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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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4th 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

4th Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: Rom 7:1-6 and Jn 4:5-7, 9-26

It is midday at the well of Jacob. There Jesus is resting. He, the Word of God, is hungry and thirsty: “Here begin the mysteries” (St Augustine). We must not fail to recognize them: what is at stake is the faith of a woman and her townspeople, and our own faith too.

A Samaritan woman comes to the well, at an hour when the sun burns high — doubtless in order to avoid meeting anyone, because she was sensitive about her ill-repute. She sees someone there, sitting by the well, but she takes little notice, because he is a Jew, and Jews shun Samaritans ... This is an old story of schism and pagan defilement: Samaria had prostituted itself to idols, and that woman of many men is a personification of her people. The Word of God is thirsty athirst for the woman’s faith. He engages her in a word-play of question and answer until a weakness in her defense is breached and he touches her secret soul. Who is this man who is greater than Jacob? A prophet? The Messiah, perhaps? Now it is the Samaritan woman who is athirst for living water, and who runs to her village to announce the good news of the mystery of Jesus.

The Word, who but now was hungry, hungers no longer. By initiating this woman into the way of faith, by leading true adorers to the Father, he has already begun his mission. The Samaritans are already on the path to salvation, and their acceptance of Jesus, Savior of the world, is a portent for the spreading of the gospel, preached to the ends of the earth. Give me this living water which wells up from your heart, O long-awaited Messiah! I will adore you in truth everywhere on earth. In this age I shall discover the well-springs of the living Waters of the Holy Spirit. Then my hunger will be appeased and my thirst quenched, and I will re-echo your name to all men —Jesus, Messiah and Savior of the world.

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. 29-30: 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Saturday January 29 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 30 at 10:30 p.m.:

- ✠ Philip Geimer by his wife Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)

Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday January 31: No Mass. Electrical work at the church.

Tuesday February 1: No Mass. Electrical work at the church.

Wednesday February 2: No Mass. Electrical work at the church.

Thursday February 3 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)

Friday February 4: No Mass. Pastor’s day off

Next Weekend, February 5-6: Sunday of the Priests

Saturday February 5 at 4:00 p.m.:

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

✠ Living and Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.

✠ Special Intentions of A Friend

Sunday, February 6 at 10:30 p.m.:

✠ Philip Geimer by his wife Thomasina Geimer

✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)

✠ Living and Deceased priests who served our church

Schedule of coming events

Saturday Feb. 19 – Fri. Feb. 25	Masses for the Faithful Departed during the last week before Great Lent. Please complete attached form and drop it in the collection basket
Monday, February 28	Ash Monday
Easter Sunday	April 17

Mass Time change in February

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 February. 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.

Synod of the Church

Many thanks to all those who share their opinions in the Synod.

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. If you need to remember your beloved family members during that week, please complete the attached Form and hand it to Msgr Bakhos after Mass.

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)

✠ Philip Geimer by Millet Fadoul

✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson and all the deceased members of the Elias Family by Tammy Strong

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:

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
 February 17: Rebecca DiFabrizio
 February 21: Louie Khourey, Dennis Porter
 February 24: Mary Lee Porter
 February 27: MaryAnn Carl

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)

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), Ted Olinski, Patricia Corder,

Your Church Support Last Week

\$875.00	Sunday Collection
118.00	2 nd collection: Patriarchal charities
47.00	Candles
250.00	Donation to the church
\$1290.00	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?

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

Our beloved Mahrajan is back!

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, Aug 14, 2022 and plan on spending the day with us celebrating the Lebanese Mahrajan (Festival) at Oglebay Park!

The Mahrajan Committee began preliminary planning last October. We feel confident that we can resume the Mahrajan safely outdoors in the wide-open space at Oglebay Park, Site #1. The festival will be one day only this year. The day will begin with an outdoor Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by the Mahrajan which will begin at 12:00 noon (after mass) and close at 7:00 p.m. The committee will keep you updated on planning progress in the weekly bulletin. We also ask that you please feel free to make any suggestions or share your thoughts with any committee member.

