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# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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## 14<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, 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

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

Readings: 2 Cor 4:1-6 and Lk 16:9-12

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Catholic world celebrates the birth anniversary of the Blessed Virgin Mary every 8th day of September. In this celebration the Holy Mass, the highest form of worship, is always the commemorative event, and the liturgy of the Word centers on the Annunciation. Other happenings on that day are: Pilgrimages to holy shrines, symposia on the life of Mary, religious processions, rosary presentations, film showing and other Marian related activities.

Why are Catholics head-over-heels in honoring the Mother of God? Simple. Because she is the Mother of God. And their Mother too. God became incarnate and dwelt among men to save mankind from the bondage of sin. Through his suffering and death he gifts those who believe in him with eternal life. But this would not have been possible had Mary said “no” to the message of the angel Gabriel. “Behold you shall conceive in your womb and shall bring forth a son, and you shall call his name Jesus...”

Mary, the most perfect creature ever created by God, graciously allowed herself to be the instrument of the Most High in bringing the light of his mercy into the midnight of human history. By her humility, therefore, in surrendering herself to the will of the Father, she became an active participant in the divine mechanism of salvation. Theological as this concept is, few can claim it as their reason for loving Mary. For most Catholics, she is loved because, in the words of theologian Federico Suarez, “...she is so good, so simple, so delicate, so extraordinarily humble and pure that one cannot help loving her”.

Mary is so good because throughout her life in that little town of Nazareth she was a self-sacrificing and patient mother to little Jesus whom she and the carpenter Joseph brought up with their meager earnings. There have been some incidents involving her son which she found difficult to understand, like the time when he told the couple, after he got lost in Jerusalem: “Why were you looking for me? Don’t you know that I should be about my Father’s business?” Mary (and Joseph) could not fathom the import of this statement. But she showed no sign of displeasure nor uttered a word of reproach.

Then one time, during a wedding reception, she wanted her son to help the hosts who had run out of wine. But Jesus’ reply was a veiled unwillingness. Another mother would have chided her son for such recalcitrance. But Mary’s good nature knew no measure, and she took the whole thing with complete complacency.

Patience, understanding, goodness of the kind which was almost supra human—these have endeared Mary to those who call her mother.

Even in the face of danger she was calm and composed. When, early in the life of her son, an angel roused them from sleep one night and commanded them to flee to Egypt to escape Herod’s wrath, she was uncomplaining. A lesser woman would have taunted God, after all, were they not the caretaker of the Father’s own child? But not Mary. Every circumstance in her life she interpreted as the warp and woof in the tapestry of God’s will, and she yielded quietly and willingly to this.

And when before her very eyes the metal scourge sang in the air as it etched bleeding strips from her son’s prostrate body, she did not howl in grief nor shouted protests to the heavens, but quietly accepted it all, her tears silently defining the magnitude of a mother’s suffering—suffering which found its most intense measure at the foot of the cross.

Despite the daggers in her heart, Mary remained good-natured and without a tint of bitterness. After the Resurrection, she was always a loving mother to the frightened disciples and early Christians buttressing their faith and strengthening their resolve to spread the Good News.

Even today she is doing this to all people, but especially to those who recognize her role in the salvation of souls. In the more than 300 recorded apparitions, for example, Mary’s visage never showed signs of displeasure or disgust. She would be sad but forgiving, contemplative but exuding an aura of blissfulness, and always a motherly concern was there. She had been seen to shed tears of blood as she warned the faithful of impending chastisement. She had been heard pleading for prayers and sacrifices if only to save humanity from the holocaust of God’s anger. In all these apparitions she was always a mother, deeply concerned of the temporal and spiritual welfare of her children.

More than four centuries ago, when she appeared to the rustic Juan Diego in Guadalupe, Mexico, she

asked: “Why are you looking worried, my son? Don’t you know I am your mother?” Mary is like that, always sensitive to the needs of her children because she loves them. And those who seek refuge in her motherly care were never disappointed because help, in one form or another, always did come.

## ***This Weekend, September 3-4: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

### **Saturday, September 3 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Dennie Bartolovich (Anniversary) by his wife and mother-in-law Henlen Benline
- ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson (Birthday) by her loving Family
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

### **Sunday, September 4 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Mary K. & Tom Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris
- ✠ Tessa Joseph (Birthday) by her mother Stephanie Joseph

## ***Next Week Mass Schedule***

**Monday, September 5:** No Mass. Pastor’s day off.

### **Tuesday, September 6 at Noon:**

- ✠ Rita Strawn by Jean Weisner
- ✠ John F. Kukula (Anniversary) by his wife Mary Rose Kukula
- ✠ Tom Ferris (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone

