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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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3rd Sunday of Pentecost

***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

3rd Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Prov. 8:22-36; 1Cor 2:1-10 and Jn 14:21-27

John, at the time he was writing his Gospel, must have been one of the few survivors of those who had known Jesus. The first readers of the fourth Gospel therefore would have been in much the same situation that we are today, relying entirely on faith to sustain the conviction that the Risen Christ is present everywhere in the world, a presence in absence. Let's admit that we do find it difficult to adapt ourselves to this divine reticence: more or less consciously, we all carry somewhere within ourselves the old dream of a Kingdom that would be visible and easily distinguishable.

We must realize, however, that Christ's return to His Father has in no way diminished his activity here. His death did not prevent the world from being sown with the seed of his word. This work had hardly begun. But it was necessary for him to leave so that this word, freed from all limitations of time and space, might spread throughout the whole world, adapting itself to every land and that it might burgeon and bear fruit far beyond the country of its origin, in any and every place where it found a welcoming and fertile soil. A living word because from now on breathed by the Spirit who rouses and spurs on our efforts, and who urges us on not endless repetition but to unfold its meaning and to develop new and unrealized inferences. These make themselves apparent whenever we look to the Gospel to judge situations, to make the choices forced upon us, to guide our actions.

The time of presence through absence is also, therefore, the time of responsibility for us: without rigidly clinging to a position which was firmly established in the past, we undertake, in faith and hope, the risk of applying daring solutions to the successive problems which life forever places before us. The risk must be taken in the Spirit. What an extraordinary heady situation we find ourselves in! It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves. (Acts 15:28)

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 #15: When Jesus healed a Dead Girl and a Suffering Woman

While Jesus was saying this, a synagogue leader came. He got down on his knees in front of Jesus. He said, "My daughter has just died. But come and place your hand on her. Then she will live again." Jesus got up and went with him. So did his disciples. Just then a woman came up behind Jesus. She had a sickness that made her bleed. It had lasted for 12 years. She touched the edge of his clothes. She thought, "I only need to touch his clothes. Then I will be healed." Jesus turned and saw her. "Dear woman, don't give up hope," he said. "Your faith has healed you." The woman was healed at that moment. When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house, he saw the noisy crowd and people playing flutes. He said, "Go away. The girl is not dead. She is sleeping." But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been sent outside, Jesus went in. He took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News about what Jesus had done spread all over that area. (Matthew 9:18-26)

This Weekend: Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11

Saturday, June 10, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ George Joseph (Anniversary) by Larry & Becky Ferrera

✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

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

Sunday, June 11, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ John Shibben by David Shibben

✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Coming Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, June 12: No Mass. Pastor Day off.

Tuesday, June 13, Mass at Noon:

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

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

✠ Robert "Bob" Shutler by Jean Weisner

Wednesday, June 14: No Mass. Pastor Day off.

Thursday, June 15, Mass at Noon:

✠ Special Intention of Mary Ragase

✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick

✠ George Al-Khouri by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone

Friday, June 16: No Mass. Pastor Day off.

Next Weekend and following Weekdays (June 17-23)

Deceased Fathers' Day Masses

✠ Thomas A. Ferris by his daughter Denise Ferris

✠ Habib Khourey, Louis Khourey Sr., & Nassif Nader by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

✠ Charles "Pud" Howard, Bruce Cody Riggs and Franklin C. Howard by Lou & Charlotte & Family

✠ Adib Chidiac (father) & Nadim Chidiac (brother) by Msgr. Bakhos

✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)

✠ Deceased of the Saseen Family by the last Will of Rosella Saseen

✠ Deceased of the Long Family by the Last Will of Sylvia Long

✠ Robert J. Shutler, Sr.; Harry F. Nolte (great-grandfather); Frederick J. Shutler; Harry J. Nolte by Janet Shutler

✠ Deceased family members of Jamil Harb (MI)

✠ George Saseen by his son George Saseen

✠ Steve Harasuik by his daughter Susan Saseen

✠ Donald A. Nickerson Sr., Nicholas Elias by Tammy Strang and their loving Family

