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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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1st Sunday after the Holy Cross

- *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

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Readings: 2 Tim 2:1-10 and Mk 10:35-45

Scarcely has Jesus, for the third time, recalled the destiny that awaits him in Jerusalem, than the disciples' ambition gets the better of their momentary fear. After Peter's confession at Caesarea and the dispute along the road as to which of them was the greatest, it is easy to imagine the ambition of the sons of Zebedee to secure for themselves two good places in the messianic kingdom approaching at the end of time in the race for favored positions, they know what they want, and so do the other disciples, in spite of their virtuous indignation.

But no, they do not know, and Jesus reveals it to them. It is about another ministry that he speaks, correcting in passing their popular conception of merit, according to which man acquires rights over God. The true disciple can aspire to only one thing: to share the passion of his master. As for the reward, it eludes every possible claim. God is free to do what he likes with his gifts. The Christian likewise will have his share in the condition of servant which was that of Jesus: that is to say, he will participate in the life and death of Jesus for others'. For true Christian greatness consists in serving, and not in playing the master. Such are the bases of government of a Church which is built up by the work of ministry. Ministry after the example of the Son of God who, like a slave, washes the feet of his disciples, and offers for the multitudes the Suffering Servant's sacrifice of atonement.

Too often, in the course of history, the government of the Church has been seen as power or domination. This was a failure to relate her mission to the mission of Christ dead and risen. According to the gospel, the way of ruling is to serve: our king himself has shown that to us. 'Princes of the Church', if they exist, ought to have no other ambition.

This Weekend, Sep. 17-18: 1st Sunday after the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 17 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Sunday, September 18 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Susie Marie Fadoul by her husband Millet and Family
- ✠ John T. John by his Loving children: David, Tom, Gregg, Maryann and Susan and their Families

Next Week Mass Schedule

Monday, September 19: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, September 20 at Noon:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Nick Bedway by Earl & Linda Duffy

Wednesday, September 21: No Mass. Office work

Thursday, September 22 at Noon:

- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ Rita Strawn by Shirley George
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

Friday, September 23: No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

Next Weekend, Sep. 24-25: 2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 24 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Rita Thomas-Strawn by Shirley Bine

† Special Intention

Sunday, September 25 at 10:30 a.m.:

† Camille, Selma and Louis Rohanna by Mary Lish

† Nick Bedway by Nettie Seidler

Schedule of Upcoming Events

November 1-6	All Souls Week Masses. Mass Forms are attached to this bulletin.
November 6 pick-up	Thanksgiving Bake Sale (more details in the upcoming bulletins) Cooking date: ???

Mahrajan Update

Please read the financial report of the festival that is published in this bulletin. For questions, please call msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688. If you have a friend or if you know someone interested to receive correspondence about next year Festival, please submit their addresses to Msgr. Bakhos.

Order of Saint Sharbel (Sunday, October 9th)

October 9th is designated "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles. We will have a brief, special presentation on the Order that day. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for educating our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Catholic Church. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at <http://www.orderstsharbel.org> or ask Monsignor Bakhos for more information.

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 3rd 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, & 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 Nabihah & Habib Khourey Family by the Khourey Family

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

† Jim George Sr. & Deceased Family of the Gray & George by Shirley Gray George & Family

† Thomas A. Ferris by his daughter Denise Ferris

† Mary K. Ferris by her daughter Denise Ferris

† Ralph & Mary Joseph Shipley by Thomasina Geimer

† Robert L. Hunter Jr. & Robby L. Hunter III by Thomasina Geimer

- † Philip Geimer by his wife Thomasina Geimer
- † Deceased of Elias & Selma Joseph Family by Mark & Barb McLaughlin & Family
- † Deceased of Ray & Sara Joseph McLaughlin Family by Mark & Barb McLaughlin & Family
- † George Alan Weisner by Jean Weisner & Family
- † Deceased of the Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Weisner & Joseph Families
- † Deceased of the Maroon & Mary Catherine Habeb Families by the Weisner & Joseph Families
- † Deceased of the Weisner, Bishop and Schmeichel Families by Jean Weisner and Family
- † Betty Abraham, Clara Carter and Evelyn Goodson by Jean Weisner and Family
- † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Jean Weisner

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- September 18: Michael Duymich
- September 20: Regina Hancher, Gavin Hancher
- September 24: Luane Frazier
- September 26: Mary Rose Kukula
- October 4: Leo Bleifus
- October 6: Joe Popovich, Frank Duymich
- October 10: Linda Duffy
- October 15: Denise "Nini" Miller
- October 16: Karen John, Natalie DeMuth Mulvey

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$2,452.00	Sunday Collection
42.00	Candles
380.00	Utilities
\$2,874.00	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), 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),

What's New?

