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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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6th Sunday of the Resurrection

- *Weekday Masses:** **Mondays and Wednesdays:** No Mass. Pastor's office work.
Tuesdays and 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

6th Sunday of the Resurrection

Readings: Rom 10:1-13 and Lk 24:36-48

Luke gives us here one of the accounts of the risen Lord's appearance to the apostles. Jesus will have to allow himself to be touched by them, to eat before their eyes, in order to convince them that it is indeed Himself, the crucified One, now restored to life. He is present in a way that is wholly different and yet the same. His Resurrection casts a light on the scriptures in a way which clarifies the past and announces the future, that, in His name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations.

"Their joy was so great they could not believe it..." (Lk 24:47). And we ourselves, if often torn between doubt and belief, can make this act of faith which will allow us, even today, to come into direct contact with the Living One, whose presence is quite different from that of the historical Jesus of Nazareth. The Eucharist is the privileged place where the Church is able to recognize "THE PRINCE OF LIFE" (Acts 3:15) who was offered up as a victim for the sins of the world. The living signs of His resurrection are when we meet together under His leadership, recall His words and the words of scripture, recount the testimony of those who saw Him, joyfully break bread and then head off again into the world where the tiny flame, which was enkindled at the first Eastertide, is spread from person to person. Because life itself is its own sure proof.

What influence does the reality of the Resurrection exercise upon our life as believers today? What place has the understanding of the scriptures in our interpretation of our life in Jesus Christ? Does our meeting with the Risen Lord in the Eucharist make us enthusiastic servants of the good news with which the deepest level of the heart of man, indeed the very depths of the earth, ought to resound?

This Weekend, May 21-22: 6th Sunday of the Resurrection

Saturday, May 21 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Jane Thomas and Diane Palotay by Eva Lee Powell
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ David & Tamammie Joseph by their loving grandchildren
- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don (Florida)
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)

Next Week Mass Schedule

Monday, May 23: No Mass. Office work.

Tuesday, May 24 at Noon:

- ✠ Robert Rose (Birthday) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Diane Palotay by Matt & Vickie Gompers

Wednesday, May 25: No Mass. Office work.

Thursday, May 26 at Noon: Ascension of our Lord

- ✠ Joel & Astrid McGlumphly (Wedding Anniversary) by Jerry McGlumphly
- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don (Florida)
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

Friday, May 27: No Mass. Pastoral visitations.

Next Weekend, May 28-29: 7th Sunday of the Resurrection

Saturday, May 28 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.
- ✠ Cynthia Thomas by Jeannine Thomas

Sunday, May 29 at 10:30 a.m.:

- † Bill Dougherty (Birthday) by his wife Carol
- † Nicholas and Nimnoom Ghaphery and their daughter Wadad by the Ghafari Family in Michigan
- † Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)

Schedule of Coming Events

Rummage Sale	Saturday, June 4 th 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 05/22/22	Mary Lee Porter, Veronic Mushet, & Jeanette Wakim
Week of 05/29/22	Mary Stees, Libby Magnone, & Pam Obyc

Deceased Fathers' Day Masses (Saturday, June 18 until Friday, June 24)

- † Richard W. Frazier by his wife Luane Frazier and sons Rich and John
- † Thomas A. Ferris by his daughter Denise Ferris
- † Dennis Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- † Vincent Jacovetty by George & Patty (Jacovetty) Fahey
- † Bill Dougherty & Charles Habdo by Carol Dougherty & Lisa Kennedy
- † George Fadoul & Joseph Duffy by Mickey & Linda Duffy
- † Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † Anthony George by his daughter Margaret George (MN)
- † Greg George by his sister Margaret George (MN)
- † John T. John & D. William Burns by Ron & Susan Burns
- † Thomas John & David Joseph by Ron & Susan Burns
- † Thomas Jochum by his children & grandchildren
- † Ed Shiben & Ray McFarland & Joseph Shiben by John & Dee Shiben
- † Ralph Shipley & Thomas Moses, Jr. & Namon Joseph & Thomas Moses, Sr. by Thomasina Geimer
- † John B. Moses by his son Jim Moses
- † Jan Hendrickson by his son Josh Hendrickson
- † Robert J. Shutler, Sr.; Fred Shutler; Harry J. Nolte; Jarry F. Nolte (great-grandfather) by Janet Shutler
- † Elias Frenn by Diane & Justin Frenn & Andreah & Zack Riedel
- † Samuel Gaudio (father) Holy Bine (husband) by Shirley Bine
- † Steve Schlog (father) & Bob Saseen (husband) by Fran Saseen
- † Donald A. Nickerson Sr., & Albert Nickerson by their loving Family
- † Nicholas Elias by his loving Family
- † Holly Bine by his wife Shirley & son Ken
- † Mike Joseph & Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Clay Allen & Albert Valles by Vickie Joseph
- † Louis Valles by Vickie Joseph
- † Silvio (Joe) Perilli & Antonio Perilli by Paula Perilli
- † John A. Tapscott by Paula Perilli
- † Walter Elwartoski by his son Richard Elwartoski
- † Melo J. Wakim by the Wakim Family
- † William M. Yeater & Lawrence J. Belt by Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- † George Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Augie Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Nimon Joseph & Maroon Habeb by Jean Weisner and Family
- † George Saseen by his son George Saseen
- † Steve Harasuik by his daughter Susan Saseen
- † Steve Sofka and Walter Machel by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sofka

