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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Priests

***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

Sunday of the Priests

Readings: Mal 2:1,5-9; Tm 4:6-16 and Lk 12:42-48

Since there is no information about Jesus' hidden years in Nazareth, except that He grew, writers and artists have let their imaginations run wild. He is said to have made birds out of clay, and like a little magician, brought them to life. He is depicted as making little crosses in Joseph's workshop. That is pure imagination. We do know that He was like us in everything but sin, and therefore was like the people of his time. He was a peasant Jewish boy in a country village, where there was no indoor plumbing, no bath facilities, and where each family's sink and washing machine was a well at the center of town. Jesus carried large clay jars of water, heavy and burdensome, back to the family home.

Realistically we can think of him as going with Joseph to seek work as carpenters on the new Roman construction. Rightly we can picture him as being tired, dirty and sweaty and returning home at night to pray and to study the Scriptures. This was the way He grew in the realization that "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)

Later on, his favorite title was "Son of Man". He was one of us, like us, not using his divinity as a pressure valve to escape from the pressures of humanity. Nazareth tells us that when we think of his suffering, we are mistaken to think of just Good Friday. He embraced all the weariness, tension, frustration and suffering that are involved in the human condition, of being fully, the son of man. It was in carrying the burden of the wood and water that he learned what it meant to say: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

The Beautiful Hands Of A Priest

We need them in life's early morning, we need them again at its close.

We feel their warm clasp of true friendship, we seek them when tasting life's woes.

At the altar each day we behold them, and the hands of a king on his throne are not equal to them in their greatness, their dignity stands all alone.

And when we are tempted and wander to pathways of shame and of sin, it's the hand of a priest that will absolve us, not once, but again and again.

And when we are taking life's partner, other hands may prepare us a feast.

But the hand that will bless and unite us is the beautiful hand of a priest.

God bless them and keep them all holy for the Host which their fingers caress.

When can a poor sinner do better than to ask Him to guide you and bless?

When the hour of death comes upon us may our courage and strength be increased by seeing raised over us in blessing the beautiful hands of a priest!

This Weekend: Jan.28-29: Sunday of the Priests

Saturday, January 28 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

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

✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, January 29 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Laura Wakim by the Wakim Family

✠ John Shiben by John & Tulane Mensore

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

Next Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, January 30: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

Tuesday, January 31 Mass at Noon:

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

- ✠ John Shiben by Lou & Charlotte Kourey and Family
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

Wednesday, February 1: No Mass. Office work.

Thursday, February 2 Mass at Noon: Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ John Shiben by William and Mary Beth Yaeger

Friday, February 3: No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

Next Weekend: Feb.4-5: Sunday of the Righteous & Just

Saturday, February 4 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
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas by their last will
- † Special Intention

Sunday, February 5 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ John Shiben by John & Tulane Mensore
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Schedule of Coming Events:

Sunday, February 5	OLOL Women's Society Meeting in Cedar Hall after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Monday, February 6	Cedar Club Meeting in Cedar Hall at 6:00 p.m. (Election of Officers)
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)

Week of the Faithful Departed (Saturday, February 11 until Friday, February 17)

Necessity to pray for the dead:

Judas rallied his army and went to the city of Adullam. As the week was ending, they purified themselves according to custom and kept the sabbath there. On the following day, since the task had now become urgent, Judas and his men went to gather up the bodies of the slain and bury them with their kinsmen in their ancestral tombs. But under the tunic of each of the dead they found amulets sacred to the idols of Jamnia, which the law forbids the Jews to wear. So it was clear to all that this was why these men had been slain? They all therefore praised the ways of the lord, the just judge who brings to light the things that are hidden. Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out. The noble Judas warned the soldiers to keep themselves free from sin, for they had seen with their own eyes what had happened because of the sin of those who had fallen. He then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed this sin. (2 Maccabees 38-46)

- ✠ Deceased of the Kourey and Howard Families by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Kourey
- ✠ Catherine Arthue by her daughter Carol Burkhart
- ✠ Adib & Sadie Chidiac (parents), Nadim (brother) and Mona (sister) by Msgr. Bakhos
- ✠ Deceased of the Chidiac Family by Msgr Bakhos

2022 Ash Distribution Schedule

Ash Monday, February 20:

12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

Ash Wednesday, February 22:

12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

Stations of the Cross & Light Dinner (starting Friday, February 24)

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:30 p.m. Mass will be followed by the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Cross. The “*Stations of the Cross*” is a devotion which consists of following the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by recalling the fourteen prominent events that took place from the time of the trial under Pontius Pilate until His death and burial on Mount Calvary. Many Thanks to these generous families who sponsored light meatless dinners after the Stations of the Cross. If any other family wants to participate in the social hour, please ask and join the families listed below.

