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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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9th 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

9th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: 2 Cor 5:20-6:10 and Lk 4:14-21

“Mr. and Mrs. X request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their son with Miss Y, and afterwards at the wedding reception. Dress formal.” So runs a standard invitation. What is to be said about the unusual account related to us by the evangelist? A king who had to remind his guests twice of the wedding of his son, and people who reacted to the royal invitation with indifference or open hostility; the sudden change from feast to punishment of the miscreants, whose town is burnt; the guests gathered in here and there along the roads, so that the hall might be filled; and finally, this poor unfortunate man thrown out into the darkness, when he had neither the time nor the means to dress himself for the wedding?

All that is not natural, precisely because we are dealing with the supernatural: with salvation, that feast of joy and fellowship to which first Israel was invited, and afterwards the Church and all mankind.

The parable describes in broad outline their different fates: Israel’s refusal of and opposition to the invitation of the prophets and holy men, as well as its rejection of the Gospel as proclaimed by Jesus and His Apostles; the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD, which had the meaning of a sign for the first Christian community; the spread of the Church among the pagans.

But if “many are called - few are chosen”. It is possible to be Christian in name and at the same time fail to be converted; it is possible to believe oneself invited to the banquet of the Kingdom and yet remain indifferent to the empty plates in front of so many children of the world, What counts is living as one baptized, not the baptismal certificate; it is the putting on of Christ of which the apostle speaks, “THE PUTTING ON OF THE NEW SELF THAT HAS BEEN CREATED IN GOD’S WAY, IN THE GOODNESS AND HOLINESS OF TRUTH.” (Eph.4:24) Without that, the handsome invitation card is worthless in the eyes of the king!

This Weekend, July 30-31: 9th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 30 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ George Alan Weisner (Anniversary) by Jean Weisner & Children
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, July 31 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Nick Bedway by Cindy & Mike Perring
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.
- ✠ Kathleen Olinski & Alois Marchy & good health of Matt Ragase by Mary Ragase

Next Week Mass Schedule

Monday, August 1: No Mass. Pastor’s day off.

Tuesday, August 2 at Noon:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.
- ✠ Nick Bedway by Debbie Gibson

Wednesday, August 3: No Mass. Office work.

Thursday, August 4 at Noon:

- ✠ Nick Bedway by Missy Nash
- ✠ Kathleen Olinski & Alois Marchy & good health of Matt Ragase by Mary Ragase
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.

Friday, August 5: No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

Next Weekend, August 6-7: Transfiguration of our Lord

Saturday, August 6 at 4:00 p.m.: Transfiguration of our Lord (actual feast)

- ✠ Kathleen Olinski & Alois Marchy & good health of Matt Ragase by Mary Ragase
 ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
 ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt.
 † Special Intention

Sunday, August 7 at 10:30 a.m.: Transfiguration of our Lord

- ✠ Barbara Hostage by Diane and Tom Misko
 ✠ Nick Bedway by Cindy & Mike Perring
 ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 7	OLOL Women's Society Meeting in Cedar Hall after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Thursday, August 11	Baking Kibbee for Mahrajan. Your help is much needed.
Sunday, August 14	Lebanese Festival (Mahrajan) 10:00 a.m. Mass outdoor followed by Festival
September 2 nd	Rummage Sale from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
September 3 rd	Rummage Sale from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Rummage Sale (Early September)

Our parish rummage sale is set for Friday, September 2nd from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, September 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Your donation can be dropped off at the basement hall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon to 3:00 p.m., or on Saturday and Sunday when you come to Mass. For any questions, please call Linda at 304-242-6853

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- August 2: Rosella C. DeMuth
 August 7: Rita Strawn
 August 10: Thomasina Geimer
 August 16: Tara George Musilli
 August 17: Judy Bedway
 August 20: Tricia Committee
 August 23: Georgene Weisner Manning
 August 31: Joseph R. Simon
 September 1: Janet Fadoul Wilson

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,097.00	Sunday Collection
37.00	Candles
25.00	Coffee hour
343.00	Donation to the church
395.00	Mahrajan
\$1,897.00	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?

