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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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2nd Sunday of Epiphany

*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, 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:

Jeannette Wakim, 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

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: 2 Cor 4:5-15 and Jn 1:35-42

It all begins with the good news. Good news, at the origin of Christianity that may seem obvious. And yet ... How do we represent our faith to ourselves? Is it not often, rather like other great religions, as a complex of beliefs, a system of spiritual and moral performances, inherited from those who were its initiators, who in their turn received them from God and transmitted them infallibly to the Church?

Recalling his childhood lived in a traditional Christian setting, Sartre speaks of this heritage of 'truths' as a collection of certitudes in a society which had experienced no cultural rupture with its past: 'They belonged to all, but no one needed to lay hold of them for himself; it was the common patrimony'. Is this what we mean by good news?

At the origin of Christianity there is no heavenly indoctrination; the religious consciousness's was not seeded with divine truths coming from the First Truth. It is by a decisive event, a coming, a Word which is Jesus Christ that the faith begins and spreads. The good news of God is his Son Jesus, and he can say: 'The kingdom of God is here' because he himself is here. In him and by him, God inaugurates his kingdom by actively saving humanity.

In this regard, the first 'fisher of men' is Jesus himself. He does not draw men with vinegar, but rather by announcing to them that everything in the Christian mystery is good news. If one may speak in such away, it is the sweet savor of the Christian tenets: the sacraments, the beatitudes, the Church, the forgiveness of sin, so many good tidings which are summed up in the person of Jesus, savior and revealer of a Father full of tenderness. To embrace this conviction, to follow Jesus unconditionally: that is what faith and conversion mean. And this is the exact opposite of a heritage of 'truths' which no one will need to 'lay hold of for himself' since they do not commit him to anything.

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, Jan. 15-16: 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Saturday January 15 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick
- ✠ Chuck Gibbons by Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Special Intentions of A Friend

Sunday, January 16 at 10:30 p.m.:

- ✠ Donald Vince (Birthday) by his children and grandchildren
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)

Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday January 17: No Mass. Electrical work at the church.

Tuesday January 18: No Mass. Electrical work at the church.

Wednesday January 19: No Mass. Electrical work at the church.

Thursday January 20 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

Friday January 21: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Next Weekend, Jan. 22-23: 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Saturday January 22 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Living and Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)
- ✠ Special Intentions of A Friend

Sunday, January 23 at 10:30 p.m.:

- ✠ Jim George Sr. (1st Anniversary) by his wife Shirley and Family
- ✠ Elizabeth Ferris Magnone (Anniversary) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Dennis Fahey (Anniversary) by George & Patty (Jacovetty) Fahey

Schedule of coming events

Saturday Feb. 19 – Fri. Feb. 25	Masses for the Faithful Departed during the last week before Great Lent
Monday, February 28	Ash Monday
Easter Sunday	April 17

Mass Time change in January

Some electrical works need to 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. Many thanks for the Weisner's for their help and expertise.

Pope Francis requests your opinion in the Synod

In preparation for the Synod of Bishops that will take place in the Vatican in October 2023, Pope Francis has invited all Catholics around the world to offer their opinions regarding how the Church should journey together in its mission of evangelization in the future. This is the first time in Church history that lay people of all ages are given the opportunity to participate and voice their opinions about how the church should work more closely together. We should all take this invitation from Pope Francis very seriously and do our part. On behalf of Bishop Elias A. Zaidan, I urge each and every one of you to participate in this Synodal process.

Everyone will have the opportunity to offer feedback in the next 3 months, through the end of March. Feedback will be collected for 10 topics that Pope Francis selected, which are all related to the theme of “*journeying together in our mission of evangelization*”.

You can offer your feedback in two ways. First, you can participate in Synod consultation events which will be organized and facilitated by members in our parish. Second, you can provide your feedback electronically through Google Forms. If you prefer, you can also print, complete, and submit these Google forms by mail or by hand to our church office.

Do not miss your once in a lifetime chance to make a difference in the future of our church.

If you have any questions or want more information, please reach out to Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688

Week of the Faithful Departed (February 19 until February 25)

The week of the Faithful Departed precedes the Great Lent. Parishioners offer Masses, alms, and prayers for the Repose of the Souls of their beloved ones. The Communion of Saints unites those working out their salvation here on earth (The Church Militant) with those being purified in Purgatory (The Church Suffering) and those Saints in Heaven who are the Church Triumphant.

