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## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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### Sunday of the Righteous & the Just

**\*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

## ***Sunday of the Righteous & the Just***

Readings: Heb 12:18-24 and Mt 25:31-46

The people of God knew what it was like to be under cruel rulers who subjugated their citizens. They also knew the military and political blows of foreign monarchs. The people were as wounded and lost as a flock of sheep. Their rulers were shepherds who ate their sheep instead of looking after them. When earthly powers fail, we pray: *"The Lord is my shepherd."*

God the Father alone shepherds us rightly. God the Father feeds and heals us, guiding us with loving care.

Jesus Christ is God's representative on earth. As our earthly leader, he is in constant warfare with the forces of evil. One by one he destroys those things hostile to God's reign. The last enemy to be conquered is death. At the end of time, all nations will be assembled before God's judgment seat. The ones who will share Jesus' eternal reign are those who do his will.

Unlike commands given by the tyrants of the world, Jesus' commands are not oppressive. He simply asks us to see him in poor, suffering, and oppressed people. As faithful followers of our servant-king, we humbly submit ourselves to bring about his kingdom of love, justice, and peace.

### ***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, 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 a.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 February 14: No Mass. Electrical work at the church.**

**Tuesday February 15: No Mass. Electrical work at the church.**

**Wednesday February 16: No Mass. Electrical work at the church.**

**Thursday February 17 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Anna Marie McGlumphy (Anniversary) by Jerry McGlumphy and Children
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt

**Friday February 18: No Mass. Pastor's day off**

## ***February 19-25: Week of the Faithful Departed***

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
- † 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
- † Deceased Family members of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.
- † George & Mary Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Helen Fielding & Augie Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Leona M. Albaugh by her son Denny Albaugh
- † Cathy Sharp Howard by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † Deceased of the Wakim Family by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- † Deceased of the Yeater Family by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
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### ***Schedule of coming events***

Ash Monday, February 28	2 Masses and blessing with ashes at 12:05 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Ash Wednesday, March 2	2 Masses and blessing with ashes at 12:05 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Palm Sunday	April 10
Good Friday	April 15
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.

### ***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 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  
 March 10: Liam George

## ***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,

<b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b>	
\$718.00	Sunday Collection
200.00	Donation to the church
100.00	Donation in Memory of our organist Evelyn Ghaphery
40.00	Candles
5.00	Easter Lillies
372.00	Utilities
\$1435.00	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?***

### ***Our Bishop will visit our parish***

Dear parishioners and friends,  
 Our beloved Bishop Elias Zaidan will have an eparchial visit to our parish to celebrate the weekind Masses with us on Saturday and Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. You are all invited to attend Mass and listen to him and to share in the luncheon at the Cedar Hall on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. –Msgr Bakhos

### ***Lost and Found***

If anyone lost a hearing aid, please ask Msgr Bakhos.

### ***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 Khourey, Susan John-Burns, Nick John, Ryan Storm, Ava Murad

### ***Spirituality: Mirna El-Akhrass***

Oozing Oil, Blood, Miraculous Soufanieh Phenomenon Appears With Message to The World

Jesus Christ's calvary scars reappeared on the forehead, hip, hands and feet of phenomenal Mirna el-Akhrass for the first time in years as she relived Christ's agony on Thursday 12, Good Friday and Easter eve.

During her trance, el-Akhrass said Jesus Christ and his mother Virgin Mary have reappeared to her calling on the Christianity to unite the Greek Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church, starting with the adoption of a unified Easter. An icon of the Virgin Mary worshiped at Mirna's house in Damascus (Soufanieh neighborhood) started oozing oil on Thursday for the first time since 10 years during which Virgin Mary and Jesus stopped giving messages to Mirna.

What is known as the "Soufanieh Holy Phenomenon" started many years ago when the painful stigmata of the Christ appeared on the body of the Syrian-born married young lady Mirna el-Akhrass Nazour. Then she enters in a trance during which she receives messages from the Christ and Virgin Mary.

Ever since the phenomenon appeared, believers from around the world have been visiting Mirna's house in quest for blessings and the local and international press have been covering the event over the years. On foot-washing Thursday, Mirna knew something was about to happen. That is what she told visitors, among whom a group of believers coming from Spain who were praying at her house.

Soon after, Mirna felt a great pain and blood started dropping from her forehead from a 1 cm injury. She was carried to her bed amid large crowds including her American and French physicians, her 12-year-old son Jean Emanuel, her 14-year-old daughter Myriam and her husband Nicholas. Doctors reported that the injuries in her forehead, hands and feet were of 1 cm each. That of her hip was of 12 cm. Mirna that evening did not enter her habitual trance, but she was having visions in great pain. It was 3 p.m., the day and time Jesus was nailed to the cross. The increasing crowds started chants and prayers.

The last time Mirna went into trance was in 1990 when she received a message from Jesus telling her she will not witness the miraculous phenomenon until the first time the Churches unite their Easter celebrations.

