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## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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## 6<sup>th</sup> 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

## *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost*

Readings: 1 Cor 12:12-13,27-30 and Mt 10:16-25

It is evident that the gospel of the kingdom has not yet been preached in all the world. It is not reported to have been preached among all the Ethiopians, especially among those beyond the river, nor among the Serae, nor in the East. What are we to say of the Britons, or of the Germans along the ocean, or of the barbarians, Dacians, Samaritans and Scythians, the greatest part of whom have not yet heard the word of the gospel, but who will certainly hear it by the time of the end? If any one is minded to say rashly that the gospel of the kingdom has already been preached in all the world as a testimony to all nations, he will consequently be constrained to say that the end has already come! That would be a most rash statement indicating a lack of understanding.

Therefore the Lord exhorts us to wait with patient and reverent faith until the end comes, for *“Blessed is he that endures to the end.”* It is neither a blessed nothingness that awaits us, nor is nonexistence the fruit, nor annihilation the appointed reward of faith. Rather the end is the final attainment of the promised blessedness. They are blessed who endure until the goal of perfect happiness is reached, when the expectation of faith reaches toward complete fulfillment. Their end is to abide with unbroken rest in that condition toward which they are presently pressing.

### *This Weekend, July 9-10: 6<sup>th</sup> 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

### *Next Week Mass Schedule*

Monday, July 11: No Mass. NAM Convention

Tuesday, July 12: No Mass. NAM Convention

Wednesday, July 13: No Mass. NAM Convention

Thursday, July 14: No Mass. NAM Convention

Friday, July 15: No Mass. NAM Convention

### *Next Weekend, July 16-17: Saint Sharbel*

#### Saturday, July 16 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Antoine Chidiac (uncle of Msgr Bakhos) by Dave Sengewalt
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ‡ Special Intention

#### Sunday, July 17 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ LaVerne Thomas (Anniversary) by Dr. Adel, Diane, Justin Frenn and Zack & Andrea Riedel
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas & Sadie John Family by Ron & Susan (John) Burns
- ✠ Virginia Khourey Bryan by Lou & Charlotte and Emmalena and Louie Khourey

### *Schedule of Upcoming Events*

Monday, July 11th	Food Handlers Class at 4:00 p.m.
July, 11-17	NAM Convention, Minneapolis, MN

Sunday, August 14	Lebanese Festival (Mahrajan) 10:00 am Mass outdoor followed by Festival
September ?	Rummage Sale

### ***Food Handlers Class*** (Monday, July 11 at 4:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall)

A representative from the Health Department will hold a Food Handlers Class on Monday, July 11, at 4:00 p.m. The class will last approximately one hour. Please submit your name to Charlotte, (304) 639-1372 or Jeanette at (304) 551-3934, or text them with your name so that cards can be presented after the meeting. All volunteers are required to have a current card.

### ***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 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
August 7:	Rita Strawn
August 10:	Thomasina Geimer

### ***Your Church Support Last Week***

\$1,302.00	Sunday Collection
29.00	Candles
29.00	Coffee hour
80.00	T-Shirts sales
400.00	Hall rental
205.00	Mahrajan
528.00	utilities
\$2,573.00	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?***

***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 29<sup>th</sup>.

- **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*

Sit in your cell, as in Paradise; leave all memory of the world behind you; watch your thoughts, as a good fisherman watches the fish. Salvation consists in the chanting of psalms; do not abandon it. Remain always in fear and trembling, in the presence of God, like one who stands before an emperor.

—from the fathers of the desert

## *Wisdom: God's Boxes*

I have in my hands two boxes, which God gave me to hold.

He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box, and all your joys in the gold."

I heeded His words, and in the two boxes, both my joys and sorrows I stored,  
But though the gold became heavier each day, the black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black, I wanted to find out why,

And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole which my sorrows had fallen out by.

I showed the hole to God, and mused, "I wonder where my sorrows could be."

He smiled a gentle smile and said, "My child, they're all here with me."

I asked God why He gave me the boxes, why the gold, and the black with the hole?

"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings, the black is for you to let go."

## *Story*

### **'THE BIRTH OF THE SONG PRECIOUS LORD'**

Back in 1932, I was 32 years old and a fairly new husband. My wife, Nettie and I were living in a little apartment on Chicago 'S Southside. One hot August afternoon I had to go to St. Louis, where I was to be the featured soloist at a large revival meeting. I didn't want to go.

Nettie was in the last month of pregnancy with our first child. But a lot of people were expecting me in St. Louis. I kissed Nettie good-bye, clattered downstairs to our Model A and, in a fresh Lake Michigan breeze, chugged out of Chicago on Route 66.

However, outside the city, I discovered that in my anxiety at leaving, I had forgotten my music case. I wheeled around and headed back. I found Nettie sleeping peacefully. I hesitated by her bed; something was strongly telling! Me to stay. But eager to get on my way, and not wanting to disturb Nettie, I shrugged off the feeling and quietly slipped out of the room with my music. The next night, in the steaming St. Louis heat, the crowd called on me to sing again and again. When I finally sat down, a messenger boy ran up with a Western Union telegram.

I ripped open the envelope. Pasted on the yellow sheet were the words: YOUR WIFE JUST DIED. People were happily singing and clapping around me, but I could hardly keep from crying; I rushed to a phone and called home. All I could hear on the other end was 'Nettie is dead. Nettie is dead.'