All Masses will be offered for the Repose of the Souls of the followings:

- ✠ All those who died from our parish by Msgr. Bakhos
- ✠ Deceased members of the Chidiac Family by Msgr. Bakhos
- ✠ All the benefactors of our church by Msgr. Bakhos
- ✠ Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart
- ✠ Deceased Members of the Khourey and Howard Families by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Khourey
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ 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)

Easter Lilies in Memory of:

These generous parishioners sponsored the Easter Lilies to decorate the church and the tomb of Christ at Easter in memory of their beloved ones:

✠ Gladys Howard and Louise N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr., by Lou & Charlotte Khourey and Family

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

January 22: Nick Bedway
 January 23: Dale Seidler Jr., Lisa Breiding
 January 26: Chris DeMuth
 January 28: Nikki Popovich
 February 2: David John
 February 4: Lindsay Carl
 February 9: Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Michael DiFabrizio
 February 10: Sandra DeMuth
 February 11: Charlotte Khourey
 February 14: Diane Frenn
 February 15: Nettie Seidler
 February 16: Dave Sengewalt

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 Shiben, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter)

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$2,439.00	Sunday Collection
57.00	Candles
200.00	Donation to the church
50.00	Mahrajan
65.00	Utilities
\$2,811.00	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?

Church statement for tax deduction

By now, all parishioners who donated **over \$250.00** to the church during 2021 should have received by mail a church statement to be used for their tax deduction. Money donated to the church via checks or envelopes are recorded and shown with the statement. We are extremely meticulous but in case of discrepancy, please call Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Thank you for your generosity to the church and to the pastor.

Congratulations on Your Baptism

Michael & Amy McGreal granted to their boy Jack the honor to be the adopted son of God through the sacrament of Baptism, last Saturday, January 8th, at Our Lady of Lebanon Church. Jack is the great grandson of the late Lucille Coury Gibbons. Godparents were: Tyler & Brittany Friend. May Saint Sharbel, the patron saint of Jack, protect him and grant him along with his parents, godparents, and grandparents, good health and bright future.

Congratulations on Your Baptism

Matthew & Mary (Petros) Hill granted to their daughter Makenlee the honor to be the adopted daughter of God through the sacrament of Baptism, last Saturday, January 8th, at Our Lady of Lebanon Church. Makenlee is the granddaughter of our beloved parishioners Pat & Jackie Petros. Godparents were: Christopher Hill and Angela Petros. May Saint Sharbel, the patron saint of Makenlee, protect her and grant her along with her parents, godparents, and grandparents, good health and bright future.

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: Daily Mass

METHOD OF HEARING HOLY MASS

With what dispositions should we come to holy Mass? In the presence of a God made man who immolates himself, mystically yet in a very real way, for our salvation, our hearts should be filled with faith, hope, love, contrition for our sins, and an ardent desire to receive the Victim of the sacrifice in Communion. We find models of these dispositions in the publican of the Gospel, the good thief, and the Centurion; let us meditate on them.

“The best way of hearing Mass is to unite ourselves with the priest in all he says, and to follow all his actions.” Nevertheless, here is a method which you may use profitably.

1- FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE OFFERTORY

“Be like penitents pierced with the keenest sorrow for their sins, and take for your model the publican in the temple. The Gospel says that he stood at the bottom of the temple, with his eyes on the ground, not daring to look at the altar, striking his breast, and saying to God, Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

“He stood at the bottom of the temple, in the least conspicuous place, thinking himself unworthy to enter” further. “He was very different, then, from those nominal Christians who are never in a good enough place, who kneel only on a chair, and who lean back in their seats with their legs crossed.

He had sincere contrition for his sins; he knew himself guilty, and would have wished that his heart might break, for he struck his breast, says St Augustine, “to show God his regret for having offended him.”

2- FROM THE OFFERTORY TO THE CONSECRATION

“Be like ministers who offer Jesus Christ to God his Father and make him the sacrifice of all they are,” and take as a good model the good thief on the cross. “What progress he makes during the three hours that he finds himself in the company of his dying Savior! First, he opens the eyes of his soul to recognize his deliverer; then, fastened to the cross, and having nothing that remains free but his heart and tongue, he offers both to Jesus Christ. He consecrates his heart to him by faith and hope, and humbly asks of him a place in Paradise; and he consecrates his tongue to him by proclaiming his innocence and holiness ‘It is just that we should suffer,’ he says to his companion, ‘but as for him, he is innocent.’

