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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Mary visits Elizabeth

- ***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

Mary visits Elizabeth

Readings: 2 Sam 6:9-18; Eph 1:1-14 and Lk 1:39-45

"In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb." (Luke 1:39-45)

When Mary finds out she is pregnant, the very first thing she does is set out with haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Mary never gets lost in her own needs. The needs of others always guide her life and her choices.

At Cana, which marked the beginning of Jesus' public ministry; Mary is the first to recognize the dwindling supply of wine and the first to act. At the end of Jesus' life, though her own heart is breaking, she is at her son's side as he dies on the cross. Although it is not recorded, we can be sure that between these two events Mary lived the same way -always putting the needs of others before her own. Jesus obviously learned this lesson very well because his life was likewise dedicated to meeting the needs of others.

In our day and age, we are still capable of compassion. But usually, it is a last resort rather than a first response. Unlike Mary; we do not set out with haste to meet the needs of others. Too often, we finally give in and belatedly act to relieve the suffering of others. During these final few days of Advent, when it is so easy to get lost in our own needs, we need to ask Mary to help us feel the needs of others, and to respond with a generous heart.

This 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 and 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 and their Families
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Next Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, November 28: No Mass. Pastor day off.

Tuesday, November 29 at Noon:

- ✠ 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
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Wednesday, November 30: No Mass. Office work

Thursday, December 1 at Noon:

- ✠ Isabel Ferris Wolfe (Anniversary) by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

Friday, December 2: No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

Next Weekend, Dec 3-4: Birth of St. John the Baptist

Saturday, December 3 at 4:00 p.m.: (Christmas Novena after Communion)

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, December 4 at 10:30 a.m.: (Christmas Novena after Communion)

- ✠ Cathy Sharp Howard (Birthday) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Living & Deceased of the Duffy and Fadoul Families by Earl & Linda Duffy

✠ Siham Frenn (Anniversary) by Dr. Adel, Diane, Justin and Zack & Andrea Riedel

Schedule of Upcoming Events

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.
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. Khourey, Sr. & Gladys Howard by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family
- ✠ In Memory of Leslie & Jerry Jr. by Jerry McGlumphy
- ✠ In Memory of Tom Ferris by his daughter Denise Ferris
- ✠ In Memory of Mary K. Ferris by her daughter Denise Ferris
- ✠ In Memory of Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt and Family
- ✠ In Memory of Ray, Sara, Nick & Gary McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ In Memory Elias & Selma Joseph Family by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ In Memory John & Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ In Honor of Mary Lish
- ✠ In Memory of Rita Strawn by Rex Strawn
- ✠ In Memory of the Strawn and Thomas Families by Rex Strawn
- ✠ In Memory of Danny & Milley Manners by NiNi Miller
- ✠ In Memory of Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Joseph & Weisner Families
- ✠ In Honor of Frank, Anna Marie and Michael Duymich
- ✠ In Memory of the Wakim Family by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- ✠ In Memory of the Yeater Family by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- ✠ In Memory of the AlKhouri and AlAhmar Families by Dr Alkhouri and Family
- ✠ In Memory of my husband Rick Frazier by his wife Luane Frazier and my mother Cecilia Ann Murad
- ✠ In Memory of Ralpf & Mary Joseph Shipley and Deceased Family by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ In Memory of Philip Geimer by his wife Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ In Memory of

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- December 3: Joey John
- December 7: Christina Committee Zdilla
- December 12: Lou Khourey
- December 19: Chris Wakim
- December 21: Millet C. Faddoul Jr.
- December 22: Millet C. Fadoul
- December 25: Shelly Hancher
- December 27: Luke Lenz, Jay Murad
- December 29: Jeff Bentz

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$772.00	Sunday Collection
20.00	Bake sale
240.00	Bulletin Ads
60.00	Candles
33.00	Coffee Hour
220.00	Christmas Dinner
223.00	Donation to the church
451.00	Christmas poinsettias
185.00	Raffles
\$2204.00	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?

