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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Finding the Lord in the Temple

*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

Finding the Lord in the Temple

Readings: Heb 7:11-19 and Lk 2:21-24

And behold there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel. Not alone from angels and prophets, from shepherds and parents, do the Children of the Lord receive testimony, but also from elders and from the just. Every age and either sex, and the wondrous things that happened to them, add to our faith: a virgin has a child, she that was sterile brings forth, the dumb speak Elizabeth prophesies, the Magi adore, he that was enclosed in the womb exults, the widow confesses to the Lord, the just man awaits him; and he is truly a just man, who was seeking, not his own, but the consolation of his people, for himself desiring only that he be freed from the bonds of earthly infirmity, waiting however to look upon the One that was promised; for he knew that blessed are the eyes that would see him. Now, he says, You may dismiss your servant!

Behold the just man, who is as it were shut up in the prison of this earthly body, desires to be set free, that he may begin to be with Christ; for to be dissolved and to be with Christ is far more perfect. He then that desires to be free, let him come to Jerusalem, let him look for the anointed of the Lord, let him receive in his hands the Word of God, and let him embrace it with the arms of his faith. Then let him be dismissed; as he sees not death who has looked upon the Life.

See how at the birth of the lord his grace is poured out on all men; and prophecy, denied to the unbelieving, is given to the just. Thus Simeon prophesies that the Lord Jesus Christ is come, and for the fall and for the resurrection of many, that he may disclose the payment of just and unjust; that he the true and just Judge may decree reward or punishment, according to the quality of our deeds. --St Ambrose

From the desk of the Pastor:

Msgr. Bakhos' Motto: "Say your word and walk away"

Many Thanks and Happy New Year from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Many thanks for your gifts of support during my 30th Anniversary and at Christmas. Your love and generosity were shown all over me and I will dedicate myself to serve you faithfully twice more. At the beginning of this New Year 2022, I would like you to focus on your relationship with the Lord and the church. The church has been the source of sanctification for many holy people and saints. We need the Lord at all times not only when we get sick or in trouble. And we need the church to stay clean, well maintained and supported financially so that we feel proud when we have baptisms, confirmations, marriages, or burial services for our family members. The church reflects every parishioner's face as if visitors were looking in a mirror and seeing each of you. Each of you needs to continue to do whatever you can to keep our church and our Cedar Hall beautiful and in good shape. I am confident that every one of us feels the miracle of being able to finish our new over \$2 million dollar facility without incurring any debt. Keep the good work up.

I would like to take a moment to address all wives and mothers: Ladies, give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God. The religious life and the faith of your husband and children is your responsibility. When you get up in the morning and prepare yourself to go to church to attend Mass, your husband and children would get up also and go with you. If they remain lazy and asleep, don't be afraid to have a few words with them. Tell them that six days are for work and one day is for the Lord. The family that prays together stays together. Pray for your good health and success and remember that the more you thank the Lord, the more His graces and blessings remain in your house. And when you turn your back to the Lord, pray that He treats you not as you deserve but according to His mercy.

I chose these Best Wishes for you for 2022:

May peace break into your house, and may thieves come to steal your debts.

May the pockets of your jeans become a magnet for \$1000 bills.

May love stick to your face like Vaseline, and may laughter assault your lips!

May happiness slap you across the face, and may your tears be that of joy.

May the problems you had forget your home address!

In simple words, May 2022 be the best year of your life!!!

--Msgr. Bakhos

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, January 1-2: Finding in the Temple

Saturday January 1 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Kathleen Olinski by her sister Mary Ragase and Family
- ✠ Special Intentions of A Friend

Sunday, January 2 at 10:30 p.m.:

- ✠ Deceased members of the Hatty Family (Detroit) by Honorable Michael Hatty
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom Brock Jr.

Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday January 3: No Mass. Electrical work at the church.

Tuesday January 4: No Mass. Electrical work at the church.

Wednesday January 5: No Mass. Electrical work at the church.

Thursday January 6 at 12:05 p.m.: Epiphany Mass will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.

Friday January 7: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Next Weekend, Jan. 8-9: Epiphany (Baptism of our Lord)

Saturday January 8 at 4:00 p.m.: Epiphany (Blessing of the Holy Water)

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Special Intentions of A Friend

Sunday, January 9 at 10:30 p.m.: Epiphany (Blessing of the Holy Water)

- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Vincent and Agnes Jacovetty (Anniversary) by George & Patty (Jacovetty) Fahey

Mass Time change

After Christmas and New Year, some electrical work will be done in the church. So, Msgr Bakhos wants to give the electricians enough time to work without interruption. No Mass all Tuesdays in January. So, there will be only a Mass on Thursday during the week. Weekend Masses on Saturday and Sunday will be on time as usual. I wish you had a wonderful time with your family and friends.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- 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
- January 22: Nick Bedway
- January 23: Dale Seidler Jr., Lisa Breiding
- January 26: Chris DeMuth

January 28: Nikki Popovich

February 2: David John, Doug Bratton

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, Mary Stees, Diane Palotay, Rex & Rita Strawn, Viola J. Yeater (mother of Jeannette Wakim), 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)

Your Church Support Last Week

\$4,875.00	Sunday Collection
82.00	Candles
50.00	Poinsettias
10.00	Utilities
\$5,017.00	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

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. In case we can celebrate outside because of the corona virus, there will be only one day festival instead of two. More details will be published in the coming bulletins.

Spirituality: Mass & Children

Three ways your family can get more out of the Mass

Would you like to get more satisfaction out of going to Mass? Would you like to make even routine celebration of the Eucharist a meaningful time for you and your kids? Here are three suggestions that can help.