Mahrajan Update:

- Band & singer have been booked and contract signed.
- Contracts for dancers and vendors have been mailed.
- 50/50 Raffle will take place. Details regarding 50/50 Raffle will follow in a few weeks.
- Menu items: All your favorite Lebanese food items are planned. More details to follow.
- Volunteers: We love and need our volunteers! No event can be successful without our volunteers. We will be meeting with the Women Club and Cedar Club in the following weeks to discuss the Mahrajan menu and volunteers. Also, all parishioners who are willing to help, please contact any committee member.

Mahrajan Committee:

Liz Murad, Mahrajan Committee Chairperson

Monsignor Bakhos, Lou Khourey, Susan John-Burns, Nick John, Ryan Storm, Ava Murad

Spirituality: Why Go To Mass?

The Mass is an opportunity to participate in Christ's sacrifice.

The Mass is a time to worship.

It is different from -and adds to- private prayers and meditations.

People join together to share the gifts and grace of God.

Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

(Matthew 18:20)

The Mass is a time to give and to receive. To give praise to God and receive God's blessing.

The Mass can strengthen our faith, nourish our spiritual life, and encourage Christian attitudes and actions.

We can offer ourselves to God through Jesus Christ, express our love for Christ, and share with others in the faith community.

The Mass is a Sacrifice: Jesus gave His life so that we might have everlasting life with God in heaven. Because of this perfect sacrifice, we can be saved from our sins.

In the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we accept the sacrifice of Jesus' Body and Blood under the appearance of bread and wine. The Lord Jesus said, "Do this, in remembrance of me." (1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

The Mass is a Holy Meal. Jesus offered His life as a sacrifice for all. In this way, Christ is the food of our spiritual life. The Eucharistic meal brings us together and makes us better able to offer sacrifices of our own.

The Mass gives us an opportunity to give thanks and praise to God for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, for our health, talents and opportunities, for our chance to serve God and for the world in all its complexity and beauty.

The Mass allows us to feel God's direction in our lives. Prayer is a direct dialogue with God. Throughout the Mass, individual and group prayers provide a time to communicate and listen, to offer and receive. The Reading from the Scriptures helps us to focus on the Word of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ. And the homily can bring understanding of the day's Scripture readings and the problems of everyday life. It helps make the Scriptures a living part of our modern world.

The Mass is a celebration. It is a chance to express our joy for the miracle of the risen Christ and the promise of everlasting life.

We show our joy through: the songs we sing, the Sign of Peace, the full participation in all other parts of the Mass. This expression of faith brings us closer to God and to our faith community. It is a sign of the true happiness that is God's gift.

We are filled with the Holy Spirit and feel inner joy and peace. God's presence fills our lives in church, at work, at home, and in school.

The Mass provides inspiration. It challenges us to improve the ways we love and serve God. The Mass can bring the renewed presence of Christ to our lives. It can be the inspiration for: helping those less fortunate than ourselves, spreading the Word of God's promise for all people, showing God's love to family, friends, acquaintances and strangers by using Christian values as a basis for all decisions and by doing God's work every day.

Wisdom: Be Flexible

--When we want to be with friends and family, often we want it to be on our terms. If everybody approaches relationships this way, no one will be happy. Instead of thinking only about what you want, think about what the others want too, and consider why it is important to spend time together. Accept that there are always differences between people and that if you are flexible you will enjoy your time with them more and feel closer to them.

--Three sisters, Donna, Marie, and April, all want to hold the family's Christmas celebration at their house. For years, they took turns, rotating to all three houses every three years. Then Donna had a child and wanted to have the family over to her house every year. She wanted her son to be able to wake up and see the tree and spend the whole day at home. Marie didn't think that was fair. She wanted things done the same as they had always been done. Marie became uncomfortable at Donna's house, and Donna became uncomfortable at Marie's. April was left in the uncomfortable position of not being able to do anything except sacrifice her own turn.

Ultimately, the conflict existed because the sisters wanted to be together as a family. However, their desire to be together on their own terms kept them from being peacefully together. It is far better to be flexible

enough to sacrifice what's personally ideal to have something acceptable, than to sacrifice the acceptable to have nothing.

