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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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7th 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

7th Sunday of Resurrection

Readings: Lev 19:1-2,11-18; Eph 1:15-23 and Jn 13:31-35

"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6)

I was talking to a young couple that I had married a few years back. They were each turning thirty years old and had just given birth to their second child in three years. They wanted to talk to me about their sense of sadness at having their time so limited by their children. All the fun they had when they were single and newly married was now buried in diapers and middle-of-the-flight feedings. It was their task now to commit to a greater and fuller reality: the challenge of being a family, of being parents, of becoming connected to families and parents across the universe. They needed to create the new vision of being family that would carry them through the next phase of their life together.

Isaiah and Jesus declare that their lives are at a point of new beginning. They both realize that it is time to engage a new reality, a new challenge. For Isaiah the challenge is to be a light that will lead his people through this time of exile. For Jesus the challenge is to depart from his loved disciples and be glorified.

Holy Week is certainly a time of new beginnings. Perhaps we could look into our lives today and see where we need to begin anew. We look at our seedlings of future growth and pray, ***"For you are my hope, O LORD; my trust, O God, from my youth."*** (Psalm 71:5)

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.

Twelfth Miracle when Jesus calmed the storms

Jesus got into a boat. His disciples followed him. Suddenly a terrible storm came up on the lake. The waves crashed over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him up. They said, "Lord! Save us! We're going to drown!" He replied, "Your faith is so small! Why are you so afraid?" Then Jesus got up and ordered the winds and the waves to stop. It became completely calm. The disciples were amazed. They asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!" (Matthew 8:23-27)

This Weekend: Saturday-Sunday, May 20-21

Saturday, May 20 Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Robert Rose (Birthday) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Walter & Lottie Elwartoski (Anniversary) by Richard Elwartoski

Sunday, May 21 Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ John Shiben by Denna Shiben

Coming Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, May 22: No Mass. Pastor family visitation.

Tuesday, May 23: No Mass. Pastor family visitation.

Wednesday, May 24: No Mass. Pastor family visitation.

Thursday, May 25: No Mass. Pastor family visitation.

Friday, May 26: No Mass. Pastor family visitation.

Next Weekend: Saturday-Sunday, May 27-28

Saturday, May 27 Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ John Shiben by David Shiben

Sunday, May 28 Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Bill Dougherty (Birthday) by his wife Carol

May Flowers for the Blessed Mother

Our Lady of Lebanon Women's Society will be sponsoring the flowers for the Blessed Mother in May
 May 21 Linda Duffy, Shirley George, Luane Frazier, Thomasina Geimer, Becky Ferrea
 May 28 Libby Magnone, Pam Obec, Charlotte Khoury

Coming Parish Events

Rummage Sale	Drop off: 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 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
 June 15: Becky Joseph Ferrera
 June 20: Nick Ghaphery, Jr.

Your Church Support Last Week

\$948.14	Sunday Collection
1411.00	Bake sale
32.00	Candles
24.00	Coffee hour
36.50	Father's Day Party
1,420.00	Mahrajan
328.00	utilities
\$4,199.64	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 Khourey), 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?

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: Car not Bible

I wanted a car....not a Bible!

A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealers showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted. As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study, told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and how much he loved him. He handed him a beautifully wrapped gift box.

Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible, with his name embossed in gold.

Angrily, he raised his voice to his father and said, "With all your money you give me a Bible?" He stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible behind.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful family, but realized his father was very old. He thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. But before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to him. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house, sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important documents and saw the Bible, new, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. His father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt 7:11, "And if you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father which is in Heaven, give to those who ask Him?"

As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words... PAID IN FULL.

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

Wisdom: Love, Wealth & Success

A woman came out of her house and saw 3 old men with long white beards sitting in her front yard. She did not recognize them. She said, "I don't think I know you, but you must be hungry. Please come in and have something to eat." "Is the man of the house home?" they asked.

"No," she replied. *"He's out."*

"Then we cannot come in," they replied.

In the evening when her husband came home, she told him what had happened.

"Go tell them I am home and invite them in!"

The woman went out and invited the men in.

"We do not go into a House together," they replied.

"Why is that?" she asked.

One of the old men explained: *"His name is Wealth,"* he said pointing to one of his friends, and said pointing to another one, *"He is Success, and I am Love."* Then he added, *"Now go in and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home."*

The woman went in and told her husband what was said. Her husband was overjoyed. *"How nice!!"* he said.

"Since that is the case, let us invite Wealth. Let him come and fill our home with wealth!"

His wife disagreed. *"My dear, why don't we invite Success?"*

Their daughter-in-law was listening from the other corner of the house. She jumped in with her own suggestion:

"Would it not be better to invite Love? Our home will then be filled with love!"

"Let us heed our daughter-in-law's advice," said the husband to his wife.

"Go out and invite Love to be our guest."

The woman went out and asked the 3 old men, *"Which one of you is Love? Please come in and be our guest."*

Love got up and started walking toward the house. The other 2 also got up and followed him. Surprised, the lady asked Wealth and Success: *"I only invited Love, Why are you coming in?"*

The old men replied together: *"If you had invited Wealth or Success, the other two of us would've stayed out, but since you invited Love, wherever He goes, we go with him. Wherever there is Love, there is also Wealth and Success!!!!!"*

MY WISH FOR YOU...

-Where there is pain, I wish you peace and mercy.

-Where there is self-doubting, I wish you a renewed confidence in your ability to work through it.

-Where there is tiredness, or exhaustion, I wish you understanding, patience, and renewed strength.

-Where there is fear, I wish you love, and courage.

Story: The Necklace

The cheerful little girl with bouncy golden curls was almost five. Waiting with her mother at the checkout stand, she saw them, a circle of glistening white pearls in a pink foil box.