1- Attend with friends. Have your kids invite their friends along and celebrate with a special treat afterwards either at home or out. The Mass is the central part of Sunday in which we are meant to enjoy rest, fellowship, and the goodness of God's creation, including our friends. Discover how good it is to join with those we care about when we are the people of God.

2- Give your children an assignment. Have everyone in the family ask another family member to pray for him or her. You can offer specifics about what you want prayers for (e.g., a hard test coming up or a difficult situation at work), or it can remain a general request for prayers. Listen for and point out the specific times in the Mass when the priest invites our prayers.

3- Agree to listen. During the course of the Mass, find one message that matters to you and share it afterwards. It could be a phrase from the liturgy, an insight by the preacher, words to a hymn, or even the miracle of a new baby sleeping peacefully on its daddy's shoulder. Unlike sitting and watching television, the liturgy demands active participation.

One way to encourage that is to listen during the Mass and to talk about it afterward.

Wisdom: Family wisdom

“The family you come from isn’t as important as the family you’re going to have.”

At first glance I wasn’t sure I agreed with Mr. Lardner. No self-respecting Chinese or Japanese would. After all, in Confucian cultures the larger unit, in this case the family takes precedence over the smaller one, the individual. This priority is symbolized by placing the family name first, then adding the personal name. Family of origin, like one’s elders and ancestors, is always more important than the nuclear family an individual and spouse create.

The saying “You can’t choose your family; thank God you can choose your friends” places Lardner’s thought in a different light. After all, your spouse is a friend you have chosen to live and have children with. People often talk about their significant other as their best friend. Furthermore you can’t do anything about your biological family. They are a given. If we select our biological family prior to birth, as some New Age adherents believe we do, that fact has been erased from our memories.

I suppose Lardner means that if, say, we resent aspects of the parenting we have received, we have the chance in the family we “start” to do things differently and better. Our family of origin is analogous to fate; the family we create, to free will. Still, some aspects of the family we parent are beyond our control, for instance, the two gene pools that commingle in our children, or social prejudices based on our family’s skin color, religion, or socioeconomic status. On the other hand, we have areas of freedom and flexibility in the families we come from. Human beings can and do change. Age does mellow some people. Circumstances and the shifting cultural climate can be transformative as well. I like one of James Redfield’s “insights” in *The Celestine Prophecy* that each of us is required to confront and integrate those aspects of both our parents within us. Family wisdom may thus be our capacity to accept who we are in order to raise children capable of becoming who they are intended to be.

Story: Jesus loves me

Many years ago, while watching a little TV on Sunday instead of going to church, I watched a Church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years.

He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the Church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age. After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gate to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind, he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak.

"When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50 odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heart break and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me ... the only thing that would comfort was this verse.

"Jesus loves me this I know. For the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong, we are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so."

When he finished, the church was quiet.

You actually could hear his footsteps as he shuffled back to his chair. I don't believe I will ever forget it.

A pastor once stated, "I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn 'Jesus Loves Me' (for the children of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best."

Senior version of Jesus Loves Me

Here is a new version just for us who have white hair, or no hair at all. For us over middle age (or even those almost there) and all you others, check out this newest version of "Jesus Loves Me". It is quite cute, so read, sing and enjoy:"

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know, Though my hair is white as snow.

Though my sight is growing dim, Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS) YES, JESUS LOVES ME... YES, JESUS LOVES ME...

YES, JESUS LOVES ME FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow, With my hand in His I'll go

On through life, let come what may, He'll be there to lead the way. (CHORUS)

Though I am no longer young, I have much which He's begun.

Let me serve Christ with a smile, Go with others the extra mile. (CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long, In my heart He puts a song.

Telling me in words so clear, "Have no fear, for I am near." (CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done, And life's victories have been won.

He will take me home above, Then I'll understand His love.(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know? Have I ever told Him so?

Jesus loves to hear me say, That I love Him every day.

A Time to Laugh (538)

Owning a Man's Company

She is the kind of girl who does not care for a man's company – unless he owns it.

Source Not Important

The grandfather of William Jackson III died and left him twenty million dollars. A few days later William's girlfriend Roxanne suggested that they get married.

After just a few weeks of marriage, William felt that Roxanne was growing more and more distant and less affectionate. After a few months of marriage, William wondered if Roxanne cared about him at all. She seemed completely indifferent toward him. He felt that he needed to confront her.

When William finally got Roxanne to agree to speak with him, he said, "I'm beginning to think that the only reason you married me is that I inherited twenty million dollars from my grandfather."

Roxanne was slightly amused at William and assured him that this was not the case at all. "That's a ridiculous notion," she told him. "It would not have mattered to me who gave you the money!"

Not Dead Yet

A man's plane crashed in the heart of the darkest jungle of Africa. He pried himself from the wreckage and began to work his way through the dense jungle. As he entered a clearing, he found himself face-to-face with what looked like a hunting party of cannibals. His response was immediate: "I'm a dead man now!"

And then he heard a voice saying, "You're not a dead man; There is a spear at your feet. Pick it up and thrust it through the heart of the chief."

The man did as he was told. He looked down at the ground, and indeed, there was a spear. He picked it up and thrust it through the heart of the chief.

The voice spoke to him once more: "Now you're a dead man!"

As a Matter of Fact

"As a matter of fact" is an expression that precedes many an expression that isn't.

Squashing Rumors

Trying to squash a rumor is like trying to unring a bell.

Bureaucratic Accomplishments

Bureaucracy is the art of making the possible impossible. (*Javier Pascual Salcedo*)

On the Committee

If you ever live in a country run by a committee, be on the committee. (*William Graham Sumner*)