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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Announcement to B.V.Mary

***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 Khourey, Mary Stees, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad
- ***Choir Members:** Lou Khourey, 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

Announcement to B.V.Mary

Readings: 2Sam 7:8-17 and Gal 3:15-22 and Lk 1:26-38

Today has arrived the joy of all people, the joy that undoes the ancestral condemnation. Today has arrived the one who is everywhere, he who fills all things with joy. Not having bodyguards, not leading with him troops of angels, not exalting his march, but in silence and tranquility. He did this to remain hidden from the prince of darkness and to trap the serpent with prudent artifice.

His compassion for us, infinitely great, would not allow so great a work to go to ruin, that is, man, for whom he had set up the heavens in the form of a vault, and solidified the earth, had poured forth the air, had laid out the sea, and had built all of animate creation.

For this reason the God borne in the womb of the Virgin is the God on earth the God in heaven, the God among men, the God who is everywhere and who is not contained by these things. Hence, the nature of man is given the prelude of joy, and receives the beginning of divinization. Hence, having been stripped of the fallacious riches of sin, she is led to the Creator as his spouse. Hence, our first creation receives a new one, and the aged world puts away the aging derived from sin. But let the heavens above rejoice, and clouds rain down justice. Let the mountains distill honey and the hills "be girt" with jubilation, because God has had pity on his people. In fact, today the "mystery hidden for centuries" has been revealed and "all things receive their recapitulation in Christ." Today the supreme creative authority of the universe lends its counsel to conclusion, meditated on before the creation of things, to reject the counsel premeditated by the author of malignity against us from the very beginning. For this reason, the angels exult, and together with them, men make glad, and the whole world returns to itself turning back.

God sent Gabriel to Nazareth. "Go then to Nazareth, city of Galilee. Having arrived there, immediately and first of all direct this message to the Virgin, that is, the glad announcement of the joy that was first destroyed by Eve; but do not disturb her mind! Since the announcement is of joy and not ruin, the greeting is of joyfulness and not sadness." Indeed, for the human race what joy was able or would ever be able to be more glad than this, that is, the joy of becoming a participant in the divine nature and, through the conjunction with him, becoming a single thing with him with regard to unity and hence to the hypostasis? And what could he more stupefying for us than to see God's condescension: he goes all the way to being conceived in the bosom of a woman? O incredible things! God amid the limbs of a woman, "he who has his throne in the heavens and his footstool on the earth," God is contained in a womb, he who is above the heavens and dwells together with the eternity of the Father! And what could be more unbelievable than this, to see God in human form, without deviating from his own divinity? To see human nature bound up with its Creator so that man, who first fell into sin, may be completely divinized?

Thanksgiving story

A man in Phoenix calls his son in New York the day before Thanksgiving and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough." "Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams. "We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the father says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her."

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "No way they're getting divorced!" she shouts, "I'll take care of this." She calls Phoenix immediately and screams at her father, "You are not getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "they're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own way."

This Weekend, Nov. 19-20: Announcement to B.V.Mary

Saturday, November 19 at 4:00 p.m.: (Christmas Novena after Communion)

✠ George Joseph (Birthday) by Larry & Becky Ferrera

✠ Emily Vince (Birthday) by her Children & grandchildren

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, November 20 at 10:30 a.m.: (Christmas Novena after Communion)

- ✠ Josephine Ferris (Birthday) by Mary Stees & Libby Magnone
 ✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Next Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, November 21: No Mass. Pastor day off.

Tuesday, November 22 at Noon:

- ✠ Deceased of the Hatty Family of Michigan by Hon. Michael Hatty
 ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
 ✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Wednesday, November 23: No Mass. Office work

Thursday, November 24 at 10:30 a.m.: Thanksgiving Mass

- ✠ Cecilia Ann Murad (Anniversary) by her daughter Luane Frazier
 ✠ Deceased of the Hatty Family of Michigan by Hon. Michael Hatty
 ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

Friday, November 25: No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

Next Weekend, Nov. 26-27: Mary visits Elizabeth

Saturday, November 26 at 4:00 p.m.: (Christmas Novena after Communion)

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
 ✠ Gary McGlumphy & Elias & Selma Joseph (Anniversary) by Becky & Larry Ferrera

