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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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15th 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.

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Readings: Mic 7:7-20; Thes 1:1-10 and Lk 7:36-50

Jesus associated a number of women with him in his mission, though in those times women hardly counted for anything outside their families. He went further, he cut across a series of taboos in order to receive the repentance of a sinful woman.

During a meal given Jesus by the Pharisee Simon, someone quite unexpected came in: doubtless a prostitute — rabbinical teaching said prostitutes should be kept at a distance of two yards. Perhaps she had been following and listening to Jesus for some time. Now, anyway, she was prepared to change her way, recognizing that Jesus had come for just such a person as herself. She displayed none of Simon's calculated reserve. Her tears have the freshness of sorrow, flowing from her heart: by means of these tears, happy and sad all at once, bliss opens up, 'for the rear alone leads to the laugh of blessedness' (Origen).

Without knowing it she is worthy of pardon, and Jesus is not mistaken: after all he had won her before she had surrendered herself. Compared to Simon, who believed he had little to do to obtain forgiveness, and so was hard in his complacency, the woman is held by grace, and the love of God is able to pierce her armor and change the heart of stone into a heart of flesh.

'Your sins are forgiven.' Jesus bears no resemblance to a patcher-up of consciences. Recognition of his mercy, greater than the heavens, will save us from astonishment: from a rag picked up from the mud he makes a wedding dress; with no-good grain he harvests a saint, If it is true that living beings look like the way they are looked at, we owe our existence to Christ's look of love. In him, moreover, my death is no longer ahead of but behind me: I now can try to live, try to love. Like the sinful woman I have the chance of a fresh start.

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 26th miracle of Jesus when he healed a Blind Man

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who was blind. He had been blind since he was born. Jesus' disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned? Was this man born blind because he sinned? Or did his parents sin?" "It isn't because this man sinned," said Jesus. "It isn't because his parents sinned. He was born blind so that God's power could be shown by what's going to happen. While it is still day, we must do the works of the one who sent me. Night is coming. Then no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." After he said this, he spit on the ground. He made some mud with the spit. Then he put the mud on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him. "Wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam means Sent. So, the man went and washed. And he came home able to see. His neighbors and people who had seen him earlier begging asked questions. "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" they asked. Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No. He only looks like him." But the man who had been blind kept saying, "I am the man." "Then how were your eyes opened?" they asked. He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So, I went and washed. Then I could see." "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said. (John 9:1-12)

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.

This Weekend: Sat.-Sun. Sep. 2-3: 15th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, September 2, Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:

- ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson (Birthday) by her Loving Family
- ✠ Terry Stab by Paula Perilli
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Healing Mass for Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Sunday, September 3, Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:

- ✠ Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris
- ✠ Dennie Bartolovich (Anniversary) by his wife and mother-in-law Helen Benline
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ Healing Mass for Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, September 4: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, September 5 Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Rhoda (Ginger) & Silvio (Joe) Perilli (Anniversary) by their children Victor, Diana and Paula
- ✠ 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)
- ✠ Tom Ferris (Birthday) by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone
- ✠ Healing Mass for Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Wednesday, September 6: No Mass. Office Work.

Thursday, September 7 Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol (OK)
- ✠ Patrick Stees (Birthday) by his mother Mary Stees and Libby Magnone
- ✠ Healing Mass for Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Friday, September 8 at noon: Birth of the Virgin Mary:

- ✠ Living & Deceased of the Roxby & Olinski Families by Joe Roxby
- ✠ John Shiben by Julie & Tom Shiben
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- ✠ Healing Mass for Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Next Weekend: Sat.-Sun. Sep. 9-10: Exaltation of the Cross

Saturday, September 9, Mass at 4:00 p.m.: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Teresa Ferrera (Anniversary) by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney & Patrik Sengewalt
- ✠ Healing Mass for Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Sunday, September 10, Mass at 10:30 a.m.: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- ✠ Elias Frenn (Anniversary) by Dr Adel, Diane and Justin Frenn and Andreah & Zack Riedel
- ✠ Susie Fadoul and Joe & Nell Duffy and George & Rose Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Healing Mass for Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

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.
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)
Sunday, September 10 th	OLOL Women's Society Meeting after 10:30 a.m. Mass

Monday, September 11 th	Cedar Club Meeting in Cedar Hall at 6:15 p.m. (Election of Officers)
Thanksgiving Bake Sale	Date will be announced later.
Christmas Party	Sunday, December 3 rd after Mass (Dinner will be served at noon)

All Souls Masses for the Repose of the souls of:

From November 1st until November 9th: All Souls Masses

† Special Prayers during this week to:

Wednesday, November 1st: † Charlotte George (Birthday) by Margaret George (MN)

Tuesday, November 7th to: † Libby G. Magnone (Birthday) by her sister Mary Zaid Stees

Thursday, November 9th: † Elizabeth Ferris Magnone (Birthday) by her daughters Mary Stees and Libby G. Magnone

† Deceased of Zaidan Chahine by Youssef & Jocelyne Chahine (PA)

† Deceased of the Chidiac Family by Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac

† Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart

† Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie

† Virginia Khourey Bryan & Deceased of the Nabihah & Habib Khourey Family by the Khourey Family

† Deceased of the Nader Family by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie

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

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

† Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

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

† John Wilson by Judy Wilson & Family

† Rudy Hodulik, Theodore Hodulik and Wayne Wilson by Judy Wilson

† Julia Hodulik, Filka Hodulik by Judy Wilson

† Alice Wilson by Judy Wilson & Family

† Tom Ferris by his nieces Mary Stees and Libby G. Magnone

† Zaid Hawa Ferris by her granddaughters Mary Stees and Libby G. Magnone

† Albert & Annette Togliatti by GiGi Rice

† Sadie Bouharb & Mary Harb by GiGi Rice

† Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb & Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)

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

† Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$753.00	Sunday Collection
50.00	Candles
39.00	Coffee hour
2,755.00	Mahrajan
\$3,597.00	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, 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), 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?

Parish Condolences: John Wakim

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Wakim Family on the loss of their beloved John who was the brother of our parishioners Chris and Jeannette Wakim. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the funeral service on Tuesday, August 29. 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: Mary Thomas

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Thomas Family on the loss of their beloved Mary, the wife of the late George Thomas who passed away in Wheeling. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the Funeral service on Thursday, August 31st. The Women's Society served the Mercy Meal at the Cedar Hall after the interment. 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.

Christmas Gift from our church Gift Shop

Order your Christmas Gifts to your family and friends from our Gift Shop. Please call 304-233-1688

Aprons	\$25.00
Born & Raised T-shirt	\$25.00
Heartbeat T-shirt	\$25.00
Dry Fit Festival T-shirt (youth)	\$25.00
Dry Fit Festival T-shirt (adult)	\$30.00
Festival Golf Shirt (youth)	\$35.00
Festival Golf Shirt (adult)	\$40.00

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

September 8: Carol Dougherty
 September 9: Gary Weisner, Patrick Stees,
 September 10: Chris George
 September 18: Michael Duymich
 September 20: Regina Hancher, Gavin Hancher
 September 24: Luane Frazier
 September 26: Mary Rose Kukula

A Time to Laugh (78)

Lawyer Laws

Having lawyers create laws is like having doctors create diseases.

Decalogue-Bargaining

There is a cartoon in the *Hong Kong Taller* that shows Moses as he comes down from the top of the mountain with the tablets in his hand. He's reporting to the children of Israel and says, "It was hard bargaining-we get the milk and honey, but the anti-adultery clause stays in."

Mahrajan Generous Sponsors needed:

--We need to buy two extra red tent 10x15 to be used at next year festival (\$300 each)
 --We need to buy ten cocktail folding tables for our guests to use around the dance floor and around the beer and wine booths (\$75.00 each)

Names of all Generous Benefactors will be published in 2024 Ad Book as **Golden Mahrajan Supporters**. May God and the Blessed Mother reward you many folds in this life and in heaven.

2023 Mahrajan Final Financial Report

Many Thanks for all the generous donors and Chairpersons and volunteers who contributed to the success of the 90th Annual Festival (Mahrajan).

This financial Report could not reach this level of Net Profit without two major elements:

1-The \$10,000 Raffle Prize donated back to the church by Mr. Jamil Harb of Troy, MI

2-The many donations received from generous donors toward the General Operation of the festival and toward sponsoring many items needed for the festival.

--Msgr Bakhos Chidiac, pastor

Ad Book	\$6,069.31
Beer	\$1,548.88
Wine	\$2,251.37
Children Booth	-\$105.60
Entertainment-Dancers	-\$1,205.00
Entertainment-Singer	-\$1,800.00
Games-Hi-Lo	\$303.75
Games-Instant Bingo	\$238.00
Games-Texas Poker	\$192.85
General Operation	\$2,536.64
Pastry & Bread	\$6,575.11
Pitaland	\$2,385.00
Pop & Water	\$2,395.62
Publicity	-\$4,460.94
Raffle 50/50	\$19,651.40
Security	-\$217.00
Kibbee & Shish Kebab	\$10,685.55
Saj	\$817.25
Market Place	-\$932.14
Rentals Spaces	\$550.00
Tents, Tables & Chairs	\$2,159.51
Welcome	\$468.25
Net Profit	\$50,107.81

Spirituality: Divinity

Divinity is the one thing in the world before which people cannot remain long indifferent. They must either love or hate. Christ is too big to be ignored, too holy to be unhated. What the evil spirits said of Him could be put into the lips of everyone who works evil: ***“What have we to do with the Jesus of Nazareth. Are you come to destroy us?”***

Evil is too hypersensitive to be indifferent to the challenge of the good. It knows its enemies long in advance. Let anyone come into the world who believes in Freud and preach: ***“Blessed are the clean of heart”***; or come to those who believe in the class struggle of Red Fascism and preach: ***“If any man take your cloak, give him also your coat”***; or come into a world of aggressiveness and say: ***“Blessed are the meek”***; or into a world where children are raised without a prayer or a thought of God and say: ***“Suffer little children to come unto Me”***; or let him drive the capitalists into the sea even though it restores a man to health, and see if he can have any other end than the cross. You cannot preach goodness to an evil world and expect anything less than to be crucified.