Many Thanks

To Mr. Nick Ghaphery who sent cookies to his cousins Ehsan and Tony Khater in Washington DC and who responded with a \$50.00 check made to Our church that is well loved by the Ghaphery Family throughout the years. We appreciate and acknowledge this donation and all the contributions of the Ghaphery Family. May the Blessed Mother reward all the Donors and Benefactors.

In Our Mailbox

“Dear Msgr. Bakhos and Parishioners,

We want to express our deepest appreciation for your Thanksgiving donation of \$123.00 We are truly grateful for your generosity and support of our mission to care for the elderly. You will all be remembered in our prayers. May God reward you hundredfold and shower upon each and all of you His choisest blessings. God bless you, The Antonine Sisters, North Jackson, Ohio.”

Winner of the Gift Basket

The winner of the Thanksgiving Gift Basket was Carol Austin of Wheeling. She is known by Jeannette Wakim. Congratulations.

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

His Holiness Pope Pius XII

Encyclical Proclaiming a Marian Year, September 8, 1953 (continued)

8. Moreover, since the same holy Virgin is saluted "full of grace" and "blessed among women" (Luke I. 28, 24), by these words, as Catholic tradition has always interpreted, it is plainly indicated that "by this singular and solemn salutation, otherwise never heard of, it is shown that the Mother of God was the abode of all Divine graces, adorned with all the charisms of the Holy Spirit, yea, the treasury well nigh infinite and abyss inexhaustible of these charisms, so that she was never subjected to the one accursed" (Bull Ineffabilis Deus).

9. This doctrine, unanimously received in the early Church, has been handed down clearly enough by the Fathers, who claimed for the Blessed Virgin such titles as Lily Among Thorns; Land Wholly Intact; Immaculate; Always Blessed; Free From All Contagion Of Sin; Unfading Tree; Fountain Ever Clear; The One And Only Daughter Not Of Death But Of Life; Offspring Not Of Wrath But Of Grace; Unimpaired And Ever Unimpaired; Holy And Stranger To All Stain Of Sin; More Comely Than Comeliness Itself; More Holy Than Sanctity; Alone Holy Who, Excepting God, Is Higher Than All; By Nature More Beautiful, More Graceful And More Holy Than The Cherubim And Seraphim Themselves And The Whole Host Of Angels."

10. If these praises of the Blessed Virgin Mary be given the careful consideration they deserve, who will dare to doubt that she, who was purer than the angels and at all times pure, was at any moment, even for the briefest instant, not free from every stain of sin? Deservedly, therefore, St. Ephrem addresses her Divine Son in these words: "Really and truly Thou and Thy Mother are alone entirely beautiful. Neither in Thee nor in Thy Mother is there any stain." (Carmine Nisibena, Ed. Bickell, 123). From these words, it is clearly apparent that there is only one among all holy men and women about whom it can be said that the question of sin does not even arise, and also that she obtained this singular privilege, never granted to anyone else, because she was raised to the dignity of Mother of God.

11. This high office which the Council of Ephesus solemnly declared and sanctioned against the heresy of Nestorius (Cf. Pius XI, Encyclical *Lux Veritatis*; *Acta Apost. Sedis*, Vol. 23, P. 493, ss) and greater than which does not seem possible, demands the fullness of Divine grace and a soul immune from stain, since it requires the greatest dignity and sanctity after Christ. Yea indeed, from this sublime office of the Mother of God seem to flow, as it were from a most limpid hidden source, all the privileges and graces with which her soul and life were adorned in such extraordinary manner and measure.

12. For as Aquinas correctly states: "The Blessed Virgin, because she is the Mother of God, has a certain infinite dignity from the infinite good, which is God" (Cf. *Summa Theologiae*, I, Q, 25, Art 6 as 4um). And a distinguished writer develops and explains this in these words: "The Blessed Virgin . . . is the Mother of God: therefore, she is the purest and the most holy, so that under God a greater purity cannot be understood" (Cornelius a Lapide, In Matth. 1.16).