Sunday, November 27 at 10:30 a.m.: (Christmas Novena after Communion)

- ✠ John T. & Cecilia John by their loving Children: David, Tom, Greg, Maryann, Susan & their Families
 ✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Saturday & Sunday, Nov.19-20	Starting Christmas Novena Every Weekend after Communion
Sunday, November 20 th	Drawing for the Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle
Saturday, December 3 rd	Christmas Dinner for the Parish Community after 4:00 p.m. Mass The church doesn't have liquor license. So, no alcohol allowed in the church. People with bottles of wine will be asked to leave the premises.
Sunday, December 18 th	Drawing for the Winner of the Women's Society 50/50 Raffle
Sunday, December 18 th Msgr. Bakhos 31 st Anniversary	Msgr. Bakhos will celebrate his 31 st Anniversary to the Priesthood on Sunday, December 18 th . He was ordained in Sydney, Australia on December 21 st , 1991. He has served our church for 21 years.

Christmas Poinsettias in Memory of:

Please donate toward decorating the altar with poinsettias during Christmas. Every poinsettia cost \$25.00

- ☼ Louis N. & Louis H. Kourey, Sr. & Gladys Howard by Lou & Charlotte Kourey & Family
 ☼ In Memory of Leslie & Jerry Jr. by Jerry McGlumphy
 ☼ In Memory of Tom Ferris by his daughter Denise Ferris
 ☼ In Memory Memory of Mary K. Ferris by her daughter Denise Ferris

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

November 24: Rex Strawn

November 26: Mary Lish

December 3: Joey John

December 7: Christina Committee Zdilla

December 12: Lou Khourey

December 19: Chris Wakim

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,090.00	Sunday Collection
72.00	Candles
28.00	Coffee Hour
240.00	Christmas Dinner
289.00	Donation to the church
10.00	Christmas poinsettias
158.00	Raffles
\$1,887.00	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)

Julia Schiess (FL) daughter of Leo Bleifus, (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?

Bulletin Ad Page

We are preparing the ad page at the back of our weekly bulletin. It is a good way to advertise your business and to support the church in defraying the cost of printing the bulletins. Please call Msgr Bakhos if you would like to place a personal or business ad. Cost is \$120.00 for a single space ad for the entire year. You can purchase more adjacent ads.

Two Raffles Offered by OLOL Women's Society (See dates below)

A **Thanksgiving Gift Basket Raffle Drawing** has been scheduled for **Sunday, November, 20**, by the Women's Society. It contains over 30 items including: 3 Gift Certificates totaling \$110, 3 bottles of wine, a set of 4 hand painted glasses, several kitchen items, fall and Thanksgiving decorations, table decorations, baking items, etc.

Also, a **50/50 Raffle Drawing** has been scheduled for **Sunday, December 18**.

You should receive chances in the mail for both raffles or pick up a **Gold** copy for the **Gift Basket Raffle** or a **Green** copy for the **50/50 Raffle** at the back of our church.

Please be sure to complete and return the completed stubs your donation for the chances to our church by the deadlines listed above. Chances are \$1.00 for one; \$5.00 for 6; or \$10 for all 18 of the same raffle.

Mahrajan Update (Sunday, August 13, 2023)

Next year's date:

Next year we will celebrate our 90th Lebanese Festival (Mahrajan) at Oglebay Park on Sunday, August 13, 2023.

Mahrajan Mailing List:

If you have a friend or know someone who would be interested in receiving correspondence about next year's Festival, please submit their addresses to Msgr. Bakhos.

Spirituality: On the Blessed Virgin Mary

"Fulgens Corona" (it means "Radiant Crown")

His Holiness Pope Pius XII

Encyclical Proclaiming a Marian Year

September 8, 1953

To Our Venerable Brethren, the Patriarchs, Primates, Archbishops, Bishops, and other Local Ordinaries in Peace and Communion with the Apostolic See.

Venerable Brethren, Health and Apostolic Benediction.

