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## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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# Easter Sunday

## Christ is Risen! Truly Risen! Alleluia!

- \***Weekday Masses:** **Mondays and Wednesday:** No Mass. Pastor's office work.  
**Thursday at 12:00 Noon** [*Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass*]  
**Fridays:** No Mass. Pastoral visitations.
- \***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

## *Easter Sunday*

Readings: 1 Cor 15:12-26 and Mk 16:1-8

Easter always comes in the spring. Spring follows winter and Easter follows Great Friday and ends the Great Fast (Lent). Some comparisons will help us better understand the true meaning of Easter.

### BEFORE EASTER:

Before spring, during winter season, the whole earth is gloomy. Fields and forests are desolate and dead. Nothing grows. The birds are silent. The flowers are missing. The atmosphere is icy. During the Great Fast, our efforts aimed to tame and control our selfish selves through our prayer and fasting. Temporal and material things are reduced to the minimum -food, liquor, pleasure, leisure, etc.- for the sake of the spiritual growth. Winter is oriented to spring, and Great Fast is oriented to Easter. Dead winter emerges in flourishing spring, and Great Friday is but the preparation to the Resurrection.

### AT EASTER:

Therefore, Jesus' rising from the dead is like spring breaking forth. Spring, indeed, is the season of new beginnings. The seeds are germinating. Plants and trees have new flowers and new leaves. A new life starts in the nature. Winter time is over. At Easter, the winter of mankind is also over and the world is no more desolate. For a new life is given us by the Lord's Resurrection. All mankind is renewed in Christ. Our personal spring followed the period of fasting and mortification. Now, Risen Christ revives us and makes us grow in a new form of life. Thanks to Him, after we are dead we have come back to life; after we were lost we now are found. In Him we became new creatures.

To keep us alive in His grace, Jesus established the Mysteries or Sacraments of the Church as channels of renewal in our lives. In our baptism we died and rose with Christ, as Saint Paul says: "THROUGH BAPTISM INTO HIS DEATH WE WERE BURIED WITH HIM, SO THAT, JUST AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, WE TOO MIGHT LIVE A NEW LIFE." (Romans 6:4). If, after baptism, we die again in committing sin, we may rise again to the life through the sacrament of reconciliation. Risen Jesus alone can open for us the springs of grace and salvation, if we remain closely in touch with Him and His Church.

During the year, we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection every time we come together to worship Him in the Divine Liturgy.

## *Easter Greeting from the Pastor*

Dear Parishioners and friends,

We call it "Pascal Mystery": this awe-inspiring event which encompasses Christ's death, Christ's resurrection and Christ's return in glory. Although this event is situated in history it is always eternally present. Easter is its ritual celebration, yet each Sunday is an Easter Sunday and we are an Easter people. In the inspired words of the psalmist, we acclaim, "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Each one of us is called to that joy; a joy which comes from a change of mind and a change of heart, lifting us from all earth-bound attachments that occupy our days. This Easter joy is realized through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) which leads us to unity with the Risen Lord in the Eucharistic sacrifice a process of dying and rising again.

"Be intent on things above rather than on things of earth", we read in St. Paul. We let go of those things we falsely treasure, emptying ourselves of our pride and presumptions, becoming like Him, in the form of a servant -dispossessing ourselves from everything. Thus shall we await our sharing in triumph in the eternal and always present Pascal Mystery.

May your Easter be all joyful.

### *The Easter Obligation*

Easter Obligation received recently from: Mark & Catherine John (VA), Pam & Rick Obyc, Jay & Liz Murad,

Many Thanks for all our generous and faithful parishioners who donated toward the 2022 Easter Obligation. We sent to our Diocese the collected amount of \$3,000.00 to help our bishop pay for the tuitions of

the seminarians (our future priests) and the retired priests who served our parishes and his other office and charitable expenses. As Christians we are not responsible only toward our parish but toward our brothers and sisters beyond the borders of our parish. May you have a blessed Easter and may your donation rise like incense before God who sees everything and reward you for your good deeds. God bless you all. Happy Easter

## ***This Weekend, April 16-17: Easter Sunday***

### **Saturday of the Light, April 16:**

10:30 a.m.: Prayer of Forgiveness & Communal Reconciliation (No Mass)

4:00 p.m.: Easter Vigil Mass & "Rite of Peace"

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

✠ in Loving Memory of Shirley Elias Nickerson and all the Deceased members of the Elias Family by their loving Children.

