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Bulletin #9

## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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### Cana Sunday - Entrance to Lent

#### \*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:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: No Mass. Pastor's office work.

Thursday at 12:05 p.m. [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]

Friday during Lent: 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross & Reflection

#### \*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 Khoureys, Rita Strawn, Mary Stees, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad

#### \*Choir Members:

Lou Khoureys, 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

## ***Cana Sunday - Entrance to Lent***

Readings: Rom 14:14-23 and Jn 2:1-11

### Mary in the public life of Christ

The all-holy and immaculate Mother was there also, an eyewitness of the miracles and also listening to the teaching of the Lord. The mediatrix of all good things was the mediatrix of this miracle, too, because, as immaculate Mother, she desired to see the signs of her Son and Lord. For this reason, with respect and prudence, she drew his attention, and without giving him an order to do a miracle, nevertheless discreetly let him know the need of the moment, saying: "They have no wine."

From the depth of her heart she wanted to see the miracle take place, because she knew that he was the creator of all things, he who renews and changes nature as he wishes, he who had dwelt in her bosom in a manner superior to the laws of nature, keeping incorrupt her virginity: and he had gone forth from her bosom as he had wished, keeping her womb sealed and intact. Hence she had understood that he could do all that he wanted.

Thus the most holy Virgin Mother of the Lord, as far as possible, stayed inseparably united with her sweet Lord and desired Son. She accompanied him wherever he went and thought of it as salvation and the light of her eyes and of her soul to be able to journey with him and to listen to his words.

While the Lord came and went, as he announced and proclaimed salvation and healed every sickness and alienation, the pious ladies often accompanied him, and served him, witnessing the miracles he performed, as is written in the Gospel:

"There were many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, and they served him." But the holy and glorious Mother of the Lord was the guide of all of them, their protection and mediatrix with her Son and Lord.

Thus, there is transmitted to us, and we repeat it, that after the ineffable birth which transcends all knowledge, even that of the immaculate and blessed Mother, the Virgin-Mother never separated herself from her beloved Son and King; ever since childhood he was her Lord. She nursed him as she should have, served him as a handmaid, and remained inseparably united to him. When he reached the age of twelve years, and they went up to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover and upon returning the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, the immaculate Mother went about searching for him with anguish and sighs. And when she found him, she asked him sorrowfully: "Son, what have you done to us?" and what follows. Then he returned with them and came to Nazareth, and the royal Lord of all things remained subject to them. Then, when thirty years had been fulfilled, he began his apostolate and was baptized by John in the Jordan; and the Holy Spirit came over him in the form of a dove, and the Father attested from heaven that he was his beloved Son, and he began to preach and perform miracles. The holy Mother always accompanied him when she could and listened to his teachings.

--Maximus the Confessor

## ***This 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 Tigliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)

## ***Next Week: 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 (2 Masses):

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

† Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

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

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

**Tuesday, March 1:** No Mass. Pastor's day off

**Ash Wednesday, March 2nd (2 Masses):**

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

† Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

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

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

† Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

**Thursday, March 3 at 12:05 p.m.:**

† Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

**Friday, March 4 at 5:30 p.m.:** Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Spiritual Reflection

† Intentions of the Benefactors of our Church

## ***Stations of the Cross starts on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>***

The STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place at our Church every Friday during **Great Lent Season, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass**

*The "Stations of the Cross" is a devotion which consists of following the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by recalling the fourteen prominent events that took place from the time of the trial under Pontius Pilate until his death and burial on Mount Calvary.*

First Station: Jesus is condemned to death.

Second station: Jesus carries his cross.

Third Station: Jesus falls the first time.

Fourth Station: Jesus meets his afflicted mother.

Fifth Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross.

Sixth Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

Seventh Station: Jesus falls the second time.

Eighth Station: The daughters of Jerusalem weep over Jesus.

Ninth Station: Jesus falls the third time.

Tenth Station: Jesus is stripped of his garments.

Eleventh Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross.

Twelfth Station: Jesus dies on the cross.

Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the cross.

Fourteenth Station: Jesus is buried in the tomb.

## ***Next Weekend, March 5-6: Sunday of the Leper***

**Saturday March 5 at 4:00 p.m.:**

† Betty Abraham, Clara Carter, Evelyn Goodson by Jean Weisner and Family

† Bill Dougherty (Anniversary) by his wife Carol

† Lawrence Ferrera (Anniversary) by Larry & Becky Ferrera

**Sunday, March 6 at 10:30 a.m.:**

† Susie Fadoul (Anniversary) by her husband Millet & Family

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

## ***Schedule of coming events***

Palm Sunday	April 10
Good Friday	April 15
Easter Sunday	April 17

## **Women Society meeting** (*Sunday, March 6, after 10:30 a.m. Mass*)

The Women Society is seeking new members to join current membership. The Society assists the church with its social activities. There will be a meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> directly after 10:30 a.m. Mass.