✠ Albert Nickerson by his loving Family

✠ Ray McLaughlin and Elias Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

✠ John Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

✠ George Popovich, Augie Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich

✠ Don Fielding by Joe & Nikki Popovich

✠ Melo J. Wakim by the Wakim Family

✠ William M. Yeater by The Wakim Family

✠ All fathers and grandfathers of the Wakim and Yeater Families by the Wakim Family

✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

✠ Philip E. Petros by Jackie and Pat Petros

✠ George A. Fahey by Jackie and Pat Petros

✠ Thomas and Gus Shia by the Family

✠ Tom Jochum by his Family

✠ Robert (father) and Charles (grandfather) by Carol Dougherty

✠ Bill Dougherty (husband) by Carol Dougherty

✠ John Henning and Joseph Bott by Don & Roberta Henning

✠ John Shibben by his children: Taj, Deidre and Whitney Shibben

✠ Steve Schlog by the Saseen Family

✠ Joseph Paul Duffy and George Thomas Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy

✠ Anthony George (MN) by his daughter Margaret George

✠ Walter Elwartoski by his son Richard Elwartoski

- ✠ Elias Frenn and Jim Thomas by Dr Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Andreah & Zack Riedel
 ✠ Dennis Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
 ✠ Vincent Jacovetty by George & Patty (Jacovetty) Fahey
 ✠ Michael T. Hatty and Louis M. Hatty by Judge Michael P. Hatty and Family
 ✠ Joseph P. Hatty by Judge Michael P. Hatty and Family
 ✠ Ray Lauderman by Annette & Rusty Wetzel
 ✠ Albert Togliatti by GiGi Rice
 ✠ George Weisner by his son Gary Weisner
 ✠ George Alan Weisner by his daughter Mary Beth Weisner
 ✠ Nimon Joseph and Albert Weisner by Mary Beth Weisner
 ✠ Nimon Joseph and Maroon Habeb by Jean Weisner
 ✠ Michael Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
 ✠ William Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
 ✠ Ray Palotay by the Palotay Family
 ✠ Al Schroeder by his son Mark and Jane Wine
 ✠ Kenny Joseph by his daughter Cheryl Tucker and Family
 ✠ John G. Moses by his son Jim Moses
 ✠ Steve Sofka by Mike & Judy Sofka
 ✠ Bill Sayre and Tim Stanton by Mike & Judy Sofka
 ✠ Mike Joseph and Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
 ✠ Albert Valles and Clay Allen by Vickie Joseph
 ✠ Angelo Conti by Rosalie Conti
 ✠ Herman & Conti Sr, by Rosalie Conti
 ✠ George Al-Khouri by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone
 ✠ Lawrence Ferrera Sr, Elias Joseph, Thomas Vechionne by Larry & Becky Ferrera
 ✠ Edward Joseph, Gerard Joseph, Gary McLaughlin, Ray (Mickey) McLaughlin by Becky Ferrera
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Prayers for the Intentions of the Living Fathers

- ✠ Lou H. Khourey by his children Emmalena & Louie
 ✠ Jamil Harb by his Family (MI)
 ✠ Joe Popovich by Nikki Popovich
 ✠ PJ Lenz by Joe & Nikki Popovich
 ✠ Christopher Wakim by Laura Chapman & Family and Nathan Wakim
 ✠ Joe Popovich and George Lenz by PJ, Nikki, Lindsay and Luke Lenz
 ✠ PJ Lenz by his children Lindsay and Luke Lenz
 ✠ Trent Johcum by Alec, Sarah and Katie
 ✠ Dr. Adel Frenn and Mike Riedel by Diane & Justin Frenn & Andreah & Zack Riedel
 ✠ George Fahey by Patricia Fahey and daughters
 ✠ Butch Dennis by Annette & Rusty Wetzel
 ✠ Larry Josephs (MN) by his wife Kathy and son Greg and Msgr Bakhos
 ✠ Louis Valles by Vickie Joseph
 ✠ Larry Ferrera Jr, Larry Ferrera III, Tony Ferrera by Becky Ferrera
 ✠ Mark McLaughlin, EJ Joseph by Becky Ferrera

Coming Parish Events

Saturday, June 17 after 4pm Mass	Parish Dinner on the occasion of Father Day. Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Early Birds Souvenirs from Lebanon	Saturday and Sunday, June 24 th and 25 th after Mass
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)
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Early Birds Souvenirs from Lebanon

