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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Mother's Day

*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

Happy Mothers' Day

Our love and prayers go out to all the loving mothers of our parish family. We ask the Lord Jesus, through the intercession of His Mother and our mother, the Virgin Mary; to bless you and grant you health, peace and joy as you continue to reflect His love in our world.

May you celebrate this wonderful occasion for many years to come with peace, and happiness. God bless you! We love you Mom!

6th Sunday of the Resurrection

Readings: Deu 31:1-9; Rom 10:1-13 and Lk 24:36-48

But what said the Lord Jesus? "Why are ye troubled, and why do thoughts ascend into your hearts?" If thoughts ascend into your heart, the thoughts come from the earth. But it is good for a man, not that a thought should ascend into his heart, but that his heart should itself ascend upwards, where the Apostle would have believers place their hearts, to whom he said, "If ye be risen with Christ, mind those things which are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Seek those things which are above, not the things which are upon the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ your life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." In what glory? The glory of the resurrection. In what glory? Hear the Apostle saying of this body, "It is sown in dishonor, it shall rise in glory." This glory the Apostles were unwilling to assign to their Master, their Christ, their Lord: **they did not believe that His Body could rise from the sepulcher: they thought Him to be a Spirit, though they saw His flesh, and they believed not their very eyes. Yet we believe them who preach but do not show Him. Lo, they believed not Christ who showed Himself to them.**

Malignant wound! Let the remedies for these scars come forth. "Why are ye troubled, and why do thoughts ascend into your hearts? See My hands and My feet," where I was fixed with the nails. "Handle and see." But ye see, and yet do not see. "Handle and see." What? "That a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. When He had thus spoken," so it is written, "He showed them His hands and His feet."

"And while they were yet in hesitation, and wondered for joy." Now there was joy already, and yet hesitation continued. For a thing incredible had taken place, yet taken place it had. Is it at this day a thing incredible, that the Body of the Lord rose again from the sepulcher? The whole cleansed world has believed it; whoso has not believed it, has remained in his uncleanness. Yet at that time it was incredible: and persuasion was addressed not to the eyes only, but to the hands also, that by the bodily senses faith might descend into their heart, and that faith so descending into their heart might be preached throughout the world to them who neither saw nor touched, and yet without doubting believed. "Have you," said He, "anything to eat?" How much doeth the good Builder still to build up the edifice of faith? He did not hunger, yet He asked to eat. And He ate by an act of His power, not through necessity. So then let the disciples acknowledge the verity of His body, which the world has acknowledged at their preaching.

Mother's Day: Mother who drug us

God bless mothers who drugged us!

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young:

I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.

I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults.

I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if uttered a profane four-letter word.

I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburrs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood; and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed. Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

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.

The 11th miracle of Jesus when he raises a Widow's Son from the Dead

Some time later, Jesus went to a town called Nain. His disciples and a large crowd went along with him. He approached the town gate. Just then, a dead person was being carried out. He was the only son of his mother. She was a widow. A large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, he felt sorry for her. So, he said, "Don't cry." Then he went up and touched the coffin. Those carrying it stood still. Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk. Then Jesus gave him back to his mother. The people were all filled with wonder and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." This news about Jesus spread all through Judea and the whole country. (Luke 7:11-17)

This Weekend (May 13-14)

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. Kourey & Gladys Howard by children Lou & Charlotte & grandchildren Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Emma Nader & Nabiha "Lena" Kourey by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Kourey
- ✠ Minnie Church Riggs & Cassandra "Cassie" Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Kourey
- ✠ 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 (Habeab) Joseph and Mary Catherine Habeab 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
- ✠ Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Nancy Valles and Betty Allen by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Theresa Sofka by Mike & Judy Sofka
- ✠ Mary Jean Stanton by Mike & Judy Sofka
- ✠ Cecilia U. John by her children, David, Tom Greg, Maryann, Susan and their families.
- ✠ Sadie John, Tamammie Joseph, and Sarah Burns by their grandchildren Susan and Ron Burns.
- ✠ Cecilia Ammar, Sister Mary Thomasina John, and Julia Tappe by their niece Susan John-Burns.
- ✠ Rose Ann Polsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- ✠ Katheryn Conti by Rosalie Conti

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
- † 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
- † Nancy Valles by Vickie Joseph
- † Sandy Sayre by Mike & Judy Sofka

Coming Parish Events

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 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.,
- May 27: Emmalena Khourey, Brad McLaughlin
- May 30: Josie Stees Fertig
- June 1: Billy Committee
- June 2: Debbie Sengewalt
- June 5: Earl "Mickey" Duffy, Mary Zaid Stees, Kenly George
- June 7: Jean Weisner
- June 9: Ava DeMuth
- June 14: P.J. Lenz, Kathy Boehm

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$2,070.00	Sunday Collection
287.00	2 nd collection: National Shrine
963.00	Bake sale
65.00	Candles
7.00	Coffee hour
1,520.00	Donations to the church
115.00	Father's Day Party
5,090.00	Mahrajan
\$10,117.00	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)

Gene Howard (brother of Charlotte Kourey), 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 Kourey), Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),

What's New?

Congratulations: Julianna Elizabeth Breit

Congratulations to Julianna Elizabeth Breit, the daughter of Mike & Nicole Breit, for graduating from Carroll College with Bachelor of Arts in Biochemistry/Molecular Biology and a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and a Minor in Neuroscience and a Minor in Ethics and Value Studies. What an achievement? We are proud of you.

Congratulations: Marianna AlKhouri

Congratulations to Marianna Alkhouri for graduating from Wheeling High school with honor and for going to Morgantown to continue her higher education studies. We are proud of you.

Many Thanks

To all the volunteers and helpers who worked hard to prepare the Spring Bake Sale. Job well done ladies and gentlemen. May the Blessed Mother reward you in good health and long life. You are the pillars of the church.

Free Hospital Bed (Contact Linda at 304-242-6853)

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 unity among the members of the Body of Christ (the Church) cannot be a vague and undetermined association that any member is free to change, any more than a human body can be changeable, sometimes having one eye and one ear or no heart and seven lungs. The unity of the faithful in Christ's Body is not organizational, although an organization is necessary, and although those who admire the Church for its unity of belief and faith and liturgy attribute this to its organization. The Church is, rather, an organism. As a human body is one because it has one soul, one visible head, and one invisible mind, so the Church, the Mystical Body

of Christ, is one because it has one soul -the Holy Spirit of God- one visible Head -Peter and his successors- and one invisible Head -Christ. As Christ took upon Himself a human nature from the womb of His Mother (overshadowed by the Holy Spirit), so He took from the womb of humanity (overshadowed by the Pentecostal Spirit) His Mystical Body, the Church. Christ teaches through His Body -therefore, His teaching is infallible. He governs through His Body -therefore, the authority is Divine. He sanctifies through His Body -therefore, the sanctification accomplished in the Sacraments does not depend on the personality or character of those who administer the Sacraments.

The Church is the Whole Christ, and it complements the individual Christ. In its physical aspect Christ's Body is perfect, but in its mystical aspect it is merely growing to perfection, for now it includes not only Him but us, with our imperfections. The prayers, sacrifices, and liturgy of the Church are offered not by the members alone -not by Christ, the Head alone- but by the *Head and members together* to the glory of God, the Everlasting Father. A new cell is added to the Mystical Body of Christ at every Baptism.

Bishop Fulton Sheen, Peace of Soul, 1949, pp.262-263

Wisdom: Mercy

There is every reason in the world for mercy. There is some good in the worst of us, and there is some bad in the best of us. The good are those who try to find some good in others, and they generally do find it. The evil are those who look for the faults of others, and as a result never see their own. It was these Our Lord rebuked: "And why do you see the mote that is in your brother's eye, and do not see the beam that is in your own eye? Or how say you to your brother: Let me cast the mote out of your eye; and behold a beam is in your own eye! You hypocrite, cast out first the beam of your own eye, and then shall you see to cast out the mote of your brother's eye."

If then on the last day we would receive a merciful judgment, we must begin here on earth to be merciful to others. Just as the clouds release only the moisture which they gathered from the earth, so too can Heaven release only the mercy we have sent heavenward.

By constantly thinking of ourselves, we render ourselves incapable of receiving the kindness of others. Only to the extent that we have emptied ourselves of ourselves can God fill us with himself. And likewise, the best way to have our prayers answered is to pray for the intentions of others: for God begins to think of us when we cease to think of ourselves. --*From Bishop SHEEN, The Cross and the Beatitudes, 1937, p.34*

Story: Nothing grow up there

Each summer as I bite into a juicy, homegrown tomato, I think of a humorous event concerning a time, as a seminary student, when three of us sought permission to plant a garden. Our house of studies was located in the downtown area of a large metropolitan city. There wasn't much of a backyard. Actually, it was a stone-covered dirt parking lot with no extra space. However, we carefully planned our garden, taking into account the area that received optimal sunshine.

The three of us approached the superior with our plan for a small area to plant some squash, tomatoes and cucumbers. The only real cost involved was to rent a rake, a pick-ax and a hoe. However, getting the superior's permission would still be difficult. None of us who were involved with this garden project will ever forget his response to our request. With a slightly bored tilting of his head, he glanced at us and abjectly replied, "You're wasting your time. Nothing will ever grow there! But, go ahead if you still want to."

We had received permission from on high! So what if it wasn't enthusiastic. We rented tools; raked four inches of stones into neat walls outlining the garden; hoisted the pick-ax and struck what must have been a former refuse area. A gardener's dream—dark, composted, fertile soil just sitting there waiting to be discovered. We looked at each other with broad grins and repeated in unison, "Ah, nothing will grow there."

As you might have surmised by now, things did grow there, in our garden. In fact, twice we re-staked the tomatoes, topping them off, finally, when they were seven feet tall. They seemed more like tomato trees than plants.

Whenever a group of us from those seminarian days get together, the story of our little garden is re-told. "Nothing will ever grow there!"

Isn't it amazing how much can be learned from planting a garden—about life, about people? How often have you said about another person, whether elderly, middle aged, a teenager, or a child, that nothing will ever grow there? Perhaps all that is needed is for someone to help that person rake away some of the stones that are covering up the rich, fertile soil-of-life, just waiting to be discovered.

A Time to Laugh (65)

Haircut

A guy stuck his head into a barbershop and asked, 'How long before I can get a haircut? The barber looked around the shop full of customers and said, "About 2 hours." The guy left. A few days later, the same guy stuck his head in the door and asked, "How long before I can get a haircut?" The barber looked around at the shop and said, "About 3 hours." The guy left. A week later, the same guy stuck his head in the shop and asked, "How long before I can get a haircut?" The barber looked around the shop and said, "About an hour and a half." The guy left. The barber turned to his friend and said, "Hey, Bob, do me a favor. Follow that guy and see where he goes. He keeps asking how long he has to wait for a haircut, but then he doesn't ever come back." A little while later, Bob returned to the shop, laughing hysterically. The barber asked, "So, where does that guy go when he leaves?" Bob looked up, wiped the tears from his eyes and said, "Your house!"

Dr. Marc Faber Tells It How It Is

"The federal government is sending each of us a \$600 rebate. If we spend that money at Wal-Mart, the money goes to China. If we spend it on gasoline it goes to the Arabs. If we buy a computer, it will go to India. If we purchase fruits and vegetables it will go to Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala. If we purchase a good car, it will go to Germany. If we purchase useless items, it will go to Taiwan and none of it will help the American economy. The only way to keep that money here at home is to spend it on beer, since the only product still produced in the US. "I've been doing my part."