**Wednesday, September 7:** No Mass. Office work.

### **Thursday, September 8 at Noon: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (actual feast)**

- ✠ Julia and Craig Sacco (Wedding Anniversary) by Jerry McGlumphy
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

**Friday, September 9:** No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

## ***Next Weekend, September 10-11: Exaltation of the Holy Cross***

### **Saturday, September 10 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Teresa Ferrera (Anniversary) by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ Special Intention

### **Sunday, September 11 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Elias Frenn (Anniversary) by Dr. Adel, Diane, Justin Frenn and Zack & Andrea Riedel
- ✠ Our parents Joe & Nell Duffy and George & Rose Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol

## ***Schedule of Upcoming Events***

September 4 <sup>th</sup>	OLOL Women’s Society Meeting in Cedar Hall after 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
November 1-6	All Souls Week Masses. Mass Forms are attached to this bulletin.

## ***Mahrajan Update***

We are still paying bills of the Festival that usually arrive after the beginning of the month. A financial report will be published in this bulletin around September 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you have a friend or if you know someone interested to receive correspondence about the Festival, please submit their addresses to Msgr Bakhos.

## ***All Souls Week (November 1-6)***

“Can we actually help those in purgatory get out by our prayers?”

Answer: Yes. The members of the body of Christ are connected to each other. The Church refers to three types of Christians: the Church Militant (those on earth), the Church Triumphant (those in heaven) and the Church Suffering (those in purgatory). We are all part of the same mystical body of Christ, whether in heaven, on earth or in purgatory.

The Bible exhorts us to pray for one another (1 Tim. 2:1-4, 2 Macc. 12:46). This prayer includes all members of the body, especially those in need. Those in purgatory are in need because they can't help themselves.

Our prayers, especially the Mass, are said to relieve the suffering of the holy souls in purgatory. These souls are eternally grateful for our prayers and will remember us when they get to heaven. If we go to purgatory, they will surely pray for us. Praying for the dead is an obligation for Catholics, so keep up this good and holy practice.

If you need to remember your parents and beloved ones, please fill the attached Form.

### † **Special Prayers to:**

Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> to: Libby G. Magnone (Birthday) by her sister Mary Zaid Stees

### **Masses for All Souls:**

† Deceased of the Chidiac Family by Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac

† Charlotte George (Birthday) by Margaret George (MN)

† Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)

† Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

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

† Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart

† Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie

† Virginia Khourey Bryan & Deceased of the Nabiha & Habib Khourey Family by the Khourey Family

† Deceased of the Nader Family by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie

## ***Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:***

September 8: Carol Dougherty

September 9: Gary Weisner, Patrick Stees,

September 10: Chris George

September 18: Michael Duymich

September 20: Regina Hancher, Gavin Hancher

September 24: Luane Frazier

September 26: Mary Rose Kukula

<b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b>	
\$784.00	Sunday Collection
47.00	Candles
25.00	Coffee Hour
1,000.00	Donation Memorial
20.00	Utilities
\$1,876.00	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)

Joe Popovich, 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),

***Spirituality: Silence to find God***

We need to find God, and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature, trees, flowers, grass grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence . . . We need silence to be able to touch souls. --Mother Teresa

### *Wisdom: Grandpa's Wisdom*

Whether a man winds up with a nest egg, or a goose egg, depends a lot on the kind of chick he marries. Trouble in marriage often starts when a man gets so busy earning's his salt, that he forgets his sugar. Too many couples marry for better, or for worse, but not for good. When a man marries a woman, they become one; but the trouble starts when they try to decide which one. If a man has enough horse sense to treat his wife like a thoroughbred, she will never turn into an old nag. On anniversaries, the wise husband always forgets the past -but never the present. A foolish husband says to his wife, "Honey, you stick to the washin', ironin', cookin', and scrubbin'. No wife of mine is gonna work." The bonds of matrimony are a good investment, only when the interest is kept up. Many girls like to marry a military man - he can cook, sew, and make beds, and is in good health, and he's already used to taking orders. Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age, and start bragging about it. The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for. Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved. How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are? When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, Remember about Algebra. You know you are getting old, when everything either dries up, or leaks. I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top. One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young. Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable. Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you. If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.

### *Story: Genuine Love*

It was a busy morning, about 8:30, when an elderly gentleman in his 80's, arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. He said he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 am. The nurse took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. She saw him looking at his watch and decided, since she was not busy with another patient, she would evaluate his wound. On exam, it was well healed, so she talked to one of the doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound. While taking care of his wound, she asked him if he had another doctor's appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry. The gentleman told her no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. She inquired as to her health. He told her that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer's disease. As we talked, she asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late. He replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now. She was surprised, and asked him, 'And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?'

He smiled as he patted my hand and said, 'She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is.'

