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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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5th Sunday of Pentecost

- ***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

5th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Phil 3:7-14 and Mt 10:1-7

What is an apostle really?

Frankly, the impression we get from the New Testament hardly permits us to claim that these men were great or ingenious in the worldly sense. It is difficult even to count them 'great religious personalities,' if by this we mean bearers of inherent spiritual talents. John and Paul were probably exceptions, but we only risk misunderstanding them both by overstating this. On the whole, we do the apostle no service by considering him a great religious personality. This attitude is usually the beginning of unbelief. Personal importance, spiritual creativeness, dynamic faith are not decisive in his life. What counts is that Jesus Christ has called him, pressed his seal upon him, and sent him forth.

'You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and have appointed you that you should go and bear fruit . . .' (John 15:16). An apostle then is one who is sent. It is not he who speaks, but Christ in him. Spiritually, the apostle is seldom more than a 'little one'; precisely this guarantees the purity of his role of messenger.

To be nothing in oneself, everything in Christ; to be obliged to contain such tremendous contents is so small a vessel; to be a constant herald with no life of one's own; to forego once and forever the happy unity of blood and heart and spirit in all one does and is –something of the trials of such an existence dawns on us when we read the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, of that Paul who experienced so deeply the simultaneous greatness and questionableness of apostledom: "For I think God has set forth us the apostles last of all, as men doomed to death, seeing that we have been made a spectacle to the world, and to angels, and to men."

This Weekend, July 2-3: 5th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 2 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney & Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, July 3 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Kathleen Olinski and Alois Marchy and good health of Matt Ragase by Mary Ragase

Next Week Mass Schedule

Monday, July 4: No Mass. Happy 4th of July.

Tuesday, July 5 at Noon:

- ✠ Laura Z. Wakim (Anniversary) by Chris & Jeannette Wakim and Family
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)

Wednesday, July 6: No Mass. Office work.

Thursday, July 7 at Noon:

- ✠ Teresa Ferrera (Birthday) by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Kathleen Olinski and Alois Marchy and good health of Matt Ragase by Mary Ragase
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

Friday, July 8: No Mass. Pastoral visitations.

Next Weekend, July 9-10: 6th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 9 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

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

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, July 10 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Living & Deceased of the Duffy and Fadoul and Shedeed Families by Earl & Linda Duffy

✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol

Schedule of Upcoming Events

July, 11-17	NAM Convention, Minneapolis, MN
Sunday, August 14	Lebanese Festival (Mahrajan) 10:00 am Mass outdoor followed by Festival
September ?	Rummage Sale

Rummage Sale (Early September)

Many Thanks to all the workers of our parish rummage sale. Without you, we would not have made the profit of \$1,856.00 for the church.

We are planning another rummage sale in early September. Please keep in mind when coming to Mass on Saturday and Sunday, the basement hall can be opened for your donated items. For any questions, please call Linda at 304-242-6853

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

July 3: Larry Ferrera
 July 5: Bill Committee
 July 11: Justin Wilson
 July 12: Shaun Hancher
 July 14: Chloe Imer
 July 15: Denny Albaugh
 July 16: Payton Wilson, Pam Obyc
 July 20: Shirley George
 July 22: Grace Klein, Mark Boehm
 July 26: Anna Marie Duymich
 July 30: Dee Shiben, Susan John Burns
 August 2: Rosella C. DeMuth

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,463.00	Sunday Collection
139.00	2 nd collection: Peter's Pence
68.00	Candles
26.00	Coffee hour
900.00	Donation to the church From the Mercy Meal Joe Bryan
100.00	Donation to the Women Society for serving the Mercy Meal of Joe Bryan
160.00	Mahrajan
\$2,856.00	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)
 Emily Harris, Renee Beabout (daughter of Marge John), 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?

Win Cash – NAM Raffle (July, 11-17)

If you want to share in the Raffle of the 2022 Maronite Convention in Minneapolis, please call Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688 and purchase a book of 5 tickets for \$20.00. Good luck.

