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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Saints Peter & Paul

***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

Saints Peter & Paul

Readings: Ez 3:1-12; 2Cor 11:21-30 and Mt 16:13-20

Peter and Paul. The twin pillars of the Church were never separated either in the ancient liturgy or in iconography. Even today the Church's magisterium in its solemn acts makes reference to their authority, as if the ecclesial communion could only be expressed by the complementarities of these two apostles.

Simon's confessing of his belief earned for him the surname Peter, the responsibility for guiding and strengthening his brothers and so for building up the Church. God's amazing ways are shown by his giving a position of such importance to an unpolished individual, a man seemingly untalented in any way and, moreover, not always completely faithful to him! How much wiser to have given it to St Paul! Though a late-corner to christian belief, Paul was apparently so much better equipped by birth and by his intellectual formation. He is always alert, full of energy, and devoured by love of him whom he had first persecuted in his Church; he will become God's chosen instrument to make known to the pagans the good news of salvation. No trial could separate him from the love of Christ, whom he will never deny.

Each of them had his place in the development of the faith. Peter, the guide, by his role of direction and confirmation: Paul, the sower, by his energy of movement and adaptation. Their meetings at Jerusalem and at Antioch show up their common inspiration as well as their differences. It is in Rome, where both were martyred, that they were finally united in that love which they strove to promote. The 'dialogue' between institution and charism is not always untroubled, but such tension is the necessary price of progress. In order to avoid stagnation the Church of Peter and Paul must reconcile stability and movement, the overall view of the whole body and the particular intervention of a charism.

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 18th miracle of Jesus when he healed a Man at the Pool

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish feasts. In Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate is a pool. In the Aramaic language it is called Bethesda. It is surrounded by five rows of columns with a roof over them. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie down. Among them were those who were blind, those who could not walk, and those who could hardly move. One person was there who had not been able to walk for 38 years. Jesus saw him lying there. He knew that the man had been in that condition for a long time. So, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" "Sir," the disabled man replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when an angel stirs up the water. I try to get in, but someone else always goes down ahead of me." Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." The man was healed right away. He picked up his mat and walked. This happened on a Sabbath day. So, the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath day. The law does not allow you to carry your mat." But he replied, "The one who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is this fellow? Who told you to pick it up and walk?" The one who was healed had no idea who it was. Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. Later Jesus found him at the temple. Jesus said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning, or something worse may happen to you." The man went away. He told the Jewish leaders it was Jesus who had made him well. (John 5:1-15)

This Weekend: Saturday-Sunday, July 1-2

Saturday, July 1, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt (Birthday) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Terri Och (granddaughter of Josephine Joseph) by Carol Dougherty (OK)
- ✠ Al Otterbeck by Carol Dougherty (OK)
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, July 2, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ George AlKhouri by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone
 ✠ Viola Yeater by Mary Lee & Dennis Porter
 ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Coming Weekdays Mass Schedule

- Monday, July 3:** No Mass. NAM Convention
Tuesday, July 4: No Mass. NAM Convention
Wednesday, July 5: No Mass. NAM Convention
Thursday, July 6: No Mass. NAM Convention
Friday, July 7: No Mass. NAM Convention

Next Weekend: Saturday-Sunday, July 8-9

Saturday, July 8, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
 ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
 ✠ Robert Shutler by Ron Weisner
 † Special Intention

Sunday, July 9, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ George AlKhouri by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone
 ✠ Gene Howard by Carol Dougherty
 ✠ Living & Deceased of the Duffy & Shedeed Families by Mickey & Linda Duffy

Coming Parish Events

Early Birds Souvenirs from Lebanon	Saturday and Sunday, July 1 st and 2 nd
July 3 rd until July 7 th	No Daily Mass: NAM Convention
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)
Thanksgiving Bake Sale	Date will be announced later.
Christmas Party	Sunday, December 3 rd after Mass (Dinner will be served at noon)

Early Birds Souvenirs from Lebanon (Sat & Sun, July 1st and 2nd)

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:

- 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
 July 20: Shirley George
 July 22: Grace Klein, Mark Boehm
 July 26: Anna Marie Duymich
 July 30: Dee Shiben, Susan John Burns
 August 2: Rosella C. DeMuth

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,060.00	Sunday Collection
36.00	candles
34.00	Coffee hour
600.00	Donation to the church
2,090	Mahrajan
\$3,820.00	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)
Lou Anne Blazier, Sandra DeMuth, Ken Imer, Patty Olinsky, Sarah Volk (aunt of GiGi Rice), Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Fred Jaquay, 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: Chris DeMuth

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the DeMuth Family on the loss of their beloved Chris, the son of Sandra DeMuth. Msgr. Bakhos, accompanied with the church choir celebrated the funeral Mass on Saturday, June 30 and the ladies of the church served the Mercy Meal at the Cedar Hall. 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.

