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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Priests Saint Maron's feast Day

***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 AlKhouri

***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

Sunday of the Priests

Readings: 1 Tim 4:6-16 and Lk 12:42-48

You are a Priest forever

“To love in the midst of the world without wishing its pleasures;

To be a member of each family, yet belonging to none;

To share all sufferings;

To penetrate all secrets;

To heal all wounds;

To go from men to God and offer him their prayers;

To return from God to men to bring pardon and hope;

To have a heart of fire or charity and a heart of bronze for chastity;

To teach and to pardon, console and bless always;

What a glorious life! And it is yours, O Priest of Jesus Christ.”

Saint Maron (Feast Day February 9)

Historical Reference

"Historia Religiosa", written by Theodoret of Cyrrhus around 440 A.D. is our only source on St. Maroun's biography. The author describes the life of hermits in Cyrrhus and vicinity. In chapter 16 the author mentions that St. Maroun was one of those hermits. He had a tremendous influence on his disciples.

Geographic Location

The diocese of Cyrrhus is in northern Syria. In those days, the Romans had divided Syria into three administrative regions: Syria Prima (Ca.le-Syria), Syria Secunda (Salutaris) and Syria Tertia (Euphratia) with Antioch, Apamea, and Hierapolis (or Membej) as their capitals respectively. The regions between south of Apamea and the southern Lebanese borders were divided into two parts: Lebanese Phoenicia with Homs - and then Damascus - as the metropolis, and Maritime or coastal Phoenicia with Tyre as the metropolis. The Diocese of Cyrrhus, with Theodoret as its bishop, was west of Euphratia. Cyrrhus was at a distance of two days north east of Antioch and about 70 kms north west of Aleppo. This diocese seat was Antioch founded by St. Peter prior to his departure to Rome. Theodoret mentions that when St. Maroun decided to lead a life of isolation, he went to a rugged mountain half-way between Cyrrhus and Aleppo. There was a huge pagan temple for god Nabo of which was derived the name of the mountain and the neighboring village Kfarnabo.

Exemplary Life

St. Maroun consecrated the temple for divine Christian worship. The pattern of his life had a great influence on his disciples who followed suit and were "as plants of wisdom in the region of Cyrrhus."

St. Maroun's sainthood became known throughout the Empire. St. John Chrysostom sent him a letter around 405 A.D. expressing his great love and respect and asked St. Maroun to pray for him.

St. Maroun died around 410 A.D. and willed to be buried in St. Zabina's tomb in Kita in the region of Cyrrhus. However, his will was not executed because people from different villages wanted to have him buried in their towns. Theodoret's description of St. Maroun's burial place points to the populous town of Barad in the proximity of Kfarnabo. A huge church was built in that town around the beginning of the fifth century A.D. Inside this church there was a sarcophagus, which possibly contained St. Maroun's body. According to a Maronite tradition, the followers of St. Maroun carried the relics of the Saint, especially the skull, to St. Maroun's Monastery or "Beit Maroun" built in 452 A.D. between Hama and Aleppo in Syria.

Relic of Saint

The skull was carried to St. Maroun's Monastery in Kfarhai, Batroun - Lebanon around the turn of the eighth century. Patriarch Douaihy mentions: "When Youhanna (John) Maroun settled in Kfarhai, he built an altar and a monastery after St. Maroun's name and put St. Maroun's skull inside the altar to heal the faithful. That's why the monastery is called "Rish Mro" (Syriac) meaning "Maroun's head".

Later, St. Maroun's skull was taken to Italy. In 1130 A.D. one of the Benedictine monks came to the region. This monk was the rector of the Cross Afonastery near Foligno-Italy. During his visit he heard about St.

Maroun's skull, and upon returning home he publicized St. Maroun's virtues. As a matter of fact, a church was built after St. Maroun's name in Foligno. The Bishop of Foligno carried the skull to the city in 1194 A.D. and put it in the church of the diocese. The faithful in the city made a statue of silver for St. Maroun and put the skull in it. During his stay in Italy in 1887, Bishop Youssef el-Debs was given some relics of St. Maroun's skull by the Bishop of Foligno.

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, 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

Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday February 7: No Mass. Electrical work at the church.

Tuesday February 8: No Mass. Electrical work at the church.