13. And again, if we consider the matter with attention, and especially if we consider the burning and sweet love which Almighty God without doubt had, and has, for the mother of His only begotten Son, for what reason can we even think that she was, even for the briefest moment of time, subject to sin and destitute of divine grace. Almighty God could certainly, by virtue of the merits of the Redeemer, bestow on her this singular privilege; that therefore He did not do so, we cannot even suppose. It was fitting that Jesus Christ should have such a mother as would be worthy of Him as far as possible; and she would not have been worthy, if, contaminated by the hereditary stain even for the first moment only of her conception, she had been subject to the abominable power of Satan.

14. Nor can it be asserted that the Redemption by Christ was on this account lessened, as if it did not extend to the whole race of Adam: and therefore something taken away from the office and dignity of the Divine Redeemer. For if we carefully and thoroughly consider the matter, we easily perceive that Christ the Lord in a certain most perfect manner really redeemed His mother, since it was by virtue of His merits that she was preserved by God immune from all stain of original sin. Wherefore, the infinite dignity of Jesus Christ and His office of universal redemption is not diminished nor lowered by this tenet of doctrine, rather it is greatly increased.

15. Non-Catholics and reformers are therefore mistaken when because of this pretext they find fault with, or disapprove of, our devotion to the Virgin Mother of God, as if it took something from the worship due to God alone and to Jesus Christ. The contrary is true because any honor and veneration which we may give to our Heavenly Mother undoubtedly redounds to the glory of her Divine Son, not only because all graces and all gifts, even the highest, flow from Him as from their primary source, but also because "The glory of children are their fathers" (Book of Proverbs, XVII 6). *(To be continued in the next bulletin)*

Wisdom: Improve your knowledge

Did you know that when you envy someone, it's because you really like that person?

Did you know that those who appear to be very strong in heart, are real weak and most susceptible?

Did you know that those who spend their time protecting others are the ones that really need some one to protect them?

Did you know that the three most difficult things to say are: I love you, Sorry, and help me. The people who say these are actually in need of them or really feel them, and are the ones you really need to treasure, because they have said them.

Did you know that people who occupy themselves by keeping others company or helping others are the ones that actually need your company and help?

Did you know that those who dress in red are more confident in themselves?

Did you know that those who dress in yellow are those that enjoy their beauty?

Did you know that those who dress in black, are those who want to be unnoticed and need your help and understanding?

Did you know that when you help someone, the help is returned in two folds?

Did you know that those who need more of you are those that don't mention it to you?

Did you know that it's easier to say what you feel in writing than saying it to someone in the face? But did you know that it has more value when you say it to their face?

Did you know that what is most difficult for you to say or do is much more valuable than anything that is valuable that you can buy with money?

Did you know that if you ask for something in faith, your wishes are granted?

Did you know that you can make your dreams come true, like falling in love, becoming rich, staying healthy, if you ask for it by faith, and if you really knew, you'd be surprised by what you could do.

Say these magic words with a smile and see the results: "I regret having made you feel bad", "Pardon me", "I love you", "I hold you in high esteem", take good care of yourself" and sometimes "I have always loved you, only I never told you".

Story: A glass of milk

One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door.

Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water. She thought he looked hungry so brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly, and then asked, *"How much do I owe you?"* *"You don't owe me anything,"* she replied. *"Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness."* He said... *"Then I thank you from my heart."*

As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Year's later that young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes.

Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room.

Dressed in his doctor's gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to the case. After a long struggle, the battle was won. Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval.

He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge and the bill was sent to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally, she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill.

She read these words: *"Paid in full with one glass of milk!"*

Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed: *"Thank You, God, that Your love has spread abroad through human hearts and hands."*

A Time To Laugh (38)

Top Winners For Idiot Of the year

Number Two Idiot of the year: Early this year, some Boeing employees on the airfield decided to steal a life raft from one of the 747s. They were successful in getting it out of the plane and home. Shortly after they took it for a float on the river, they

noticed a Coast Guard helicopter coming towards them. It turned out that the chopper was homing in on the emergency locator beacon that activated when the raft was inflated. They are no longer employed at Boeing. Here's your sign, guys. Don't get it wet; the paint might run.

Authority

A man received a note from a friend written in an illegible hand. After struggling to make sense out of it he finally hit upon the idea of enlisting the help of the local druggist.