3- FROM THE CONSECRATION TO THE END

“Consider yourselves as those who are to participate in Christ’s adorable Body and precious Blood, and be inspired with the sentiments of the Centurion in order to communicate spiritually or sacramentally.

“The Centurion’s example is so admirable, that the Church seems to take pleasure in putting it before our eyes each day at holy Mass. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, said that humble officer, but speak only the word and my servant shall be healed... Oh! if the good God saw in us this same

humility and realization of our nothingness, with what gladness, with what abundance of graces would he come into our hearts; what strength and courage would he give us to overcome the enemy of our salvation!”

(From The Cure d’Ars, pp.150-153)

Wisdom: Family

In a unified healthy family, parents teach conscience and character to children mostly by example and directed practice. Therefore, the rules of the family all begin with the word WE...

- We respect the rights and feelings of everyone.
- We do not engage in name-calling or put-downs.
- We do not use foul language or profanity.
- We say to everyone: please, thank you, I’m sorry, I give my word.
- We do not interrupt; we wait to talk. (No interrupting parents when they’re with others, either personally or on the phone, unless the matter’s urgent -and then we say, “excuse me please...”
- We do not talk back when corrected.
- We do not make promises lightly; but if we do, we keep our word.
- We treat appointments and deadlines as binding promises; if we cannot keep them, despite our best efforts, we render sincere apology.
- We respect each other’s privacy and personal property; we knock before entering a closed room, get prior permission before borrowing.
- We do not bicker or quarrel at the dinner table.
- We do not gossip about people, or otherwise talk negatively about people behind their backs.
- We mind our own business; we stay out of matters that do not concern us.
- We greet adults with good manners and a firm handshake.
- We give guests the best of what we have.
- We practice good telephone manners, and thus bring honor to our family.
- If we have offended, we apologize - even if we did not mean to give offense.
- We put justice and charity ahead of our pride.
- If someone renders an apology to us, we accept it - for it is dishonorable to refuse to make peace.

2- We all contribute to make our home an attractive, civilized, and efficiently run place to live.

- We enter the house with clean footwear only; if we accidentally make a mess, we clean it up.
- Males do not wear hats or caps indoors.
- We do not return a car home with less than a quarter-tank of gas.
- We do not slam doors; if we do so by accident, we say, “I’m sorry...”
- We do not bring “outdoor activities” indoors; running, ball playing, missile-throwing, roughhouse wrestling, unreasonable shouting.
- We do not shout messages from one room to another; we walk to wherever someone is and then deliver the message in a normal voice.
- We do not consume food or drink in bedrooms. No eating outside kitchen, dining room, and recreation room.
- We do not overindulge in food or drink; no unauthorized eating between meals.
- We hang up clothing when not in use; all clothing is in one of three places - on us, in closets and dressers, or in laundry for cleaning.
- We lay out clothes at night for the next morning.
- If old enough to do so, we make our own beds in the morning.
- We put playthings and tools away when not in use.
- If we’ve eaten off, or drunk out of, something - then we rinse or wash it and put it where it belongs.
- If we’ve borrowed something, we return it where it belongs; if we have lost a borrowed item, we either replace it or pay for it.
- We fulfill “house responsibilities” (chores) promptly and to the best of our ability. This includes assignments for school.

- We can all make suggestions (“input”) about many things in family life, but parents make decisions in serious matters.

- We do not aim for “results” but rather for personal best effort.

3- We give people information they need to carry out their responsibilities.

- When we go out, we always inform: Where? With whom? When return?

- If we are going to be late, we call.

- We get prior permission, with at least one day’s notice, for sleepovers, camping trips and the like. Insufficient notice may mean no permission.

- We come straight home from school, except with prior permission.

- We bring home all new friends and introduce them to parents.

- We return from social events at a reasonable hour, one that has been previously agreed upon.

- We take phone messages intelligently: name of caller, time called, phone number of caller (if applicable), gist of message (if any) name or initials of person who took the call.