In Our Mailbox

Dear Monsignor Bakhos,

Thank you for all you do and for all you have done for us, Diana Gavin and Paula Perilli, family. May God always continue his Blessings upon you and the wonderful our Lady of Lebanon congregation. I miss being in Wheeling to see you! Please take care always. This is a donation of \$100.00 for the Mahrajan just in which you work so difficult for all. Sincerely, Diane Gavin (California) and Paula Perilli (Virginia)

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** The 500 numbered tickets are sold. Drawing at the festival. Good luck for the \$5,000 winner.

- **Festival Ad Book.** No more ads accepted. The souvenir book is sent to the printer.

- **Table Reservations:** 24 tables seating 8 people under one tent are reserved. No more reservations under tents. Only open-air wooden picnic tables of \$65.00 each are still available.

- **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: Self control

The totalitarian regimes are symptomatic of a disease that has also attacked the men and women in countries that are free. It is the disease of disorder within humanity. Few realize the terrible dimensions of the present catastrophe; they are blinded by the fact that man has made great material progress. The truth of the matter is, however, that humanity has lost control over itself at the very moment when it has gained control over nature. Because humans have lost self-control and denied the spiritual purpose in life, they utilize for destructive ends the forces of nature that they have harnessed. Every gain in mastery of the forces of nature becomes a potential danger unless it is matched by an equal gain in man's mastery over his animal impulses.

To just the degree that a materialist psychologist interprets self-expression as the release of the animal instincts, he contributes to the world's present woe and disorder. Animal-guided humans cannot conduct a civilization. They are more at home in war than in peace. We of today can be united against a common enemy through hate; it takes spirit and a common purpose to bind us together when peace comes. It used to be that wars were hard to wage, that peace came naturally with victory. Today the situation is reversed; the powers of destruction are greater than the powers of construction in the modern world.

Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Peace of Soul, 1949, pp.181-182.

