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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Transfiguration of our Lord

- ***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, 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

Transfiguration of our Lord

Readings: 2 Cor 3:7-17 and Mk 9:1-7

The Transfiguration of Christ is the culminating point of His public life, as His Baptism is its starting point, and His Ascension its end. Moreover, this glorious event has been related in detail by St. Matthew (17:1-6), St. Mark (9:1-8), and St. Luke (9:28-36).

About a week after His sojourn in Cæsarea Philippi, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them to a high mountain apart, where He was transfigured before their ravished eyes.

The Synoptic Gospels explain the true meaning of the word transfiguration saying "his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow," while the Greek text explains it "as light."

This dazzling brightness, which emanated from His whole Body, was produced by an interior shining of His Divinity. False Judaism had rejected the Messias, and now true Judaism, represented by Moses and Elias, the Law and the Prophets, recognized and adored Him, while for the second time God the Father proclaimed Him His only-begotten and well-loved Son. By this glorious manifestation the Divine Master, who had just foretold His Passion to the Apostles (Matthew 16:21), and who spoke with Moses and Elias of the trials which awaited Him at Jerusalem, strengthened the faith of his three friends and prepared them for the terrible struggle of which they were to be witnesses in Gethsemane, by giving them a foretaste of the glory and heavenly delights to which we attain by suffering.

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

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

- ✠ Kathleen Olinski and Alois Marchy and 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 Debdway by Cindy & Mike Perring
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.

Next Week Mass Schedule

Monday, August 8: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, August 9 at Noon:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.
- ✠ Nick Debdway by Beth Robinson

Wednesday, August 10: No Mass. Office work.

Thursday, August 11 at Noon:

- ✠ Nick Debdway by Valerie Wade
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.

Friday, August 12: No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

Next Weekend, August 13-14: Assumption Mass

Saturday, August 13 at 4:00 p.m.: Assumption Mass at the church

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt
- ‡ Special Intention

Sunday, August 14 at 10:00 a.m.: Assumption outdoor Mass at Oglebay Park

- ✠ Silvio & Roda "Ginger" Perilli (Anniversary) by Paula, Diana & Victor and Children

- ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson and all the Deceased of the Elias Family by Tammy Strong
 ✠ John Miller, Jr (Anniversary) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
 ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol

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. Outdoor Mass at Oglebay Park followed by Festival. No Mass at the church today.
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 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

\$1,934.00	Sunday Collection
68.00	Candles
15.00	Coffee hour
245.00	Donation to the church
20.00	T-Shirt sale
265.00	Mahrajan
\$2,547.00	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), Thomasina Geimer, Mary Stees, Rex 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),

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.



- **Outdoor Mass:** Please notice that the outdoor Mass at Oglebay is at 10:00 a.m. not 10:30 a.m. Workers need some time to set their booths.
- **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

What's New?

Condolences: Rita Thomas-Strawn

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Strawn and Thomas Families on the loss of their beloved **Rita** who passed away in Wheeling. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Church on Friday, August 5th. The choir of the church served the funeral Mass and the Women's Society served the Mercy Meal at the Cedar Hall after the interment. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid and we extend the parish's condolences to her husband Rex and her Family members in their time of sorrow.

Concert to help Ukranians

Where: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 42nd Jacob Street Wheeling

When: Tuesday, August 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Band: Shadyside Community Band

Spirituality: Self discipline

The principal cause of all unhappiness is unregulated desire -wanting more than is needed or wanting what is harmful to the spirit. The modern world is geared to increase our desires and our wants by its advertising, but it can never satisfy them. Our desires are infinite; the supply of any good on earth is finite. Hence our unhappiness and anxieties, our disappointments and our sadness. The only exit from this state is by control of the senses through mortification. This is what Our Lord meant when He said: ***"And if your hand, or your foot scandalize you, cut it off, and cast it from you. And if your eye scandalizes you, pluck it out, and cast it from you"*** (Mt.18:8-9). Because, in our modern civilization, the biological is divorced from the spiritual, because freedom is isolated from dependence on God like a pendulum cut off from a clock, because liberty is interpreted only as freedom *from* something and not as freedom *for* something, it is especially necessary to revive the Christian practice of self-discipline.

Bishop Fulton Sheen, Peace of Soul, 1949, p.183.

Wisdom: A sense of a goose

Next fall, when you see geese heading south for the winter, flying along in “V” formation, you might consider what science has discovered as to why they fly that way. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in “V” formation, the whole flock adds at least 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily, because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone - and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front.

If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those people who are headed the same way we are. When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point.

It is sensible to take turns doing demanding jobs, whether with people or with geese flying south. Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

What messages do we give when we honk from behind? Finally -and this is important- when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshot, and falls out of formation, two other geese fall out with that goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly or until it dies; and only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation to catch up with their group.

If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other like that.

Story: Brotherly Love

Once upon a time two brothers who lived on adjoining farms fell into conflict. It was the first serious rift in 40 years of farming side by side, sharing machinery, and trading labor and goods as needed without a hitch. Then the long collaboration fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding and it grew into a major difference, and finally it exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of silence.