1 st Prize	\$4,000
2 nd Prize	\$1,000
3 rd Prize	\$700

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.

- **Table Reservations:** 1 table seating 8 people under tent (cost price: \$130.00; 1 open-air wooden picnic table: \$65.00. Reservation due date is June 29th.

- **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: Salvation

We want to be saved, but in our own way, not God's

Very often one hears it said that people ought to be free to worship God, each in his own way. This indeed is true, so far as it implies freedom of conscience and each person's duty of living up to the special lights that God had given him. But it can be very wrong if it means that we worship God in *our* way and not His. Consider an analogy: The traffic situation would be tangled and desperate if we said that the American way of life allowed every person to drive a car in *his* or *her* way and not according to the traffic laws. Catastrophe would result if patients began saying to the doctor: "*I want to be cured in my own way, but not in yours,*" or if

citizens said to the government: *"I want to pay my taxes, but in my own way and not in yours."* Similarly, there is a tremendous egotism and conceit in those popular articles and lectures entitled: *"My Idea of Religion,"* or *"My Idea of God."* An individual religion can be as misleading and uninformed as an individual astronomy or an individual mathematics.

Persons who say: *"I will serve God in my way, and you serve God in your way,"* ought to inquire whether it would not be advisable to serve God in God's Way. But it is precisely this prospect of a stable, universally true religion that frightens the modern soul. For if his conscience is uneasy, he wants, instead, a religion that will leave out hell. If he has already married again against the law of Christ, he wants a religion that does not condemn divorce. Such a reservation means that a person wants to be saved, not in God's way, but in his. In thus refusing to moult his vain desires, he misses the flight to that: *"Love that leaves all other beauty pain."*

--Bishop Fulton Sheen, *Peace of Soul*, pp.57-58.

Wisdom: God and USA

Revisit History

It is well for us to "revisit" history, and to remind ourselves what this country was founded on. Important too, is to recognize that there have been, and still are, some people who will go to any lengths to "rewrite" history to meet their own particular agendas.

History Forgotten? Did you know that 52 of the 55 signers of the Declaration of Independence were orthodox, deeply committed Christians? The other three all believed in the Bible as the divine truth, the God of scripture, and His personal intervention. It is the same Congress that formed the American Bible Society. Immediately after creating the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress voted to purchase and import 20,000 copies of scripture for the people of this nation.

Patrick Henry, who is called the firebrand of the American Revolution, is still remembered for his words, "Give me liberty or give me death." But in current textbooks the context of these words is deleted. Here is what he actually said: "An appeal to arms and the God of hosts is all that is left us. But we shall not fight our battle alone. There is a just God that presides over the destinies of nations. The battle sir, is not to the strong alone. Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death."

These sentences have been erased from our textbooks. Was Patrick Henry a Christian? The following year, 1776, he wrote this "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great Nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For that reason alone, people of other faiths have been afforded freedom of worship here."

Consider these words that Thomas Jefferson wrote on the front of his well-worn Bible: "I'm a real Christian, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus. I have little doubt that our whole country will soon be rallied to the unity of our Creator" He was also the chairman of the

American Bible Society, which he considered his highest and most important role.

On July 4, 1821, President Adams said, "The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."

Calvin Coolidge, our 30th President of the United States reaffirmed this truth when he wrote, "The foundations of our society and our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings would cease to be practically universal in our country."

In 1782, the United States Congress voted this resolution: "The Congress of the United States recommends and approves the Holy Bible for use in all schools."

William Holmes McGuffey is the author of the McGuffey Reader, which was used for over 100 years in our public schools with over 125 million copies sold until it was stopped in 1963. President Lincoln called him the "Schoolmaster of the Nation." Listen to these words of Mr. McGuffey: "The Christian religion is the religion of our country. From it are derived our notions on the character of God, on the great moral Governor of the universe. On its doctrines are founded the peculiarities of our free institutions. From no source has the author drawn more conspicuously than from the sacred Scriptures. From all these extracts from the Bible I make no apology."

