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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Genealogy of Jesus

*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

Genealogy of Jesus

Readings: Rom 1:1-12 and Mt 1:1-17

Genealogy is like a Family Tree. The purpose of today's Gospel is to demonstrate Christ's human origin. Jesus is God and man. He is human like us in all things except sin. His humanity is proven in the Old and New Testament, through his genealogy.

In the Old Testament: Christ had human ancestors and his coming into the world was announced by several biblical texts. From Genesis (3:15): **"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers. He will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel,"** said God to the serpent, indicating the Messiah's human origin. From Deuteronomy (18:15), **"A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen; to him you shall listen."** From Isaiah (9:5-6): **"For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.... His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever."** From Daniel (7:13): **"As the visions during the night continued I saw one like a Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven."**

In the New Testament: Various texts refer to Christ's humanity. He is called Son of Man or Son of David. He is born in the city of David. He is the Word made flesh and he dwells among us. He is born of a woman. He is made a servant in the likeness of men. The man Christ Jesus is the only mediator between God and men. Jesus descended from David according to the flesh.

Every spirit that does not acknowledge that Jesus Christ come in the flesh does not belong to God but is a spirit of antichrist. Publicly, Jesus was known as the "Carpenter's son" and his mother's name is Mary. In fact, he is a human being. He is blood of our blood, bone of our bones. He is just as human as any one of us. He is the Son of God in our mortal flesh who lived, moved, had his being in the Holy Land for more than three decades.

Holy Scriptures tells us about his human compassion: Jesus took our infirmities and bore our sickness. He was moved with compassion on multitude scattered as sheep without a shepherd. He showed compassion on the widow whose son was dead. He wept for Lazarus' death. He loved everyone and had special affection for children, for their innocence, and for their protection. He recommended his followers to love each other "as I loved you" (Jn 13:34). He needed to eat and to sleep. He felt joy and sadness. He suffered and died.

Our intellect cannot penetrate the Mystery of Incarnation. God became man; the Creator is a creature; the Eternal is part of time; the Infinite is as finite as we are. Our mind can only accept this mystery of faith.

Stay Safe & keep others safe

Our Lady of Lebanon church urges all parishioners to mask up inside the church premises, get tested when appropriate and stay home when ill. Also, we remind everyone to get coronavirus vaccinations or booster shots. By following these rules, we protect ourselves and others from corona virus and its variances.

This Weekend, Dec. 18-19: Genealogy of Jesus

Saturday December 18:

at 3:40 p.m.: Christmas Novena

at 4:00 p.m.: Mass

✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

✠ Joann Ferrera Slack (Anniversary) by Larry & Becky Ferrera

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, December 19:

at 10:10 a.m.: Christmas Novena

at 10:30 p.m.: Mass

✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol Dougherty

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✠ Susie Fadoul (1st Anniversary) by her husband Millet and Family

Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday December 20: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday December 21 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Thomas John by his loving grandchildren: David, Tom, Greg, Maryann, Susan and their families
✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

Wednesday December 22: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Thursday December 23 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Rita & Fred John
✠ Kaiser & Jeannette Fadul

Christmas Masses Schedule

Friday, December 24:

4:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Mass

✠ Deceased of the Saseen & Schlog Families by Fran Saseen
✠ Shirley Nickerson and Deceased of the Elias Family by Tammy Strong

10:00 p.m.: Christmas Midnight Mass

✠ Deceased of the Linton Family
✠ Intentions of the Benefactors

Saturday, December 25th: Day of Obligation

10:30 a.m.: Christmas Day Morning Mass

✠ John F. Kukula by his wife Mary Rose Kukula
✠ Melo Wakim (Birthday) by Chris & Jeannette Wakim and Family

4:00 p.m.: Christmas Day Evening Mass

✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.
✠ Philip Geimer by Lou & Charlotte Khourey and Family

Sunday, December 26 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie and Family
✠ Philip Geimer by Carol Dougherty
✠ Intentions of Luke Lenz and Deceased of the Hassan and Nassar Families by Dalton Haas

New Year Masses Schedule

Friday, December 31st, 2021:

4:00 p.m.: New Year's Eve Mass (No Midnight Mass)

Saturday, January 1st, 2022: New Year's Day (Day of Obligation)

4:00 p.m.: New Year's Day Mass

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Christmas Poinsettias in Memory of:

Please donate toward decorating the altar with poinsettias during Christmas. Every poinsettia cost \$25.00

- ✪ Louis N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr. & Gladys Howard by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family
- ✪ In Honor of Chris Wakim and Family
- ✪ In Honor of the Yeater Family by Jeannette & Chris Wakim
- ✪ In Honor of Frank & Anna Marie and Michael Duymich
- ✪ In Honor of Joe & Nikki Popovich and Family
- ✪ In Loving memory of John & Cecilia John by Ron & Susan (John) Burns

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- ☼ In Loving memory of The Elias & Nickerson Families by Tammy Strong
- ☼ In Loving memory of the Saseen & Schlog Families by Fran Saseen
- ☼ In Loving memory of Ralph & Mary Joseph Shipley by Thomasina Geimer
- ☼ In Loving memory of Robert Hunter Jr. & Robby Hunter III by Thomasina Geimer
- ☼ In Loving memory of Danny & Milly Manners by their daughter NiNi Miller
- ☼ In Loving memory of Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol
- ☼ In Loving memory of the Habdo Family by Carol Dougherty
- ☼ In Loving memory of Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt and Family
- ☼ In Loving memory of George Weisner by his son Gary Weisner
- ☼ In Honor of Gary Weisner
- ☼ In Loving memory of the Joseph and McLaughlin Families by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ☼ In Loving Memory of Nimon & Miriam Joseph Family by the Joseph & Weisner Families
- ☼ In Loving Memory of the Abdo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Connell