The Mahrajan Committee will display in the Cedar Hall the Souvenirs from Lebanon in order to give our parishioners the first chance to buy what they like. So be the early birds and visit the Cedar Hall after Mass. These souvenirs are from Saint Sharbel hermitage and from Byblos Lebanon. Good luck.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

June 14: P.J. Lenz, Kathy Boehm
 June 15: Becky Joseph Ferrera
 June 20: Nick Ghaphery, Jr.
 June 23: Mary Beth Weisner
 June 27: Lindsay Lenz
 July 3: Larry Ferrera
 July 5: Bill Committee
 July 11: Justin Wilson

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,706.00	Sunday Collection
10.00	Bake sale
400.00	Donations to the church
23.00	Coffee hour
165.00	Father's Day Party
1,655.00	Mahrajan
366.00	utilities
\$4,325.00	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 Khourey), Patty Olinsky, Sarah Volk (aunt of GiGi Rice), Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Fred Jaquay, Patty Olinsky, Earl Ragase, Patrick Sengewalt, Renee Beabout (daughter of Marge John), Mary Stees, Rex Strawn, Mary Thomas, Jack Hogan (infant son of Mark & Michaela Hogan & great nephew of Lou Khourey), Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),

What's New?

Parish Condolences: Al Otterbeck

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to Kim Gibbons on the loss of her father Al Otterbeck. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the funeral service on Monday, June 5th. 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, especially to Ron & Kim Gibbons.

Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities of Wheeling is in need of volunteers who can deliver meals to the homebound in the greater Wheeling area. Meals are picked up at the Neighborhood Center around 10:00 a.m. and delivery is done within an hour or two. No need to enter homes, meals can be left at the door. This is a great service to our community and the commitment level is up to you! If interested, please contact Tracey Dickerson, Volunteer Manager, at (304) 232-7157 ext. 2004 for more information

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.
- Net Mahrajan Raffle Cash Prize reached so far: \$5,450.00** Only 1,000 numbered tickets were printed this year. Buy your tickets before they are sold. 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.
- Many souvenirs from Lebanon will be sold at the Market Place
- 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

An instructor in aviation teaches a candidate the laws of flight, the principles of gravitation and navigation. Then the student is given full freedom of choice; he can either obey the laws of flight or disobey them. If he uses his freedom to disobey, he will crash; if he uses his freedom to obey the laws he has learned, he will enjoy flying. The Church, likewise, teaches us the laws that govern reality and the consequences of breaking them. This is what Our Lord meant when He said, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (Jn 8:32). For moral freedom -like every other freedom- is limited by the order of the universe. You are free to draw a triangle (provided that you give it three sides instead of thirty); you are free to draw a giraffe (provided that you respect its nature, giving it a long neck and not a short one); you are free to teach chemistry (provided that you tell the students that water is H₂O and not H₂SO₄). So with the Church: we are free to reject the teachings of Christ in His Church, just as we are free to ignore or disobey the laws of engineering; but we will find that the rejection of her laws never leads us to the perfection of our personality, as we foolishly hoped. It results, instead, in a morbid affirmation of the ego, which can even lead to self-destruction.

(...) The Church makes none of us less free than we were before. But we chiefly value freedom in order to give it away; everyone who loves surrenders his freedom, whether his passion be the love of another person, the love of a cause, or the love of God. When a man loves a woman, he says, "I am yours," and the surrender of freedom gives him into a sweet slavery. Every person in love with God says, as Paul did, "What will you have me to do?" (Acts 9:6) and adds, as we do in the Our Father, "Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." In both instances, freedom is surrendered for the sake of a greater joy. Freedom hoarded is of little value -spent, for something we love, it brings peace and perfects one's personality in the law and love of God.

Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Peace of Soul, 1949, pp.272-274

Wisdom: Mercy

Therein probably lies the reason why more of our prayers are not answered. How can God answer the prayers we address to him unless we answer the prayers others address to us? Do we answer the prayers of the poor? the maimed? the lame? the sinner? the missionary? If not, then by what right can we expect God to answer our requests? How can God give us his gifts, if we never give others our gifts? How can God fill our coffers with his treasures, unless we empty them to others?