Of the first 108 universities founded in America, 106 were distinctly Christian, including the first, Harvard University, chartered in 1636. In the original Harvard Student Handbook, rule number 1 was that students seeking entrance must know Latin and Greek so that they could study the scriptures: "Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life, (John 17:3); and therefore to lay Jesus Christ as the only foundation for our children to follow the moral principles of the Ten Commandments? James Madison, the primary author of the Constitution of the United States, said this: "We have staked the whole future of our new nation not upon the power of government; far from it.

We have staked the future of all our political constitutions upon the capacity of each of ourselves to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments."

Today, we are asking God to bless America. But, how can He bless a Nation that has departed so far from Him? Prior to September 11, He was not welcome in America. Most of what you read in this article has been erased from our textbooks. Revisionists have rewritten history to remove the truth about our country's Christian roots. Please share this information with others, so that the truth of our nation's history will be told.

Little Stories

Ice Cream Sundae

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 a tip.

Sticking Together

A flock of wild geese had settled to rest on a pond. One of the flock had been captured by a gardener, who had clipped its wings before releasing it. When the geese started to resume their flight, this one tried frantically, but vainly, to lift itself into the air. The others, observing his struggles, flew about in obvious efforts to encourage him; but it was no use.

Thereupon, the entire flock settled back on the pond and waited, even though the urge to go on was strong within them. For several days they waited until the damaged feathers had grown sufficiently to permit the goose to fly.

Meanwhile, the unethical gardener, having been converted by the ethical geese, gladly watched them as they finally rose together and all resumed their long flight.

Little bunnies...and their protector!

These little bunnies, about 6 days old, were attacked by a dog and orphaned.

Two out of the litter of five did not survive, and these three were not doing very well.

Noah is a non-releasable, one-legged homing pigeon that we have here in rehab. Noah kept going over to the bunny cage and looking in... even sleeping in front of the door to the cage.

Then, 2 days ago, I only counted 2 bunnies in the cage, so I hurriedly picked Noah up from the front of the cage so I could look inside. And to my surprise... there was the tiny bunny... under Noah's wing... sound asleep! The bunny had crawled through the cage... preferring a featherbed, no doubt.

Now, they are all together, and the bunnies are doing GREAT. When the bunnies scoot underneath Noah's feathers, he extends his wings out to surround them, and they snuggle. When one of them moves and they start sticking out here and there, he gently pushes them back under him with his beak! This is amazing!!!
 "He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge." Psalm 91:4 'IN GOD WE TRUST'

A Time to Laugh (17)

Human Nature

A little girl, who had been told that Lincoln wasn't very good-looking, was taken by her father to see the President at the White House. Lincoln took her on his knee and chatted with her for a while in his gentle, humorous way. Suddenly the little girl called out, "Daddy! He isn't ugly at all. He's just beautiful!"

Enlightenment:

The human condition is perfectly depicted in the case of the poor drunk standing late at night outside the park, beating on the fence and yelling: "Let me out!"

It is only your illusions that prevent you from seeing that you are -and have always been- free.

Golden Words

"No more war, war never again. Never one against the other, or even one above the other. But always, on every occasion, with each other." -- (Pope Paul VI, 1965)

Signs of the Times

At a carpet store in Las Vegas: "We guarantee to beat them all."

At a turf farm in Helendale, California: "Easy to get a lawn with."

People are like that

A bag of bagels in my arms, I stopped to buy a subway token at the station. A homeless person stood by the token, crumpled coffee cup in hand, asking for change. I bought my token and then asked if the man would like a bagel. "They're still warm," I said.

His eyes lit up. "Sure," he said. The man thanked me, and I wished him well as I walked to the platform. I congratulated myself on a good deed until I saw one that put me to shame.

