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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Faithful Departed

*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 Faithful Departed

Readings: 1Thess 5:1-11 and Lk 16:19-31

You hear sometimes people say, “O! There is no such thing as heaven and hell. God is a loving God and he does not condemn people!” They go on living as if there was no God and as if they were never going to die.

Very true that God is a loving and a merciful God, but He is a just God. It was not God who condemned the rich man in today’s Gospel, rather he condemned himself. He knew well what he was supposed to do, and he did the opposite. God gave him plenty of richness and talents and he used them only for his own greed and self-interest. He received as the Gospel said, “What he deserves.”

Yes, there is heaven and there is hell, and as our Mother Church teaches us there is Purgatory for those who still need purification before they enter into heaven.

Today we commemorate all the faithful departed, especially our parents, brothers, sisters, relatives, benefactors, and loved ones. It is our Christian obligation to help them through our prayers and the offering of the Divine Liturgies for their salvation. While their souls may still be in purgatory, our intercession can bring them nearer to the day of eternal happiness.

We must remember that we also will die, and we hope that people will remember us in their prayers after we are gone. The Church also encourages us to pray for the forgotten souls who have no one to pray for them. It is sad that there are so many people that don’t remember their own deceased loved ones. A couple of years or months after they are gone they stop remembering them in their prayers. (Offering of Liturgies on their death anniversaries, birthdays and other occasions.)

Once a person dies, he or she cannot help themselves any more, but we the living can still help those who are in purgatory.

Because we do not know when death will visit us, we must be ready and prepared at all times to meet our God and just judge. Many people, like the rich man in today’s Gospel, know that they are near death, or aware of the immanence of death, and yet don’t prepare themselves properly to meet God. They are often blinded with their sinfulness and self-righteousness and cannot see the needy and the poor around them as they focus only on the material part of life and on their self-interest. They follow the \$ forgetting all the spiritual things that lead them into heaven and grant them the great reward of the saints and righteous ones. There are two directions in life. One that is right and the other that is wrong. One that takes us into heaven and the other takes us elsewhere.

You and I my brothers and sisters are on a journey toward heaven. This life is a pilgrimage for us. We know that our destination is heaven with God Our Father.

Let us not allow the abundance that God gave us to be an obstacle for us to enter into heaven, as it was for the rich man in today’s Gospel.

Please notice that heaven is not for the poor but for those who are rich in good deeds and who use wisely what God has bestowed upon them. The rich man did not bring anything with him into this life. It was all given to him by God. He should have shared some of it with Lazarus and other poor.

What we do with what God has given us on earth, will determine how God will treat us in heaven. Therefore, let us intensify our work of love, charity, compassion, mercy, humility and other virtuous deeds.

Saint Paul told us in the first reading that “*the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night when people are saying “Peace and Security.”*” There is no true peace and no real security except in Jesus and with Him. He is the Resurrection and the Life and he is the reason and goal of our existence. If we please Him in this life, we will be rewarded justly and if we dishonor and disobey him, we will be passing judgment upon ourselves. How do I want to be remembered after I die? Do I want people to say that I was rich and greedy or I was generous and loving? Do I want to have a high credit in the banks or do I want to have good credit in heaven. We have the choice today and now to make that difference and to prepare for our eternal life with the short time that we have on the face of the earth. The choice is mine and yours.

No! We do not need dead people to come back and tell us about heaven and hell, Our Lord told us about it, His Church reminds us, we have the Sacred Scripture and we have the faith that enlighten us for we are “Children of light,” as St. Paul told us in the first reading. Let us act as children of light and be a light to others through our good deeds and faith.

Where do we stand in our relationship with God? Are we the rich man in today's Gospel or are we poor Lazarus? Remember God is asking us to be merciful, loving and kind. He has entrusted us with much and he demands of us a lot. Let us ask Him to enlighten and help us through His Holy Spirit to be faithful and worthy stewards.

In our Liturgy of the Word, we asked our Lord Jesus Christ to welcome into his kingdom of light, all our deceased brothers and sisters, who have been nourished with his Body and Blood. We commend them to the mercy of God with hope and expectation. May the Lord erase their sins and faults and may they attain the joy of paradise, the dwelling of the just.

May the souls of your deceased loved ones and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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.

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
- ✠ Agnes, Vincent & Sam & Bob Jacovetty by George & Patty Jacovetty Fahey
- ✠ June, Dennis & Jimmy Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- ✠ George A, Dolores & Bert Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros

✠ Philip & Betty Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros

Next Weekend, Feb. 26-27: Cana Sunday-Entrance to Lent

Saturday February 26 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Gerard Joseph (Birthday) by his wife Stephanie Joseph

✠ Living and Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, February 27 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Patricia Gompers (Birthday) by Matt & Vickie Gompers

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

Ash Monday & Wednesday Mass Schedule

“Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return.” On Ash Monday, we will have two Masses and blessing with Ashes at 12:05 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. Ashes will also be distributed during the two Masses on Ash Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. for those who missed it on Monday.