- † Tim Stanton and Bill Sayre by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sofka
 † William E. Fitzgerald by Dick & Rosemary Coury
 † John Wilson (husband) & Rudy Theodore Hodulik & Wayne Wilson by Judy Wilson
 † Ray Palotay by the Palotay Family
 † Al Schroeder by Mark Schroeder & Jane Wine
 † Angelo Polsinelli by Rosalie Conti
 † James A. George Sr., by his wife Shirley & Children Tara and Jim Jr.
 † Frank Gray by his daughter Shirley George & grandchildren
 † Adib Chidiac (father) & Nadim Chidiac (brother) by Msgr. Bakhos
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Prayers for the Living Fathers (Saturday, June 18 until Friday, June 24)

- † Trent Jochum by his children
 † Dr. Adel Frenn, Jim Thomas & Mike Riedel by Diane & Justin Frenn & Andreah & Zack Riedel
 † Chris Wakim by Laura W. Chapman and Chris N. Wakim
 † Joe Popovich by Nikki Popovich
 † PJ Lenz by Joe & Nikki Popovich
 † George Saseen by Jena, Matt & Luke Saseen
 † Michael Sofka, Kevin Sofka, Philip Machel, Krzyztof Kowalski by Sarah Rinehart
 † Patrick Rinehart & Terry Rinehart by Sarah Rinehart

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- May 23: Jim George Jr.,
 May 27: Emmalena Khourey, Brad McLaughlin
 May 30: Josie Stees Fertig
 June 1: Billy Committee
 June 2: Debbie Sengewalt
 June 5: Earl "Mickey" Duffy, Mary Zaid Stees, Kenly George
 June 7: Jean Weisner
 June 9: Ava DeMuth
 June 14: P.J. Lenz, Kathy Boehm
 June 15: Becky Joseph Ferrera
 June 20: Nick Ghaphery, Jr.

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,481.00	Sunday Collection
26.50	Candles
190.00	Donation to the church
70.00	Donation in Memory of Diane Palotay
1,485.00	Mahrajan
60.00	Parking
145.00	Utilities
809.00	Bake Sale
\$4,266.50	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)

Renee Beabout (daughter of Marge John), 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 Shiben, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Ted Olinski, Patricia Corder,

What's New?

Bake Sale Financial Report

Income	Expenses	Net Profit
8,640.48	2,321.24	6,319.24

Many Thanks

--To Randy Weisner for taking care of the church electronic needs and other projects.
--To Ron & Kim Gibbone for cleaning the double oven in the kitchen. Job well done.

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

Starting on Tuesday, May 10 through Thursday, May 26, every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week, the basement hall will be open from 12 Noon until 3:00 p.m., for drop-offs. If a different day and time is needed, please call Linda to make arrangements , 304-242-6853. Thank you for all the donations!

2022 Mahrajan (Festival) (Sunday, August 14, 2022)

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 Lebanese Festival will begin with an outdoor Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Mahrajan which will begin at 11:30 a.m. (or 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.



- **Logo.** We have a **NEW Lebanese Festival Logo!** Please log-on to the Lebanese Fest Facebook page to view our NEW logo. **Please "Like" us on Facebook.**

- **Band & Singer** have been booked and contract signed.

- **50/50 Raffle** announcement has been mailed. The 50/50 Raffle will give you an opportunity to win \$5,000 if all tickets are sold! This year, we are only selling 500 numbered tickets. Tickets are \$20 each. You can purchase tickets from any Festival Committee member or call the church at 304-233-1688 for details. We will also be selling tickets after mass on Saturday's and Sunday's leading up to the day of the festival.

- **Festival Ad Book.** We are accepting ads for the Ad Book. If you have purchased an ad in past years, you should have received information in the mail. We are asking you to please consider renewing your previous ad or purchase new ad space for this year.

