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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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New Sunday

***Weekend Masses:** Saturdays: Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: Mass at 10:30 a.m.

***Weekday Masses:** Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays: No Mass. Pastor's office work.

Tuesdays and Thursday: Mass at 12:00 Noon

***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

New Sunday

Readings: Is 52:7-12; 2Cor 5:11-21 and Jn 20:26-31

Becoming children of God doesn't happen overnight, nor does it guarantee protection from pain and suffering. The newborn church wanted to be of one heart and mind, sharing all things in common, and witnessing to Christ with great power. It wasn't long before they realized that they were naive babes who had a long road ahead to reach the goal set before them. Though their strength and courage might fail them, the Spirit would strengthen and sustain them on their journey.

In the aftermath of the cross, Jesus' disciples found it hard to remember what they heard in the light of faith. Like Thomas, we may refuse to believe when others tell us they have met the risen Lord. But even in our refusal to believe, Jesus reaches out and says, "Touch me. Do not persist in your unbelief but believe!" Jesus invites us to take another step to believe when we have no tangible proof, when we cannot touch or see. When we recall Jesus' consoling presence, the breath of God will revive our spirits, and we will cry, "My Lord and God!"

For Reflection: When do I find it hardest to believe? In moments of doubt, how does the Christian community help me to have faith, peace, and forgiveness?

Jesus performed 37 Miracles.

We will publish them weekly in order to strengthen our faith that Jesus is indeed the Son of God who has divine power to heal and raise the dead by a Word from his mouth. Blessed are those who believe without seeing Him.

Seventh miracle of Jesus when he healed a Man Who Had a Skin Disease

Jesus came down from the mountainside. Large crowds followed him. A man who had a skin disease came and got down on his knees in front of Jesus. He said, "Lord, if you are willing to make me 'clean,' you can do it." Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing to do it," he said. "Be 'clean!'" Right away the man was healed of his skin disease. Then Jesus said to him, "Don't tell anyone. Go and show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift Moses commanded. It will be a witness to everyone." (Matthew 8:1-4)

This Weekend: Saturday-Sunday, April 15-16

Saturday, April 15 Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

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

Sunday, April 16 Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Our parents Joe & Nell Duffy & George & Rose Fadoul by Mickey & Linda Duffy
- ✠ John Shiben by Frank & Joan Joanou
- 🕯 Good health & happy life of Sarah Volk (aunt of GiGi Rice)

Coming Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, April 17: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Tuesday, April 18 Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their 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, April 19: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Thursday, April 20 Mass at Noon:

- ✠ John Shiben by Denna Shiben
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

Friday, April 21: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Next Weekend: Saturday-Sunday, April 22-23

Saturday, April 22 Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- ✠ John Shibben by Denna Shibben

Sunday, April 23 Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Ray (Mickey) McLaughlin Jr. (Anniversary) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ John F. Kukula (Birthday) by his wife Mary Rose Kukula

Coming Parish Events

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| Sunday, May 7 | May Queen Procession. Ava Murad will be the May Queen this year. |
| Rummage Sale | Drop off: May, Tue.16, Wed.17 and Thu.18 (From noon to 3:00 pm) May, Tue.23, Wed.24 and Thu.25 (From noon to 3:00 pm) |
| Saturday, June 17 after 4pm Mass | Parish Dinner on the occasion of Father Day. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, August 13 until 7:00 pm | Mahrajan (Festival) at Oglebay Park, Levenson Shelter 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass at Oglebay (No Mass at the church) |

Mother Day Masses: from Saturday, May 6 until Sunday, May 14

Masses for the Deceased Mothers and Grandmothers

- ✠ Deceased of the Togliatti & Harb Families by GiGi Rice
- ✠ Deceased mothers & grandmothers of Jamil Harb (MI)
- ✠ Louise N. Khourey & Gladys Howard by children Lou & Charlotte & grandchildren Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Emma Nader & Nabiha "Lena" Khourey by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- ✠ Minnie Church Riggs & Cassandra "Cassie" Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- ✠ Sadie Chidiac (mother), Kathrine & Hasibi (grandmothers) & all my sisters by Msgr. Bakhos
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carole Burkhart
- ✠ Deceased mothers of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Mary K. Ferris by her daughter Denise Ferris
- ✠ Pearl I (Nolte) Shutler (mother), Clara Shutler (grandmother), Isabelle (Frey) Nolte (great-grandmother) by Janet Shutler
- ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson & Amelia Elias by Tammy Strong & their loving Family
- ✠ Wanda Nickerson by her loving Family
- ✠ Martha Saseen by her son George Saseen
- ✠ Elizabeth Harasuik by her daughter Susan Saseen
- ✠ Mary Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Helen Fielding by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Laura Z. Wakim by The Wakim Family
- ✠ For all mothers & grandmothers by The Wakim Family
- ✠ Sara McLaughlin & Selma Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ Barbara Lenz by PJ, Nikki, Lindsay & Luke Lenz
- ✠ Betty Lou Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros
- ✠ Dolores M. Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros
- ✠ Ginny & Martha Shia & Anna Shia by their Family
- ✠ Edna Jochum by her Family
- ✠ Angela Henning & Anna Bott by Don & Roberta Henning
- ✠ Cecilia (mother) & Saada (grandmother) by Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Nell Comer Duffy & Rose Shedeed Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy

- ✠ Cecilia Ann Murad by her daughter Luane Frazier
- ✠ Margaret Schlog by her daughter Fran Saseen
- ✠ Charlotte George by her daughter Margaret George
- ✠ Lottie Elwartoski by her son Richard Elwartoski
- ✠ Mary (Joseph) Shipley & Salema (Awed) Joseph by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ LaVerne Thomas and Siham Frenn by Dr Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Andreah & Zack Riedel
- ✠ June Fahey by George & Patricia Fahey
- ✠ Agnes Jacovetty by George & Patricia Jacovetty-Fahey
- ✠ Eileen M. Hatty and Cecilia F. Hatty by Judge Michael P. Hatty and Family
- ✠ Mary Ann Hatty by Judge Michael P. Hatty and Family
- ✠ Lucy Gibbons, Ann Otterbeck and Sadie Coury by Ron & Kim Gibbons
- ✠ Ellen Dennis by Annette & Rusty Wetzel
- ✠ Beryl Wetzel by Annette & Rusty Wetzel
- ✠ Annette Togliatti and Sadie Bou Harb by GiGi Rice
- ✠ Mariam Joseph and Anita Weisner by Mary Beth Weisner
- ✠ Mariam (Habebe) Joseph and Mary Catherine Habebe by Jean Weisner
- ✠ Freda Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- ✠ Doloes Palotay by the Palotay Family

Prayers for the Living Mothers and Grandmothers

- ✠ Charlotte Khourey by her children Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Living mothers & grandmothers of Jamil Harb (MI)
- ✠ My sisters & their daughters in law by Msgr. Bakhos
- ✠ Nikki Jo Lenz by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Nikki A. Popovich by Joe Popovich
- ✠ Jeannette M. Wakim by her children Laura Chapman & Nathan Wakim
- ✠ Barb McLaughlin by Brad McLaughlin & Kristen & Matt Graney
- ✠ Barb McLaughlin by Nathan Graney
- ✠ Nikki Popovich by PJ, Nikki, Lindsay & Luke Lenz
- ✠ Kristen (McLaughlin) Graney by her son Nathan Graney
- ✠ Diane Frenn & Brenda Riedel by Dr Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Andreah & Zack Riedel
- ✠ Patricia Fahey by George Fahey and daughters
- ✠ Jean Weisner by her son Gary Weisner
- ✠ Jean (Joseph) Weisner by her daughter Mary Beth Weisner
- ✠ Joyce Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- April 20: Angela Petros
- April 28: Ann Marie Weisner Serafin
- April 29: Linda Hostutler, Jeannette Wakim
- May 5: Eden DeMuth
- May 6: Nikki Lenz
- May 9: Mark Thomas
- May 15: Austin Musilli
- May 16: Jacqueline Petros

| <i>Your Church Support Last Week</i> | |
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| \$3,361.00 | Sunday Collection |
| 150.00 | Diocesan appeal |
| 379.00 | 2 nd collection: Holy Land |

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| 66.00 | Candles |
| 21.00 | Coffee hour |
| 245.00 | Donations to the church |
| \$4,222.00 | 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)

Pat Duffy, Sarah Volk (aunt of GiGi Rice), Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Fred Jaquay, Patty Olinsky, Earl Ragase, Patrick Sengewalt, Renee Beabout (daughter of Marge John), Mary Stees, Rex Strawn, 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?

Parish Condolences: Fred Frenn

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Dr. Adel Frenn on the loss of his beloved uncle Fred who passed away in Lebanon. May the Blessed Mother intercede for him and lead him to the light of Christ. We extend the parish's condolences to Diane, Justin, Andrea and Zack in their time of sorrow.

Congratulation to the Blessed Mother

Last Monday, April 10, we signed the deeds of the house on the corner of the church. It was the last house on the whole block that belongs now to the church. Congratulations to the Blessed Mother and to the parish.