### **Easter Sunday, April 17 at 10:30 a.m.:** Easter Day Mass & "Rite of Peace."

✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol Dougherty

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

## ***Next Week Mass Schedule***

**Monday, April 18:** No Mass. Post Easter Vacation

**Tuesday, April 19:** No Mass. Post Easter Vacation

**Wednesday, April 20:** No Mass. Post Easter Vacation.

### **Thursday, April 21 at Noon:**

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

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

**Friday, April 22:** No Mass. Post Easter Vacation.

## ***Next Weekend, April 23-24: New Sunday***

### **Saturday, April 23 at 4:00 p.m.:**

✠ John F. Kukula (Birthday) by his wife Mary Rose Kukula

✠ William M. Yeater (Anniversary) by Chris & Jeannette Wakim and Family.

### **Sunday, April 24 at 10:30 a.m.:**

✠ Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery and their daughter Wadad by the Ghafari Family in Michigan

✠ Our parents Joe & Nell Duffy and George & Rose Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy

✠ Robert L. Hunter Jr., (Anniversary) by Thomasina Geimer

✠ Louie & Cecilia Ammar by Ron & Susan (John) Burns

## ***Schedule of Coming Events***

May Queen	Sunday, May 1 <sup>st</sup> following Mass. Isabella AlKhouri will be the 2022 May Queen. All Families having children willing to share in the procession, please call 304-233-1688 so that we can prepare flowers for everyone.
Bake Sale	Pick-Up orders: Saturday, May 7th
Mother Day Masses	From Saturday, May 7 until Friday, May 13
Rummage Sale	Saturday, June 4 <sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Father Day Masses	From Saturday, June 18 until Friday, June 24

## ***Flowers to the Blessed Mother during May***

Week of 05/01/22	The Alkhouri Family
Week of 05/08/22	Liz Murad & Susan John-Burns
Week of 05/15/22	Linda Duffy, Becky Ferrera, & Luane Frazier

Week of 05/22/22	Mary Lee Porter, Veronic Mushet, & Jeanette Wakim
Week of 05/29/22	Mary Stees, Libby Magnone, & Pam Obyc

## **May Bake Sale** (*Pick-Up orders: Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>*)

Our much anticipated May Bake Sale is scheduled and preparations are underway. You will receive your Order Form in the mail soon. You can also find orders forms on our website at [www.ololwv.com](http://www.ololwv.com) or call the church at 304-233-1688.

The Bake Sale will offer: Kibbee, Meat Pies, Spinach Pies, Zaatar Bread and Sweet Bread for purchase. As in the past, you will pre-order and pre-pay for your food items.

Baking dates: Wednesday, May 4th & Thursday, May 5th

Hall set-up: Friday, May 6th

Order Pick-up (1-day only): **Saturday, May 7th 11:30AM - 4:00PM**

Customers may select their pick-up time on the Order Form. The OLOL May Bake Sale is the perfect opportunity to stock up on our delicious homemade food items or plan a special Lebanese dinner for your loved ones on Mothers Day! Mark you calendars now! We look forward to seeing you on May 7th.

## **Mothers' Week Masses** (*Saturday, May 7 until Friday, May 13*)

- ✠ Cecilia Ann Murad by her daughter Luane Frazier
- ✠ Louise N. Khourey & Gladys Howard by children Lou & Charlotte & grandchildren Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Emma Nader & Nabiha "Lena" Khourey by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- ✠ Minnie Church Riggs & Cassandra "Cassie" Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- ✠ Sadie Chidiac (mother), Kathrine & Hasibi (grandmothers) & all my sisters by Msgr. Bakhos
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carole Burkhart
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Susie Fadoul by her husband Millet and Family
- ✠ Ray McLaughlin Sr., by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ Mary K. Ferris by her daughter Denise Ferris
- ✠ June Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- ✠ Agnes Jacovetty by George & Patty (Jacovetty) Fahey
- ✠ Cecilia Mays and Saada Habdo by Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Nell Duffy and Rose Fadoul by Mickey & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Charlotte George by her daughter Margaret George
- ✠ Cecilia John by Ron & Susan Burns
- ✠ Sadie John, Tammammie Joseph and Sarah Burns by Ron & Susan Burns
- ✠ Martha & Ginny Shia by Sue Jochum and her grandchildren
- ✠ Anna Shia by Sue Jochum
- ✠ Ruth Shibben and Clara McFarland and Minnie Shibben by John & Dee Shibben