Ash Monday, February 28:

12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

Ash Wednesday, March 2:

12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

Schedule of coming events

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

✠ Ralph & Mary Joseph Shipley by Thomasina Geimer

✠ Robert Hunter Jr. and Robby Hunter III by Thomasina Geimer

✠ Deceased Family members of Thomasina Geimer by Thomasina Geimer

✠ Phil Geimer by Thomasina Geimer

✠ Deceased members of Danny and Milly Manners by NiNi Miller

✠ Deceased Family Members of Chris and Jeannette Wakim

✠ In Honor of Robert Harris

✠ In Honor of Jean Weisner and her Family

✠ In Honor of Frank & Anna Marie and Michael Duymich

✠ In Memory of the McLaughlin and Joseph and Miller Families by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

✠ In Honor of the Frenn Family by Dr Adel and Diane Frenn

✠ In Honor of Fran Saseen and her Family Members

✂ In Loving Memory of John T. John and Cecilia John by Susan John Burns
 ✂ Deceased Family members of Jerry McLumphy especially Leslie

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

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
 March 15: Shelby Imer
 March 18: John Shiben, Kenny Imer, Bill Stees, Patrick Petros

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>	
\$1,845.00	Sunday Collection
43.00	Candles
364.00	Easter Lillies
\$2,252.00	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 2nd and 3rd. You are all invited to attend Mass and listen to him and to share in the luncheon at the Cedar Hall on Sunday, April 3rd 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

My little boy came into the kitchen this evening while I was fixing supper. And he handed me a piece of paper he'd been writing on. So, after wiping my hands on my apron, I read it, and this is what it said:

For mowing the grass, \$5

For making my own bed this week, \$1

For going to the store \$.50

For playing with baby brother while you went shopping, \$.25

For taking out the trash, \$1

For getting a good report card, \$5

And for raking the yard, \$2

Well, I looked at him standing there expectantly, and a thousand memories flashed through my mind. So, I picked up the paper, and turning it over, this is what I wrote:

For the nine months I carried you, growing inside me, No Charge

For the nights I sat up with you, doctored you, prayed for you, No Charge

For the time and the tears, and the cost through the years, No Charge

For the nights filled with dread, and the worries ahead, No Charge

For advice and the knowledge, and the cost of your college, No Charge

For the toys, food and clothes, and for wiping your nose, No Charge

Son, when you add it all up, the full cost of my love is No Charge

Well, when he finished reading, he had great big tears in his eyes. And he looked up at me and he said, "Mama, I sure do love you." Then he took the pen and in great big letters he wrote, PAID IN FULL.

Wisdom

Your right foot

How Smart Is Your Right Foot?

This is so funny that it will boggle your mind. And, you will keep trying it at least 50 more times to see if you can outsmart your foot. But you can't!!!

While sitting at your desk, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles with it.

Now, while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction!!! I told you so. And there is nothing you can do about it. And if you tell your friends, they won't be able to believe it either!!!

Story

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. "Your son is here," she said to the old man. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened.

Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement.

The nurse brought a chair so that the Marine could sit beside the bed. All through the night the young Marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile.

He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital - the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients.

Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night.

Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited.

Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her.

"Who was that man?" he asked.

The nurse was startled, "He was your father," she answered, "No, he wasn't," the Marine replied. "I never saw him before in my life." "Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?"

"I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here. When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed." I came here tonight to find a Mr. William Grey. His son was Killed in Iraq today, and I was sent to inform him. What was this Gentleman's Name?

The Nurse with Tears in Her Eyes Answered, Mr. William Grey.....

The next time someone needs you ... just be there. Stay.

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WE ARE NOT HUMAN BEINGS GOING THROUGH A TEMPORARY SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE
WE ARE SPIRITUAL BEINGS GOING THROUGH A TEMPORARY HUMAN EXPERIENCE.

A Time to Laugh (545)

Killer in the Cure

A medical student was doing a rotation in toxicology at the poison control center. A woman called in and was quite upset. She had caught her little daughter eating ants.

The medical student quickly reassured her that ants are not harmful and there would be no need to bring her daughter into the hospital. The woman calmed down and at the end of the conversation happened to mention that she had taken precautions and had given her daughter some ant poison to eat to make sure the ants were dead. The medical student told the woman to bring her daughter to the emergency room *-right away!*

Toothbrush Hygiene

A little boy came out of the bathroom screaming. He ran to his mother and told her that he had dropped his toothbrush in the toilet.

His mother fished the toothbrush out of the toilet and threw it in the garbage. The boy watched carefully as his mother did this. He then ran to his mother's bathroom and came back with her toothbrush.

He held the toothbrush up for his mother to see and then told her, "We had better throw this one away too; it fell in the toilet a few days ago."