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## *Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church*

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## *4<sup>th</sup> 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

## ***4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

Readings: Wis 7:7-14; 1Cor 2:11-16 and Lk 10:21-24

The “Goodness” Of Wild Animals

***“The cow and the bear shall be neighbors the lion shall eat hay like the ox.”*** Isaiah 11:7

Is this famous Isaiah 11:1-10 text implying that wild animals are valuable only if they’re tame?

No, Scripture teaches that animals have an intrinsic goodness apart from any human concerns.

There are two accounts of the creation of animals, each with a distinctive interpretation of their significance. The overarching problem addressed by the so-called Yahwist account (the Garden of Eden story), of how agriculture came into being, results in human beings treated as God’s central concern. This does not mean that animals are regarded as unimportant; on the contrary, in the Yahwist version of the flood story, God treats them as just as deserving of life as Noah and his family (Gn 7:2-3).

A somewhat different understanding of animals emerges in the Priestly account of creation (Gn 1:1-2:4a). This account suggests that the multiplication and diversity of life on earth is an essential aspect of what makes creation “good,” and that goodness isn’t just “usefulness to humans.” Both biblical accounts affirm the independent value of animals as non-human creatures. Both affirm that the flourishing of animal species is a reflection of the goodness of God’s creation. Especially for the Priestly writer, the “orderliness” which is the goal of creation manifests itself in what we today might call a harmonious ecosystem, which human dominion (a better term is stewardship) helps to sustain.

### ***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.*

#### **16<sup>th</sup> Miracle of Jesus when he healed Two Blind Men**

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him. They called out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” When Jesus went indoors, the blind men came to him. He asked them, “Do you believe that I can do this?” “Yes, Lord,” they replied. Then he touched their eyes. He said, “It will happen to you just as you believed.” They could now see again. Jesus strongly warned them, “Be sure that no one knows about this.” But they went out and spread the news. They talked about him all over that area. While they were going out, another man was brought to Jesus. A demon controlled him, and he could not speak. When the demon was driven out, the man spoke. The crowd was amazed. They said, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “He drives out demons by the power of the prince of demons.” (Matthew 9:27-34)

### ***This 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

### ***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
- † Mark McLaughlin by his wife Barb and children Brad McLaughlin & Kristen Graney

## ***Next Weekend: Saturday-Sunday, June 24-25***

### Saturday, June 24, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- † Mariam Joseph by the Weisner and the Joseph Families
- † Cathy (Sharp) Howard (Anniversary) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † Janis & George Thomas by their last Will

### Sunday, June 25, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- † George AlKhoury by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone
- † Viola Yeater by Charlotte & Lou Kourey & Family
- † Samuel J. Hebdo and Sitti Lilly by Rose Oburst

## ***Coming Parish Events***

Early Birds Souvenirs from Lebanon	Saturday and Sunday, June 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> 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)

## ***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 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
- July 12: Shaun Hancher
- July 14: Chloe Imer
- July 15: Denny Albaugh
- July 16: Payton Wilson, Pam Obyc

## ***Your Church Support Last Week***

\$2,158.00	Sunday Collection
57.00	candles
24.00	Coffee hour
110.00	Father's Day Party
710.00	Mahrajan

\$3,059.00	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
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## ***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: Tom Simon***

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Simon Family on the loss of their beloved Tom who was the brother of Joe, Eileen and Kathleen Simon. 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.

### ***Condolences: Mildred Shia-Joseph***

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Shia and Josph Families on the loss of their beloved Mildred who passed away in Texas on May 28, 2023. Her sister Paula preceded her to death last year. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaids and we extend the parish's condolences to their Families in their time of sorrow.

### ***Arabic Courses available***

If you speak Arabic and would like to benefit from some courses about Christian formation, please go to: [formation@echristian.ae](mailto:formation@echristian.ae). For more information or see Msgr Bakhos.

### ***Congratulations to all the Graduates this year***

Msgr Bakhos and the whole parish are delighted to hear about the success and graduations of all our young students. They are looking forward to continue their higher studies with great hope. With our prayers, congratulations to Maryanna Alkhouri, Ava DeMuth, Luke Lenz. Please let us know about others.

### ***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 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.
- 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: Church & Persecution***

The white robe of the fool is a judgment on the world; it is the sign of its evil; the death rattle of its wickedness. Because men mock, a verdict is passed on them; because the Church is martyred by evil powers, a sentence has been pronounced on those powers. Their deeds are known to be sinful by what they do to innocence. Thus, will men who live in the world and do not know where to look for religion finally find it in the religion which their very world crucified, and in finding it will find peace which the world cannot take away!

