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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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7th 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

7th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Num 11:16-29; 2Cor 3:1-6 and Lk 10:1-7

Reading the gospel, we do not gain the impression that during Jesus' lifetime the disciples really grasped his meaning. The Lord was not privileged to live among them as among people who understood him, who saw who he was and the goal before him. Again and again situations arise which show how utterly alone he remained in their midst. Is there a single hour in which his words, pure and undistorted, are really comprehended, really received by heart and mind? I doubt it. How often we are struck by the smallness, the narrowness, the paltriness of the disciples' reactions; how often the heavenly message is degraded to an earthly one! Involuntarily we wonder what might have happened had great and daring men walked with him — all the way. But then we halt; had he not come to bring that which is great by other than worldly standards of greatness, by that greatness to which the 'little ones' are called? If only these at least had opened their hearts to him! Instead, we see how stubbornly they cling to the Messiah-conceptions of the day — till the very moment of the ascension (from that same Mount of Olives where Christ's agony began) when they ask: 'Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?' (Acts 1:6).

Again, on the way to Jerusalem he tries to prepare them for the coming passion: 'But they did not understand ... and they were afraid to ask him about this saying' (Luke 9:45). Consequently, when the terrible events of Good Friday run contrary to their expectations, the ground beneath their feet begins to rock. Though Golgotha, the world's response to the scared message best proves that it is a heavenly message and must revolutionize earthly standards, the disciples are utterly confounded. They desert the cross and flee.

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 19th miracle of Jesus when he Fed Five Thousand

Jesus heard what had happened to John. He wanted to be alone. So, he went in a boat to a quiet place. The crowds heard about this. They followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus came ashore, he saw a large crowd. He felt deep concern for them. He healed their sick people. When it was almost evening, the disciples came to him. "There is nothing here," they said. "It's already getting late. Send the crowds away. They can go and buy some food in the villages." Jesus replied, "They don't need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said. Then Jesus directed the people to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish. He looked up to heaven and gave thanks. He broke the loaves into pieces. Then he gave them to the disciples. And the disciples gave them to the people. All of them ate and were satisfied. The disciples picked up 12 baskets of leftover pieces. The number of men who ate was about 5,000. Women and children also ate. (Matthew 14:13-21)

This 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
- ✠ Intentions of Nancy Nader on her Birthday

Coming Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, July 10: No Mass. NAM Convention

Tuesday, July 11: Mass at Noon

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

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

✠ George AlKhouri by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone

Wednesday, July 12: No Mass. NAM Convention

Thursday, July 13: No Mass. NAM Convention

✠ Robert Shutler by Jimmy Shutler

✠ John Shiben by Nancy Russell

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

Friday, July 14: No Mass. NAM Convention

Next Weekend: Saturday-Sunday, July 15-16

Saturday, July 15, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

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

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

✠ Robert Shutler by Mary M. Shutler

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, July 16, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ LaVerne Thomas (Anniversary) by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Andreah & Zack Riedel

✠ Virginia Khourey Bryan by Lou & Charlotte and Emmalena and Louie Khourey

✠ George AlKhouri by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone

Coming Parish Events

Early Birds Souvenirs from Lebanon	Saturday and Sunday, July 8 th and 9 th
Sunday, July 9 th	OLOL Women's Society Meeting after 10:30 a.m. 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)
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 8th and 9th)

The last two Saturdays were busy with funerals. 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 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

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,014.00	Sunday Collection
144.00	2 nd collection: Peter's Pence
52.00	candles
28.00	Coffee hour
1,400.00	Mercy meals
100.00	Donation to Women Society from Mercy Meal serving
2,040.00	Mahrajan
25.00	utilities
\$4,803.00	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)
Debbie Saseen, 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?

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: Confession

The modern world is full of mentally normal but harassed people who seek peace wherever they have heard that it is offered -even from people who have been trained to deal with the insane. But they are sane enough. For them, the world needs revival of the Rights of Sanctuary: during the ages of Faith, a fugitive from justice was considered immune from prosecution by civil law if he succeeded in grabbing the big iron ring that was attached to the front door of a church. By this token, he threw himself upon the mercies of church laws. Such sure and solitary harbor is needed today for the poor souls who long to pour out their guilt for the sake of pardon and reparation and peace. And the Church does have such a haven of confessional box, where the Divine Mercy Our Lord extended through His human nature to a penitent thief, Magdalene, and the woman taken in sin is made available to our equally broken hearts. It is not easy to go into that box, but it is a wonderful feeling to come out!