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: \$6,180.00.** 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.
- Many Thanks for those who sponsored the six Credit Card Readers to be used at the Festival: Anonymous, Leo Bleifus, Don & Lori Nickerson. May the Blessed Mother reward you many folds.
- 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
- our church dance troupe will perform a Dabke and folklore dance wearing Lebanese National costume. **We are looking for one generous family to sponsor these costumes that look like the Lebanese flag white, Red and green. Please contact Msgr Bakhos and he lets you know the cost price. Thanks**
- All tables under four tents are rented. Available are some picnic tables under trees.
- If you have a friend or know someone who is interested in receiving correspondence about our Festival, please submit their addresses to Msgr. Bakhos.

Around Us

St. Michael's Festival (July 6,7,8)

- 50/50, Basket Raffles, Games, Live Music, Bingo
- When: July 6,7 and 8 from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.
- Questions: Diane D. Coughlan 304-242-1560, ext. 0

Spirituality: Complaint

God does not frown on your complaint.

Did not His Mother in the Temple ask: “*Son! Why have you done so to us?*”

And did not Christ on the Cross complain: “***My God! Why have You abandoned Me?***”

If the Son asked the Father, and the Mother the Son - “*Why?*”; why should not you?

But let your wails be to God, and not to man.

Asking not, “*Why does God do this to me?*” but: “*Why, O God do You treat me so?*”

Talk not **about** God, as Satan did to Eve: “*Why did God command you?*” but talk **to** God as Christ to His Father.

And at the end of your sweet complaining prayer you will say: “***Father, into Your Hands I command my spirit.***”

You will not so much be taken down as the thief on the left; but be taken up as the thief who heard: “***This day, Paradise.***”

They who complain to others never see God’s purposes; they who complain to God find that their passion, like Christ’s, turn into compassion.

Only He who made your wound can heal it. The love that tightened your bow-strings did so, not in hurt, but in love of music.

Do not all lovers ask in doubt: “*Do you love me?*”

Ask that of the Tremendous Lover, and each scar will seem a kiss!

God is not “*way up there.*”

He is taking another body -your own- to carry on the world’s redemption.

Complain that your shoulders ache beneath your pack; but see His own smarting under a cross beam.

--*Bishop Fulton Sheen, In the Fullness of Time, pp.97-98.*

Wisdom: The Mirror

A new Pastor in a small Oklahoma town spent the first four days making personal visits to each of the members, inviting them to come to his first services.

The following Sabbath the church was all but empty.

Accordingly, the Pastor placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that, because the church was dead, it was everyone's duty to give it a decent Christian burial. The funeral would be held the following Sabbath afternoon, the notice said.

Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the "funeral." In front of the pulpit, they saw a closed coffin, smothered in flowers. After the Pastor delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited his congregation to come forward and pay their final respects to their dead church.

Filled with curiosity as to what would represent the corpse of a "dead church," all the people eagerly lined up to look in the coffin.

Each "mourner" peeped into the coffin then quickly turned away with a guilty, sheepish look. In the coffin, tilted at the correct angle, was a large mirror!!

Story:

There is a story of identical twins. One was a hope-filled optimist. “Everything is coming up roses!” he would say. The other was a sad and hopeless pessimist. The worried parents of the boys brought them to the local psychologist.

He suggested to the parents a plan to balance the twins’ personalities. “On their next birthday, put them in separate rooms to open their gifts. Give the pessimist the best toys you can afford, and give the optimist a box of manure.” The parents followed these instructions and carefully observed the results.

When they peeked in on the pessimist, they heard him audibly complaining, "I don't like the color of this computer ... I'll bet this calculator will break ... I don't like this game.... I know someone who's got a bigger toy car than this..."

Tiptoeing across the corridor, the parents peeked in and saw their little optimist gleefully throwing the manure up in the air. He was giggling. "You can't fool me! Where there's this much manure, there's gotta be a pony!"

A Time to Laugh (69)

Skinny Dipping...

An elderly man in West Virginia had owned a large farm for several Years. He had a large pond in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts and some apple, and peach trees. One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over. He grabbed a Five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with Glee. As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women Skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, 'we're not coming out until you leave!' The old man frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked.' Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the alligator.' Some old men can still think fast.

Irish Lent

An Irishman moves into a tiny hamlet in County Kerry, walks into the pub and promptly orders three beers. The bartender raises his eyebrows, but serves the man three beers, which he drinks quietly at a table, alone. An hour later, the man has finished the three beers and orders three more. This happens yet again. The next evening the man again orders and drinks three beers at a time, several times. Soon the entire town is whispering about the Man Who Orders Three Beers. Finally, a week later, the bartender broaches the subject on behalf of the town. "I don't mean to pry, but folks around here are wondering why you always order three beers?" "Tis odd, isn't it?" the man replies. "You see, I have two brothers, and one went to America, and the other to Australia... We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond." The bartender and the whole town were pleased with this answer, and soon the Man Who Orders Three Beers became a local celebrity and source of pride to the hamlet, even to the extent that out-of-towners would come to watch him drink. Then, one day, the man comes in and orders only two beers. The bartender pours them with a heavy heart. This continues for the rest of the evening. He orders only two beers. The word flies around town. Prayers are offered for the soul of one of the brothers. The next day, the bartender says to the man, "Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer condolences to you for the death of your brother. You know-the two beers and all. The man ponders this for a moment, then replies, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well. It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent.