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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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4th 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

4th Sunday of Resurrection

Readings: Gen 1:20-23; Heb 13:18-25 and Jn 21:1-14

When we do not experience Jesus in our midst, we get discouraged. We want to return to our former way of life. *"We're with you,"* others are quick to say. But we soon learn that we cannot make it without Jesus. Our self-guided enterprises are doomed to failure. Then in the darkness of our confusion and disbelief, we hear a familiar voice. *"It is the Lord,"* we cry. We immerse ourselves in Christ's radiant light. *"Come and eat your meal,"* Jesus invites us. In the breaking of the bread, we recognize the risen Lord once again. Jesus does not chide us. He simply asks, "Do you love me?" If we answer, *"YES,"* we must be Christ's presence in the world by loving and feeding his flock.

It is hard work to speak about Christ in a dark and disbelieving world. Many voices order us to be silent. We have no choice but to obey -not human authority but God's. Filled with the Spirit, we stand before judge and jury. Boldly we proclaim Jesus' message of repentance and forgiveness. When we speak in his name we discover that we are not alone. We are surrounded by a myriad of witnesses. Countless voices proclaim: *"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!"* For a Christian, death is not defeat but victory. All who believe share in Christ's honor, glory and praise. With all of creation we cry: *"Amen !"*

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.

Miracle #9 of Jesus when he healed and forgave a Man Who Could Not Walk

Jesus stepped into a boat. He went over to the other side of the lake and came to his own town. Some men brought to him a man who could not walk. He was lying on a mat. Jesus saw that they had faith. So, he said to the man, "Don't lose hope, son. Your sins are forgiven." Then some teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is saying a very evil thing!" Jesus knew what they were thinking. So, he said, "Why do you have evil thoughts in your hearts? Is it easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven'? Or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So, he spoke to the man who could not walk. "Get up," he said. "Take your mat and go home." The man got up and went home. When the crowd saw this, they were filled with wonder. They praised God for giving that kind of authority to a human being. (Matthew 9:1-8)

This 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 Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, May 1: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Tuesday, May 2: Mass at Noon

- ✠ John Shiben by Sandy & Tucker Pipaolo
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will

Wednesday, May 3: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Thursday, May 4: Mass at Noon

† Mike Linton (Anniversary) by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone

† John Shibben by Julie & Tom Shibben

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

Friday, May 5: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Next Weekend and the following weekdays (May 6-14)

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 Burkhardt

† 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
 ✠ Teresa Ferrera, Selma Joseph, Elsie Ritchie by Larry & Becky Ferrera
 ✠ Mary Jean Ferrera Comas Janet Rae Ferrera, Joann Ferrera Slack by Larry & Becky Ferrera
 ✠ Sophie Moses by her son Jim Moses
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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
 ✠ Becky Ferrera by Melissa, Larry III, Tony & Danny Ferrera
 ✠ Renzella, Andee, Melissa Ferrera, Deana Russell Ferrera by Larry Ferrera Jr, Larry III, Tony & Danny
 ✠ Judy Hudlik Wilson by Buzz, Chris, Pete Bailey

Coming Parish Events

Sunday, April 30	OLOL Women's Society Meeting after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday, May 7	May Queen Procession. Ava Murad will be the May Queen this year.
Monday, May 8	Cedar Club Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall
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)

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- 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.,

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,178.00	Sunday Collection
19.00	Candles
35.00	Coffee hour
60.00	Donations to the church
225.00	FatherDay Party
3,775.00	Mahrajan
1,583.00	Spring Bake Sale (deposited in Women Society account)
\$6,875.00	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, 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?

Needed: 2 Square Credit Card readers for Mahrajan

Dear generous parishioners, Many of those who attend our festival are using credit cards. We need two Square Readers to make their transactions easier. Each costs \$300.00. If you are blessed, please sponsor one or both by calling Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688. May the Blessed Mother reward you abundantly.

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.

Spirituality: The Church

Bishop Fulton SHEEN wrote: "When I am asked what the Church means to me, I answer that it is the Temple of Life in which I am a living stone; it is the Tree of Eternal Fruit of which I am a branch; it is the Mystical Body of Christ on earth of which I am a member. The Church is, therefore, more to me than I am to myself; her life is more abundant than mine, for I live by union with her. She could live without me, for I am only a cell in her body; but I could not normally live without her. I live only as a part of her, as my arm lives only as a part of my body. So absorbing does she become that her thoughts are my thoughts; her loves are my loves; her ideals are my ideals. I consider sharing her life to be the greatest gift God has ever given to me, as I should consider losing her life the greatest evil that could befall me.

(...) Christ's Mystical Body is like a beautiful garden, formed by the blossoming of individual flowers each in its own beauty, but in its varied beauty blending into one harmonious, rapturous delight. Each flower of that garden has its own beauty revealed as in no other flower, yet each flower grows in beauty by contrast and by blending with the other flowers all rooted in a common soil and lighted by a common sun.

So it is in the mystical life, where Christ dwells in his Church, revealing himself anew in each individual soul, and never in two wholly alike, here manifesting himself in a Peter, there in a Paul, here in a Martha, there in a Mary, here in a lover of his infancy, there in a lover of his Cross, here in a rose with thorns, there in a flower without them, and yet all growing more beautiful by their fellowship with other saintly flowers because all rooted in the same Christ-life and all lighted by the same Christ-truth."

Bishop Fulton Sheen, In the Fullness of Time, p. 33-36

Wisdom: Why we attend Daily Mass?

Question: Why go to daily Mass? Isn't going on Sunday enough?

Answer: As Catholics we have the serious obligation to attend Mass once every weekend, either on Saturday evening or on Sunday. If we fulfill this obligation, why should we go to Mass again during the week?

It is good to go to Mass on weekdays for a number of reasons. The primary one is to worship and thank God for His graces. This is what the Mass is for. The worship of God is the most important act that a human person can do. Thanking God is something that we should do every day here on earth. It is the one thing that everyone who is in heaven does constantly.

In addition to the worship of God, the Mass strengthens our faith. Do we know anyone who is serious about living the Gospel who will say that his or her faith is adequate? No. Our faith is never strong enough. Each Mass affords us the opportunity to strengthen our faith by participating in the mystery of faith, namely, the death and resurrection of Christ, which is re-presented at Mass in an unbloody manner. Moreover, each Mass makes it possible for us to partake of the Body and Blood of Our Lord when receiving Holy Communion. What could strengthen our faith in God more than uniting ourselves with God in Holy Communion?

There are other good reasons for attending daily Mass. For example, we can pray for: ourselves as "sinners" in order to be forgiven, for our sick family members, for the repose of the souls of our deceased beloved ones, for the poor, the broken, the sinful world; we can pray for the living and the dead; we can pray for the poor souls in purgatory; we can pray for our sick parishioners and friends; and on and on. Daily Mass also gives us the opportunity to strengthen the spiritual and social bonds between all of us Christians by joining with each other in prayer.

If you do not already do so, think and pray about attending Mass during the week. If you begin, you won't regret your choice.

Story

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. "Your son is here," she said to the old man. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened. Heavily sedated because of the pain of his

heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand.

The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement. The nurse brought a chair so that the Marine could sit beside the bed.

All through the night the young Marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength.

Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile. He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital – the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients. Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night.

Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited. Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her. "Who was that man?" he asked.

The nurse was startled, "He was your father" she answered.

"No, he wasn't," the Marine replied. "I never saw him before in my life."

"Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?"

"I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here. When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me. I stayed."

The next time someone needs you...be there. Stay. You'll be glad you did.

"People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel."

A Time to Laugh (63)

Astronomy

Sherlock HOLMES and Dr Watson went on a camping trip.

After a good meal and a bottle of wine they lay down for the night and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replied: "I see millions and millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?"

Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke. "Watson, you idiot. Someone has stolen our tent."

Naughty Boy

Johnny had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer. "Fine", said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you not misbehave, He will help you." "Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me not misbehave," said Johnny. "I asked Him to help you put up with me."

Acts 2: 38

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of religious service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled: "Stop - Acts 2:38!" (...turn from your sin...). The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: "Why did you just stand there? All she did was yell a scripture to you." "Scripture?" replied the burglar, "She said she had an AXE and TWO 38's!"

Success

“It was very kind of you to stay till the end of my speech when everyone else walked away.

“Nice of you to say so. But I’m the next speaker, you see.”

Curiosity

The real estate salesman spent all day Sunday showing a young couple model homes. “And here,” said the salesman, weary at the eleventh home, “is the hobby room. Do you folks have any hobbies?” “Oh, yes,” replied the wife. “We look at model homes on Sundays.”

Don’t Play Smart

An airplane was on fire, and the pilot says, “Better jump out.”

So he grabs a parachute and bails out. Only three parachutes are left. The doctor says, “I have to live because I save lives.” And he gets a chute and jumps out. The lawyer says, “I am the smartest man in the world so I have to live.” So he, too, bails out. The priest says to the 14-year-old boy, “Son, you are young and have a long life ahead. You take the last chute.” The 14-year-old boy says, “No sweat, Father, two chutes are left. The ‘smartest man in the world’ just bailed out with my school backpack on.”

How come!

An occasional golfer, I hit a ball straight down fairway -a good drive. When I got it, a woman was about to hit it. “Pardon me,” I said, “but you’re addressing my ball.” Her reply was, “This is my ball!” “Ma’am,” I said, “if you’ll pick it up, you’ll find my name on it.” She scooped it up, examined it and demanded, “What’s your name doing on my ball?”

Professional Smoker

Like a lot of women from her age group, my wife knows nothing at all about cigars. She saw me bite the end off one and said, “Why don’t you just buy the right size?”