More than any form of psychoanalysis, the world needs psychosynthesis; some psychiatrists have recognized this -Jung, in his idea of "rebirth," and some followers of Freud, who have called their theory "active psychoanalysis." For human beings need to be put together more than they need to be taken apart. Sin divides us against ourselves; absolution restores our unity. Most people today have a load on their minds because they have a load on their consciences; the Divine Psychologist knew how miserable we should be if we could not unload that burden. Hospitals are built because people have sick bodies, and the Church builds confessional boxes because they also have sick souls. Regular confession prevents our sins, our worries, our fears, our anxieties, from seeping into the unconscious and degenerating into melancholy, psychoses, and neuroses. This boil is lanced before the pus can spread into unconsciousness. The Divine Master knew what is in humanity; so He instituted this Sacrament, not for His needs, but for ours. It was His way of giving us a happy heart. The left side of the physical heart and the right side of the heart have no direct communication with each other; they are joined through the medium of the blood circulating through the body. Our hearts become happy, too, by communicating with Christ's Mystical Body and His Blood. We are not made worse by admitting the need for absolution. We are not made worse even by admitting we are all broken-hearted; for unless our hearts were broken, how else could God get in?

Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Peace of Soul, 1949, pp.139-140.

Wisdom: The Most and the Greatest

The Most Destructive Habit : WORRY

The Greatest Joy: GIVING

The Ugliest Personality Trait: SELFISHNESS

The Most Endangered Species: DEDICATED LEADERS

Your Greatest Natural Resource: OUR YOUTH

Your Greatest "shot in the arm": ENCOURAGEMENT

The Greatest Problem to Overcome: FEAR

The Most Effective Sleeping Pill: PEACE OF MIND

The Most Crippling Disease: EXCUSES

The Most Powerful Force in Life: LOVE

The Most Dangerous Pariah: GOSSIP

The Most Incredible Computer: THE BRAIN

The Worst Thing To Be Without: HOPE

The Two Most Power-filled Words: " I CAN!"

The Most Worthless Emotion: SELF PITY

The Most Beautiful Attire: A SMILE!!!!!!

The Most Prized Possession: SELF ESTEEM

The Most Contagious Spirit: ENTHUSIASM.

Story: The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who Art In Heaven. YES? Don't interrupt me. I'm praying. BUT -- YOU CALLED ME. Called you? No, I didn't call you. I'm praying. Our Father who art in heaven. THERE -- YOU DID IT AGAIN. Did what? CALLED ME. YOU SAID, 'OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN'. WELL, HERE I AM. WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

But, I didn't mean anything by it. I was, you know, just saying my prayers for the day. I always say the Lord's Prayer. It makes me feel good, kind of like fulfilling a duty.

WELL, ALL RIGHT. GO ON. Okay, Hallowed be Thy name... HOLD IT RIGHT THERE. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT? By what? BY "HALLOWED BE THY NAME"? It means, it means ... good grief, I don't know what it means. How in the world should I know? It's just a part of the prayer. By the way, what does it mean? IT MEANS HONORED, HOLY, WONDERFUL. Hey, that makes sense. I never thought about what 'hallowed' meant before. Thanks. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. DO YOU REALLY MEAN THAT? Sure, why not? WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT IT? Doing? Why, nothing, I guess. I just think it would be kind of neat if you got control of everything down here like you have up there. We're kinda in a mess down here you know. YES, I KNOW; BUT, HAVE I GOT CONTROL OF YOU? Well, I go to church. THAT ISN'T WHAT I ASKED YOU. WHAT ABOUT YOUR BAD TEMPER? YOU'VE REALLY GOT A PROBLEM THERE, YOU KNOW. AND THEN THERE'S THE WAY YOU SPEND YOUR MONEY -- ALL ON YOURSELF.

Now hold on just a minute! Stop picking on me! I'm just as good as some of the rest of those people at church! EXCUSE ME. I THOUGHT YOU WERE PRAYING FOR MY WILL TO BE DONE. IF THAT IS TO HAPPEN, IT WILL HAVE TO START WITH THE ONES WHO ARE PRAYING FOR IT. LIKE YOU -- FOR EXAMPLE.