Date:	Volunteers Who Sponsor the Light Meals on Fridays during Lent:
1 st Friday, Feb. 24	Meal Sponsor: Dr. & Mrs Nabil Alkhouri
2 nd Friday, March 3	Meal Sponsors: Susan John
3 rd Friday, March 10	Meal Sponsors: Chris & Jeannette Wakim
4 th Friday, March 17	Meal Sponsor: Mary Stees and Libby Magnone
5 th Friday, March 24	Meal Sponsors: Liz & Jay Murad
6 th Friday, March 31	Meal Sponsor: George & Susan Saseen
Good Friday, April 7	Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club & Parishioners

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

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
 February 16: Dave Sengewalt
 February 17: Rebecca DiFabrizio
 February 21: Louie Khourey, Dennis Porter
 February 24: Mary Lee Porter
 February 27: MaryAnn Carl

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$876.00	Sunday Collection
263.00	2 nd collection
45.00	Candles
32.00	Coffee hour
460.00	Donation to the church
355.00	Valentine Party
\$2031.00	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)

Patty Olinsky, Earl Ragase, 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?

Rummage Sale

The ladies of the church would appreciate any items to be donated toward the coming rummage sale in June. Please bring your items with you to the church and we will open the basement door for you. Many Thanks.

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

Prayer to Our Lady of Maryknoll

Holy Mary, Mother mild, bless our world through Christ your child. Heal the poor, the sick, the dying, the refugee, whose mournful crying urges you to cover those with mercy as the earth the snows.

--J.R. Veneroso, M.M.

Wisdom: Appreciate Life

Can you answer this riddle?

Here is a pretty neat little thing from Paul Harvey. See if you can guess the riddle at the end.

Paul Harvey Writes:

We tried so hard to make things better for our kids that we made them worse. For my grandchildren, I'd like better.

I'd really like for them to know about hand me down clothes and homemade ice cream and leftover meat loaf sandwiches. I really would.

I hope you learn humility by being humiliated, and that you learn honesty by being cheated.

I hope you learn to make your own bed and mow the lawn and wash the car.

And I really hope nobody gives you a brand new car when you are sixteen.

It will be good if at least one time you can see puppies born and your old dog put to sleep.

I hope you get a black eye fighting for something you believe in.

I hope you have to share a bedroom with your younger brother/sister. And it's all right if you have to draw a line down the middle of the room, but when he wants to crawl under the covers with you because he's scared, I hope you let him.

When you want to see a movie and your little brother/sister wants to tag along, I hope you'll let him/her.

I hope you have to walk uphill to school with your friends and that you live in a town where you can do it safely.

On rainy days when you have to catch a ride, I hope you don't ask your driver to drop you two blocks away so you won't be seen riding with someone as uncool as your Mom.

If you want a slingshot, I hope your Dad teaches you how to make one instead of buying one.

I hope you learn to dig in the dirt and read books.

When you learn to use computers, I hope you also learn to add and subtract in your head.

I hope you get teased by your friends when you have your first crush on a boy\girl, and when you talk back to your mother that you learn what ivory soap tastes like.

May you skin your knee climbing a mountain, burn your hand on a stove and stick your tongue on a frozen flagpole.

I don't care if you try a beer once, but I hope you don't like it. And if a friend offers you dope or a joint, I hope you realize he is not your friend.

I sure hope you make time to sit on a porch with your Grandma/Grandpa and go fishing with your Uncle.

May you feel sorrow at a funeral and joy during the holidays.

I hope your mother punishes you when you throw a baseball through your neighbor's window and that she hugs you and kisses you at Christmas time when you give her a plaster mold of your hand.

These things I wish for you - tough times and disappointment, hard work and happiness. To me, it's the only way to appreciate life.

Story

If a picture is worth a thousand words, what do you suppose a video image is worth? What about a video image of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament?

I oversee our religious community's web site. I had the idea to provide a live image of our Eucharistic Adoration chapel, which is uploaded every minute twenty—four hours a day, seven days a week so the web cam can bring Jesus closer to people through their computers. I quickly learned that this image was indeed worth much more than a thousand words.

I have received e-mails from homebound people who praise the web cam as a great comfort when they cannot get to church. People with insomnia have written to say they use it during long nights when sleep eludes them. Others use it as a home oratory where the family can gather in prayer. One psychiatrist uses it to pray with her patients during treatment.

This feedback confirmed to me that the web cam was the next best thing to being there. But there was one use that I never could have imagined a game. Since some of our monks occasionally pass in front of the camera for a moment, a group of office workers turned this cyber image into the "Spot the Monk" game.

A non-Catholic named Richard wrote to tell me about it: Brother John, in my quest to see a monk on your monk-cam, I have set up a web ring of a few friends of mine to watch the monk—cam at most hours of the day. This is the exciting part: Sarah saw a monk! I was not fortunate enough to lay eyes on him, but I know you guys are out there! Thank you for putting your web cam up.

We love it!"