No one will waste time over trivia. No one will draw swords against weaklings. The instinct of evil is infallible; it knows its enemies. Look, then, for the hated Christ who is paid the beautiful tribute of opposition, the high compliment of hate. For if the world hates, then it is unworldly, and if it is unworldly, then it is divine, and if it is divine, then it is the channel of salvation.

Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Lessons on Faith & Truth, 1947, pp.58-59.

Wisdom: Old Farmer Advice

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
 A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
 Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.
 Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
 Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
 Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
 It doesn't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
 You cannot unsay a cruel word.
 Every path has a few puddles.
 When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
 The best sermons are lived, not preached.
 Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
 Don't judge folks by their relatives.
 Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
 Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
 Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.
 Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
 Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
 Keep skunks and bankers and lawyers at a distance.
 If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
 Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
 The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
 Always drink upstream from the herd.
 Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
 Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
 If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
 Best of all...
 Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

Story: Pebbles

“It is the habitual thought that frames itself into our life. It affects us even more than our intimate social relations do. Our confidential friends have not so much to do in shaping our lives as the thoughts which we harbor.”

Why do we have to learn all of this dumb stuff?” Of all the complaints and questions I have heard from my students during my years in the classroom, this was the one most frequently uttered. I would answer it by recounting the following legend.

“One night a group of nomads were preparing to retire for the evening when suddenly they were surrounded by a great light. They knew they were in the presence of a celestial being. With great anticipation, they awaited a heavenly message of great importance that they knew must be especially for them. Finally, the voice spoke. “Gather as many pebbles as you can. Put them in your saddle bags. Travel a day’s journey and tomorrow night will find you glad and it will find you sad. After having departed, the nomads shared their disappointment and anger with each other. They had expected the revelation of a great universal truth that would enable them to create wealth, health and purpose for the world. But instead, they were given a menial task that made no sense to them at all. However, the memory of the brilliance of their visitor caused each one to pick up a few pebbles and deposit them in their saddle bags while voicing their displeasure. They traveled a day’s journey and that night while making camp, they reached into their saddle bags and discovered every pebble they had gathered had become a diamond. They were glad they had diamonds. They were sad they had not gathered more pebbles.”

It was an experience I had with a student, I shall call Steve, early in my teaching career that illustrated the truth of that legend to me. When Steve was in the eighth grade, he majored in “trouble” with a minor in “suspensions.” He had studied how to be a bully and was getting his master’s in “thievery.” Every day I had my students memorize a quotation from a great thinker. As I called roll, I would begin a quotation. To be counted present, the student would be expected to finish the thought. “There is no failure except .. ” In no longer trying. ‘I’m present, Mr.’ So, by the end of the year, my young charges would have memorized 150 great thoughts. “Think you can, think you can’t -either way you’re right!”

“If you can see the obstacles, you’ve taken your eyes off the goal.” “A cynic is someone who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.” And “If you can conceive it, and believe it, you can achieve it.” No one complained about this daily routine more than Steve -right up to the day he was expelled and I lost touch with him for five years. Then one day, he called. He was in a special program at one of the neighboring colleges and had just finished parole. He told me that after being sent to juvenile hail and finally being shipped off to the authority for his antics, he had become so disgusted with himself that he had taken a razor blade and cut his wrists. He said, “You know, as I lay there with my life running out of my body, I suddenly remembered that dumb quote you made me write 20 times one day. ‘There is no failure except in no longer trying.’ Then it suddenly made sense to me. As long as I was alive, I wasn’t a failure, but if I allowed myself to die, I would most certainly die a failure. So, with my remaining strength, I called for help and started a new life.” At the time he had heard the quotation, it was a pebble. When he needed guidance in a moment of crisis, it had become a diamond. And so, it is to you I say, gather all the pebbles you can, and you can count on a future filled with diamonds.

Famous Quotes

"All blame is a waste of time. No matter how much fault you find with another, and regardless of how much you blame him, it will not change you" - **Wayne Dyer**

"The heights by great men reached and kept, were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions

slept, were toiling upward in the night." - **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

"Let no feeling of discouragement prey upon you, and in the end you are sure to succeed."

- **Abraham Lincoln**

"And in the end it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

- **Abraham Lincoln**

"You have achieved success if you have lived well, laughed often and loved much."

- **Author Unknown**

"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." - **Albert Schweitzer**

"What you get by reaching your destination is not nearly as important as what you will become by reaching your destination." - **Zig Ziglar**

"Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow."

- **Ronald E. Osborn**

"Most of our obstacles would melt away if, instead of cowering before them, we should make up our minds to walk boldly through them." - **Orison Swett Marden**

"When a man is willing and eager, the gods join in." – **Aeschylus**

"One important key to success is self-confidence. An important key to self-confidence is preparation."

- **Arthur Ashe**

Success isn't how far you got, but the distance you traveled from where you started.- **Proverb**

"The greater danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it." – **Michelangelo**

"The belief in a thing makes it happen." - **Frank Lloyd Wright**