--"Nearly all individuals report significant changes in their lives and in their values over the course of time. Those who viewed these changes as inevitable and remained open to the possibility that changes would be positive were 35 percent more likely to be satisfied with their lives than those who did not."

Story: Don't judge

'Some people!' snorted a man standing some distance behind me in the long line at the grocery store.

'You would think the manager would pay attention and open another line,' said a woman.

I looked to the front of the line to see what the hold up was and saw a well-dressed, young woman, trying to get the machine to accept her credit card. No matter how many times she swiped it, the machine kept rejecting it.

'It's one of them welfare card things. Damn people need to get a job like everyone else,' said the man standing behind me. The young woman turned around to see who had made the comment.

'It was me,' he said, pointing to himself. The young lady's face began to change expression.

Almost in tears, she dropped the welfare card onto the counter and quickly walked out of the store. Everyone in the checkout line watched as she began running to her car.

Never looking back, she got in and drove away. Several minutes later a young man walked into the store. He went up to the cashier and asked if she had seen the woman. After describing her, the cashier told him that she had run out of the store, got into her car, and drove away. 'Why would she do that?' asked the man. Everyone in the line looked around at the fellow who had made the statement. 'I made a stupid comment about the welfare card she was using. Something I shouldn't have said. I'm sorry,' said the man.

'Well, that's bad, real bad, in fact. Her brother was killed in Afghanistan two years ago. He had three young children and she has taken on that responsibility. She's twenty years old, single, and now has three children to support,' he said in a very firm voice.

'I'm really truly sorry. I didn't know,' he replied, shaking both his hands about. The young man asked, 'Are these paid for?' pointing to the shopping cart full of groceries. 'It wouldn't take her card,' the clerk told him. 'Do you know where she lives?' asked the man who had made the comment. 'Yes, she goes to our church.

'Excuse me,' he said as he made his way to the front of the line.

He pulled out his wallet, took out his credit card and told the cashier, 'Please use my card. PLEASE!'

The clerk took his credit card and began to ring up the young woman's groceries. Hold on,' said the gentleman.

He walked back to his shopping cart and began loading his own groceries onto the belt to be included. 'Come on people. We got three kids to help raise!' he told everyone in line. Everyone began to place their groceries onto the fast moving belt. A few customers began bagging the food and placing it into separate carts.

'Go back and get two big turkeys,' yelled a heavysset woman, as she looked at the man. 'NO,' yelled the man. Everyone stopped dead in their tracks.

The entire store became quiet for several seconds.

'Four turkeys,' yelled the man. Everyone began laughing and went back to work.

When all was said and done, the man paid a total of \$1,646.57 for the groceries.

He then walked over to the side, pulled out his check book, and began writing a check using the bags of dog food piled near the front of the store for a writing surface.

He turned around and handed the check to the young man. 'She will need a freezer and a few other things as well,' he told the man. The young man looked at the check and said, 'This is really very generous of you. 'No,' said the man. 'Her brother was the generous one.'

Everyone in the store had been observing the odd commotion and began to clap.

And I drove home that day feeling very American.

We live in the Land of the free, because of the Brave!!! Remember our Troops of Yesterday and Today!!! A great example of why we should be kind and patient. Kindness is the language the blind can see and the deaf can hear. Never judge someone...until you have walked a mile in their shoes.

May God's many blessings continue to be with you - ALWAYS!!!

A Time to Laugh (542)

The Talking Centipede

A single guy decided life would be more fun if he had a pet.

So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet.

After some discussion, he finally bought a talking centipede, (100-legged bug), which came in a little white box to use for his house.

He took the box back home, found a good spot for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to church with him.

So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to church with me today? We will have a good time."

But there was no answer from his new pet.

This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked again, "How about going to church with me and receive blessings?"

But again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet.

So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation.

The guy decided to invite the centipede one last time.

This time he put his face up against the centipede's house and shouted, "Hey, in there! Would you like to go to church with me and learn about God?"

This time, a little voice came out of the box, "I heard you the first time! I'm putting on my shoes!"