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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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2nd Sunday of Epiphany

***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

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: Jer 1:4-10; 2Cor 4:5-15 and Jn 1:35-42

How sensitive this little Samuel appears, attentive to the voice of the mysterious being who calls him in the temple! From the moment the living God pronounces his name, the child awakens and is responsive to an experience of intimacy which will allow him, in his turn, to recognize and to name the One who speaks to him. Something similar occurs at the first meeting between Jesus and some of his future disciples. A mystery of communion is hinted at something irreversible is set in motion: heaven murmurs names known to God alone, while waiting for the earth in its turn to discover and pronounce the divine name.

On the banks of the Jordan, it is Jesus who comes and goes, accessible to everyone, as if he wanted to attract attention. On the testimony of the Baptist, who points him out, two men set out to find him, to follow the Lamb so that they may live close to him. "Come and see ... ". What wonderful delicacy, without the shadow of constraint: the invitation to walk freely towards the truth, trusting in this friendship which is offered.

At the heart of every attachment, there is always a privileged moment when we seek to give the one we love the secret name which belongs to that person alone. Just so, all human beings bear a name of eternal tenderness which Christ destines for them and which they will receive on the palm of their hand, inscribed on a white pebble, in the kingdom (Apoc 2: 17). Cephas: this was the name of love which the Son of Man reserved for Simon; henceforth, Peter will have to merit it by his life of discipleship, while awaiting the day when he too will name the Son of God.

Of the two disciples who followed Jesus, only Andrew is mentioned by name. We can guess who the other was: the beloved disciple. But under his anonymity is not each of us included, each of us called to discover the intimate name which Jesus has reserved for us?

This Weekend: Jan.14-15: 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Saturday, January 14 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ 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

Sunday, January 15 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Rita Thomas-Strawn by the Wakim Family
- ✠ John Shiben by John & Tulane Mensore
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Next Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, January 16: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

Tuesday, January 17 Mass at Noon: Saint Anthony the Great feast day

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Robert Rose (Anniversary) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ John Shiben by Sharon Bishop

Wednesday, January 18: No Mass. Office work.

Thursday, January 19 Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ John Shiben by William and Mary Beth Yaeger

Friday, January 20: No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

Next Weekend: Jan.21-22: 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Saturday, January 21 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ John Shiben by Denna Shiben

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

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

Sunday, January 22 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Jim George Sr., by his wife Shirley and Family

✠ John Shibben by John & Tulane Mensore

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

Schedule of coming events:

January-9-13	No Mass. Clergy Retreat
February 11-17	Week of the Faithful Departed. Remember your parents and beloved ones.
Sunday, February 12	Valentine Dinner Dance at noon in the Cedar Hall (parishioners only)

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

January 23: Dale Seidler Jr.
 January 26: Chris DeMuth
 January 28: Nikki Popovich
 February 2: David John
 February 4: Lindsay Carl
 February 9: Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Michael DiFabrizio
 February 10: Sandra DeMuth
 February 11: Charlotte Khourey
 February 14: Diane Frenn
 February 15: Nettie Seidler

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$2,206.00	Sunday Collection
120.00	Bulletin Ads
34.00	Candles
64.00	Coffee hour
100.00	Donation to the church
90.00	Mahrajan
40.00	Valentine Dinner Dance – 50/50 Raffles
30.00	Valentine Dinner Dance – Tickets sale
361.00	utilities
\$3,045.00	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)

Bettie Jane Fadoul, Patrick Sengewalt, 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, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),

What's New?

Discernment Weekend (March 24-26, 2023)

Wondering if the Lord is calling you to the priesthood in the Maronite church? Men aged 18-40 are invited for the weekend of fellowship, prayer, discussion and discernment on March 24-26, 2023 at the Maronite Seminary, Washington, DC. Information: 202-723-8831

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: Knot of the Cord

Jesus is the Eternal in time, Mary is the House of the Eternal in time. She is the final meeting place of all humanity and all history. Or, as Coventry Patmore says: "*Knot of the cord which binds together all and all unto their Lord.*" --Bishop Fulton SHEEN, *That Tremendous Love*, p. 27

Wisdom: Life is the coffee

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. The conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life.

Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain-looking, some expensive, and some exquisite telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

After all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is but normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, THAT is the source of your problems and stress.

Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases, it's just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups and then began eyeing each other's cups.

Now consider this: Life is the coffee, and the jobs, houses, cars, things, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life, and the type of cup we have does not define nor change the quality of life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us. God brews the coffee, not the cups. ENJOY YOUR COFFEE.