Wednesday February 9 at 12:05 p.m.: Saint Maron fest day.

- ✠ Blanche M. Wakim (Anniversary) by Chris and Jeannette Wakim and Family
- ✠ Josephine Ferris (Anniversary) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Isabel Ferris Wolfe (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone

Thursday February 10 at 12:05 p.m.:

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

Friday February 11: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Next Weekend, Feb. 12-13: Sunday of the Righteous & Just

Saturday February 12 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 13 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)

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.

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

The week of the Faithful Departed preceeds 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
- † Mike & Sue Linton and their parents by Msgr Bakhos and the whole parishioners
- † Thomas Jochum by his wife, children and grandchildren
- † Deceased of Anna Shia Family by the Family
- † Deceased Members of the AlKhouri and AlAhmar Families by Dr. & Mrs. Nabil AlKhouri, Mariana, Christopher, Isabella AlKhouri
- † Susie Fadoul by her husband Millet and Family
- † Deceased of the Fadoul and Duffy Families by Earl and Linda Duffy
- † Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
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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
- ✂ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- 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
 March 2: Ava Murad
 March 4: Jeff Sengewalt
 March 6: Kristen McLaughlin

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,

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,166.00	Sunday Collection
20.00	Donation to the church
17.00	Candles
25.00	Easter Lillies
\$1,228.00	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?

A donation in Memory of our beloved organist Evelyn

\$100.00 donation in Memory of our beloved organist Evelyn Ghaphery from her cousins Tony, Bassam and Ehsan Khater, Washington, D.C. Mer her Memory be eternal.

A Children Book

Our parishioner Lillian Siebieda, the wife of our church's architect Larry, wrote a children book titled: "Jason finds happiness." The proceeds from this book are going to the Saint Jude Children Hospital to help cover family cost for about 15 chemotherapy treatments. The book sells for \$15.00. If parents and grandparents want to order this book to offer it for their children and grandchildren or any other children and at the same time help St. Jude children hospital for a right cause, please call Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Lillian is coming in March from Florida and she will bring your orders with her. Thanks for your cooperation.

Rummage Sale Information

Dear Parishioners and Friends, while you are sitting still during winter time, we have something for you to do. Please collect the items you want to donate to our church Rummage Sale and bring them with you on Saturdays and Sundays. Let Msgr Bakhos know that you have things, so the basement door can be opened for you. Please remember that NO CLOTHING. For any questions, call Linda at 304-242-6853

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 Kourey, Susan John-Burns, Nick John, Ryan Storm, Ava Murad

Spirituality: Message from Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima said:

FASHIONS: "Certain fashions will be introduced that will offend My Son very much!" (Message in 1917)

HELL: "More souls go to hell because of sins of the flesh than for any other reason!" (Sins against the 6th Commandment.)

BAD MARRIAGE: "Many marriages are not good; they do not please Our Lord and are not of God."

PUNISHMENT OF THE WORLD: "The Blessed Mother can no longer restrain the Hand of Her Divine Son from striking the world with just punishment for its many crimes."

FIVE WARNINGS: "If my requests are not granted, Russia will scatter her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecution of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be destroyed!" (Message in 1917)

AMEND: "I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not continue to offend Our Lord who is already deeply offended."

ROSARY: "Say the Rosary every day, to obtain peace for the world. Add after each decade the following prayer: "Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of your mercy."

PRAY: "Pray, pray, a great deal, and make sacrifices for sinners for many souls go to hell because they have no one to make sacrifices and pray for them."

IMMACULATE HEART DEVOTION: "God wishes to establish in the world the devotion to My

IMMACULATE HEART. If people do what I tell you, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."

WORLD PEACE: "Tell everybody that God gives graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tell them to ask graces from her, and that the Heart of Jesus wishes to be venerable together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided the peace of the world to her."

WAR: "War is a punishment from God for sins."

FINAL PEACE: "In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. Russia will be converted, and there will be peace!"

Wisdom: What to do if CFL breaks?