I must admit, I never envisioned the "Spot the Monk" game, but neither did I envision what would follow. Because of this game, Richard started reading articles on our web site. In his next email to me, he wanted information about becoming Catholic. I directed him to a Catholic parish and sent him the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Richard eventually was received into the Catholic Church. Now, he tries to attend adoration daily at his local parish.

Little did Richard realize that by trying to spot a monk, he would find Jesus. Now that is a game worth playing.

A Time to Laugh (47)

Children Shopping

My first grade daughter and her friend Beth both needed new boots as winter approached. When Beth got in the car one morning, I saw she had finally gotten her boots.

"Beth," I commented, "I see you got new boots. Where did you get them?"

"At the store," she answered.

"Which one?" I asked.

She began looking at her new boots and after a pause said, "Both of them."

Ticket Excuses

Highway Patrol officers hear all kinds of creative excuses that drivers give for speeding. Here are some of the officers' favorites. By the way, none of them worked.

--A man told the officer he was rushing to the hospital because he had been stung by a bee and was allergic.

"There's the bee right there," he said pointing to his dashboard. The officer looked. The bee was not only dead, but in an advanced state of decomposition.

--An officer stopped a man doing 80 mph. When he asked the driver whether he had seen the speed-limit signs, the man responded, "I went by them so fast I probably missed them."

--A man going south on I-95 was stopped near Washington Avenue doing 79 mph. "My engine misses, and I'm trying to clean out the carburetor," he told the officer. For good measure, he added, "If I don't go this fast, my car won't go at all."

--"I'm due in traffic court," one speeder said. "If I am late they're going to enforce the bench warrant."

--When an officer told a speeder that the speed limit on the Schuylkill Expressway was 50 mph, the driver responded, "Officer, where have you been? It's 65 now."

--One speeder said simply, "I'm trying to beat my wife home. Don't ask."

--An elderly person was stopped after doing 73 mph. When told he was getting a ticket, he asked the officer, "Is there a senior citizen's discount?"

Generous Giver

A teenager was sitting in church, and when the collection plate was passed, he quickly pulled a dollar bill from his pocket and dropped it in.

Just then, the person behind him tapped him on his shoulder and handed him a \$20 bill. The boy smiled, placed the \$20 in the plate, and passed it on, admiring the man's generosity. Then the boy felt another tap from behind and heard a whisper:

"Son," the man said, "that was your \$20 bill that had fallen out of your pocket."

Oh! To be a child again

Decisions were made by saying "eeny-meeny-miney-mo."

Mistakes were corrected by simply exclaiming, "Do over!"

Money issues were handled by whoever was the banker in "Monopoly."

Catching fireflies could happily occupy an entire evening.

It wasn't odd to have two or three "best" friends.

It was unbelievable that dodge ball wasn't an Olympic event.

Nobody was prettier than Mom.

Scrapes and bruises were kissed and made better.

Getting a foot of snow was a dream come true.

No shopping trip was complete unless a new toy was brought home.

Spinning around, getting dizzy, and falling down would cause giggles.

The worst embarrassment was being picked last for a team.

Baseball cards in the spokes transformed any bike into a motorcycle.

Ice cream was considered a basic food group.

Older siblings were the worst tormentors but also the fiercest protectors.

Famous Quotes (46)

--A boy becomes an adult three years before his parents think he does ... and about two years after he thinks he --does. (Lewis Hershey)

--Adults are really not wiser than children; they're just more cunning.

Advancement:

- Build momentum by accumulating small successes. (Anonymous)
- I found that the men and women who got to the top were those who did the jobs they had in hand, with everything they had of energy and enthusiasm and hard work. (Harry S Truman)

Adventure:

- When you're safe at home you wish you were having an adventure; when you're having an adventure you wish you were safe at home. (Thornton Wilder)
- Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain, and most fools do. — *Benjamin Franklin*
- If you hear that someone is speaking ill of you, instead of trying to defend yourself you should say, "He obviously does not know me very well, since there are so many other faults he could have mentioned. — *Epictectus*
- Let me tell you the secret that has led me to my goal. My strength lies solely in my tenacity. — *Loui Pasteur*
- The Lord can do great things through those who don't care who gets the credit. — *Helen Pearson*
- Consider the postage stamp: Its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing until it gets there. — *Josh Billings*
- The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't. — *Henry Ward Beecher*
- Lack of will power has caused more failure than lack of intelligence or ability. — *Flower A. Newhouse*
- I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had absolutely no other place to go. — *Abraham Lincoln*
- If you want the last word, apologize. — *Anonymous*
- The deeds you do today may be the only sermon some people will hear today. — *St. Francis of Assisi*
- God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
- He who angers you, controls you!
- If God is your Co-pilot - swap seats!
- Prayer: Don't give God instructions -- just report for duty!
- The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.
- We don't change the message, the message changes us.
- You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.
- The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.
- "Long-range goals keep you from being frustrated by short-term failures." - **James Cash Penney**
- "There's only one way to succeed in anything and that is to give everything." - **Vince Lombardi**
- Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.
- Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.