"Oh mommy please, Mommy. Can I have them? Please, Mommy, please?"

Quickly the mother checked the back of the little foil box and then looked back into the pleading blue eyes of her little girl's upturned face.

"A dollar ninety-five. That's almost \$2.00. If you really want them, I'll think of some extra chores for you and in no time you can save enough money to buy them for yourself.

Your birthday's only a week away and you might get another crisp dollar bill from Grandma."

As soon as Jenny got home, she emptied her penny bank and counted out 17 pennies. After dinner, she did more than her share of chores and she went to the neighbor and asked Mrs. McJames if she could pick dandelions for ten cents. On her birthday, Grandma did give her another new dollar bill and at last she had enough money to buy the necklace.

Jenny loved her pearls. They made her feel dressed up and grown up.

She wore them everywhere, Sunday school, kindergarten, even to bed.

The only time she took them off was when she went swimming or had a bubble bath.

Mother said if they got wet, they might turn her neck green.

Jenny had a very loving daddy and every night when she was ready for bed, he would stop whatever he was doing upstairs to read her a story. One night as he finished the story, he asked Jenny, "Do you love me?"

"Oh yes, daddy. You know that I love you."

"Then give me your pearls."

"Oh, daddy, not my pearls. But you can have Princess, the white horse from my collection, the one with the

pink tail.

Remember, daddy? The one you gave me. She's my very favorite."

"That's okay, Honey, daddy loves you. Good night." And he brushed her cheek with a kiss.

About a week later, after the story time, Jenny's daddy asked again, "Do you love me?"

"Daddy, you know I love you."

"Then give me your pearls."

"Oh Daddy, not my pearls. But you can have my baby doll. The brand new one I got for my birthday. She is beautiful and you can have the yellow blanket that matches her sleeper."

"That's okay. Sleep well. God bless you, little one. Daddy! loves you."

And as always, he brushed her cheek with a gentle kiss.

A few nights later when her daddy came in, Jenny was sitting on her bed with her legs crossed Indian style.

As he came close, he noticed her chin was trembling and one silent tear rolled down her cheek.

"What is it, Jenny? What's the matter?"

Jenny didn't say anything but lifted her little hand up to her Daddy.

And when she opened it, there was her little pearl necklace.

With a little quiver, she finally said, "Here, daddy, this is for you."

With tears gathering in his own eyes, Jenny's daddy reached out with one hand to take the dime store necklace, and with the other hand he reached into his pocket and pulled out a blue velvet case with a strand of genuine pearls and gave them to Jenny.

He had them all the time. He was just waiting for her to give up the dime-store stuff so he could give her the genuine treasure.

So it is, with our Heavenly Father. He is waiting for us to give up the cheap things in our lives so that he can give us beautiful treasures.

Isn't God good? Are you holding onto things that God wants you to let go of? Are you holding on to harmful or unnecessary partners, relationships, habits and activities that you have come so attached to that it seems impossible to let go? Sometimes it is so hard to see what is in the other hand but do believe this one thing...

God will never take away something without giving you something better in its place.

A Time to Laugh (59)

Sweet Strawberry

Here is a parable that Buddha told his disciples: a man came across a tiger in a field. The tiger gave chase and the man fled. He came upon a precipice, stumbled and began to fall. Then he reached out and caught hold of a little strawberry bush that was growing along the side of the precipice.

There he hung for some minutes, suspended between the hungry tiger above and the deep chasm below where he was soon going to meet his death.

Suddenly he spied a luscious strawberry growing on the bush. Grasping the bush with one hand, he plucked the strawberry with the other and put it into his mouth. Never in his life had a strawberry tasted so sweet.

[To the enlightened the awareness of death gives sweetness to life].

Say it with a Rose

A farm boy was so taciturn that his girl friend, after five years of courtship, decided that he was never going to propose to her and that she would have to take the initiative.

One day when they were sitting alone in the garden, she said to him: "John, let's get married. Shall we get married, John?"

A long silence followed. Finally John said, "Yes."

Another long silence. Finally the girl said: "Say something John. Why don't you say something?"

"I'm afraid I've said too much already!"

Never Mind

Pedro was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up toward heaven, he said, "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up tequila."

Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Pedro looked up again and said "Never mind. I found one."

Bob Hope

ON TURNING 70, "You still chase women, but only downhill."

ON TURNING 80, "That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing."

ON TURNING 90, "You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."

ON TURNING 100, " I don't feel old. In fact I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap."

ON GIVING UP HIS EARLY CAREER, BOXING "I ruined my hands in the ring ... the referee kept stepping on them."

ON NEVER WINNING AN OSCAR "Welcome to the Academy Awards or, as it's called at my home, 'Passover'."

ON GOLF "Golf is my profession. Show business is just to pay the green fees."

ON PRESIDENTS " I have performed for 12 presidents and entertained only six."

ON WHY HE CHOSE SHOWBIZ FOR HIS CAREER " When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, 'Congratulations. You have an eight-pound ham'."

ON RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL "I feel very humble, but I think I have the strength of character to fight it."

ON HIS FAMILY'S EARLY POVERTY "Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother."

ON HIS SIX BROTHERS "That's how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom."

ON HIS EARLY FAILURES " I would not have had anything to eat if it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me."

ON GOING TO HEAVEN "I've done benefits for ALL religions. I'd hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality."

Freedom

Long ago a rare bird, never seen before in China, alighted in the suburb of the capital city. The emperor was delighted. He ordered that food from his own table be offered to the bird and that his orchestra be brought in to play for its enjoyment. But the bird looked miserable and dazed. It refused to touch any of the food offered to it and, in a short time, contracted a sickness and died.