The radiant crown of glory with which the most pure brow of the Virgin Mother was encircled by God, seems to Us to shine more brilliantly, as We recall to mind the day, on which, one hundred years ago, Our Predecessor of happy memory Pius IX, surrounded by a vast retinue of Cardinals and Bishops, with infallible apostolic authority defined, pronounced and solemnly sanctioned "that the doctrine, which holds that the Most Blessed Virgin Mary at the first moment of her conception was, by singular grace and privilege of the Omnipotent God, in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the Human race, preserved from all stains of original sin, is revealed by God, and therefore to be firmly and resolutely believed by all the faithful." (Dogmatic bull *Ineffabilis Deus*, of Dec. 8, 1854.)

2. The entire Catholic world received with joy the pronouncement of the Pontiff, so long and anxiously awaited. Devotion of the faithful to the Virgin Mother of God was stirred up and increased and this naturally led to a great improvement in Christian morality. Furthermore, studies were undertaken with new enthusiasm, which gave due prominence to the dignity and sanctity of the Mother of God.

3. Moreover, it seems that the Blessed Virgin Mary herself wished to confirm by some special sign the definition, which the Vicar of her Divine Son on earth had pronounced amidst the applause of the whole Church. For indeed four years had not yet elapsed when, in a French town at the foot of the Pyrenees, the Virgin Mother, youthful and benign in appearance, clothed in a shining white garment, covered with a white mantle and girded with a hanging blue cord, showed herself to a simple and innocent girl at the grotto of Massabielle. And to this same girl, earnestly inquiring the name of her with whose vision she was favored, with eyes raised to heaven and sweetly smiling, she replied: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

4. This was properly interpreted by the faithful, who from all nations, and almost countless in number, flocked in pious pilgrimage to the grotto of Lourdes, aroused their Faith, enkindled their devotion and strove to conform their lives to the Christian precept. There also miraculous favors were granted them, which excited the admiration of all, and confirmed that the Catholic religion is the only one given approval by God.

5. In a special manner was its significance grasped by the Roman Pontiffs, and when, in the space of a few years, the devotion of clergy and people had raised there a wonderful church, they enriched it with spiritual favors and generous gifts.

6. When Our predecessor decreed in the Apostolic Letter that this tenet of Christian doctrine was to be firmly and faithfully believed by all the faithful, he was merely carefully conserving and sanctioning with his authority the teaching of the Fathers and of the whole Church from its earliest days right down through the centuries.

7. In the first place, the foundation of this doctrine is to be found in Sacred Scripture, where we are taught that God, Creator of all things, after the sad fall of Adam, addressed the serpent, the tempter and corrupter, in these words, which not a few Fathers, Doctors of the Church and many approved interpreters applied to the Virgin Mother of God: "I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed" (Gen. III-15).

Now, if at any time the Blessed Mary were destitute of Divine grace even for the briefest moment, because of contamination in her conception by the hereditary stain of sin, there would not have come between her and the serpent that perpetual enmity spoken of from earliest tradition down to the time of the solemn definition of the Immaculate Conception, but rather a certain subjection. *(To be continued in the next bulletin)*

Wisdom: Kindness

Of all the apostolate open to all of us the most effective, the most far-reaching, the most consoling is Kindness. Kindness is one of God's best gifts to the world.

It drives gloom and darkness from souls.

It puts hope into fainting hearts.

It sweetens sorrow. It lessens pains.

It discovers unsuspected beauties of human character.

It calls forth a response from all that is best in souls.
 It purifies, glorifies, enobles, all that it touches.
 It opens the flood-gates of children's laughter.
 It gathers the tears of repentant love.
 It lightens the burden of weariness.
 It stops the torrent of angry passion.
 It takes the string from failure.
 It kindles courageous ambition.
 It lifts the unfortunate. It leads back the wayward.
 It walks in the steps of Our Savior.
 Let us become apostles of kindness to partake of its sweetness, to aspire to its holiness.
 The apostolate of kindness is exalted; it is sublime; it is Christlike.

Story

There is a story about two men, both Italian sculptors and contemporaries, named Donatello and Michelangelo. One day Donatello received delivery of a huge block of marble. After examining it carefully, Donatello rejected the marble because it was too flawed and cracked for him to use.

Now this was long before forklifts and hydraulic lifts, so the workmen moved the heavy load by using a series of log rollers. Rather than struggle back to the quarry, the quick-thinking haulers decided to deliver it down the street to Michelangelo. After all, he was known to be a little absent-minded. He might not realize that he had not ordered a three-ton block of marble.

