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## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Resurrection

\*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

## ***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Resurrection***

Readings: Job 42:1-12; 2Tim 2:8-13 and Lk 24:13-25

Luke tells the story of the two people on the road to Emmaus in great detail; Mark simply mentions the event in the longer ending of the Resurrection narrative found in his gospel (Mk 16:12-13). These two are returning home from Jerusalem when Jesus, whom they do not recognize, joins them on their journey. Luke implies that they did not have the faith necessary to recognize Jesus. Many of the Resurrection narratives begin with this lack of recognition when Jesus appears to his disciples. Only after Jesus speaks with them are they able to recognize him as Jesus the Lord.

Cleopas, who may have been known to the members of the early Church community, tells the stranger how they had hoped that Jesus was the great prophet who would be the one to save the nation. Like many Jews of his own day, Cleopas expected a political messiah. Cleopas lays the blame for the death of Jesus completely on the shoulders of the Jewish leaders, with no mention of the part played by the Roman rulers. To add to their confusion, he tells Jesus that some women brought disturbing news earlier in the day about an empty tomb and a vision of angels who told them that Jesus was alive. Cleopas mentions that the day was the "third day," not realizing that this was the day of resurrection predicted by Jesus.

Jesus then berates the two for their inability to understand that the Scriptures had predicted this passage as the way to true messiahship. By the time they are nearing Emmaus, evening is near and the two disciples urge Jesus to stay with them. Along the journey, Jesus had explained all the Scriptures referring to him, and how he had to pass through all of these things to enter his glory.

Luke describes the evening meal as a eucharistic meal in which Jesus takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and distributes it to them. In this moment, they receive the faith that enables them to recognize Jesus, and he disappears from their midst. Only then do they recall the effect the words of Jesus had upon them during their journey to Emmaus. Despite the hour and the long journey of the day, they immediately return to Jerusalem with their good news. Upon their arrival, in the midst of the Eleven and other disciples, they are told that the Lord has appeared to Simon. We have no specific accounts of a private visit of the resurrected Jesus to Simon. The two then tell the other disciples how they had recognized Jesus in the "breaking of the bread," an expression used in the early Church for the eucharistic celebration.

### ***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.*

#### **Eight miracle of Jesus when he healed the Roman Commander's servant**

When Jesus entered Capernaum, a Roman commander came to him. He asked Jesus for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home and can't move. He is suffering terribly." Jesus said, "Shall I come and heal him?" The commander replied, "Lord, I am not good enough to have you come into my house. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. I myself am a man under authority. And I have soldiers who obey my orders. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes. I tell that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. He said to those following him, "What I'm about to tell you is true. In Israel I have not found anyone whose faith is so strong. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west. They will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of heaven. They will sit with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. But those who think they belong in the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness. There they will weep and grind their teeth." Then Jesus said to the Roman commander, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment. (Matthew 8:5-13)

### ***This 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 Shiben by Denna Shiben

**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 Weekdays Mass Schedule*

**Monday, April 24:** No Mass. Pastor's Day off

**Tuesday, April 25 Mass at Noon:**

† John Shiben by Julie & Tom Shiben

† Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

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

**Wednesday, April 26:** No Mass. Pastor's Day off

**Thursday, April 27 Mass at Noon:**

† Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will

† John Shiben by Denna Shiben

† Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren Jeff, Courtney and Patrick

**Friday, April 28:** No Mass. Pastor's Day off

## *Next Weekend: Saturday-Sunday, April 29-30*

**Saturday, April 29 Mass at 4:00 p.m.:**

† Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

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

† Betty Joseph (Birthday) by Becky & Larry Ferrera

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

† John Shiben by Denna Shiben

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

## *Coming Parish Events*

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	Mahajan (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 (Habe) Joseph and Mary Catherine Habe by Jean Weisner

✠ Freda Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias

✠ Doloes Palotay by the Palotay Family

✠ Helen Schroeder by her son Mark and Jane Wine

✠ Freda Josephs and Sadie George (MN) by Larry and Kathy Josephs and Msgr Bakhos

## ***Prayers for the Living Mothers and Grandmothers***

✠ Charlotte Kourey 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  
 † Nancy Joseph by her daughter Cheryl Tucker and Family  
 † Kathy Josephs (MN) by her husband Larry and son Greg and Msgr Bakhos

