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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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10th 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 Thursdays Mass at 12:00 Noon

***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every 1st Saturday and Sunday of the month after Mass

***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 Khourey, Mary Stees, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad

***Choir Members:** Lou Khourey, 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

10th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: 2 Kgs 1:2-8; 1Cor 12:1-11 and Mt 12:22-32

‘Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.’ Blessed will they be then, and only they, who, with the apostle, have ever had on their lips, and in their hearts, the question, ‘Lord, what will you have me to do?’ whose soul ‘has broken out for the very fervent desire that it has always unto his judgments;’ who have ‘made haste and prolonged not the time to keep his commandments;’ who have not waited to be hired, nor run uncertainly, nor beaten the air, nor taken darkness for light, and light for darkness, nor contented themselves with knowing what is right, nor taken comfort in feeling what is good, nor prided themselves in their privileges, but set themselves vigorously to do God’s will.

Let us turn from shadows of all kinds, — shadows of sense, or shadows of argument and disputation, or shadows addressed to our imagination and tastes. Let us attempt, through God’s grace, to advance and sanctify the inward man. We cannot be wrong here. Whatever is right, whatever is wrong in this perplexing world, we must be right in ‘doing justly, in loving mercy, in walking humbly with our God;’ in denying our wills, in ruling our tongues, in softening and sweetening our tempers, in mortifying our lusts; in learning patience, meekness, purity, forgiveness of injuries, and continuance in well-doing. (J.H. Newman)

Creating your legacy

How can you manage your charitable giving more efficiently to benefit the charities you love and support, like our church established by our ancestors since 1906? The Parish Council opened an Endowment Fund Account designated exclusively for the church maintenance for years to come. All donations are tax deductible. Please let us keep our beautiful church well maintained and donate anytime toward this account or put the church in writing in your will. To donate, please call the church office at 304-233-1688. May the Blessed Mother reward you in this life and in the next. Monsignor Bakhos, pastor.

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 22nd miracle of Jesus when he healed a Woman possessed with demon

Jesus left Galilee and went to the area of Tyre and Sidon. A woman from Canaan lived near Tyre and Sidon. She came to him and cried out, “Lord! Son of David! Have mercy on me! A demon controls my daughter. She is suffering terribly.” Jesus did not say a word. So, his disciples came to him. They begged him, “Send her away. She keeps crying out after us.” Jesus answered, “I was sent only to the people of Israel. They are like lost sheep.” Then the woman fell to her knees in front of him. “Lord! Help me!” she said. He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” “Yes, it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their owner’s table.” Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! You will be given what you are asking for.” And her daughter was healed at that moment. (Matthew 15:21-28)

This Weekend: Saturday-Sunday, July 29-30

Saturday, July 29, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ George Alan Weisner by his wife Jean and family
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Al Otterbeck by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- ✠ Special Intention

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

- ✠ George AlKhouri by Lou & Charlotte Khourey
- ✠ Gene Howard by Thomasina Geimer

† Chris DeMuth by Mark & Pam Gary

Coming Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, July 31: No Mass. NAM Convention

Tuesday, August 1 Mass at Noon:

- † Rita Strawn (Anniversary) by her husband Rex Strawn
- † Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- † Chris DeMuth by Zetta & Jerry Gordon

Wednesday, August 2: No Mass. NAM Convention

Thursday, August 3 Mass at Noon:

- † Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol (Ok)
- † Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- † John Shibben by Sandy Tucker Dipaolo

Friday, August 4: No Mass.

Next Weekend: Saturday-Sunday, August 5-6

Saturday, August 5, Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:

- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- † Living & Deceased of the Roxby & Olinski Families by Joe Roxby
- † Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney & Patrick Sengewalt

Sunday, August 6, Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:

- † Gene Howard by Lou and Charlotte Khourey
- † John Shibben by Sandy Tucker Dipaolo

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

Coming Parish Events

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	Every 1 st Saturday and Sunday of the month after Mass followed by blessing with healing oil from Saint Sharbel for good health.
Thursday, July 27	Food Handling Class at 5:30 pm in the Cedar Hall
Saturday, Rummage Sale, July 29	Saturday, July 29, 8:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 2 nd at 6 pm	Volunteer meeting and Square Reader training for Mahrajan will be Wednesday August 2nd at 6:00 in Cedar Hall. Pizza and drink will be provided.
Thursday, August 10	Make kibbee for Festival, 9:00 a.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)
Thanksgiving Bake Sale	Date will be announced later.
Christmas Party	Sunday, December 3 rd after Mass (Dinner will be served at noon)

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (Sat. & Sun., August 5 & 6 after Mass)

In preparation of the year of the Eucharist that will take place in the fall of next year, we will celebrate the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament **every 1st Saturday and Sunday of the month after Mass**. Please stay in the church after Mass and adore Jesus present in the Eucharist.

