself out -it will have to be purged out. The secret of peace of soul is to combine detachment from evil with attachment to God, to abandon egotism as the ruling, determining element in living and to substitute Our Divine Lord as the regent of our actions. What is anti-God must be repressed; what is Godly must be expressed. Then one will no longer awaken with a dark brown taste in the mouth or a feeling of being run-down at the heels. Instead of greeting each day with the complaint, ***“Good God, morning!”***

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one will say, from the happiness of a soul in love, "Good morning, God!"

Bishop Fulton SHEEN, *Peace of Soul*, 1949, pp.188-189.

Wisdom: Eating Healthy

We are what we eat.

When it comes to eating, the basic wisdom is -you have to eat to live. When people with debilitating diseases are close to death, a key sign is their refusal to eat. My father waved away all meals during his last few weeks. I remember him small, fragile, but alert in his hospital bed, his only sustenance coming from IV's in either arm.

The next level of wisdom has to do with quantity. The keynote is: We eat to live but shouldn't live to eat. If we are able, we should keep how much we consume to a reasonable minimum. Too much of a good thing is no longer good. What the body can't use and is unable to eliminate gets stored as fat. And the more fat we carry around, the worse for our cardiovascular system. Some people, of course, require more fuel than the majority just to keep going: the slender individuals who pack away second and third helpings at potlucks but never seem to gain weight.

Wisdom also has to do with the quality of what we eat. Here there is a whole variety of issues, some controversial. The American Heart Association and common sense recommend a balanced diet, with foods from all the major food groups. The current model, called the food pyramid, suggests how many servings from each group an individual should consume per day. Quality also concerns the healthiness of what we eat. Then things get murky: organic versus inorganic privileging certain food combinations, avoiding specific components (fats, sugars, caffeine, etc.), vegetarianism versus meat eating, and so on. Concerns also surround when we eat, how much we chew, and our emotional state while eating. Because people are different, we need to examine what works for us.

At its most esoteric, "we are what we eat" implies that different foods have different properties. For example, because salmon swim upstream to spawn, eating salmon may help us resist conventionality. Whatever the case, wise eating clearly requires serious consideration, discipline, and persistence.

Story: Irish Luck

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog.

There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

"I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life."

"No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

"Is that your son?" the nobleman asked.

"Yes," the farmer replied proudly.

"I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of." And that he did.

Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia.

What saved his life this time? Penicillin.

The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name?

Sir Winston Churchill.

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Someone once said: What goes around comes around.

Work like you don't need the money.

Love like you've never been hurt.

Dance like nobody's watching.

Sing like nobody's listening.

Live like it's Heaven on Earth.

May there always be work for your hands to do;

May your purse always hold a coin or two;

May the sun always shine on your windowpane;

May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;

May the hand of a friend always be near you;

May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

A Time to Laugh (532)

Tied Up in Five Brooms

A church member angrily complained to the pastor that the church had wastefully purchased five new brooms, and he felt the expenditure to be unnecessary.

The pastor mentioned it to the church treasurer, who responded, "No wonder he was upset. How would you feel if you saw everything you gave in the past year tied up in five brooms?"

Story behind the Gift

The minister was greeted at the door of the church after Sunday morning worship by a young boy. The boy looked up at the preacher and said, "Pastor, we were going to bring you a chicken for dinner, but he got well!"

Chasing Two Hares

If you chase two hares, both will escape you.

Lost FASTER

Pilot over intercom to passengers: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is we are ahead of schedule. The bad news is we are lost."

Realistic Goals

Two friends went camping in the woods. They woke up the first morning and were standing by their tent having their first cup of coffee when they suddenly spotted a grizzly bear heading for them at full speed. Quickly, the one man reached down and grabbed his sneakers and started putting them on. The other man looked at him and said, "What are you doing? Do you think you can outrun that grizzly bear?" The first man said, "No, and I don't need to. All I need to do is outrun you!"

On Hold with God

As a mother and daughter walked out of church one Sunday morning, the mother said, "That was a nice service. I really liked the soft piano music during the prayer."

The little girl turned and asked her mother, "That was a piano?"

The mother nodded, and the little girl said, "Oh. I thought God had put us on hold."

We need never fear that God will put us on hold. Our God reaches down and enters our trials and struggles with us. Our God is with us to the ends of the earth through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.