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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Transfiguration of our Lord

- ***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

Transfiguration of our Lord

Readings: Ez 18:21-28; 2Cor 3:7-17 and Mk 9:1-7

At times it must have been depressing, being a disciple of Jesus. To travel with him and constantly experience the mounting hostility, the carping criticism and the negative attitudes could not have been encouraging.

The incident of the healing at the pool is a good example. Jesus makes a man ‘whole’ and the “religious” leaders attack him for working on the Sabbath. The opposition to him was growing in intensity, and Jesus perceived that it was leading him down a path of suffering.

The disciples needed a ray of hope and encouragement to dispel the clouds of doubt. It must have been a terrible strain to remain loyal to one whom the “religious” leaders declared to be a hypocrite, a charlatan or insane. When many had already turned off the words of Jesus, the disciples were also tempted to do so. They desperately needed to experience the transfiguration, and to know that they were not wrong, even if they were very much in the minority.

Jesus understood. Their mystical experience with him on Mount Tabor was so moving and comforting to them that they wanted to set up residence there. The beauty, calm and peace were quite a change from the antagonism they met in their ministry. They felt a deep reassurance when they perceived Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah, the real religious leaders of the people. They experienced a seal of approval on what they were about, and with renewed confidence could “listen to him.” In discouragement or disillusionment, if we go apart for prayer, and open

ourselves to him, the same understanding and kindness of Jesus will come to us. He knows that we all need our moments of transfiguration, and He is waiting to touch us and say, “Rise and have no fear.”

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 23rd miracle of Jesus when he healed a Man Who Could Not Hear or Speak

Then Jesus left the area of Tyre and went through Sidon. He went down to the Sea of Galilee and into the area known as the Ten Cities. There some people brought a man to Jesus. The man was deaf and could hardly speak. They begged Jesus to place his hand on the man. Jesus took the man to one side, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. Jesus looked up to heaven. With a deep sigh, he said to the man, “Ephphatha!” That means “Be opened!” The man’s ears were opened. His tongue was freed up, and he began to speak clearly. Jesus ordered the people not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were really amazed. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes deaf people able to hear. And he makes those who can’t speak able to talk.” (Mark 7:31-37)

This 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 Shiben by Sandy Tucker Dipaolo

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

✠ Remembering the victims and families of the Port of Beirut explosion.

Coming Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, August 7: No Mass. NAM Convention

Tuesday, August 8 Mass at Noon:

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

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

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

Wednesday, August 9: No Mass. NAM Convention

Thursday, August 10 Mass at Noon:

✠ Living & Deceased of the Roxby & Olinski Families by Joe Roxby

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

✠ John Shiben by Sandy Tucker Dipaolo

Friday, August 11: No Mass.

Next Weekend: Saturday-Sunday, August 12-13

Saturday, August 12, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

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

✠ Living & Deceased of the Roxby & Olinski Families by Joe Roxby

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

Sunday, August 13, Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Oglebay Park (Mahrajan Day)

✠ Intentions of the Chairpersons and Volunteers at the Festival

✠ John Miller (Anniversary) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

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

✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson and the Deceased members of the Elias Family by their loving Family

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.
Social Hour	On Sunday, August 6, there will not be a social hour at the Cedar Hall due to prep work for the festival
Thursday, August 10	Make kibbee for Festival, 9:00 a.m. Please bring a cover dish to share. Jeannette
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)
Friday, September 1	Rummage Sale from 4 pm to 7 pm (NO concession food)
Saturday, September 2	Rummage Sale from 8 am to 2 pm (concession food)
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: \$7,430.00.** 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 of \$2,000 to be tasted and sold at the festival.
- Ron & Kim Gibbons donated \$500 toward the General Operation
- Mark Schroeder donated \$500 toward the General Operation
- David & Lynda Hendershot, donated \$1,000 toward the General Operation
- Chris & Jeannette Wakim donated \$500 toward the General Operation
- Jay & Liz Murad sponsored two cash boxes and pricing gun
- Dr. Jack & Rose Palmer sponsored two credit card readers cost \$630.00
- 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 is appreciated
- 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:

- August 10: Thomasina Geimer
- August 16: Tara George Musilli
- August 17: Judy Bedway

August 20: Tricia Committee
 August 23: Georgene Weisner Manning
 August 25: Al Depto
 August 26: Nathan Wakim, Jessica George
 August 31: Joseph R. Simon
 September 1: Janet Fadoul Wilson

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$899.00	Sunday Collection
65.00	candles
22.00	Coffee hour
630.00	Donation to the church
2,368.83	Mahrajan
5.00	utilities
\$3,989.83	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, Justin Frenn, Nathan Wakim, Earl Duffy, Fran Saseen, Mary Stees, Rex Strawn, Mary Thomas, Sandra DeMuth, Ken Imer, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Jamie Stoneking (nephew of Charlotte and Lou Khourey), 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?

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.