## **Living Mother's Day Masses**

**Please remember your mothers on Mother's Day by offering Masses for their souls.**

- ✠ Charlotte Khourey by her children Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ My sisters and their daughters in law by Msgr Bakhos

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

- April 20: Angela Petros
- April 28: Ann Marie Weisner Serafin
- April 29: Linda Hostutler, Jeannette Wakim
- May 5: Eden DeMuth
- May 6: Nikki Lenz

May 9: Mark Thomas  
 May 15: Austin Musilli  
 May 16: Jacqueline Petros  
 May 17: Tina Kitlak, David Weisner

<i><b>Your Church Support Last Week</b></i>	
\$2,309.00	Sunday Collection
274.00	Diocesan Appeal
47.00	Candles
460.00	Donations to the church
212.00	Bake sle
\$3,302.00	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

## ***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)

Joe Bryan, Regina Hancher, Thomasina Geimer, Mary Stees, 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 Shibben, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Ted Olinski, Patricia Corder,

## ***What's New?***

### ***Condolences: Mrs. Jan Thomas***

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Thomas Family on the loss of their beloved Jan who passed away in Ohio. Jan was the sister-in-law of our parishioner Eva Lee Powell. She was a great benefactor of our church. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid and we extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow.

### ***Rummage Sale*** (Saturday, June 4 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.)

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.
- Inflatable and games had been set in place.
- Only 500 numbered 50/50 Raffle tickets had been printed. If all tickets are sold, the winner's prize will be \$5,000 cash. Tickets will be mailed soon. Cost per ticket is \$20.00. Good luck.
- 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: Prayer & Occupation***

*"If you get tired kneeling, sit down."* That was Saint Francis de Sales' understanding advice to a pregnant woman, encouraging her to use the problems of her pregnancy itself as a prayer. *"Be careful to spare yourself in this pregnancy ... You can only give God what you have ... suffer with love what you have to suffer."*

Saint Francis was only giving his pregnant woman friend the same kind of common-sense spiritual advice that he gave to everyone who asked his help, in essence: *"You need prayer. Without it, your soul shrivels up. But you have to pray within the circumstances of your own life. A wife is not a nun. A husband is not a monk."* Listen to him:

*"When God the Creator made all things, he commanded the plants to bring forth fruit each according to its own kind; he has likewise commanded Christians, who are the living plants to his Church, to bring forth the fruits of devotion, each one in accord with its character, station, and calling."*

*I say that devotion must be practiced in different ways by the nobleman and by the working man, by the servant and by the prince, by the widow, by the unmarried girl and by the married woman. But even this distinction is not sufficient; for the practice of devotion must be adapted to the strength, to the occupation, and to the duties of each one in particular.*

*Tell me, please ... whether it is proper for a bishop to want to lead a solitary life like a Carthusian; or for married people to be more concerned than a Capuchin about increasing their income; or for a working man to spend his whole day in church like a religious; or on the other hand for a religious to be constantly exposed like a bishop to all events and circumstances that bear on the needs of our neighbor. Is not this sort of devotion ridiculous, unorganized, and intolerable?"* --John Cardinal O'CONNOR, *Covenant of Love*, pp.18-19.

## ***Wisdom: Friends***

There is no greater blessing than an understanding friend,  
 One who's there in times of trouble and on whom we can depend,  
 Who shares the happy moments and brightens cloudy days,  
 One who's slow to criticize and quick to offer praise.  
 There is no greater blessing than a friend who's loyal and true,  
 The very special kind of friend that I have found in you.

## ***Story: Learning Stories***

### ***1st Lesson - "Always Remember Those Who Serve."***

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. *"How much is an ice cream sundae?"* he asked. *"Fifty cents,"* replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it. *"Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?"* he inquired. By now more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient. *"Thirty-five cents,"* she brusquely replied. The little boy again counted his coins. *"I'll have the plain ice cream,"* he said. The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away.

The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies. You see, he couldn't have the sundae, because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

## ***2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson - "The Obstacle in Our Path"***

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock.

Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the king for not keeping the road clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded.

After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

The peasant learned what many of us never understand. Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

## ***3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson: God is a Surgeon***

We all know that God created man before woman... but then you always make a rough draft before you make the final masterpiece.

What's the difference between God and a surgeon?

God doesn't think. He's a surgeon.