True followers of Christ, be prepared to have a world make jokes at your expense. You can hardly expect a world to be more reverent to you than to Our Lord. When it does make fun of your faith, its practices, abstinences, and rituals, then you are moving to a closer identity with Him who gave us our faith. Nor may you repay sneer with sneer. We cannot fight God's battles with the weapons of Satan. Repaying jeer with jeer is not the response of a Christian, for under scorn Our Lord "***answered nothing***". The world gets more of its amusement from a Christian who fails to be Christian, but none from his respectful silence.

The answer of Our Lord to Herod was that Our Lord continued to be Our Lord. Dogs bay at the moon all night, but the moon gives back no snarl. It goes on shining. Shine forth in your white robe of mockery, O Christian! One day it will be the robe of your glory.

*Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Lessons on Faith & Truth, 1947, pp.61-62.*

## ***Wisdom: Mercy***

On the Hill of the Beatitudes, at the beginning of his public life, Our Lord preached: "Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God." Now at the end of his life, on the Hill of Calvary, he speaks to the clean of heart: "(Son) behold your mother, Woman, behold your son."

This, of course, is not the beatitude of the world. The world is living today in what might be described as an era of carnality, which glorifies sex, hates restraint, identifies purity with coldness, innocence with ignorance, and turns men and women into some sort of gods with their eyes closed, hands folded across their breasts, intently looking inward, thinking only of self.

It is just precisely against such a glorification of sex, and such egocentrism which is so characteristic of the flesh, that Our Lord reacted in his third Beatitude: "Blessed are the clean of heart."

The Third Beatitude and the Third Word are related as theory to practice and as doctrine to example, for it was the purity of Our Lord that made the gift of his Mother possible. This is the one supreme lesson to be drawn from this word, namely, that Mary became Our Mother because her Divine Son was purity itself. On no other condition could he have given her to us so completely and wholeheartedly.

*From Bishop SHEEN, The Cross and the Beatitudes, 1937, p.39*

## ***Story***

The man slowly looked up. This was a woman clearly accustomed to the finer things of life. Her coat was new. She looked like that she had never missed a meal in her life. His first thought was that she wanted to make fun of him, like so many others had done before.

"Leave me alone," he growled. To his amazement, the woman continued standing. She was smiling -- her even white teeth displayed in dazzling rows.

"Are you hungry?" she asked.

"No," he answered sarcastically. "I've just come from dining with the president. Now go away." The woman's smile became even broader. Suddenly the man felt a gentle hand under his arm. "What are you doing, lady?" the man asked angrily. "I said to leave me alone."

Just then a policeman came up. "Is there any problem, ma'am?" he asked.

"No problem here, officer," the woman answered. "I'm just trying to get this man to his feet. Will you help me?" The officer scratched his head. "That's old Jack. He's been a fixture around here for a couple of years. What do you want with him?"

"See that cafeteria over there?" she asked. "I'm going to get him something to eat and get him out of the cold for awhile."

"Are you crazy, lady?" the homeless man resisted. "I don't want to go in there!" Then he felt strong hands grab his other arm and lift him up.

"Let me go, officer. I didn't do anything." "This is a good deal for you Jack," the officer answered. "Don't blow it." Finally, and with some difficulty, the woman and the police officer got Jack into the cafeteria and sat him at a table in a remote corner. It was the middle of the morning, so most of the breakfast crowd had already left and the lunch bunch had not yet arrived. The manager strode across the cafeteria and stood by his table.

"What's going on here, officer?" he asked. "What is all this. Is this man in trouble?"

"This lady brought this man in here to be fed," the policeman answered.

"Not in here!" the manager replied angrily. "Having a person like that here is bad for business." Old Jack smiled a toothless grin. "See, lady. I told you so. Now if you'll let me go. I didn't want to come here in the first place." The woman turned to the cafeteria manager and smiled. "Sir, are you familiar with Eddy and Associates, the banking firm down the street?"

"Of course I am," the manager answered impatiently. "They hold their weekly meetings in one of my banquet rooms."

"And do you make a goodly amount of money providing food at these weekly meetings?"

"What business is that of yours?" "I, sir, am Penelope Eddy, president and CEO of the company." "Oh." The woman smiled again. "I thought that might make a difference." She glanced at the cop who was busy stifling a giggle. "Would you like to join us in a cup of coffee and a meal, officer?" "No thanks, ma'am," the officer replied. "I'm on duty." "Then, perhaps, a cup of coffee to go?" "Yes, ma'am. That would be very nice."