She had to hold back tears as he left, she had goose bumps on her arm, and thought, 'That is the kind of love I want in my life.'

True love is neither physical, nor romantic. True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, and will not be.

Oh, by the way, peace is seeing a sunset and knowing who to thank.

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have.

## *A Time To Laugh (26)*

### *Blonde on the Sun*

A Russian, an American, and a Blonde were talking one day. The Russian said, "We were the first in space!" The American said, "We were the first on the moon!" The Blonde said, "So what? We're going to be the first on the sun!" The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads. "You can't land on the sun, you idiot! You'll burn up!" said the Russian. To which the Blonde replied, "We're not stupid, you know. We're going at night!"

### *Then Do the Hokey-Pokey*

"You guys pair up in groups of three, then line up in a circle"

### *Modern Madness*

All people in my building are insane. The guy above me designs synthetic hairballs for ceramic cats. The woman across the hall tried to rob a department store... with a pricing gun. "Give me all of the money in the vault," she said, "or I'm marking down everything in the store."

### *Stupidity*

Stupid: "Excuse me sir, what time is it?"

MAN: "It's 3:15."

Stupid: (puzzled look on his face) "You know, it's the wierdest thing, I have been asking that question all day, and each time I get a different answer."

### *Dead-end-Defense*

A defendant was on trial for murder. There was strong evidence indicating guilt, but there was no corpse. In the defense's closing statement, the lawyer, knowing that his client would probably be convinced, resorted to a trick: "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I have a surprise for you," the lawyer said as he looked at his watch. "Within one minute, the person presumed dead in this case will walk into this courtroom."

He looked toward the courtroom door. The jurors, somewhat stunned, looked on eagerly. A minute passed. Nothing happened.

Finally, the lawyer said, "Actually, I made up the previous statement. But you all looked on with anticipation. I therefore put it to you that there is reasonable doubt and insist you return a verdict of not guilty."

The jury, clearly confused, retired to deliberate. A few minutes later, though, the jury returned and pronounced a guilty verdict. "But how?" inquired the lawyer. "You must have had some doubt; I saw all of you stare at the door."

"Oh, we did," the jury foreperson replied. "But your client didn't."

### *Wouldn't Hurt a Flea, Either*

Golfer: "I was playing golf. I swung, missed the ball, and got a big chunk of dirt. I swung again, missed the ball, and got another big chunk of dirt. Just then, two ants climbed on the ball." "Let's get up here," they said, "before we get killed!"

### *Stupidity*

A stupid was driving down the highway to Disneyland when he saw a sign that said, "DISNEYLAND LEFT." After thinking for a minute, he said to himself, "Oh well!" and turned around and drove home.

### *Deadly Revenge*

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her

handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

## *Famous Quotes (25)*

- "Learn from the mistakes of others, you can't live long enough to make them all yourself."
- "Following the path of least resistance is what makes people and rivers crooked!"
- "Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side."
- Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun.
- Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.
- How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.
- If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?
- Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside of us.
- You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.
- Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.
- We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors... but they all have to learn to live in the same box.
- A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.
- "Father, bless this person in whatever it is that You know he or she may be needing this day!"
- "*When the character of a man is not clear to you, look at his friends.*" (Japanese Proverb)
- "*Do what you feel in your heart to be right - for you'll be criticized anyway. You'll be damned if you do, and damned if you don't.*" (Eleanor Roosevelt)
- "If you want to be FREE, there is but one way; it is to guarantee an equally full measure of liberty & democracy to all you neighbors. There is no other way!" (Carl Schurz)
- "How much easier is it to be critical than to be correct." (Benjamin Disraeli)
- Shall I not tell you what is better than prayers and fasting and giving alms to the poor?
- It is making peace between one another: enmity and malice destroy all virtues.
- "Both in life and in death, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14)
- "Christian life is the life of Christ in us and our life in Christ." (R. Guardini)
- "For me "life" means Christ; hence dying is so much gain." (Phil. 1)
- "To renounce all is to gain all; to descend is to rise; to die is to live." (K. Rahner)
- "To stay angry with anyone is to punish yourself for his faults."
- "It's easy to be good while she's around!" Do people say this about you?"
- "Going to Church does not make you a Christian anymore than going to McDonald's will make you a hamburger!"
- "Coincidence is when GOD performs a miracle and decides to remain Anonymous."
- "There is two things I've learned: there is a GOD, and I'm not Him!"
- When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.
- People are funny, they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.
- Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.
- Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
- The phrase that is guaranteed to wake up an audience: "And in conclusion."
- If the church wants a better preacher, it only needs to pray for the one it has.
- God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?
- To make a long story short, don't tell it.
- If your left hand doesn't know what your right hand is doing, you should consider running for a job in Washington, DC.
- Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.