When Michelangelo inspected the marble, he saw the same cracks and flaws, as did Donatello. But he also saw the block as a challenge to his artistic skills. It became a personal challenge he could not pass up. So Michelangelo accepted the block of marble that Donatello had already rejected as too flawed and too cracked to be of any use.

Michelangelo proceeded to carve from that seemingly useless block of marble what is considered to be one of the world's greatest art treasures-the statue "David."

A Time To Laugh (37)

Human Nature

Issac Goldstein ran into a cousin of his in New York.

"How are things with you?" he asked.

"Haven't you heard?" asked the cousin. "I'm a partner in the firm of Goldstein and Murphy." "Goldstein and Murphy? Now isn't that wonderful! That's what America is all about: people of different nationalities doing business in partnership. But to you I'll confess it is something of a surprise."

"You call that a surprise? Well, I've got a bigger surprise for you. I'm Murphy!"

Innocence

A very dirty little fellow came in from playing in the yard and asked his mother, "Who am I?" Ready to play the game she said, "I don't know! Who are you?" "WOW!" cried the child. "Mrs. Johnson was right! She said I was so dirty, my own mother wouldn't recognize me!"

Wisdom

A wise schoolteacher sends this note to all parents on the first day of school: "If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he says happens at home."

Quotes of the Week

“Let your heart feel for the affliction, and distresses of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse; remembering always, the estimation of the widow’s mite. But, that it is not every one who asks, that deserves charity; all however are worthy of the enquiry, or the deserving may suffer.”

(George Washington)

Human Nature

A scientist had spent ten years researching the possibility of transforming water into petroleum. He was convinced that all he needed was one substance to effect the needed transformation but, try as he might, the formula eluded him. One day he learnt that high up in the mountains of Tibet there lived a Lama who was all-knowing and could reveal to him the formula he sought. There were three conditions, however: he had to travel there alone, and the journey was hazardous; he had to travel on foot, and the journey was arduous; and, if he ever made it to the presence of the Lama, he would be allowed to ask one, and only one, question.

It took him many months of hardship and danger to fulfill the first two conditions. And when he was brought into the presence of the Lama, imagine his shock to find, not a wizened, bearded old man he expected but an attractive young woman, lovelier far than anything he could have imagined.

She smiled at him sweetly and, in a voice that to his ear sounded heavenly, she said: “Congratulations, traveler! You have made it to our mountain fastness. Now what is your question?”

To his own great surprise the scientist heard himself saying: “Ma’am, may I know if you are married?”

Authority

A great painter asked a doctor friend to come and look at what he thought was his finest creation. The doctor subjected the painting to a thorough examination, taking his time over every detail. Ten minutes passed and the artist became somewhat apprehensive. “Well, what do you think?” he asked. The doctor said: “It appears to be double pneumonia.”

Salesman

One day a salesman stopped by the Jones farm. He knocked and Mr. Jones' wife Frannie came to the door.

"Is your husband home, Ma'am?" he asked.

"Sure is. He's over in the cow barn."

"Well, I got something to show him, Ma'am. Will I have any difficulty finding him?" he asked.

"You shouldn't have," she replied. "He's the one with the beard and mustache."

Famous Quotes (37)

--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.

--Our spiritual life is God’s affair because it is really produced by his steady attraction, and our humble and self-forgetful response to it. It consists in being drawn, at his pace and in his way to the place where he wants us to be; not the place we fancied ourselves. -Evelyn Underhill

--Talk Low, Talk Slow, and Don’t talk too much.

--Telephone, Telegram, Tell-a-woman.

--There are two eternities that can really break you down. Yesterday and Tomorrow. One is gone and the other doesn’t exist... so live today.

--It takes years to build trust and a few seconds to destroy it.

--Kind words are short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless. — *Mother Teresa*

--The best exercise for strengthening the heart is reaching down and lifting people Up. — *Ernest Blevins*

--The world says, “the more you take, the more you have.” Christ says, “the more you give, the more you are.” — *Frederick Buechner*

--When were the good and the brave ever in a majority? — *Henry Thoreau*