- **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 the help of our volunteers. If you are able to volunteer, 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: Psalm 23

Some probably never thought nor looked at Psalm 23 in this way, even though they say it over and over again.

The Lord is my Shepherd ***That's Relationship!***

I shall not want ***That's Supply!***

He made me to lie down in green pastures ***That's Rest!***

He leads me beside the still waters ***That's Refreshment!***

He restored my soul ***That's Healing!***

He leads me in the paths of righteousness ***That's Guidance!***

For His name sake ***That's Purpose!***

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death ***That's Testing!***

I will fear no evil ***That's Protection!***

For Thou art with me ***That's Faithfulness!***

Your rod and your staff they comfort me ***That's Discipline!***

You prepared a table before me in the presence of mine enemies ***That's Hope!***

You anointed my head with oil ***That's Consecration!***

My cup overflows ***That's Abundance!***

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life ***That's Blessing!***

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord ***That's Security!***

Forever ***That's Eternity!***

Wisdom

Funny, Isn't it ?!

Funny how hard it is to read a single chapter in the Bible,
but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a best selling novel.

Funny how people fight to get a front seat at any game or concert,
but scramble to get a back seat at church services.

Funny how we need 2 or 3 weeks advance notice to fit a church event into our schedule,
but can adjust our schedule for an outing with friends at the last moment.

Funny how hard it is for people to learn a simple gospel well enough to tell others,
but how simple it is for the same people to share a good piece of gossip.

Funny how we believe anything the newspaper says,
but question everything the Bible says.

Funny how everyone wants to go to heaven,
provided they do not have to believe, or to think, or to say, or do anything.

Funny how you can send a thousand jokes through e-mail and they spread like wildfire,
but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people hesitate to forward them for fear of
being found out.

FUNNY, ISN'T IT ?

Are you laughing? Are you thinking? Actually, it isn't funny at all!

“The greatest cause of atheism in the world today is people who proclaim the Lord with their lips and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable!”

Story: Life is precious

I stopped and watched a beggar boy as he carefully searched through the garbage-filled gutter that ran along the outside of my home. I knew he had to be scrounging for food so I called out to get his attention. For a second, I thought he might have glanced up at me, but then I realized I just happened to be standing where he looked. I felt the same disappointment I had felt with him many times before. Even though he was filthy, shoeless, dressed in rags, and obviously hungry, my shouted offers of help were repeatedly ignored.

"Why," I wondered, "doesn't he want my help?"

As a charitable person, it is my job to feed, clothe, and educate the poorest of the poor. During my twenty-plus years as a Catholic missionary, I have seen hundreds of thousands of poor children and homeless families. But this particular boy puzzled me. It was obvious he needed help, yet he seemingly would have none of it. Leaving him alone, I walked back to the orphanage and began to pore over the financial books. Frustrated at the realization that we were going to end the fiscal year two thousand dollars in debt, I had to make a difficult decision.

"We will not accept any more children into the program this year," I told our staff and volunteers in a strong clear voice. "We simply can't do it. How can we take in any more children when we can't even feed those we already have?"

Even though I hated the thought of turning needy children away, this time I was determined to stick by my decision.

Two days later, a surprise visitor knocked at my door. It was my shoeless friend! Covered with lice and foul smelling, he held up his hand and made a strange guttural sound from his throat. At first, I was confused, but then it hit me that he was deaf and could not speak. The poor child had ignored me all that time because he had never heard me call to him.

My confused smile broke into very loud laughter. God had sent me the one boy who could get me to break my commitment not to accept another child. God was letting me know it was He and not I who was ultimately in charge of such things.

Frank joined our mission that very same day. Abandoned by his father at birth, he was raised in the streets by an indifferent, alcoholic mother. When he was six-months old, a severe illness robbed him of his hearing. He had been begging on the streets for food since the age of four. The streets became his home. His bed was wherever he laid down to sleep at night.

Frank came into our very large family that day bringing with him bad habits, lice, fleas and rotted teeth. He also came with a very sharp mind, survival instincts, and keen emotions. Violence on TV could bring forth an anguished cry just as quickly as watching a mother kiss her son good night would bring tears to his eyes. I can only guess at the nightmares that often disrupted his sleep. Over the years, Frank was taught to communicate and he was able to receive an education. When his grade-school education came to an end at the mainstream public school, the teachers pooled their examination scores to determine the valedictorian. On the day of grade school graduation, it was Frank who was asked to come up and receive the honor—much to his surprise, but not to that of his wildly cheering classmates.