The law is as simple as that: sow and you reap; do not keep your seed in your barns; give it away—scatter it over the fields; do the foolish thing; dissipate it, so that even the birds may eat of your bounty. And to! in a short time you will find your seed increased five, ten, one hundredfold. But keep it in your barn, and the birds starve and you have no increase.

Give and you shall receive; be merciful and you shall receive mercy. When therefore you are on a cross of pain or sorrow always think of that cross as the cross of the thief on the right.

As such, let your prayers go out to those on the left cross that they may be mindful of the expiatory

value of their suffering; let your love also go out to the Good Shepherd on the central Cross who suffers so innocently for all people, and because you never once thought of yourself but of others, or in other words, because you were merciful, you will hear the reward of mercy from the central Cross: "This day you shall be with me in paradise."

In that way you become another Good Thief, for a Good Thief is one who steals Paradise!

From Bishop SHEEN, The Cross and the Beatitudes, 1937, p.35

Story: How Old Is Grandma?

One evening, a grandson was talking to his grandmother about current events. The grandson asked his grandmother what she thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general.

The Grandma replied, "Well, let me think a minute, I was born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, Frisbees and the pill.

There were no credit cards, laser beams or ball-point pens. Man had not invented pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers, and the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and man had yet to walk on the moon.

Your Grandfather and I got married first and then lived together. Every family had a father and a mother. Until I was 25, I called every man older than I, "Sir" - - and after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, "Sir." We were before gay-rights, computer-dating, dual careers, day-care centers, and group therapy. Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment, and common sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions. Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege. We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent. Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins. Draft dodgers were people who closed their front doors when the evening breeze started. Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends - not purchasing condominiums. We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings. We listened to the Big Bands, Jack Benny, and the President's speeches on our radios. And I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey.

If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan' on it, it was junk.

The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam.

Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of.

We had 5 & 10-cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents. Ice-cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600, but who could afford one? Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon. In my day, "grass" was mowed, "coke" was a cold drink, "pot" was something your mother cooked in, and "rock music" was your grandmother's lullaby. "Aids" were helpers in the Principal's office, "chip" meant a piece of wood, "hardware" was found in a hardware store and software" wasn't even a word. And we were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby. No wonder people call us "old and confused" and say there is a generation gap.

And how old do you think grandma is?

Read on to see -- pretty scary if you think about it and pretty sad at the same time. This is something to think about. How times have changed?

Grandma is 58 (born 1946). How could so much go wrong in such a short time?

A Time to Laugh (66)

How Fights Start

-My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping the channels. She asked, 'What's on TV?' I said, 'Dust!' And then the fight started.

-My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 100 in about 3 seconds.' I bought her a scale. And then the fight started.

-When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive. So, I took her to a gas station. And then the fight started.

-My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table. My wife asked. Do you know her? 'Yes. I sighed. She's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since.' 'My God!' says my wife, 'who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?' And then the fight started.

-I rear-ended a car the other day. We pulled over and slowly the other driver got out of his car. You know how sometimes you just get so stressed and little things just seem funny? Well I couldn't believe it. He was a DWARF!!! He stormed over to my car, looked up at me, and shouted, 'I AM NOT HAPPY!' So, I looked down at him and said, 'Well which one are you?' And then the fight started.

-When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the truck, the car, playing golf - always something more important to me. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, 'When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway.' And then the fight started... The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

Moral to these stories: Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other is the husband.

Denny's

In honor of the mother of the octuplets, Denny's is offering a new breakfast meal: "You get fourteen eggs, no sausage, and the guy next to you has to pay the bill!"

Knock on the door

A man and his wife were awakened at 3:00 am by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push. "Not a chance," says the husband, "it is 3:00 in the morning!" He slams the door and returns to bed. "Who was that?" asked his wife. "Just some drunken guy asking for a push," he answers. "Did you help him?" she asks. "No, I did not, it is 3:00 in the morning and it is pouring rain out there!" "Well, you have a short memory," says his wife. "Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!" The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pounding rain. He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?" "Yes," comes back the answer. "Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband. "Yes, please!" comes the reply from the dark. "Where are you?" asks the husband. "Over here on the swing," replies the drunk.