Spirituality: Death

The perspective on death robs us of our shoddy views of living. If we think about death, we shake ourselves out of our fantasy that the universe is not a moral one. In treating schizophrenia, a violent electric shock is sometimes applied to the head of the patient; the schizophrenic is so alarmed, so threatened, that in order to escape what seems like dissolution the mind puts off its fantasy and the patient is thrust back into the real world. Meditation on death has something of that effect on the spiritual system. It breaks the spell that made us think that pleasure is everything, that we ought to go on making more money or building more buildings, that religion is for the feebleminded, and other such illusions.

When we contemplate the death of self, the citadel of self is bound to be attacked. We glimpse our own inner being and its poverty. Each of us comes into life with fists closed, set for aggressiveness and acquisition, but when we abandon life, our hands are open; there is nothing on earth that we need, nothing the soul can take with it that could not be taken away after any shipwreck -its own works. Because meditation on our final end takes the mind off the present self, it destroys excessive egocentricity and lessens our fears and anxieties. For fears diminish as we cease to think of ourselves in our immediate aspect and adjust our minds, instead, to the larger landscape of eternity.

--Bishop Fulton SHEEN, *Peace of Soul*, 1949, p.218.

Wisdom: The New School Prayer

(This was written by a teen in Bagdad, Arizona. This is incredible!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)

Now I sit me down in school, where praying is against the rule.
 For this great nation under God, finds mention of Him very odd.
 If Scripture now the class recites, it violates the Bill of Rights.
 And anytime my head I bow, becomes a Federal matter now.
 Our hair can be purple, orange or green, that's no offense; it's a freedom scene.
 The law is specific, the law is precise, prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.
 For praying in a public hall, might offend someone with no faith at all.
 In silence alone we must meditate, God's name is prohibited by the state.
 We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks, and pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.
 They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible, to quote the Good Book makes me liable.
 We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen, and the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.
 It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong, we're taught that such "judgments" do not belong.
 We can get our condoms and birth controls, study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles.
 But the Ten Commandments are not allowed, it's scary here I must confess,
 When chaos reigns, the school's a mess, so, Lord, this silent plea I make:
 Should I be shot; My soul please take! Amen.

Story: in the Park

There once was a little boy who wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer and he started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her a Twinkie. She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Once again she smiled at him. The boy was delighted!

They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face.

She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

She replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." But before her son responded, she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

A Time to Laugh (74)

Sunday School Hours

Two children were walking home after Sunday school. One of the boys turned to the other and informed him, "I think I'll be a Sunday school teacher when I grow up; I like the hours."

Pilots and Chopits

The chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force decided that he would personally intervene in the recruiting crisis affecting all our armed services. So he directed that a nearby air force base be opened and that all eligible

young men and women be invited. As he and his staff were standing near a brand-new F-15 fighter a pair of twin brothers who looked like they had just stepped off a marine corps recruiting poster walked up to them. The chief of staff turned to them, stuck out his hand, and introduced himself. He looked at the first young man and asked, "Son, what skills can you bring to the air force?"

The young man looked at him and said, "I'm a pilot!"

The general got all excited, turned to his aide, and said, "Get him in-today, all the paperwork done, everything, do it!" The aide hustled the young man off.

The general looked at the second young man and asked, "What skills to you bring to the air force?"

The young man said, "I chop wood!"

"Son," the general replied, "we don't need wood choppers in the air force. What do you know how to do?"

"I chop wood!"

"Young man," huffed the general, "you are not listening to me. We don't need wood choppers; this is the twentieth century!"

"Well," the young man said, "you enlisted my brother!"

"Of course we did," said the general. "He's a pilot!"

The young man rolled his eyes and said, "Well, think about it, man: I have to chop it before he can pile it!"

Vice President of Peas

The new vice president was flaunting his title so much that one of his coworkers finally said to him, "These days vice presidents are a dime a dozen. In fact, the title is getting so ridiculous, my supermarket even has a vice president in charge of peas."

The new V.P. was insulted-and skeptical. So he phoned the store and asked for the vice president in charge of peas. The voice on the line asked, "Canned or frozen?"

Promise to Smile

Frank Bettger was a major league ballplayer who turned to sales management after an injury. He later became famous for his inspirational speeches. He would ask people to make a promise to smile for thirty days. Here is what Frank said, "I have asked thousands of men and women in audiences all over the country for a pledge to smile, just for thirty days, their happiest smile at every living creature they see. Easily 75 percent of the people in each audience willingly raised their hands What has been the result? I quote from one letter received from a Knoxville, Tennessee, man. It is typical of several letters that come to me.

My wife and I had just about agreed to separate. Of course, I thought she was entirely at fault. Within a few days after I began to put this idea into action, happiness was restored in my home. I then came to realize that I had been losing out in business because of a sullen losing attitude. At the end of the day, I would go home and take it out on my wife and children. It was all my fault, not my wife's at all. I am a totally different man from what I was a year ago. I'm happier because I've made others happy too. Now everybody greets me With a smile. In addition, my business has shown surprising improvement.

This man was so excited about the results he got from smiling that he kept writing me for years about it.