When I got back, I learned that Nettie had given birth to a boy. I swung between grief and joy. Yet that night, the baby died. I buried Nettie and our little boy together, in the same casket. Then I fell apart. For days I closeted myself. I felt that God had done me an injustice. I didn't want to serve Him any more or write gospel songs.

I just wanted to go back to that jazz world I once knew so well. But then, as I hunched alone in that dark apartment those first sad days, I thought back to the afternoon I went to St. Louis. Something kept telling me to stay with Nettie. Was that something God? Oh, if I had paid more attention to Him that day, I would have stayed and been with Nettie when she died. From that moment on I vowed to listen more closely to Him. But still I was lost in grief. Everyone was kind to me, especially a friend, Professor Fry, who seemed to know what I needed. On the following Saturday evening he took me up to Malone's Poro College, a neighborhood music school. It was quiet; the late evening sun crept through the curtained windows. I sat down at the piano, and my hands began to browse over the keys. Something happened to me then. I felt at peace. I felt as though I could reach out and touch God. I found myself playing a melody, once into my head they just seemed to fall into place:

*I learned that when we are in our deepest grief, when we feel farthest from God, this is when He is closest, a 2nd when we are most open to His restoring power. And so I go on living for God willingly and joyfully, until that day comes when He will take me and gently lead me home. -Tommy Dorsey*

Did you know that Tommy Dorsey wrote this song? I surely didn't. What a wonderful story of how God CAN heal the brokenhearted!

## *A Time to Laugh (18)*

### ***Authority***

Many years ago a bishop on the east coast of the United States paid a visit to a small religious College on the west coast. He was lodged in the home of the college president who was a progressive young man, a professor of physics and chemistry.

The president one day invited the members of his faculty to dinner with the bishop so they could benefit from his wisdom and experience. After dinner the talk turned to the millennium and the bishop claimed that it could not be far off one of the reasons he adduced for this was the fact that everything in nature had been discovered and all possible inventions had been made.

The president politely demurred. In his opinion, he said, humanity was on the threshold of brilliant new discoveries. The bishop dared the president to mention one. The president said he expected that within the next fifty years or so humans would learn to fly.

This threw the bishop into a fit of laughter. "Rubbish, my dear man," he exclaimed, "if God had intended us to fly, He would have provided us with wings. Flight is reserved for the birds and the angels."

(The bishop's name was Wright. He had two sons named Orville and Wilbur -the inventors of the first airplane in Dayton, Ohio).

## ***Spirituality***

A rich Muslim went to the mosque after a party and had to take off his expensive shoes and leave them outside the mosque. When he came out after prayer the shoes were gone.

"How thoughtless of me," he said to himself. "By foolishly leaving those shoes here I was the occasion for someone to steal them. I would have gladly given them to him. Now I am responsible for creating a thief."

## ***Authority***

A priest's daughter asked him where he got the ideas for his sermons.

"From God," he replied.

"Then why do I see you scratching things out?" asked the girl.

## ***Lightbulb Changers-A Collection***

Q: How many Presbyterians does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: They don't know, but they will appoint a commission to discuss it and report back at the next meeting, at which time it will be discussed and referred back for further work.

Q: How many Presbyterians does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: Are you kidding? They don't change burned out lightbulbs. After all, it was predestined to burn out. How can you fight predestination?

## ***Famous Quotes (18)***

--"We think that forgiveness is weakness, but it's absolutely not; it takes a very strong person to forgive."

(T. D. Jakes )

--"We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly." (Aristotle )

--After a speech one day, Zig Ziglar was approached by someone in the audience who said:

"Zig, it was a great speech, but...motivation doesn't last."

Zig said, "Bathing doesn't either. That's why I recommend it daily!"

Zig loved quotes and believed that the right quote could provide "a-ha" moments and could help to reinforce a positive attitude.

--Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts. (Winston Churchill)

--The future of our Armed Services and the future of this country will be integrally linked with how we take care of our Veterans. (George Washington)

--You can't expect good people to succeed in a lousy organization. (J. D. Gordon, Retired U. S. Navy Commander)

--For all of life is like that race, With ups and downs and all. And all you have to do to win, is rise each time you fall. (Dee Groberg)

-They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

**FUNNY QUOTES:**

Don't name a pig you plan to eat.

Country fences need to be horse high, pig tight and bull strong.

Life is not about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce.

Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.

Life is simpler when you plow around the stumps.  
Mortgaging a future crop is saddling a wobbly colt.  
A bumblebee is faster than a John Deere tractor.  
Trouble with a milk cow is she won't stay milked.  
Don't skinny dip with snapping turtles.  
Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.  
Meanness don't happen overnight.  
To know how country folks are doing, look at their barns, not their houses.  
Never lay an angry hand on a kid or an animal, it just ain't helpful.  
Teachers, bankers, and hoot owls sleep with one eye open.  
Forgive your enemies. It messes with their heads.  
Don't sell your mule to buy a plow.  
Two can live as cheap as one if one don't eat.  
Don't corner something meaner than you.  
It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.  
You can't unsay a cruel thing.  
Every path has some puddles.  
When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.  
The best sermons are lived, not preached.  
Most of the stuff people worry about happening, don't.  
Lazy and Quarrelsome are ugly sisters.