In times of desperation and when the hard work seems too much, I am sometimes tempted to give up. It is at those times, however, that I think of Frank. He is on his own now, working full-time and still studying on weekends. Because of his physical limitations, his salary is low. Still, he smiles a lot and works hard. He visits his mother who abandoned him to the streets so many years ago, and he goes to Mass often. I regularly ask our Blessed Mother to watch over this special child of God. I believe that she already has.

A Time to Laugh (11)

Truth

Old actress: *"I really don't know my age. It keeps changing from minute to minute."*

Truth

An American tourist was traveling abroad for the first time. On arrival at his first foreign airport, he was faced with a choice between two passageways. One of which was marked CITIZENS and the other ALIENS. He promptly headed for the first one. When told later that he would have to stand in the other line. He protested, *"But I'm no alien, I'm an American."*

Truth

When the English playwright Oscar Wilde arrived at his club late at night after witnessing the first presentation of a play that had been a complete failure, someone asked, *"How did your play go tonight, Oscar?"* *"Oh,"* said Wilde, *"the play was a great success. The audience was a failure."*

Grace

The President of the largest Banking Corporation in the world was in hospital. One of the Vice-Presidents came to visit him with this message:

“I bring you the good wishes of our board of directors, that you should be restored to health and live to be hundred years. That’s an official resolution passed by the majority of 15 to 6 with 2 abstentions.”

Truth

Nasruddin was arrested and taken to court on the charge that he was stuffing horsemeat into the chicken cutlets he served at his restaurant.

Before passing sentence the judge wanted to know in what proportion he was mixing horsemeat with chicken flesh. Nasruddin said, on oath, *“It was fifty-fifty, your honor.”*

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Tell me this won't happen to us!

Three sisters, ages 92, 94 and 96, live in a house together. One night the 96-year-old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters, 'Was I getting in or out of the bath?'

The 94-year-old yells back, 'I don't know. I'll come up and see.' She starts up the stairs and pauses 'Was I going up the stairs or down?'

The 92-year-old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters, she shakes her head and says, 'I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood.' She then yells. 'I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door.'

Tell me this won't happen to us!

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, 'Windy, isn't it?'

'No,' the second man replied, 'it's Thursday.'

And the third man chimed in, 'So am I. Let's have a beer'

Famous Quotes (12)

--When arguing with a stupid person, be sure he isn't doing the same thing.

--A man never tells you anything until you contradict him. (Bernard Shaw)

--Between friends differences in taste or opinion are irritating in direct proportion to their triviality (Auden)

--Silence is one of the hardest things to refute. (Josh Billings)

--A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still. (Samuel Butler)

--A contentious man will never lack words.

--Men may be convinced, but they cannot be pleased, against their will. (Samuel Johnson)

--You have not converted a man because you have silenced him.

--There are two sides to every question. (Greek proverb)

--A long dispute means both parties are wrong. Voltaire

--Any fact is better established by two or three good testimonies than by a thousand arguments. (N. Emmons)

--I learned long ago never to wrestle with a pig. You get dirty, and besides, the pig likes it. (Cyrus Ching)

--There is nothing so annoying as arguing with somebody who knows what he is talking about.

--If you win all your arguments, you'll end up with no friends.

- One of the greatest wastes of energy known to humankind is arguing with someone whose opinion you don't give a hoot about anyhow.
- There are two major theories as to how men can win arguments with their wives and maintain their respect. Neither theory, however, has yet worked.
- Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy.
- A degenerate nobleman is like a turnip. There is nothing good of him but that which is underground. (English saying)
- Arms carry peace. (Italian proverb)
- Let him who desires peace prepare for war. (Vegetius)
- Art is poetry without words. (Horace)
- If my husband would ever meet a woman on the street who looked like the women in his paintings, he would fall over in a dead faint. (Mis. Pablo Picasso)
- A modern artist is one who throws paint on a canvas, wipes it off with a cloth, and sells the cloth.
- An artist cannot speak about his art any more than a plant can discuss horticulture. (Jean Cocteau)
- Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature into his pictures. (Henry W. Beecher)
- Real books should be the offspring not of daylight and casual talk but of darkness and silence. (Marcel Proust)
- Do not ask a blind man which is the right way. (German proverb)
- Remember that in giving any reason at all for refusing, you lay some foundation for a future request. (Arthur Helps)
- Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood. Make big plans, aim high in hope and work. (Daniel H. Burnham)
- 'Tis but a base, ignoble mind that mounts no higher than a bird can soar. (William Shakespeare)
- In the long run men hit only what they aim at. Therefore, though they should fail immediately, they had better aim at something high. (Henry David Thoreau)
- Words can never adequately convey the incredible impact of our attitude toward life. The longer I live the more convinced I become that life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we respond to it. (Charles R. Swindoll)