Wisdom: Good and Evil

In the beginning God created the heaven and the Earth. And the Earth was without form, and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the devil said, *"It doesn't get any better than this."* God said, *"Let there be light"* and there was light. And God said, *"Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit,"* and God saw that it was good. And the devil said, *"There goes the neighborhood."* And God said, *"Let us make Man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air and over the cattle, and over all the Earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the Earth."* And so, God created Man in his own image; male and female created He them. And God looked upon Man and Woman and saw that they were lean and fit. And the devil said, *"I know how I can get back in this game"*. And God populated the earth with broccoli and cauliflower and spinach and green and yellow vegetables of all kinds, so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives. And the devil created McDonald's. And McDonald's brought forth the 99-cent double cheeseburger. And the devil said to Man: *"You want fries with that?"* And Man said: *"Super size them, and gimme a Coke."* And Man gained five-pounds. And God taught the man and the woman that eating lean meat and fish and chicken, was a great goodness. Of the goodness of cheeses, he taught them, and of green leafy salads He taught them. And the devil brought forth chocolate. And Woman gained five pounds. And God said, *"Try these lovely strawberries and blueberries."* And the devil brought forth Ben and Jerry's. And Woman gained 10 pounds. And God said, *"I have sent you heart-healthy vegetables, and lean meats, and olive oil and sunflower seeds. I have sent you all manner of good things to eat."* And the devil brought forth Kentucky Fried Chicken, sugar, and hot fudge sundaes. And Man gained 10 pounds and his bad cholesterol went through the roof. And God brought forth running shoes and Man resolved to begin at least walking, and to raise himself up to running, to lose those extra pounds. And the devil brought forth cable TV with the holy remote control so Man would not have to toil to change channels between Sky Sports 1 and Sky Sports 2. And Man gained another 20 pounds. And God said, *"You're running up the score, devil."* And God brought forth all manner of good things from the land and the sea, and plants from the earth, and even herbs and spices to make all this bounty flavorful. And the devil brought forth starches, and taught the sacred tradition of munching. He brought forth white flour, and potatoes, and from the potato peeled off the healthful skin and sliced the starchy center into chips and deep-fat fried them. And the Devil created dip. 2. Then God showed Woman how to create beautiful omelets, and to stir fry her lean meats and vegetables, and within the man, created a deep yearning for barbecue. And the devil created light beer so Man could poison his body with alcohol while feeling righteous because he had to drink twice as much of the now-insipid brew to get the same buzz. The devil whispered into the ear of the man, and when he would have eaten lovely crunchy vegetables, the devil taught him to make macaroni and potato salad, and baked beans laced with sugar and molasses, and created a new tradition, that these and only these, were appropriate at picnics. And Man gained another 10 pounds. And Woman ventured forth into the land of Godiva Chocolate and upon returning asked Man: *"Do I look fat?"* And the devil said, *"Always tell the truth."* And Man did. And Woman went out from the presence of man and dwelt in the Land of the Divorce Lawyer, east of the Land of the Marriage Counselor. And Woman put aside the gifts of the earth and sea, and took unto herself the all-consuming Law of The Comfort Food. And God brought forth Weight-Watchers. And it didn't help. And God brought forth Richard Simmons. And people decided he was goofy. And God brought forth Dr. Atkins, and he was ridiculed. And God brought forth the Eades, and they were ignored. And the devil rejoiced! And God created health clubs. And the devil whispered into the ear of the woman, and told her that everyone at those clubs was already slender and toned and beautiful. And she cringed within her soul, and never crossed the threshold. So, God brought forth exercise tapes, and exercise machines for the home, with easy payments. And Man brought forth his Visa at 18 percent. And the exercise machine went to dwell in the closet of Nod, east of the polyester leisure suit. And in the fullness of time, the man had put on so many pounds that he now shopped the dungeons of the Big Man stores, and the woman realized that she was trapped in the Woman's Plus department of doom. And the Man and the Woman no longer walked life's path hand in hand, side by side, for they no longer fit side by side on the sidewalk. Nor could they walk very far, whether together or apart, for their ankles hurt, and their legs ached, and their breathing was harsh whenever they walked, for their poundage was now extreme. And Man clutched his remote control seeking his salvation, surfing the infomercials and the Food Network, and ate the potato

chips swaddled in salt. And the devil saw and said, *"It is good."* And Man went into cardiac arrest. And God created quadruple bypass surgery. And the Devil created HMO's and insurance companies...

Story: Love your enemies

Abraham Lincoln tried to love, and he left for all history a magnificent drama of reconciliation. When he was campaigning for the presidency, one of his arch-enemies was a man named Edwin McMasters Stanton. For some reason Stanton hated Lincoln. He used every ounce of his energy to degrade Lincoln in the eyes of the public. So deep-rooted was Stanton's hate for Lincoln that he uttered unkind words about his physical appearance, and sought to embarrass him at every point with the bitterest diatribes. But in spite of this, Lincoln was elected the sixteenth president of the United States of America.

Then came the period when Lincoln had to select his cabinet, which would consist of the persons who would be his most intimate associates in implementing his programs. He started choosing men here and there for the various positions.

The day finally came for Lincoln to select the all-important post of Secretary of War. Can you imagine whom Lincoln chose to fill this post? None other than the man named Stanton. There was an immediate uproar in the president's inner circle when the news began to spread. Advisor after advisor was heard saying, "Mr. President, you are making a mistake. Do you know this man Stanton? Are you familiar with all the ugly things he said about you? He is your enemy. He will seek to sabotage your programs. Have you thought this through, Mr. President?"

Mr. Lincoln's answer was terse and to the point: "Yes, I know Mr. Stanton. I am aware of all the terrible things he has said about me. But after looking over the nation, I find he is the best man for the job." So Stanton became Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of War and rendered an invaluable service to his nation and his president.