On Saturday, Mirna went into a one-hour trance at 1: 45 p.m. after which she woke up with a message from the Son of God: "...do not be afraid, be wise and patient if you fail. Keep hoping and trust me, I will not forsake you..." --Beirut, April 2001

## ***Wisdom: Food for Thoughts***

The greatest sin is fear.

The best day is today.

The biggest loser is the boy or girl who will not go to school.

The best town is where you succeed.

The most agreeable companion is the one who would not have you any different than what you are.

The great bore is the one who will not come to the point.

A still greater bore is the one who keeps on talking after he has made his point.

The greatest deceiver is the one who deceives himself.

The greatest secret of production is saving waste.

The best work is what you like.

The best play is work.

The greatest comfort is the knowledge that you have done your work well.

The greatest mistake is giving up.

The most expensive indulgence is hate.

The cheapest, stupidest and easiest thing is finding fault.

The greatest trouble maker is one who talks too much.

The greatest stumbling block is egotism.

The most ridiculous asset is pride.

The worst bankrupt is the soul that has lost its enthusiasm.

The cleverest man is the one who always does what he thinks is right.

The most dangerous parson is the liar.

The most disagreeable person is the complainer.

The best teacher is the one who makes you want to learn.

The meanest feeling of which any human being is capable is feeling bad at another's success.

The greatest need is common sense.

The greatest puzzle is life.

The greatest mystery is death.

The greatest thing, bar none, in all the world is love.

## ***Story: Just PUSH***

A man was sleeping at night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light, and God appeared. The Lord told the man he had work for him to do, and showed him a large rock in front of his cabin. The Lord explained that the man was to push against the rock with all his might. So, this the man did, day after day. For many years he toiled from sun up to sun down; his shoulders set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the unmoving rock, pushing with all of his might. Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out, feeling that his whole day had been spent in vain.

Since the man was showing discouragement, the Adversary (Satan) decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into the weary mind: *"you have been pushing against that rock for a long time, and it hasn't moved."* Thus, giving the man the impression that the task was impossible and that he was a failure. These thoughts discouraged and disheartened the man. Satan said, *"Why kill yourself over this?" "Just put in your time, giving just the minimum effort; and that will be good enough."*

That's what he planned to do, but decided to make it a matter of prayer and take his troubled thoughts to the Lord. *"Lord,"* he said, *"I have labored long and hard in your service, putting all my strength to do that which you have asked. Yet, after all this time, I have not even budged that rock by half a millimeter. What is wrong? Why am I failing?"* The Lord responded compassionately, *"My friend, when I asked you to serve Me and you accepted, I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all of your strength, which you have done. Never once did I mention to you that I expected you to move it. Your task was to push. And now you*

*come to Me with your strength spent, thinking that you have failed. But, is that really so? Look at yourself. Your arms are strong and muscled, your back sinewy and brown, your hands are callused from constant pressure, your legs have become massive and hard. Through opposition you have grown much, and your abilities now surpass that which you used to have. Yet you haven't moved the rock. But your calling was to be obedient and to push and to exercise your faith and trust in My wisdom. This you have done. Now I, my friend, will move the rock."*

At times, when we hear a word from God, we tend to use our own intellect to decipher what He wants, when actually what God wants is just a simple obedience and faith in Him. By all means, exercise the faith that moves mountains, but know that it is still God who moves mountains.

When everything seems to go wrong ... just **P.U.S.H.!**

When the job gets you down ... just **P.U.S.H.!**

When people don't react the way you think they should... just **P.U.S.H.!**

When your money is "gone" and the bills are due...just **P.U.S.H.!**

When people just don't understand you ...just **P.U.S.H.!**

**P= Pray; U= Until; S= Something; H= Happens.**

## *A Time to Laugh (544)*

### *Disliked Dictator*

The dictator of a small country was bitterly disappointed that nobody would use the newly issued postage stamps bearing his portrait. He questioned his postmaster, who explained that the stamps were not sticking. Seizing a stamp, the dictator licked it and stuck it on an envelope. "Look!" he shouted. "It sticks perfectly!" The postmaster faltered for a moment, then explained, "Well, sir, the truth is that the people have been spitting on the wrong side."

### *Pray Informed Prayers*

Rev. Arley Fadness of Harrisburg, South Dakota, told of being a student at Augustana Academy in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. On Sunday afternoons the students would go in small groups to a nearby hospital to visit the sick and take turns praying for their recovery. Finally, it was Fadness's turn. Nervously he prayed for God to heal the woman and spare her any recurrence of the illness. After his "Amen" he went back into the hall, only to be told that they were in the maternity ward!

### *Realistic Dental Care*

In health class a teacher asked a six-year-old what he did to protect his teeth. "I watch out for kids pushing at the drinking fountain," he said.

### *Diet to Die For*

Eat right, exercise regularly, die anyway.

### *Something for the Cough*

A teacher walked over to a student who was coughing uncontrollably and said, "That's quite a cough you have there! What are you taking for that cough?"

The student, between coughs, answered, "I don't know, teacher. What will you give me for it?"

### *Tooth Fairy Nightmare*

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my four-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly canes, walkers, and wheelchairs.

One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"