The cafeteria manager turned on his heel "I'll get your coffee for you right away, officer."

The officer watched him walk away. "You certainly put him in his place," he said.

"That was not my intent. Believe it or not, I have a reason for all this."

She sat down at the table across from her amazed dinner guest She stared at him intently. "Jack, do you remember me?" Old Jack searched her face with his old, rheumy eyes "I think so -- I mean you do look familiar." "I'm a little older perhaps," she said. "Maybe I've even filled out more than in my younger days when you worked here, and I came through that very door, cold and hungry." "Ma'am?" the officer said questioningly. He couldn't believe that such a magnificently turned out woman could ever have been hungry. "I was just out of college," the woman began. "I had come to the city looking for a job, but I couldn't find anything. Finally I was down to my last few cents and had been kicked out of my apartment. I walked the streets for days. It was February and I was cold and nearly starving. I saw this place and walked in on the off chance that I could get something to eat."

Jack lit up with a smile. "Now I remember," he said. "I was behind the serving counter. You came up and asked me if you could work for something to eat. I said that it was against company policy." "I know," the woman continued. "Then you made me the biggest roast beef sandwich that I had ever seen, gave me a cup of coffee, and told me to go over to a corner table and enjoy it. I was afraid that you would get into trouble. Then, when I looked over, I saw you put the price of my food in the cash register I knew then that everything would be all right."

"So you started your own business?" Old Jack said.

"I got a job that very afternoon. I worked my way up. Eventually I started my own business, that, with the help of God, prospered." She opened her purse and pulled out a business card. "When you are finished here, I want you to pay a visit to a Mr. Lyons. He's the personnel director of my company. I'll go talk to him now and I'm certain he'll find something for you to do around the office." She smiled. "I think he might even find the funds to give you a little advance so that you can buy some clothes and get a place to live until you get on your feet. If you ever need anything, my door is always opened to you."

There were tears in the old man's eyes. "How can I ever thank you?" he said.

"Don't thank me," the woman answered. "To God goes the glory. Thank Jesus. He led me to you."

Outside the cafeteria, the officer and the woman paused at the entrance before going their separate ways.

"Thank you for all your help, officer," she said.

"On the contrary, Ms. Eddy," he answered. "Thank you. I saw a miracle today, something that I will never forget. And ... And thank you for the coffee."

## *A Time to Laugh (67)*

### *The South - You Gotta Love It*

#### **Alabama**

A group of Alabama friends went deer hunting and paired off in twos for the day. That night, one of the hunters returned alone, staggering under the weight of an eight-point buck. 'Where's Henry?' the others asked. 'Henry had a stroke of some kind. He's a couple of miles back up the trail,' the successful hunter replied. 'You left Henry laying out there and carried the deer back?' they inquired. 'A tough call,' nodded the hunter. 'But I figured no one is going to steal Henry.'

#### **Texas**

The Sheriff pulled up next to the guy unloading garbage out of his pick-up into the ditch. The Sheriff asked, 'Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don't you see that sign right over your head?' 'Yep', he replied. That's why I'm dumpin' it here, cause it says: "Fine For Dumping Garbage."

#### **Louisiana**

A senior at LSU was overheard saying, 'When the end of the world comes, I hope to be in Louisiana.' When asked why, he replied, "Because everything happens in Louisiana 20 years later than in the rest of the civilized world."

#### **Mississippi**

The young man from Mississippi came running into the store and said to his buddy; 'Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!' Bubba replied, 'Did you see who it was?' The young man answered, 'I couldn't tell, but I got his license number.'

#### **Georgia**

A Georgia State trooper pulled over a pickup on I-75. The trooper asked. Got any I. D.?" The driver replied, "Bout whut?"

#### **North Carolina**

A man in North Carolina had a flat tire, pulled off on the side of the road, and proceeded to put a bouquet of flowers in front of the car and one behind it. Then he got back in the car to wait. A passerby studied the scene as he drove by and was so curious he turned around and went back. He asked the fellow what the problem was. The man replied, 'I have a flat tire.' The passerby asked, 'But what's with the flowers?' The man responded, 'When you break down they tell you to put flares in the front and flares in the back. Hey, it don't make no sense to me neither.'

#### **Tennessee**

The owner of a golf course was confused about paying an invoice. So he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help. He called her into his office and said, 'You graduated from the University of Tennessee and I need some help. If I were to give you \$20,000, minus 14%, how much would you take off?' The secretary thought a moment, and then replied, 'Everything but my earrings.'

#### **South Carolina**

You can say what you want about the South, but I ain't never heard of anyone wanting to retire to the North.'