## **Mass Time change in March**

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 March. 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
- ❖ In Honor of Tammy Strong
- ❖ In Honor of Kenny & Nancy Joseph

## **Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:**

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| 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 |
| March 21:    | Caroline Stees McDowell                             |
| March 22:    | Jennifer Imer                                       |
| March 26:    | Joseph John   |

## **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***

\$1,589.00	Sunday Collection
143.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection: Home Missions
38.00	Candles
270.00	Donations to the church
30.00	Easter Lillies
100.00	Utilities
\$2,170.00	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: Original Sin and Redemption*

A long time ago, long before Oedipus and Electra, God wrote a beautiful symphony of creation; chemicals, flowers, and animals were subject to man, man's passions were under the guidance of reason, and man's personality was in love with Love, which is God. God gave that symphony to a man and woman to play, with a complete set of directions, down to the detail of what to avoid. The man and woman, being free, could obey the Divine Director and produce harmony, or they could disobey Him. The Devil suggested that, because the Divine Director had marked the script and told them what to play and what not to play, He was destroying their freedom. The woman first succumbed to the idea that freedom is license, or absence of law; she struck a discord to prove her so-called "independence". It was a very unladylike thing to do. She then induced the man to do the same -which was a very ungentlemanly thing to do. On and on through the whole human race this original discord swept; whenever there was the conjunction of man and woman, it affected every human being, save one, who ever was born, for each inherited the effects of that disharmony. The discord even had its repercussions in the material universe, as thistles grew and beasts became wild. As a stream polluted at its source passes on the pollution through its length, so the original fault was transmitted to humanity.

That original discord could not be stopped by man himself, because he could not repair an offense against the infinite with his finite self. He had contracted a bigger debt than he could pay. The debt could be paid only by the Divine Master Musician coming out of His Eternity into time. But there is a word of difference between a discordant note and a rebellious human. One has no freedom, the other has; and God refuses to be a totalitarian dictator in order to abolish evil by destroying human freedom. God could seize a note, but He would not seize a man. Instead of conscripting man, God willed to consult humanity again as to whether or not it wanted to be made a member of the Divine orchestra once more. *(To be continued)*

*Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Peace of Soul, pp.38-39.*

## *Wisdom: Friends*

--"If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day, so I never have to live without you."                   (Winnie the Pooh)

--"True friendship is like sound health; the value of it is seldom known until it is lost."  
(Charles Caleb Colton)

--"A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."

--"Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Walk beside me and be my friend." (Albert Camus)

--"Strangers are just friends waiting to happen."

--"Friends are the Bacon Bits in the Salad Bowl of Life."

--"Friendship is one mind in two bodies." (Mencius)

--"Friends are God's way of taking care of us."

--"If you should die before me, ask if you could bring a friend." (Stone Temple Pilots)

--"I'll lean on you and you lean on me and we'll be okay." (Dave Matthews Band)

--"If all my friends were to jump off a bridge, I wouldn't jump with them, I'd be at the bottom to catch them"

--"Everyone hears what you say. Friends listen to what you say. Best friends listen to what you don't say."

Story

My eleven-year-old daughter and I were recently in a huge chain store. She headed over to the school supply section while I went for groceries. I finished shopping before she did and was standing in line at one of the fifteen checkouts. Her view of me was blocked by a huge book display. As I had plenty of time to spare, I watched her observing a bewildered elderly man shuffle around the front counter area. The poor soul had on shower slippers and clothing that had seen much better days. It was obvious that he was homeless.

I saw the sad look on Amanda's face as she scrabbled around in her small purse. I knew what she was doing, and had to restrain myself from giving her the money to give to the gentleman. She wanted to use her own money, so I squashed my motherly instincts. She left her cart in line, and walked a short distance behind the man, where she dropped the rolled up one dollar bills to the floor. My heart and eyes filled as she gently tapped him on the shoulder and pointed the money out to him. As he joyfully scooped up the money, I could read his lips telling Amanda "God bless you." My daughter sweetly shook her head no. She smiled up at him, said a few words, and then skipped back to her cart.

I pretended to be busy with my checkbook as I quickly wiped my eyes. Once back in our car and heading home, Amanda shyly related the story of how she had noticed the man looking at the cookies in the store. He had counted the change in his pocket then put the cookies he wanted to buy back on the shelf. She said, "Mom, I knew he was hungry and he seemed sort of confused. I didn't want him to be hungry."

So, did you give him some money or buy him some food?" I asked her.

My little angel replied, "No, Mama. I didn't want him to be embarrassed that I thought he was poor, so I told him I found some money on the floor, and that I thought it was his. He said, "God bless you, and I really do feel blessed. Then I showed him the bananas on sale."

This little "random act of 'kidness'" from my own child will continue to bless me for many years to come.

## ***A Time to Laugh (546)***

### ***Candor by the Dentist***

A dentist was overheard speaking to his patient as he bent over him with a hypodermic needle in hand: "You might feel a little sting. On the other hand, it might feel as though you've been kicked in the mouth by a mule."

### ***Ethics Test***

A young woman was soaking up the sun's rays on a Florida beach when a little boy in his swimming trunks, carrying a towel, came up to her and asked her, "Do you believe in God?"

She was surprised by the question but replied, "Why, yes, I do."

Then he asked her, "Do you go to church every Sunday?"

Again, her answer was "Yes!"

Then he asked, "Do you read your Bible and pray every day?"

Again, she said, "Yes!" But by now her curiosity was very much aroused. At last the boy sighed and said with obvious relief, "Will you hold my quarter while I go in swimming?"

### ***Relative Honesty***

A school teacher was trying to impress her students with the importance of honesty. She asked her class, "Suppose you found a briefcase with a half million dollars in it. What would you do?

Johnny raised his hand immediately and replied, "If it belonged to a poor family, I'd return it."

### ***False Hope***

Nothing gives you more false hope than the first day of a diet.

### ***Hard Dress to Iron***

A little girl went up to the front of the church to listen to the pastor's children's sermon. The pastor gathered the children around himself and noticed the beautiful new dress on this little girl. The pastor complimented the girl for her pretty dress and asked if it was new.

The little girl leaned toward the pastor and spoke directly into his lapel microphone: "Yes, pastor, this is my brand-new dress. And my mommy says that it is even harder to iron this dress than to listen to one of your sermons."