Oh, all right. I guess I do have some hang-ups. Now that you mention it, I could probably name some others. SO COULD I. I haven't thought about it very much until now, but I really would like to cut out some of those things. I would like to, you know, be really free. GOOD. NOW WE'RE GETTING SOMEWHERE. WE'LL WORK TOGETHER -- YOU AND ME. I'M PROUD OF YOU. Look, Lord, if you don't mind, I need to finish up here. This is taking a lot longer than it usually does. Give us this day, our daily bread. YOU NEED TO CUT OUT THE BREAD. YOU'RE OVERWEIGHT AS IT IS. Hey, wait a minute! What is this? Here I was doing my religious duty, and all of a sudden you break in and remind me of all my hang-ups. PRAYING IS A DANGEROUS THING. YOU JUST MIGHT GET WHAT YOU ASK FOR. REMEMBER, YOU CALLED ME -- AND HERE I AM. IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP NOW. KEEP PRAYINGpause.... WELL, GO ON. I'm scared to. SCARED? OF WHAT? I know what you'll say. TRY ME. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. WHAT ABOUT CAROL? See? I knew it! I knew you would bring her up! Why, Lord, she's told lies about me, spread stories. She never paid back the money she owes me. I've sworn to get even with her! BUT -- YOUR PRAYER -- WHAT ABOUT YOUR PRAYER? I didn't -- mean it. WELL, AT LEAST YOU'RE HONEST. BUT, IT'S QUITE A LOAD CARRYING AROUND ALL THAT BITTERNESS AND RESENTMENT ISN'T IT? Yes, but I'll feel better as soon as I get even with her. Boy, have I got some plans for her. She'll wish she had never been born.

NO, YOU WON'T FEEL ANY BETTER. YOU'LL FEEL WORSE. REVENGE ISN'T SWEET. YOU KNOW HOW UNHAPPY YOU ARE -- WELL, I CAN CHANGE THAT. You can? How? FORGIVE CAROL. THEN, I'LL FORGIVE YOU; AND THE HATE AND SIN WILL BE CAROL'S PROBLEM -- NOT YOURS. YOU WILL HAVE SETTLED THE PROBLEM AS FAR AS YOU ARE CONCERNED.

Oh, you know, you're right. You always are. And more than I want revenge, I want to be right with You...(sigh). All right...all right...I forgive her.

THERE NOW! WONDERFUL! HOW DO YOU FEEL?

Hmmmm. Well, not bad. Not bad at all! In fact, I feel pretty great! You know, I don't think I'll go to bed uptight tonight. I haven't been getting much rest, you know.

YEAH, I KNOW. BUT, YOU'RE NOT THROUGH WITH YOUR PRAYER ARE YOU? GO ON. Oh, all right. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

GOOD! GOOD! I'LL DO THAT. JUST DON'T PUT YOURSELF IN A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN BE TEMPTED. What do you mean by that? YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN. Yeah. I know. OKAY. GO AHEAD.

FINISH YOUR PRAYER. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.
 DO YOU KNOW WHAT WOULD BRING ME GLORY - WHAT WOULD REALLY MAKE ME HAPPY?
 No, but I'd like to know. I want to please you now. I've really made a mess of things. I want to truly follow you. I can see now how great that would be. So, tell me ... how do I make you happy?
 YOU JUST DID

A Time to Laugh (70)

Having Mom Over for Dinner

Brian invited his mother over for dinner. During the course of the meal, Brian's mother couldn't help but notice how beautiful Brian's roommate, Jennifer, was. Brian's Mom had long been suspicious of the platonic relationship between Brian and Jennifer, and this had only made her more curious. Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between Brian and Jennifer than met the eye. Reading his mom's thoughts, Brian volunteered, 'I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, Jennifer and I are just roommates.' About a week later, Jennifer came to Brian saying, 'Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the beautiful silver gravy ladle. You don't suppose she took it, do you?' Brian said, 'Well, I doubt it, but I'll send her an e-mail just to be sure.' So he sat down and wrote:

Dear Mom,

I'm not saying that you 'did' take the gravy ladle from the house, I'm not saying that you 'did not' take the gravy ladle. But the fact remains that one has been missing ever since you were here for dinner.

Love, Brian

Several days later, Brian received an email back from his mother that read:

Dear Son,

I'm not saying that you 'do' sleep with Jennifer, I'm not saying that you 'do not' sleep with Jennifer. But the fact remains that if Jennifer is sleeping in her own bed, she would have found the gravy ladle by now.

Love, Mom

LESSON OF THE DAY - NEVER LIE TO YOUR MOTHER

California Statehood

Do you know what happened this week back in 1850, 159 years ago? California became a state. The State had no electricity. The State had no money. Almost everyone spoke Spanish. There were gunfights in the streets. So basically, it was just like California today; except the women had real breasts and the men didn't hold hands.

Acts 2:38

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: 'Stop! Acts 2:38!' (Repent and be Baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.) The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: 'Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you.' 'Scripture?' replied the burglar. 'She said she had an Ax and Two 38's!'

Quick laughter

-A man, shocked by how his buddy is dressed, asks him, "How long have you been wearing that bra?" The friend replies, "Ever since my wife found it in the glove compartment."

-A grandmother is watching her grandchild playing on the beach when a huge wave comes and takes him out to sea. She pleads, 'Please, God, save my only grandson. I beg of you, bring him back' With that, a big wave washes the boy back onto the beach, good as new. The grandmother looks up to heaven and says, 'He had a hat!'"