As I stepped into my train, I looked back toward the token booth. The homeless man had broken his bagel in two, and offered half to a man crouched in a dark corner of the terminal. As my train moved on, I watched as a man who had little gave all he could to one who had nothing.

In a Parish

The weather was menacing: dark, brooding clouds filled the sky. The wind took on a chill and picked up speed; obviously, a summer storm was not far off. Father Robert had just finished reading the gospel and begun his sermon at the Saturday evening Mass. His sermons usually are filled with jokes, and he was relating to us the time a child saw him during Mass and asked if Father Robert was Jesus.

"Of course," the priest told us, "the woman corrected her son." But in retelling the story to us, the priest jokingly said, "You know, the boy was pretty close to the truth, though..."

As Father Robert joked, a cloud clap of thunder shook the windows, leaving the church without power, in utter darkness. Father Robert, forced to continue his homily in the dark, looked upward tentatively and said, "Hey, sorry about that." And just as coincidentally, the power came back on.

Famous Quotes (17)

--When asked at the end of his life if he were prepared to die, Socrates replied: "Know you that I have been preparing for it all my life."

--How can a person be depressed when you look into the eyes of a dying person and know that within a short time that person will see God face to face? (Rev. George Goodbout)

--The devil comes and tempts all the servants of God. Those who are strong in the faith resist him and he goes away from them, because he cannot find entrance. So, he goes then to the empty and, finding an entrance, he goes into them. Thus, he accomplishes in them whatever he pleases and makes them his slaves. (Shepherd of Hermas)

--Regarding the devil and his angels, and the opposing influences, the teaching of the Church has laid down that these beings exist indeed; but what they are, or how they exist, it has not explained with sufficient clearness. This opinion, however, is held by most, that the devil was an angel, and that having become an apostate he induced as many of the angels as possible to fall away with himself, and these up to the present time are called his angels. (Origen)

--The devil is a gentleman who never goes where he is not welcome. (John A. Lincoln)

--Dignity is the capacity to hold back on the tongue what never should have been in the mind in the first place.

--We have but one life. We get nothing out of it except by putting something into it. To relieve suffering, to help the unfortunate, to do kind acts and deeds is, after all, the one sure way to secure happiness or to achieve real success. Your life and mine shall be valued not by what we take... but by what we give. (Edgar "Daddy" Allen, Founder of Easter Seals)

--When we come to the edge of the light we know, and are about to step off into the darkness of the unknown, of this we can be sure ... either God will provide something solid to stand on or ... we will be taught to fly.

--The man who does not read is no better off than the man who cannot!

--"I think the world today is upside- down. It is suffering so much because there is so little love in the home and in family life. We have no time for our children. We have no time for each other. There is no time to enjoy each other ... Everybody today seems to be in such a terrible rush, anxious for greater development and greater riches, so that children have very little time for their parents. And parents have very little time for their children and for each other.

--People who really and truly love each other are the happiest people in the world. We see that with our very poor people. They love their children and they love their families ... Jesus did not say, "Love the whole world." He said, "Love one another." "The family that prays together, stays together." (Mother Teresa)

--Family life is the first and irreplaceable school of social virtues, such as respect for persons, gratuitousness, trust, responsibility, solidarity, cooperation. Dear married couples, watch over your children ... transmit to them, with serenity and trust, reasons for living, the strength of faith, pointing them toward high goals and supporting them in their fragility ... Your vocation is not easy to live, especially today, but the vocation to love is a wonderful thing, it is the only force that can truly transform the world." (Pope Benedict XVI, 2012)

--A fanatic is someone who can't change his mind and won't change the subject. (Winston Churchill)

--Give a man a fish and you will feed him for a day.

--Teach him how to fish and you can sell him a rod.

--The fool has said in his heart: There is no God above (Ps 13). The "fool" in the Bible is not an ignoramus; nor is he a theoretical atheist or agnostic, a phenomenon apparently unknown to the Old Testament writers living in a polytheistic world. He is one who has his values all wrong and is encouraged by past experience to behave as if God would never take action.