Story: Perfect Mistake

My Mother's father worked as a carpenter. On this particular day, he was building some crates for the clothes his church was sending to orphanages in China.

On his way home, he reached into his shirt pocket to find his glasses, but they were gone. When he mentally replayed his earlier actions, he realized what had happened; the glasses had slipped out of his pocket unnoticed and fallen into one of the crates, which he had nailed shut.

His brandnew glasses were heading for China!

The Great Depression was at its height and Grandpa had six children. He had spent \$20 for those glasses that very morning. He was upset by the thought of having to buy another pair. "It's not fair," he told God as he drove home in frustration. "I've been very faithful in giving of my time and money to your work, and now this."

Months later, the director of the orphanage was on furlough in the United States. He wanted to visit all the churches that supported him in China, so he came to speak one Sunday at my grandfather's small church in Chicago.

The missionary began by thanking the people for their faithfulness in supporting the orphanage. "But most of all," he said, "I must thank you for the glasses you sent last year. You see, the Communists had just swept through the orphanage, destroying everything, including my glasses. I was desperate. Even if I had the money, there was simply no way of replacing those glasses. Along with not being able to see well, I experienced headaches every day, so my coworkers and I were much in prayer about this."

Then your crates arrived. When my staff removed the covers, they found a pair of glasses lying on top. The missionary paused long enough to let his words sink in. Then, still gripped with the wonder of it all, he continued: "Folks, when I tried on the glasses, it was as though they had been custom made just for me! I want to thank you for being a part of that."

The people listened, happy for the miraculous glasses. But the missionary surely must have confused their church with another, they thought. There were no glasses on their list of items to be sent overseas.

But sitting quietly in the back, with tears streaming down his face, an ordinary carpenter realized the Master Carpenter had used him in an extraordinary way. There are times we want to blame God instead of thanking him! Perhaps it is something we ought to try more often, I have to remember this in these times of trial with my own family. May GOD bless your week. Look for the perfect mistakes.

"People are like tea bags- - you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are."

A Time to Laugh (45)

I Owe My Mother

My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My mother taught me LOGIC. "Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me IRONY. "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

My mother taught me about WEATHER. "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY. "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE. I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION. "Stop acting like your father!"

My mother taught me about ENVY. "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION. "Just wait until we get home."

My mother taught me about RECEIVING. "You are going to get it when you get home!"

My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE. "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

My mother taught me ESP. "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

My mother taught me HUMOR. "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

My mother taught me GENETICS. "You're just like your father."

My mother taught me about my ROOTS. "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

My mother taught me WISDOM. "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

And my favorite: My mother taught me about JUSTICE. "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."

Oooooooooooooooooops!

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a card and wrote

"Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10."

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

Famous Quotes (45)

Animals:

--To his dog, every man is Napoleon; hence the constant popularity of dogs. (Aldous Huxley)

Answers:

--Answers are what we have for other people's problems.

--No answer is also an answer. (Danish proverb)

Anticipation:

--If pleasures are greatest in anticipation, just remember that this is also true of trouble. (Elbert Hubbard)

--A man's delight in looking forward to and hoping for some particular satisfaction is a part of the pleasure flowing out of it, enjoyed in advance. But this is afterward deducted, for the more we look forward to anything, the less we enjoy it when it comes. (Arthur Schopenhauer)

--We love to expect, and when expectation is either disappointed or gratified, we want to be again expecting. (Samuel Johnson)

--Nothing is so wretched or foolish as to anticipate misfortunes. What madness is to be expecting evil before it comes. (Seneca)

--If there's one thing I know, it's that God does love a good joke.

--Oxymoron Definition: A rhetorical figure in which incongruous or contradictory terms are combined.

EXAMPLE: Removing the Ten Commandments from the courthouse while making people in court swear to "tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God." ... while your hand is on the Bible!

--Question: If you could live forever, would you and why? Answer: "I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever," (Miss Alabama in the 1994 Miss USA contest.)

--"Instead of getting married again, I'm going to find a woman I don't like and just give her a house." (Drew Carey)

--"The problem with the designated driver program, it's not a desirable job, but if you ever get sucked into doing it, have fun with it. At the end of the night, drop them off at the wrong house." (Rod Stewart)

--"What do people mean when they say the computer went down on them?" (Jeff Foxworthy)

--When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.

--The best sermons are lived, not preached.

--Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.

--Don't judge folks by their relatives.

--Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

--Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.

--Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.

--Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

--If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

--Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.

--The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.

--Always drink upstream from the herd.

--Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

--Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.

--If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

--Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.