Not many years later Lincoln was assassinated. Many laudable things were said about him. But of all the great statements made about Abraham Lincoln, the words of Stanton remain among the greatest. Standing near the dead body of the man he once hated, Stanton referred to him as one of the greatest men who ever lived and said, "He now belongs to the ages."

If Lincoln had hated Stanton both men would have gone to their graves as bitter enemies. But through the power of love Lincoln transformed an enemy into a friend. This is the power of redemptive love.

A Time to Laugh (21)

Authority

The crown prince was a duffer so the king employed a special tutor for him. Lessons began with a careful explanation of Euclid's first theorem. *"Is this clear, your Royal Highness?"* asked the tutor.

"No," said his Royal Highness. So the tutor patently went over the theorem again.

"Is it clear now?"

"No," said the prince.

Once again the tutor went to work on the theorem -with no effect. When even after the tenth attempt the royal duffer could make no sense of the theorem the poor tutor was reduced to tears.

"Believe me, your Royal Highness," he cried, *"this theorem is true and this is the way it is proved."*

On hearing these words, the prince rose to his feet and said with a solemn bow, *"My dear sir, I have full faith in what you say so if you assure me the theorem is true I wholeheartedly accept it. My only regret is that you did not give me this assurance earlier so that we could have then proceeded to the second theorem without wasting any time."*

(That way you have all the right answers without knowing geometry as people have all the -to them!- right beliefs without knowing God. To say to authority, "I'm dumb. Please think for me," is like saying, "I'm thirsty. Please drink for me."

Spirituality

A reporter was attempting to get a human-interest story out of a very, very old man in a government-run home for the aged.

"Grandpa," said the young reporter, "how would you feel if you suddenly got a letter telling you that a distant relative had left you ten million dollars?" "Son," said the old man slowly, "I would still be ninety-five years old, wouldn't I?"

Authority

Tall man in movie theater to little boy sitting behind him:

"Can you see the screen, son?" "No"

"Not to worry. Just look at me and laugh every time I laugh."

Authority

A neighbor came to borrow Nasruddin's donkey.

"It's out on loan," said Nasruddin.

At that moment the animal began to bray from within its stable.

"But I can hear it bray," said the neighbor.

"So whom are you going to believe, the donkey or me?"

Famous Quotes (21)

--"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life," (Brooke Shields, during an interview to become spokesperson for a federal antismoking campaign.)

--"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body," (Winston Bennett, University of Kentucky basketball forward.)

--"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country," (Mayor Marion Barry, Washington, DC.)

--"I'm not going to have some reporters pawing through our papers. We are the president," (Hillary Clinton commenting on the release of subpoenaed documents.)

--"Half this game is ninety percent mental." (Philadelphia Phillies, manager, Danny Ozark)

--"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it." (Al Gore, Vice President)

--"I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix." (Dan Quayle)

--"It's no exaggeration to say that the undecided could go one way or another" (George Bush, US President)

--"We've got to pause and ask ourselves: How much clean air do we need?" (Lee Iacocca)

--"I was provided with additional input that was radically different from the truth. I assisted in furthering that version," (Colonel Oliver North, from his Iran-Contra testimony.)

--"The word "genius" isn't applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein," (Joe Theisman, NFL football quarterback & sports analyst.)

--"We don't necessarily discriminate. We simply exclude certain types of people," (Colonel Gerald Wellman, ROTC Instructor.)

--"If we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure." (Bill Clinton, President)

--"We are ready for an unforeseen event that may or may not occur." (Al Gore, Vice President)

--"Traditionally, most of Australia's imports come from overseas." (Keppel Enderbery)

--"Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances." (Department of Social Services, Greenville, South Carolina)

--"If somebody has a bad heart, they can plug this jack in at night as they go to bed and it will monitor their heart throughout the night. And the next morning, when they wake up dead, there'll be a record." (Mark S. Fowler, FCC Chairman)

--"Oh, you hate your job? Why didn't you say so? There's a support group for that. It's called EVERYBODY, and they meet at the bar." (Author Unknown)