Condolences: Paula Shia-Hundley

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Shia and Hundley Families on the loss of their beloved Paula who passed away in Texas. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid and we extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow. Our Lady of Lebanon church is so grateful to **Paula's** family for directing all memorial contributions toward the Maintenance of the church. May her Memory be eternal. AMEN

Spirituality: The whole Christ

How does Jesus of Nazareth influence me who am centuries removed from him by time and thousands of miles by space?

Our Lord can influence our day because he left us a beautiful example of a holy, moral life that we should follow. We too, can be forgiving as he forgave those who crucified him; we can be gentle as he was gentle to little children, humble as he was before those who would make him an earthly king; and prayerful as

he was in the long vigils on the mountaintops. Countless, indeed, are the heroic, self-sacrificing, and saintly deeds of our own day, which have had as their inspiration the example of him who left the heavens to teach us to be the kind of people God from all eternity wished us to be.

(...) So the whole Christ embraces not only the earthly life in which he redeemed, but also the glorified and mystical life by which he pours out the fruits of redemption upon the world. For the present it suffices us to know that he is not only our Truth because of his teaching, not only our Way because of his example, but also our Life because he is our Savior and Redeemer.

His life is not something gone from us, but living among us, making our lives livable, hopeful, and glad. Our eyes need not look back to Bethlehem, for the Wise Men and the simple shepherds are still at the feet of Christ. There is nothing past in him who is eternal. There are no memories of him who is the "same yesterday, today, and tomorrow." There are no distances from here to Galilee, for he who is divine has pitched his tent in the very center of our hearts and civilization, because he is Eternal Life.

Bishop Fulton SHEEN, In the Fullness of Time, p.11-14.

Wisdom: Growing older

When the poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was well along in years, his hair was white but he was still a vigorous man. Someone asked him why this was so.

The poet pointed to an apple tree in bloom and said, "That tree is very old, but I never saw prettier blossoms on it than it now bears. That tree grows new wood each year. Like that apple tree, I try to grow a little new wood each year."

Story: Man with two wives

A man in India had two wives, one of the wives used to live upstairs and the other on the lower store. One day a thief broke into the house. The thief wanted to steal away all the property, but the members of the house were wide awake and the thief could not get anything. Near dawn the members of the house saw the thief, and they caught him and took him before magistrate, or to the police magistrate. There was nothing stolen, yet the thief had broken into the house. That was a crime. The magistrate put some cross questions to the thief. The thief at once admitted that he had broken into the house with the intention of stealing something. The magistrate was going to inflict some punishment upon him. The man said, "*Dear magistrate, you may do whatever you please, you may throw me into a dungeons, you cast me before dogs, you may burn my body, but do not inflict one punishment upon me.*" The magistrate being astonished asked, "*What is that?*" The man said, never make me the husband of two wives. Never inflict this punishment upon me. "*Why is that?*"

Then the thief began to explain how he was caught, how he had no opportunity to steal anything. He said: "*All night long this master of the house had to stand upon the stairs because one wife was pulling him upstairs and the other was dragging him downstairs. The hairs of his head were pulled out and the stockings on his feet were torn off; he was shivering with cold all night long, and thus it was that I was caught; I had no opportunity to steal anything.*"

[So it is, all your sufferings come through your conflicting desires, and your desires are not in harmony. your desires are at war with each other. Your desires are not in harmony with one another, and you know a house divided against itself must fall, so examine your own hearts and minds and see if there is peace there. Singleness of aim and unity of purpose, if you have these, you will have no trouble, you will have no suffering, but if there is conflict, if there is discord there the house must be pulled down, you must suffer.]

A Time To Laugh (28)

Human Nature

A young man blind from birth, fell in love with a girl. All went well until a friend told him the girl wasn't too good looking. At that minute he lost all interest in her. Too bad! He had been "seeing" her very well. It was his friend who was blind.