- In general, we avoid “unpleasant surprises” in the family.

4- We use the media to promote family life and welfare; we do not permit the media to work against family life and welfare.

- We have nothing in the home that offends our moral principles and treats people like mere objects (materialism): this means no pornography, no gratuitous violence, no depictions of rudeness or gross vulgarity.

- This pertains to TV, movies, video games, music lyrics, posters.

- We will watch TV and video movies together; sports, high quality films and programs, news and documentaries..., and that’s it.

- We do not watch TV on school nights... unless we watch together as noted above.

- If we squabble over TV or video games, we get one warning to stop if problems persist, the activity is terminated.

- We keep use of the telephone under reasonable control: no calls during dinner or homework or after 10:00 PM; no outgoing calls after 9:30 PM except for emergencies, calls limited to 15 minutes.

- We devote most of family life to healthy work and play, not glued to a tube

- We spend our time in conversation, reading, study, chores, and games -getting to know and appreciate each other in the few precious years we have together as a family.

5- We love and serve God above all things; we thank Him and ask His help for our needs and those of others.

- We thank God by worshiping Him together on Sunday.

- We dress well for church - because God is more important than anyone, and we give Him our very best.

- We pray before meals and bedtime and on other special occasions. God lives in our family, not just in church.

- We treat clergy with respect, gratitude, and affection... and we pray for them and their needs.

- We pray for each other, for the Church, and for all those in need.

- We rely on God’s help to forgive our sins and lead us to surpass our limitations.

- We are always conscious that God is watching over us with His fatherly protection ...and our lives thus become a sporting adventure.

Story: Are you Jesus?

A few years ago, a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush through the terminal, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding.

ALL BUT ONE!!! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his

taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor. He was glad he did.

The 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. But, Are you okay? She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly."

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister...." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered. Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?" Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace. If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would.

Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked you and me up on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

A Time to Laugh (540)

Golfing Tips

As the golfer approached the first tee, a hazardous hole with a green surrounded by water, he debated whether he should use his new golf ball. Deciding that the hole was too treacherous, he pulled out an old ball and placed it on the tee. Just then he heard a voice from above say loudly, "Use the new ball!"

Frightened, he replaced the old ball with the new one and approached the tee. Now the voice from above shouted, "Take a practice swing!"

With this, the golfer stepped backward and took a swing. Again he approached the tee, only to hear the voice shout, "Use the old ball!"

Principal's Daughter

"Isn't the principal a dummy!" said a boy to a girl.

"Say, do you know who I am?" asked the girl.

"No."

"I'm the principal's daughter." "

And do you know who I am?" asked the boy.

"No," she replied.

"Good, let's keep it that way!"

Due Process

A thief picked a man's pocket on a crowded elevator. As the result of quick police action, he was arrested and brought before the local magistrate. "You are charged with stealing another person's wallet," said the magistrate. "How do you plead: guilty or not guilty?"

The pickpocket replied, "How can I tell, Your Honor, until I have heard the evidence?"

Overactive Fork

"What are you planning to do about that excess weight you're carrying around?" the doctor asked the patient.

"I just can't seem to lose the weight," the patient said. "Must be an overactive thyroid."

"The tests show your thyroid is perfectly normal," the doctor said. "If anything is overactive, it's your fork."

Just One Drink

A man went into the same bar every day and ordered two drinks. He'd drink one, then slide to the other side of the table and drink the other. When asked about this, the man told the bartender, "One drink is for me; the other I drink for my friend who lives in Texas." One day the man came into the bar but only ordered one drink.

"Oh," asked the bartender, "did your friend in Texas pass away?"

"No," the man responded, "I'm just on the wagon."

Addictions and Stopping Them

One day a mechanic was working late under a car and some brake fluid dripped into his mouth. *Wow! That stuff isn't too bad tasting*, he thought.

The next day he told his buddy about tasting the brake fluid. "Not bad," he said. "Think I'll have a little more today." His friend got a little concerned but didn't say anything.

The next day he told about drinking a cupful of the brake fluid. "Great stuff. Think I'll have some more today." And so, he did.

A few days later he was up to a bottle a day, and his friend was now very worried. "You know that brake fluid is poisonous and really bad for you. You had better stop drinking it."

"Hey, no problem," he said. "I can stop anytime."