Fluorescent light bulbs contain a very small amount of mercury sealed within the glass tubing. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends the following cleanup and disposal guidelines:

- 1- Open a window and leave the room for 15 minutes or more.
- 2- Wearing disposable rubber gloves, carefully scoop up the fragments and powder with stiff paper or cardboard and place them in a plastic bag. Wipe the area clean with damp paper towels or disposable wet wipes and place them in the plastic bag, too. Seal the bag.
- 3- Do not use a vacuum or broom to clean up the broken bulb on hard surfaces.

- 4- Place all cleanup materials in a second sealed plastic bag. Take it to a recycling center or arrange for a recycler to pick it up. Wash your hands.
- 5- If a fluorescent bulb breaks on a rug or carpet:
 - a- First, remove all materials you can without using a vacuum cleaner, following the steps above. Sticky tape (such as duct tape) can be used to pick up small pieces and powder.
 - b- If vacuuming is needed after all visible materials are removed, vacuum the area where the bulb was broken, remove the vacuum bag (or empty and wipe the canister) and put the bag or vacuum debris in two sealed plastic bags in the outdoor trash or protected outdoor location for normal disposal.

Story: Judging by look

A lady in a faded gingham dress and her husband, dressed in a homespun threadbare suit, stepped' off the train in Boston and walked timidly, without an appointment, into the Harvard University President's outer office. The secretary felt certain that such backwoods country hicks had no business at Harvard, and didn't even deserve to enter her office.

"We'd like to see the president," the man said softly.

"He'll be busy all day," the secretary snapped.

"We'll wait," the lady replied.

For hours the secretary ignored them, hoping that the couple would become discouraged and go away. They didn't. The secretary grew frustrated and finally decided to disturb the president.

"Maybe if you see them for a few minutes, they'll leave," she said

He sighed in exasperation and nodded. Someone of his importance didn't have the time to spend with them. He detested the gingham dress and homespun suit in his outer office.

The president stem faced and with dignity, strutted toward the couple.

The lady told him, "We had a son who attended Harvard for one year. He loved, Harvard, He was happy here. But about a year ago, he was accidentally killed. My husband and I would like to erect a memorial to him, somewhere on campus."

The president wasn't touched. He was shocked, "Madam," he said, gruffly, "we can't put up a statue for every person who attended Harvard and died. If we did, this place would look like a cemetery."

"Oh, no," the lady explained quickly. "We don't want to erect a statue. We would like to give a building to Harvard."

The president rolled his eyes. He glanced at the gingham dress and homespun suit, then exclaimed, "A building!"

Do you have any idea how much a building costs? We have over seven and a half million dollars in the buildings here at Harvard."

For a moment the lady was silent.

The president was pleased. Maybe they would leave now.

The lady turned to her husband and said quietly, "Is that all it costs to start a university? Why don't we start our own?"

Her husband nodded.

The president's face wilted in confusion and, bewilderment.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stanford got up and walked away, traveling to Palo Alto, California where they established the university that bears their name, Stanford University, a memorial to their son that Harvard no longer cared about.

You can judge the character of others by how they treat those who appear unable to help them.

A Time to Laugh (543)

Trivia Quiz

See if you can figure out what these words have in common:

Banana; Dresser; Grammar; Potato; Revive; Uneven; Assess

Look at each word carefully. You'll kick yourself when you discover the answer. This is so cool.....

Answer: In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word. Did you figure it out?

Acupuncture and Porcupines

Many have not given acupuncture enough credibility. Those who doubt its effectiveness need only look at the porcupine. Rarely does one see a sick porcupine.

Destructive Healing

One nice morning two men were out fishing on a large lake. It was a beautiful morning-seventy-eight degrees and sunny with a light breeze-and the fish were biting. They had caught their limit and were enjoying the day. One fisherman noticed a man walking on the shore. He could not believe his eyes. He said to his friend, "If I did not know any better, I'd say that was Jesus over there."

The man on the shore waved them in. They rowed to the shore, and indeed it was Jesus. They began talking with him, and one man asked him if he really could heal sick people.

Jesus said, "Yes, of course, I'm good at that."

The man then asked him to heal some chronic physical problems he had. Jesus touched the affected areas, and one by one each place was restored to healthy functioning. The man never felt better. He was more alive than he had ever felt and had a renewal of youthful energy.

Jesus then looked at the other fisherman.

The man's eyes got wide, and he said, "Don't you come near me. I'm on 100 percent disability."