The words and acts of Christ at the institution of the Eucharist stand at the heart of the celebration; the Eucharistic meal is the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, the sacrament of his real presence. Christ fulfills in a variety of ways his promise to be always with his own even to the end of the world. But Christ's mode of presence in the Eucharist is unique. Jesus said over the bread and wine of the Eucharist: "This is my Body ... this is my Blood ..." What Christ declared is true, and this truth is fulfilled every time the Eucharist is celebrated. The Church confesses Christ's real, living and active presence in the Eucharist.

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: \$6,760.00.** 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.

2023 Mahrajan Golden Sponsors:

The following Mahrajan supporters are honoring the Blessed Mother on her Assumption feast day by sponsoring items needed for the Mahrajan. They are adding more joy to the hearts of the Community and our guests in defying the increasing cost of materials. May the Blessed Mother, the Queen of heaven and earth, lead them to her Son, the Lord of the Resurrection and grant them an honorable place with the righteous and the just. Their names will be published in next year Ad Book as Golden Mahrajan Sponsors.

- Susan & Ron Burns sponsored the red and white tent that will be used as welcome center at the entrance of the Mahrajan. Also they sponsored the burner of the sajj to be used for baking zaatar bread.
- An Anonymous person, Leo Bleifus, Don & Lori Nickerson sponsored the six Credit Card Readers.
- George & Susan Saseen sponsored the Lebanese National costume outfits of our church dance troupe that will perform a Dabke at the festival.
- An anonymous person sponsored the Lebanese Wine to be tasted and sold at the festival.
- Ron & Kim Gibbons donated \$500 toward the General Operation
- GiGi Rice and her Family sponsored the signs over the booths
- Jay & Liz Murad sponsored two cash boxes and pricing gun
- Dr Jack & Rose Palmer sponsored two credit card readers
- Lou & Charlotte Khourey sponsored the Pop & Water.

More generous Sponsors needed: (please call Monsignor Bakhos at 304-233-1688)

- any amount toward the General Operation of the festival
- Aprons with Lebanese Logo \$1,500
- Shish Kebab lamb \$2,000
- Souvenir Ad Book printing \$3,000
- T-Shirts (cost will be estimated later)

Already purchased by the church:

- Two refrigerators for pop and water. Also one Sajj (woke) for Lebanese cheese pizza and Zaatar bread.
- Four red tents 10x15 feet each to be used for our special booths.
- Many souvenirs from Lebanon will be sold at the Market Place

More Information:

- 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.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- July 30: Dee Shiben, Susan John Burns
- August 2: Rosella C. DeMuth
- August 10: Thomasina Geimer
- August 16: Tara George Musilli
- August 17: Judy Bedway
- August 20: Tricia Committee
- August 23: Georgene Weisner Manning

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,321.00	Sunday Collection
700.00	Bake sale
41.00	candles

63.00	Coffee hour
900	Donation to the church
2,685.00	Mahrajan
\$5,710.00	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)

Frank Duymich, Nathan Wakim, Earl Duffy, Fran Saseen, Mary Stees, Rex Strawn, Mary Thomas, Sandra DeMuth, Ken Imer, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Jamie Stoneking (nephew of Charlotte and Lou Khourey), Lou Anne Blazier, Patty Olinsky, Sarah Volk (aunt of GiGi Rice), Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Earl Ragase, Patrick Sengewalt, Renee Beabout (daughter of Marge John), Jack Hogan (infant son of Mark & Michaela Hogan & great nephew of Lou Khourey), Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),

What's New?

Condolences: Lou Ann Blazier

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Blazier Family on the loss of their beloved Lou Ann who passed away in Wheeling. Luann and her husband Bill helped Linda Duffy in our rummage sale for years. Msgr. Bakhos concelebrated the Funeral Mass at Saint Alphonsus on Saturday, **July 22**. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid and we extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow.

Choir Members Needed

The organist needs more soprano's for our Church Choir; both men and women. We practice at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday before 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you have good voice, please join the choir and help our parishioners to pray twice while listening to the beautiful hymns.

Furnishure for sale

A medical student is selling a queen bed frame with mattress, outdoor patio set, and sofa and all need to be out by July 31. If you are interested please call Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688

Spirituality: Shadow of the Cross

A frail image stands alone at this place of desolate beauty. Long dark shadows kneel on the barren ground a cold acrid wind billows the torn and ragged garment. The wearer is not here yet his presence is felt where red stains run deep in hollow grains indelibly pressed into our memory. Long abandoned where once only green leaves graced it's fragile limbs. We search in vain to find this place. Pray not to defile it once more.

-- by GH Thomas

Wisdom: Native American Wisdom

Wouldn't this be a great billboard to place around the world?

A Native-American grandfather told his grandson that there is a battle between two wolves that live within you. One is evil and has anger, envy, sorrow, regrets, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, superiority, and ego.

The other wolf is good and has joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, empathy, generosity, faith, courage, honor and integrity.

The grandson asked his grandfather, "Which one wins"?

The old grandfather simply replied, "The one you feed!"

Story: Making Pancakes

Six-year-old Brandon decided one Saturday morning to fix his parents pancakes. He found a big bowl and spoon, pulled a chair to the counter, opened the cupboard and pulled out the heavy flour canister, spilling it on the floor.