Stupidity

Q: Why did 18 idiots go to a movie?

A: Because below 18 was not allowed!!!

Q: What do you call an idiot in an institution of higher learning?

A: A visitor.

A Growing Hazard

A young golfer with a few spare hours one afternoon figured there was just about enough time to get in nine holes before dinner.

Just as the golfer was about to tee off, an older player shuffled onto the tee and asked to accompany the young golfer. Not feeling able to say no, the younger player agreed.

Surprisingly, the elderly golfer played fairly quickly. The older player didn't hit the ball far, but plodded along consistently, without wasting time.

Finally, they reached the ninth fairway and the young player was faced with a tough shot. A large pine tree stood directly between the duffers ball and the green. "You know," said the older player, "when I was your age, I hit the ball right over that tree."

With that challenge, the younger player eyed the tree carefully and swung hard. The ball smacked into the tree trunk and landed on the ground not a foot from where it originally lay.

"Of course," smiled the older player, "when I was your age, that pine tree was only three feet tall." [Weird Science]. "If it wasn't for electricity, we'd all be watching television by candlelight."

Failure Worldwide Survey

A worldwide survey was conducted by the UN. The only question asked was:

"Would you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?"

The survey was a colossal failure:

In Africa they didn't know what "food" meant.

In Eastern Europe they didn't know what "honest" meant.

In Western Europe they didn't know what "shortage" meant.

In China they didn't know what "opinion" meant.

In the Middle East they didn't know what "solution" meant.

In South America they didn't know what "please" meant.

And in the USA they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.

Authority

A disciple once said to Confucius, "What are the basic ingredients of good government?"

He answered, "Food, weapons, and the trust of the people." "But," continued the disciple, "if you were forced to dispense with one of these three, which would you drop?"

"Weapons." "And if you had to drop one of the other two?" "Food."

"but without food the people will die!"

"From time immemorial, death has been the lot of human beings. But a people that no longer trusts its rulers is lost indeed."

Famous Quotes (27)

--Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect. (Chief Seattle)

--Every minute I am angry, I lose sixty seconds of happiness.

--When people begin to ignore human dignity, it will not be long before they begin to ignore human rights. (G.K.Chesterton)

--The ultimate end of all revolutionary social change is to establish the sanctity of human life, the dignity of man, the right of every human being to liberty and well-being. (Emma Goldman)

--Men's hearts ought not to be set against one another, but set with one another, and all against evil only.

(Thomas Carlyle)

--Human kindness has never weakened the stamina or softened the fiber of a free people. A nation does not have to be cruel in order to be tough. (Franklin Roosevelt)

--When the bridegroom arrived, those who were ready went in and the others met with a closed door. They missed their moment. We must not miss ours. Is it too late for us? Only if we let the oil run out. (Sr. Mary Krug)

--Stay optimistic and try to see an opportunity in every calamity; not pessimistic and see a calamity in every opportunity.

--The optimist sees the donut, the pessimist the hole.

--There is always a good side to every situation.

--View every problem as an opportunity.

--When it is dark enough, you can see the stars.

--"A man would do nothing, if he waited until he could do it so well that no one at all would find fault with what he has done." (Cardinal John NEWMAN)

--God cannot fill you unless you empty yourself.

--God cannot enrich you unless you impoverish yourself.

--God cannot exalt you unless you humble yourself. (Bishop Fulton SHEEN)

--If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich. (John F. Kennedy)

--A poet says: "Sit on the edge of dawn, the sun rises upon you. Sit on the edge of night, stars shine upon you.

Sit on the edge of the river, the nightingale sings to you. Sit on the edge of silence, God talks to you".

--Who sits in solitude and is quiet has escaped three wars: hearing, speaking, seeing; yet against one thing shall he continually battle: that is, his own heart. (Abbot ANTHONY)

--Here on earth, we have already both Hell and Heaven -in our passions and in our experience of God. (Father YELCHANINOV)

--The Christian is far more pagan than he knows; the pagan is more Christian than he admits. (Rosalind MURRAY)

--"Nothing is more certain than that a general profligacy and corruption of manners make a people ripe for destruction. A good form of government may hold the rotten materials together for some time, but beyond a certain pitch, even the best constitution will be ineffectual, and slavery must ensue." (John Witherspoon)