Rummage Sale (Saturday, June 3rd from 8 am until 2 pm)

Drop off: May, Tue.16, Wed.17 and Thu.18 (From noon to 3:00 pm)

May, Tue.23, Wed.24 and Thu.25 (From noon to 3:00 pm)

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. "For other arrangements on dropping off donations, please call Linda at 304-242-6853." Thank you

Mahrajan Update (Sunday, August 13, 2023)

- This year we will celebrate our 90th Lebanese Festival (Mahrajan) at Oglebay Park on Sunday, August 13.
- Outdoor Mass at 10:00 a.m. not 10:30 a.m. There will be no Mass at the church the day of the Festival.
- Only 1,000 numbered tickets were printed this year. If all tickets are sold, the cash prize will be \$10,000 cash. If not, the winner will get half of the amount collected up to the time of the drawing. The purchased tickets will be mailed while the stubs will be completed and saved in the church ready for the drawing that will take place at the stage of the Festival at Oglebay Park around 6:00 p.m. in presence of everyone. Good luck.
- Many Thanks to Susan & Ron Burns for sponsoring the welcome center tent at the entrance of the Mahrajan (Festival) this year. It is a beautiful 10x10 red and white stripes. May God reward you manyfolds.
- The church purchased 2 refrigerators for pop and water. Also one Sajj (woke) for Lebanese cheese pizza and Zaatar bread.
- The church purchased four red tents 10x15 feet each to be used for our special booths.
- There will be a special booth for Lebanese wine taste.
- If you have a friend or know someone who is interested in receiving correspondence about our Festival, please submit their addresses to Msgr. Bakhos.

Around Us

St. Anthony Meatloaf Dinner (Sunday, April 23)

Where: ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH, 630 MAIN STREET, BRIDGEPORT, OH

Menu: meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, roll, butter, cake, and beverage. Cost per dinner is \$10. Eat in or take out. Golf cart service will be available to transport to and from the Church Parking lots" .

When: Sunday, April 23rd, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the School Hall.

Info: Sara Mudrick (740) 635-0296

Spirituality: Blessed Virgin Mary

Lovely Lady dressed in Blue, teach me how to pray.

God was just your little boy and you know the way.

Did you lift him up sometime, gently on your knee?

Did you sing to him, the way mother does to me?

Did you hold his hand at night? Did you try,

Telling stories of the world. Oh, and did he cry?

Do you think he really cares if I tell him things?

Little things that happen?

And do the angels wings make a noise?

Does he hear me when I speak low?

Does he understand me now? Tell me for you know.

Lovely Lady dressed in Blue, teach me how to pray.

God was just your little boy and YOU know the way. --Bishop Fulton Sheen

Wisdom: The Secret to a long life

According to a study by Stanford University, people who live past 100 years old, have the following lifestyle habits in common:

They always eat breakfast and eat sugar infrequently if at all.

They sleep seven to eight hours a night.

They exercise regularly (if approved by their doctor).

They consume little or no alcohol and they don't smoke.

They avoid excessive weight gains or losses.

They walk regularly to prevent bone loss and to stay flexible.

(This is not medical advice. Always consult your doctor first).

Story: Nasa and the Bible

Thought this was pretty amazing and interesting!

For all the scientists out there, and for all the students who have a hard time convincing these people regarding the truth of the Bible, here's something that shows God's awesome creation, and that He is still in control.

Did you know that the space program is busy proving that what has been called 'myth' in the Bible is true?

Mr. Harold Hill, President of the Curtis Engine Company in Baltimore, Maryland, and a consultant in the space program, relates the following development.

I think one of the most amazing things that God has done for us today happened recently to our astronauts and space scientists at Green Belt, Maryland ...

They were checking out where the positions of the sun, moon, and planets would be 100 years and 1,000 years from now. We have to know this so we won't send up a satellite and have it bump into something later on in its orbits.

We have to lay out the orbits in terms of the life of the satellite and where the planets will be so the whole thing will not bog down.

They ran the computer measurement back and forth over the centuries, and it came to a halt. The

computer stopped and put up a red signal, which meant that there was something wrong with either the information fed into it or with the results as compared to the standards.

They called in the service department to check it out, and they said, 'What's wrong?' Well, they found there is a day missing in space in elapsed time.

They scratched their heads and tore their hair out. There was no answer.

Finally a Christian man on the team said, 'You know, one time I was in Sunday School, and they talked about the sun standing still.' While they didn't believe him, they didn't have an answer either, so they said, 'Show us.'

He got a Bible and went to the book of Joshua where they found a pretty ridiculous statement for any one with 'common sense.' There they found the Lord saying to Joshua, 'Fear them not, I have delivered them into your hand; there shall not a man of them stand before you.'