He scooped some of the flour into the bowl with his hands, mixed in most of a cup of milk and added some sugar, leaving a floury trail on the floor which by now had a few tracks left by his kitten.

Brandon was covered with flour and getting frustrated. He wanted this to be something very good for Mom and Dad, but it was getting very bad.

He didn't know what to do next, whether to put it all into the oven or on the stove and he didn't know how the stove worked! Suddenly he saw his kitten licking from the bowl of mix and reached to push her away, knocking the egg carton to the floor. Frantically he tried to clean up this monumental mess but slipped on the eggs, getting his pajamas white and sticky.

And just then he saw Dad standing at the door. Big crocodile tears welled up in Brandon's eyes. All he'd wanted to do was something good, but he'd made a terrible mess. He was sure a scolding was coming, maybe even a spanking. But his father just watched him.

Then, walking through the mess, he picked up his crying son, hugged him and loved him, getting his own pajamas white and sticky in the process!

That's how God deals with us. We try to do something good in life, but it turns into a mess. Our marriage gets all sticky, we insult a friend, we can't stand our job, or our health goes sour.

Sometimes we just stand there in tears because we can't think of anything else to do. That's when God picks us up and loves us and forgives us, even though some of our mess gets all over Him.

But just because we might mess up, we can't stop trying to "make pancakes" for God or for others. Sooner or later, we'll get it right, and then they'll be glad we tried.

A Time to Laugh (73)

Logic Lapses

Letter from a Dutch mother to her son, Hans:

Dear Son,

I'm writing this letter very slow 'cause I know that you can't read fast. You should also know that we don't live any longer where we used to live. You see, your father read in the paper that most accidents happen within twenty miles of home, so we moved. Our new house has a washing machine. The first day I put four shirts in it for my wash, and then I pulled the handle, and I haven't seen hide nor hair of them since.

It only rained twice this week. The first time it rained for three days, and the second time it rained for four days. You said that you wanted us to send you your coat. Well, when we talked to Aunt Sue about it, she said that it would be too heavy to mail with those big, heavy buttons, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets.

We got a bill from the funeral home today, and it said that if we didn't pay for Grandma's funeral then up she comes.

The other day your Uncle John was at the brewery and fell into the whiskey vat. Some people tried to pull him out, but he fought them off so long that he finally drowned. We had him cremated, and he burned for three days. Three of your friends went off a bridge in their pickup the other day. The driver got out okay, but the two in the back drowned. It seems that they couldn't get the tailgate down. That's all for now.

Love, Mom

P.S. Was going to send some money but already had the letter sealed.

The Bible Says Jump

One of the fathers in our congregation related to me how he and his five-year-old daughter had been jumping together on their backyard trampoline. She was having a great time.

Finally, her father stopped for a rest and quoted a Scripture verse: "You know, the Bible says, 'Be still and know that I am God.'" His daughter quickly grew tired of her father's inactivity and retorted, "The Bible says, 'Jump, jump, jump!'"

Noah's Business Venture

An industrial executive who knew his Bible agreed to teach a few sessions of Sunday school. He asked the children, "Why was Noah the first businessman?"

There was silence. Nobody knew.

"Well," said the executive, "it's because he floated the first joint stock company and forced all his competitors into involuntary liquidation."

Job Insecurity

Insecurity is finding on your new job that your name is written on the door in chalk-and that there's a wet sponge hanging next to it.

Church Staff Job Descriptions

Pastor: Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. More powerful than a locomotive. Faster than a speeding bullet. Walks on water. Gives counsel to God.

Associate Pastor: Able to leap short buildings in a single bound. As powerful as a switch engine. Just as fast as a speeding bullet. Walks on water when the sea is calm. Talks with God.

Minister of Music: Leaps short buildings with a running start. Almost as powerful as a switch engine. Faster than a speeding BB. Walks on water if he or she knows where the stumps are. Sings to God.

Minister of Youth: Runs around buildings. Powerful enough to chase a locomotive with a handcar. Uses a squirt gun. Spends a lot of time around the water fountain. Mumbles to himself or herself.

Church Secretary: Lifts buildings to walk under them. Ricks locomotives off the track. Catches speeding bullets in her teeth. Freezes water with a single glance. When God speaks, she says, "May I ask who's calling?"

What New Job Lingo Really Means

"Join our fast-paced company": We have no time to train you.

"Casual work atmosphere": We don't pay enough to expect that you'll dress up.

"Must be deadline oriented": You'll be six months behind schedule on your first day.

"Some overtime required": Some time each night and some time each weekend.

"Duties will vary": Anyone in the office can boss you around.

"Must have an eye for detail": We have no quality control.

"Career-minded": Female applicants must be childless (and remain that way).

"No phone calls please": We've filled the job; our call for resumes is just a legal formality.

"Seeking candidates with a wide variety of experience": You'll need it to replace three people who just left.

"Problem-solving skills a must": You're walking into a company in perpetual chaos.

"Requires team leadership skills": You'll have the responsibilities of a manager without the pay or respect.

"Good communication skills": Management communicates, and you listen, figure out what they want, and do it.