## ***A Time to Laugh (6)***

### ***Selfishness***

An old woman died and was taken to the Judgment Seat by the angels. While examining her records however, the Judge could not find a single act of charity performed by her except for a carrot she had once given to a starving beggar.

Such, however, is the power of a single deed of love that it was decreed that she be taken up to heaven on the strength of that carrot. The carrot was brought to court and given to her. The moment she caught hold of it, it began to rise as if pulled by some invisible string lifting her up towards the sky.

A beggar appeared. He clutched on to the hem of her garment and was lifted along with her; a third person caught hold of the beggar's foot and was lifted too. Soon there was a long line of persons being lifted up to heaven by that carrot. And, strange as it may seem. The woman did not feel the weight of all those people who held on to her; in fact, since she was looking heavenward, she did not see them.

Higher and higher they rose until they were almost near the heavenly gates. That is when the woman looked back to catch a last glimpse of the earth and saw this whole train of people behind her.

She was indignant! She gave an imperious wave of her hand and shouted, "Off! Off, all of you! This carrot is mine!"

In making her imperious gesture she let go of the carrot for a moment -and down she fell with the entire train.

### ***Love***

The little daughter of an engineer was killed by a neighbor's dog. The cruel loss turned the community against the dog's owner and drove the father almost insane. At first it shattered his faith. Shortly afterward the region was stricken with famine conditions. The engineer took some of his meager supply of seed corn and planted it in the field of the neighbor whose dog had slain his little daughter.

Here is the love of enemy Jesus talked about. Nothing sentimental or philanthropic about it. Just the Grace of God can come and reward even those who have been shoved to the outermost port of great sorrow.

### ***Prayer***

When Brother Bruno was at prayer one night he was disturbed by the croaking of a bullfrog.

All his attempts to disregard the sound were unsuccessful so he shouted from his window, “Quiet ! I’m at my prayer.”

Now brother Bruno was a saint so his command was instantly obeyed. Every living creature held its voice so as to create a silence that would be favorable to prayer.

But now another sound intruded on Bruno’s worship, an inner voice that said, “Maybe God is as pleased with the croaking of that frog as with the chanting of your psalms.”

“What can please the ears of God in the croak of a frog?” was Bruno’s scornful rejoinder. But the voice refused to give up: “Why would you think God invented the sound?”

Bruno decided to find out why. He leaned out of his window and gave the order, “Sing!” The bullfrog’s measured croaking filled the air to the ludicrous accompaniment of all the frogs in the vicinity. And as Bruno attended to the sound, their voices ceased to jar for he discovered that, if he stopped resisting them, they actually enriched the silence of the night.

With that discovery Bruno’s heart became harmonious with the universe and, for the first time in his life he understood what it means to pray.

## *Famous Quotes (7)*

**Air conditioning**

--The best thing about an air conditioner is that the neighbors can’t borrow it.

**Air:**

--The air is about the only remaining thing that’s free, and it is becoming dangerous to breathe.

**Airplane:**

--It will soon take only two hours to get around the world, one hour for the flying and one hour to get to the airport.

--It would have helped a lot if the pioneers had located cities closer to airports.

**Alarm Clocks**

--The only thing worse than hearing the alarm clock in the morning is not hearing it.

--Some men have alarm clocks; I have my wife’s elbow.

**Alimony:**

--Alimony is repossessed love that one must still pay out on the installment plan.

--Alimony is the fee you have to pay for name dropping.

--Alimony is the high cost of leaving.

**Allowance:**

--An allowance is what you pay your children to live with you.

**Alone:**

--Better be alone than in bad company.

**Amateurs**

--Show me an amateur, and I’ll show you a person who is always willing to give you the benefit of his inexperience.

**Ambition:**

--Ambition may be all right, but it sure can get a fellow into a lot of hard work.

--When you are aspiring to the highest place, it is honorable to reach the second or even the third rank. (Cicero)

--Most people would succeed in small things if they were not troubled with great ambitions. (Henry Longfellow)

--I have no political ambitions for myself or my children. (Joseph P Kennedy)

--The ripest peach is highest on the tree. (James Whitcomb Riley)

--I had ambition not only to go farther than any man had ever been before, but as far as it was possible for a man to go. (Captain James Cook)

--We grow small trying to be great. (E. Stanley Jones)

--Too low they build who build below the skies. (Edward Young)

--All ambitions are lawful except those which climb upward on the miseries or credulities of mankind. (Joseph Conrad)