One morning there was a knock on John's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. *"I'm looking for a few days' work,"* he said. *"Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there I could help with? Could help you?"* *"Yes,"* said the older brother. *"I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That's my neighbor; in fact, it's my younger brother. Last week there was a meadow between us and he took his bulldozer to the river levee and now there is a creek between us. Well, he may have done this to spite me, but I'll go him one better. See that pile of lumber by the barn? I want you to build me a fence, an 8-foot fence-so I won't need to see his place or his face anymore."*

The carpenter said, *"I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and the post-hole digger and I'll be able to do a job that pleases you."*

The older brother had to go to town, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was off for the day. The carpenter worked hard all that day measuring, sawing, nailing. About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job.

The farmer's eyes opened wide, his jaw dropped. There was no fence there at all. It was a bridge. A bridge stretching from one side of the creek to the other! A fine piece of work; handrails and all and the neighbor, his younger brother, was coming across, his hand outstretched. *"You are quite a fellow to build this bridge after all I've said and done."*

The two brothers stood at each end of the bridge, and then they met in the middle, taking each other's hand. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox on his shoulder.

"No, wait! Stay a few days. I've a lot of other projects for you," said the older brother. *"I'd love to stay on,"* the carpenter said, *"but, I have many more bridges to build."*

REMEMBER THIS: God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation. God won't ask the square footage of your house, but He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home. God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, but He'll ask how many you helped to clothe. God won't ask about your social status; He will ask what kind of class you displayed. God won't ask how many material possessions you had, but He'll ask if they dictated your life. God won't ask what your highest salary was, but He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it. God won't ask how much overtime you worked, but He'll ask if your overtime work was for yourself or for your family. God won't ask how many promotions you received, but He'll ask how you promoted others. God won't ask what your job title

was, but He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability. God won't ask what you did to help yourself, but He'll ask what you did to help others. God won't ask how many friends you had, but He'll ask how many people to whom you were friend. God won't ask what you did to protect your rights, but He'll ask what you did to protect the rights of others. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, but He'll ask how you treated your neighbors. God won't ask about the color of your skin, but He'll ask about the content of your character. God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation, but He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell. (To those who did not seek Him He will simply say, "Depart from Me...")

A Time to Laugh (22)

Spirituality

A miser hid his gold at the foot of a tree in his garden. Every week he would dig it up and look at it for hours. One day a thief dug up the gold and made off with it. When the miser next came to gaze upon his treasure all he found was an empty hole.

The man began to howl with grief so his neighbors came running to find out what the trouble was. When they found out, one of them asked, "Did you use any of the gold?"

"No," said the miser. "I only looked at it every week."

"Well, then," said the neighbor, "for all the good the gold did you, you might just as well come every week and gaze upon the hole."

(It is not by our money but by our capacity for enjoyment that we are rich or poor. To strive for wealth and have no capacity for enjoyment is to be like the bald man who struggle to collect combs.)

Human Nature

Pestilence was on its way to Damascus and sped by a chief's caravan in the desert.

"Where are you speeding to?" asked the chief.

"To Damascus. I mean to take a thousand lives."

On its way back from Damascus, Pestilence passed by the caravan again. The chief said, "It was 50,000 lives that you took, not a 1,000."

"No," said the Pestilence. "I took a thousand. It was Fear that took the rest."

Authority

The doctor bent over the lifeless figure in bed. Then he straightened up and said, "I am sorry to say that your husband is no more, my dear." A feeble sound of protest came from the lifeless figure in bed: "No, I'm still alive."

"Hold your tongue," said the woman, "The doctor knows better than you."

Authority

"Thank God we took a mule with us on the picnic because when one of the boys was injured we used the mule to carry him back."

"How did he get injured?"

"The mule kicked him!"

Wisdom

"Could you recommend a good doctor?"

"I suggest DR Chung. He saved my life." "How did that happen?"

"Well, I had this serious illness and went to see Dr.Ching. I took his medicine and felt worse. So I went to Dr. Chang. I took his medicine and felt I was dying. So I finally went to Dr. Chung -and he wasn't in.

Human Nature

A group of tourists, stranded somewhere in the countryside, were given old rations to eat. Before eating the food they tested it by throwing some of it to a dog who seemed to enjoy it and suffered no after effects.

The following day they learnt that the dog had died. Everyone was panic-stricken. Many began to vomit and complained of fever and dysentery. A doctor was called in to treat the victims for food poisoning. The doctor began by asking what had happened to the body of the dog. Enquiries were made. A neighbor said casually, "Oh, it was thrown in a ditch because it got mowed by a car."

Famous Quotes (22)

Lessons in Life:

Life isn't fair, but it's still good.

When in doubt, just take the next small step.

Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.

Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.

Pay off your credit cards every month.

You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.

It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.

Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.

When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.

Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.

It's OK to let your children see you cry.

Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.

Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.

Life is too short for long pity parties. Get busy living, or get busy dying.

You can get through anything if you stay put in today.

A writer writes. If you want to be a writer, write.

It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.

When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.

Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.

Over prepare, then go with the flow.

Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.

The most important sex organ is the brain.

No one is in charge of your happiness except you.

Frame every so-called disaster with these words: 'In five years, will this matter?'

Always choose life.

Forgive everyone, everything.

What other people think of you is none of your business.

Time heals almost everything. Give time, time.

However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.

Believe in miracles.

God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.

Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.

Growing old beats the alternative -- dying young.

Your children get only one childhood. Make it memorable.

Read the Psalms. They cover every human emotion.

Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.

If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.

Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.

Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.

All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.

Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.

The best is yet to come.

No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.

Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.

If you don't ask, you don't get.

Yield.

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.