### ***Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:***

- 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  
 May 17: Tina Kitlak, David Weisner  
 May 18: Millet L. Fadoul  
 May 20: John Fadoul  
 May 21: Ella George,  
 May 23: Jim George Jr.,

<b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b>	
\$906.00	Sunday Collection
72.00	Candles
7.00	Coffee hour
25.00	Donations to the church
40.00	FatherDay Party
500.00	Donation to the church in Memory of Al Felici
2,770.00	Mahrajan
400.00	Rental
\$4,720.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> Finance Committee: Lou Kourey, 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 Kourey), Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),

### ***What's New?***

#### ***Parish Condolences: Robert Shutler***

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Shutler Family on the loss of their beloved Robert who was the brother of our beloved parishioner Janet Shutler. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the funeral service on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. May the Blessed Mother intercede for him and lead him to the light of Christ. We extend the parish's condolences to his Family in their time of sorrow.

#### ***Parish Condolences: Nancy Shalvey***

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Shalvey Family on the loss of their beloved Nancy who was the sister Peggy Shalvey. The two sisters attended our church for many years. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the funeral service on Wednesday, April 19th. May the Blessed Mother intercede for her and lead her to the light of Christ.

### ***Rummage Sale*** (Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 90<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ***Spirituality: I am a Christian***

When I say, "I am a Christian", I'm not bragging of success, I'm admitting that I've failed, and cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, "I am a Christian", I don't think I know it all, I submit to my confusion, asking humbly to be taught. When I say, "I am a Christian", I'm not claiming to be perfect, my flaws are all too visible, but God believes I'm worth it.

When I say, "I am a Christian", I still feel the sting of pain, I have my share of heartache, which is why I seek His name.

When I say, "I am a Christian", I do not wish to judge, I have no authority... I only know I'm loved.

## ***Wisdom: Daily Mass: A Gift Worth More Than a Million Dollars***

Say there was a place, right in your own neighborhood that handed out one million dollars in cold cash every day to every eligible man, woman and child who came through the front door and asked. WOW! wouldn't you make sure you were eligible and at that front door to receive YOUR million?

You bet! Well, there's a better place than that. It's unknown in some circles and in other circles it's almost a well-kept "secret".

No. It doesn't hand out a million dollars in cold cash, or offer bricks of gold. Those things are temporary and tangible. This gift is more valuable. It offers security, strength, inner joy, and a peace of mind far greater than even a trillion dollars in cash or gold!

The gift I'm talking about is known to millions of Catholics as daily Mass. And, as most will tell you, once you get "hooked" into the routine of going, you feel empty and cheated on the days you can't attend.

There's a real cross section of humanity in those pews, people of all ages and stages of life: there are widows and widowers, young mothers and not-so-young, retirees with time on their hands, students with little

to spare, women in dresses and men in suits on a lunch hour break or before their day begins,.....

The common thread that binds them together is their faith and the grace that comes to them at each Sacrifice of the Mass. What got them started? For some: sickness, for others: loss of loved ones, special intentions for children, .... Of course, many Catholics are unable to attend daily Mass because of work or personal commitments. One lady said: *"God and His Blessed Mother came into my life in a daily and more powerful way and it was THEY who lifted me up and helped me see the sense and sheer beauty of this household brimming of love."* Other person said: *"I wish every Catholic could know about it. It's too good a secret to keep!"*

***"Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28).***

### ***Story: The nicest things***

One day a teacher asked her students to list the names of the other students in the room on two sheets of paper, leaving a space between each name. Then she told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each of their classmates and write it down. It took the remainder of the class period to finish their assignment, and as the students left the room, each one handed in the papers.

That Saturday, the teacher wrote down the name of each student on a separate sheet of paper, and listed what everyone else had said about that individual. On Monday she gave each student his or her list. Before long, the entire class was smiling. *"Really?"* she heard whispered. *"I never knew that I meant anything to anyone!"* and, *"I didn't know others liked me so much,"* were most of the comments. No one ever mentioned those papers in class again. She never knew if they discussed them after class or with their parents, but it didn't matter. The exercise had accomplished its purpose. The students were happy with themselves and one another. That group of students moved on. Several years later, one of the students was killed in Vietnam and his teacher attended the funeral of that special student.

She had never seen a serviceman in a military coffin before. He looked so handsome, so mature. The church was packed with his friends. One by one those who loved him took a last walk by the coffin. The teacher was the last one to bless the coffin. As she stood there, one of the soldiers who acted as pallbearer came up to her. *"Were you Mark's math teacher?"* he asked.