The man at the drug store looked hard at the note for a whole minute, then took a large brown bottle from the shelf, placed it on the counter and said: "That will be two dollars, please!"

Attitude

A man and his wife went to visit friends in another part of the country and were taken to a racecourse. Fascinated by the sight of horses chasing one another round a track, the two of them kept betting all evening till they had no more than two dollars left.

The following day the man prevailed upon his wife to let him go to the course alone. There was a horse with a fifty-to-one odds on it in the first race. He bet on the horse and it won. He put all the money he won on another long shot in the next race and again he won. He kept doing this all evening and his entire earnings came to fifty-seven thousand dollars.

On the way back home he passed by a gambling den. An inner voice, the same that seemed to have guided him in his choice of horses, seemed to say: "Stop here and go in." So he stopped, went in and found himself standing in front of a roulette wheel. The voice said: "Number thirteen." The man put all of his fifty-seven thousand on number thirteen. The wheel spun. The croupier announced. "Number fourteen."

So the man walked back home with nothing in his pocket. His wife called out to him from the porch. "How did it go?"

The husband shrugged his shoulders. "I lost the two dollars," he said.

Number four Idiot of the year

A motorist was unknowingly caught in an automated speed trap that measured his speed using radar and photographed his car. He later received in the mail a ticket for \$40 and a photo of his car. Instead of payment, he sent the police department a photograph of \$40. Several days later, he received a letter from the police that contained another picture, this time of handcuffs. He immediately mailed in his \$40. Another sign (though this guy might be onto something worth thinking about)!

Spirituality

Buddha seemed quite unruffled by the insults hurled at him by a visitor. When his disciples later asked him what the secret of his serenity was, he said: "Imagine what would happen if someone placed an offering before you and you did not pick it up. Or someone sent you a letter that you refused to open; you would be unaffected by its contents, would you not? Do this each time you are abused and you will not lose your serenity."

Wet Grades

A high-school student came home from school seeming rather depressed.

"What's the matter, son," asked his mother.

The boy said, "It's my grades. They're all wet."

"What do you mean 'all wet?'"

"I mean," he replied, "below C-level."

Famous Quotes (38)

--If I did not believe in God, I should still want my doctor, my lawyer, and my banker to do so.

— *G. K. Chesterton*

--True holiness consists in doing God's will with a smile. — *Mother Teresa*

--If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself. — *St. Augustine of Hippo*

--A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. — *Sir Winston Churchill*

--A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows. — *St. Francis of Assisi*

--Every evening I turn my worries over to God. He's going to be up all night anyway. — *Anonymous*

--The world is full of givers and takers; the takers may eat better, but the givers sleep better. — *Anonymous*

--Once in the lobby of the Midland Hotel in Manchester when I happened to be in some public disfavor, a man came up to me, grasped my hand and observed: Never forget that only dead fish swim with the stream. — *Malcolm Muggeridge*

--The family that prays together stays together. (*Motto devised for the Roman Catholic Family Rosary Crusade, 1947, Al Scalpone*)

--The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home. — *St. Augustine of Hippo*

--We can do no great things, only small things with great love. — *Mother Teresa*

--All that we do without offering it to God is wasted. — *St. John Vianney*

--Writing is no trouble: you just jot down ideas as they occur to you. The jotting is simplicity itself—it is the occurring which is difficult. — *Stephen Leacock*

--In any really good subject, one has only to probe deep enough to come to tears. Edith Wharton

--It is a sobering thought that each of us gives his hearers and his readers a chance to look into the inner working of his mind when he speaks or writes. --*J M Barker*

--Vigorous writing is concise. A sentence should contain no unnecessary words, a paragraph no unnecessary sentences, for the same reason that a drawing should have no unnecessary lines and a machine no unnecessary

parts. This requires not that the writer make all his sentences short, or that he avoid all detail and treat his subjects only in outline, but that every word tell. --*William Strunk*

--I conceive that the right way to write a story for boys is to write so that it will not only interest boys but strongly interest any man who has ever been a boy. That immensely enlarges the audience. --*Mark Twain*