Joshua was concerned because he was surrounded by the enemy! And if darkness fell, they would overpower them. So Joshua asked the Lord to make the sun stand still! That's right.... 'The sun stood still and the moon stayed and lasted not to go down about a whole day!' (Joshua 10:12-13)

The astronauts and scientists said, there is the missing day! They checked the computers going back into the time it was written and found it was close but not close enough. The elapsed time that was missing back in Joshua's day was 23 hours and 20 minutes ... Not a whole day.

They read the Bible, and there it was about [approximately] a day. These little words in the Bible are important, but they were still in trouble because if you cannot account for 40 minutes, you'll still be in trouble 1000 years from now.

Forty minutes had to be found because it can be multiplied many times over in orbits. As the Christian employee thought about it, he remembered somewhere in the Bible where it said the sun went **BACKWARDS**.

The scientists told him he was out of his mind, but they got out the Book and read these words in 2 Kings that told of the following story: Hezekiah, on his death bed, was visited by the prophet Isaiah who told him that he was not going to die. Hezekiah asked for a sign as proof. Isaiah said 'Do you want the sun to go ahead 10 degrees?' Hezekiah said, 'It is nothing for the sun to go ahead 10 degrees, but let the shadow return backward 10 degrees.' Isaiah spoke to the Lord, and the Lord brought the shadow ten degrees **BACKWARD!** Ten degrees is exactly 40 minutes!

Twenty-three hours and 20 minutes in Joshua, plus 40 minutes in Second Kings make the missing day in the universe! Isn't it amazing?

References: Joshua 10:8, 12-13 and 2 Kings 20:9-11.

If God could do this then; how much more can he do for us today, if we only believe in His word.

All I have and all that I am is by the Grace of God!

"If you have not chosen the kingdom of God first, it will in the end make no difference what you have chosen instead."

A Time to Laugh (58)

The Wisdom of WV Hillbilly

A hillbilly was stopped by a game warden in West Virginia recently with two ice chests of fish. He was leaving a cove well known for its fishing.

The game warden asked the man, "Do you have a license to catch those fish?"

"Naw, sir, I ain't got none of them there licenses, no. You must understand, these here are my pet fish."

"Pet fish?" said the game warden.

"Ya. Every night I take these here fish down to da lake and let them swim 'round for a while. Then I whistle and they jump rat back into this here ice chest and I take them home."

"That's a bunch of hooey! Fish can't do that!" says the warden.

The hillbilly looked at the game warden for a moment and then said, "It's the truth Mr. Government man, I'll show you. It really works."

"Okay," said the game warden, "I've GOT to see this!"

The hillbilly poured the fish into the lake and stood and waited. After several minutes, the game warden turned to him and said, "Well?" "Well, what?" said the hillbilly. The warden said, "When are you going to call them back?" The hillbilly said, "Call who back?" "The FISH!" replied the warden. "What fish?" answered the hillbilly.

Folks in West Virginia may not be as smart as some city slickers, but they aren't as dumb as most government employees.

Faith

A group of Russian soldiers broke into a barn in Russia and found a group of people in prayer and said: *"You are violating Soviet law. Prayer is forbidden. We give you five minutes to leave. All who remain will be shot."* Two left. The Russian soldiers threw down their guns and said: *"We want to be Christians, too. We only wanted to be sure that you were really Christians."*

Modern Marriage

A young woman called a Card Shop: *"Do you remember those wedding cards I ordered last week? Well, I was wondering if it is too late to make a few changes in them."* *"Give me the new information, lady, and I shall check,"* said the shopkeeper. *"O.K. It's a different date, a different church and a different man."* ***[It is quite impossible to be happily married to another if one does not first get a divorce from oneself].***

Lucky

A commuter hopped on to a train at New York and told the conductor he was going to Fordham. *"We don't stop at Fordham on Saturdays,"* said the conductor, *"but I'll tell you what I'll do. As we slow down at Fordham station I shall open the door and you jump off. Make sure you're running along with the train when you hit the ground or you will fall flat on your face."*

At Fordham the door opened and the commuter hit the ground running forward. Another conductor, seeing him, opened the door and pulled him in as the train resumed speed. *"You're mighty lucky, buddy,"* said the conductor. *"This train doesn't stop at Fordham on Saturdays."* ***[In your own small way you can be of service to people by getting out of their way].***

Animal Right

A teacher asked her class of small pupils to tell about their acts of kindness to dumb animals. There were several heart-stirring stories. When it was Tommy's turn he said proudly: *"Well, I once kicked a boy for kicking a dog."*