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- December 22: Millet C. Fadoul
- December 25: Shelly Hancher
- December 27: Luke Lenz, Jay Murad
- December 29: Jeff Bentz
- January 1: Nancy Joseph
- January 3: Rosemary Coury
- January 6: Gina Stees
- January 7: Jacob Fadoul Wilson
- January 10: Marjorie John, Mary Petros
- January 11: Jennifer Klein

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, Angela & John Carpec, Carol Dougherty, Shirley George, 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 Shiben, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Barbara Hostage, Diana Misko, Barbara Hostage,

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$3,358.00	Sunday Collection
120.00	Bulletin ad
25.00	Christmas poinsettias
22.00	Candles
300.00	Utilities
\$3,825.00	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?

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.

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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: Love

*“Love has the hands to help others;
it has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy;
it has the eyes to see misery;
it has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of man
and it has the heart that can love and bless.
That is what love looks like!”*

(St. Augustine)

Wisdom: Facts

This is awesome!

and do we THINK about it???

Accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs.

For example:

- the eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days;
- those of the canary in 14 days;
- those of the barnyard hen in 21 days;
- The eggs of ducks and geese hatch in 28 days;
- those of the mallard in 35 days;
- The eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days.

(Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!)

Wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a

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huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.

The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first.

A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first.

Arrangement of sections and segments, as well as in the number of grains.

-Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind.

-Each orange has an even number of segments.

-Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.

-Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.

-Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.

-All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks, and the Lord specified thirty fold, sixty Flowers bloom at certain specified times during the day. Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed!

-The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.

I HOPE YOU FIND THIS AS FASCINATING AS I DID.

Story: Jesus in my heart

"Tomorrow morning," the surgeon began, "I'll open up your heart..." "You'll find Jesus there," the boy interrupted.

The surgeon looked up, annoyed. "I'll cut your heart open," he continued, "to see how much damage has been done..." "But when you open up my heart, you'll find Jesus in there."

The surgeon looked to the parents, who sat quietly. "When I see how much damage has been done, I'll sew your heart and chest back up and I'll plan what to do next." "But you'll find Jesus in my heart. The Bible says He lives there. The hymns all say He lives there. You'll find Him in my heart."

The surgeon had had enough. "I'll tell you what I'll find in your heart. I'll find damaged muscle, low blood supply, and weakened vessels.

And I'll find out if I can make you well." "You'll find Jesus there too. He lives there."

The surgeon left and sat in his office, recording his notes from the surgery, "...damaged aorta, damaged pulmonary vein, widespread muscle degeneration. No hope for transplants, no hope for cure. Therapy: painkillers and bed rest. Prognosis" here he paused, "death within one year."

He stopped the recorder, but there was more to be said. "Why?" he asked aloud. "Why did You do this? You've put him here; You've put him in this pain; and You've cursed him to an early death. Why?"

The Lord answered and said, "The boy, My lamb, was not meant for your flock for long, for he is a part of My flock, and will forever be. Here, in My flock, he will feel no pain, and will be comforted as you cannot imagine. His parents will one day join him here, and they will know peace, and My flock will continue to grow."

The surgeon's tears were hot, but his anger was hotter. "You created that boy, and You created that heart. He'll be dead in months. Why?"

The Lord answered, "The boy, My lamb, shall return to My flock, for he has done his duty: I did not put My lamb with your flock to lose him, but to retrieve another lost lamb."

The surgeon wept. The surgeon sat beside the boy's bed; the boy's parents sat across from him. The boy awoke and whispered, "Did you cut open my heart?" "Yes," said the surgeon. "What did you find?" asked the boy. "I found Jesus there," said the surgeon.

A Time to Laugh (536)

Interesting Gossip

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The more interesting the gossip is, the more likely it is that the gossip is untrue.

Shorter Story

Nothing makes a long story short like the arrival of the person you happen to be talking about.

Political Economy

"Political economy" are two words that need a divorce on grounds of incompatibility.

Who Goes First?

The following incident happened when Patrick was four year old and his brother, Luke, was five. Already a half year in kindergarten had made Luke wiser.

Luke and Patrick were fighting over who would go first in a game. They had quite a debate that almost ended in a fight.

Luke changed his strategy and reasoned with his brother: "You know, Patrick, Jesus says that the first will be last and the last will be first, so it is better to be last."

Patrick thought about that for a moment and then answered, "Then I'll go last."

"Okay, then I'll go first," said a suddenly worldly-wise Luke.

World Was Here First

The world owes you nothing; it was here first. (*Mark Twain*)

Can You Top This?

An old minister who survived the great Johnstown flood loved to tell the story over and over in great detail. Everywhere he went he would talk about this great historic event in his life. One day he died and went to heaven, and in a meeting there all the saints gathered together to share their life experiences. The old minister got all excited and ran to Peter (who, naturally, was in charge) and asked if he might tell the exciting story of his survival of the Johnstown flood. Peter hesitated for a moment and then said, "Yes, you may share, but just remember that in our audience tonight will be Brother Noah."