She nodded: *"yes."* Then he said: *"Mark talked about you a lot."*

After the funeral, most of Mark's former classmates went together to a luncheon. Mark's mother and father were there, obviously waiting to speak with his teacher. *"We want to show you something,"* his father said, taking a wallet out of his pocket. *"They found this on Mark when he was killed. We thought you might recognize it."* Opening the billfold, he carefully removed two worn pieces of notebook paper that had obviously been taped, folded and refolded many times. The teacher knew without looking that the papers were the ones on which she had listed all the good things each of Mark's classmates had said about him.

*"Thank you so much for doing that,"* Mark's mother said. *"As you can see, Mark treasured it."* All of Mark's former classmates started to gather around. Charlie smiled rather sheepishly and said, *"I still have my list. It's in the top drawer of my desk at home."* Chuck's wife said, *"Chuck asked me to put his in our wedding album."* *"I have mine too,"* Marilyn said. *"It's in my diary."*

Then Vicki, another classmate, reached into her pocketbook, took out her wallet and showed her worn and frazzled list to the group. *"I carry this with me at all times,"* Vicki said and without batting an eyelash, she continued: *"I think we all saved our lists."*

That's when the teacher finally sat down and cried. She cried for Mark and for all his friends who would never see him again.

The density of people in society is so thick that we forget that life will end one day. And we don't know when that one day will be. So please, tell the people you love and care for, that they are special and important. Tell them, before it is too late.... and one way to accomplish it is: remember, you reap what you sow, what you put into the lives of others comes back into your own.

## ***New Church Signs***

Try Jesus. If you don't like Him, the devil will always take you back.

Life is hard. Afterlife is harder!

Aspire to inspire before you expire.

Where will you be sitting in eternity? Smoking or Non-smoking?

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## ***Shortcut through the cemetery***

Two men were walking home after a Halloween party and decided to take a shortcut through the cemetery just for laughs. Right in the middle of the cemetery they were startled by a tap-tap-tapping noise coming from the misty shadows.

Trembling with fear, they found an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones. "Holy cow, Mister," one of them said after catching his breath, "You scared us half to death -- we thought you were a ghost! What are you doing working here so late at night?"

"Those fools!" the old man grumbled. "They misspelled my name!"

## ***Heaven***

After a long illness, a woman died and arrived at the Gates of Heaven. While she was waiting for Saint Peter to greet her, she peeked through the Gates.

She saw a beautiful banquet table. Sitting all around were her parents and all the other people she had loved and who had died before her. They saw her and began calling greetings to her -- "Hello" "How are you! We've been waiting for you!" "Good to see you."

When Saint Peter came by, the woman said to him, "This is such a wonderful place! How do I get in?"

"You have to spell a word," Saint Peter told her.

"Which word?" the woman asked.

"Love."

The woman correctly spelled "Love" and Saint Peter welcomed her into Heaven.

About six months later, Saint Peter came to the woman and asked her to watch the Gates of Heaven for him that day. While the woman was guarding the Gates of Heaven, her husband arrived.

"I'm surprised to see you," the woman said. "How have you been?"

"Oh, I've been doing pretty well since you died," her husband told her. "I married the beautiful young nurse who took care of you while you were ill. And then I won the lottery. I sold the little house you and I lived in and bought a big mansion. And my wife and I traveled all around the world. We were on vacation and I went water skiing today. I fell, the ski hit my head, and here I am. How do I get in?"

"You have to spell a word," the woman told him.

"Which word?" her husband asked. "Czechoslovakia."

## ***The Minister and the Taxi Driver***

A minister has just died and is standing in line waiting to be judged and admitted to Heaven. While waiting he asks the man in front of him about himself. The man says, "I am a taxi driver from New York City."

The angel standing at the gate calls out next, and the taxi driver steps up. The angel hands him a golden staff and a cornucopia of fruits, cheeses, and wine and lets him pass. The taxi driver is quite pleased, and proceeds through the gates.

Next, the minister steps up to the angel who hands him a wooden staff and some bread and water.

The minister is very concerned and asks the angel, "That guy is a taxi driver and gets a golden staff and a cornucopia! I spend my entire life as a minister and get nothing! How can that be?"

The angel replies, "Up here we judge on results—all of your people sleep through your sermons—in his taxi, they pray."