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# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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## Announcement to Zechariah

- \*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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## ***Announcement to Zechariah***

Readings: Gen 17:15-22; Rom 3:13-25 and Lk 1:1-25

The prophet Isaiah tells it thus: “A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.” (11:1-2).

Thoughts of Jesus fill our minds when we hear these beautiful words, for Jesus truly is descended from the root of Jesse and has been raised up as a sign to all generations of his kingship.

Many of us have Jesse trees in our churches or homes, onto or under which we remember others -often expectant parents- with prayers and gifts. The Old Testament told us about other special births, but even as we listen to stories about Samson and John the Baptizer, our minds are on the growing Christ-Child. Our time of waiting grows both short and heavy.

Will we be like the unnamed mother of Samson, who “did not ask (the man of God) where he came from” but was faithfully obeyed? Will we be like Zechariah, who “was terrified; and fear overshadowed him” so that he became speechless? Will we be like the psalmist, whose “mouth is filled with... praise... all day long?”

### ***Sponsor a Christian Student in Lebanon’s Catholic Schools***

Dear Parishioners,

Please read the attached letter of our Bishop Elias Zaidan concerning sponsoring a student in the Christian catholic schools of Lebanon. **Cost: \$150.00.** We will have a second collection on Saturday and Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for this purpose. May your good deeds shine like the sun in the kingdom of heaven. We will forward all your donations to our chancery in Los Angeles.

We are overwhelmed by the quick response to this appeal by many generous benefactors in our parish. We will publish other names in the next bulletin. May their good deeds open the gates of heaven for them: Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Nick Ghaphery, Jean Weisner, Gary Weisner, Mary Beth Weisner, Ron Weisner, Dennis Albaugh, Ron & Kim Gibbons, Mark Schroeder, Ron & Susan Burns, Dr. & Mrs. Nabil Alkhouri, Jay & Liz Murad, Chris & Jeannette Wakim, Mark & Barb McLaughlin, Pat & Jackie Petros, Larry & Lillian Siebieda, Virgil & Julie Elkinton, Marvin Rosenberg (in Memory of his wife Elaine), and many others who donated cash.  
--Msgr Bakhos

### ***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 37th miracle of Jesus of the miraculous catch of fish**

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore. But the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, “Friends, don’t you have any fish?” “No,” they answered. He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat. There you will find some fish.” When they did, they could not pull the net into the boat. There were too many fish in it. Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Simon Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Peter heard that, he put his coat on. He had taken it off earlier. Then he jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat. They were towing the net full of fish. The shore was only about 100 yards away. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals. There were fish on it. There was also some bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” So, Simon Peter climbed back into the boat. He dragged the net to shore. It was full of large fish. There were 153 of them. But even with that many fish the net was not torn. (Jn 21:4-11)

### ***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 last 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., Nov. 18-19: Announcement to Zechariah***

### **Saturday, November 18, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Bob Saseen and Steve Schlog by Fran Saseen
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Special Intention

### **Sunday, November 19, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ John Shiben by Denna O. Shiben (FL)

## ***Weekdays Mass Schedule***

**Monday, November 20:** No Mass. Pastor's day off.

**Tuesday, November 21: No Mass. Vacation day for Msgr Bakhos**

**Wednesday, November 22: Thanksgiving Eve Day: Mass at 5:30 p.m.:**

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Lou Ann Blazier by George & Patty Fahey
- ✠ John Shiben by Denna O. Shiben (FL)

**Thursday, November 23: Thanksgiving Day: Mass at 9:00 a.m.:**

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Tom Wakim by Chris & Jeannette Wakim

**Friday, November 24:** No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

## ***Next Weekend: Sat.-Sun., Nov. 25-26: Announcement to Mary***

### **Saturday, November 25, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Cecilia Murad (Anniversary) by her daughter Luane Frazier
- ✠ George Joseph (Birthday), Gary McLaughlin and Selma Joseph by Becky & Larry Ferrera
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt

### **Sunday, November 26, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Gary McLaughlin (Anniversary) and Selma Joseph by Mark & barb McLaughlin
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ John Shiben by Denna O. Shiben (FL)

## ***Coming Parish Events***

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| Thanksgiving Masses              | Thanksgiving Eve: Wednesday, November 22: Mass at 5:30 p.m.<br>Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 23: Mass at 9:00 a.m. |
| Sunday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Christmas Dinner after 10:30 am Mass (Dinner will be served at noon)  |
| Christmas Novena                 | Every Saturday and Sunday during December after Communion<br>No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament during December      |

## ***Christmas Poinsettias in Memory of:***

Please donate toward decorating the altar with poinsettias during Christmas. Every poinsettia cost \$25.00

☼ Louis N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr. & Gladys Howard by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family

## ***Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:***

November 24: Rex Strawn

November 26: Mary Lish

December 3: Joey John

December 7: Christina Committee Zdilla

December 12: Lou Khourey

December 19: Chris Wakim

| <i><b>Your Church Support Last Week</b></i> |   |
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| \$2,145.00                                  | Sunday Collection   |
| 3,000.00                                    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection to sponsor Christian students in Lebanon   |
| 1,200.00                                    | Bulletin Ads  |
| 63.00                                       | Candles   |
| 22.00                                       | Coffee hour   |
| 420.00                                      | Christmas Dinner  |
| 400.00                                      | Mercy Meal – Linda Hostutler  |
| 235.00                                      | Bake sale   |
| 81.00                                       | Christmas Poinsettias   |
| 50.00                                       | Utilities   |
| \$7,616.00                                  | Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i><br>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)*

Anthony Wakim, Frank Duymich, Earl Duffy, Fran Saseen, Mary Stees, Rex Strawn, Sandra DeMuth, Ken Imer, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Jamie Stoneking (nephew of Charlotte and Lou Khourey), Patty Olinsky, 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?***

### ***Bulletin Ad Page***

We are preparing the ad page at the back of our weekly bulletin. It is a good way to advertise your business and to support the church in defraying the cost of printing the bulletins. Please call Msgr Bakhos or Charlotte at 304-639-1372 if you would like to place a personal or business ad. Cost is \$120.00 for a single space ad (2.5 inches x 1.5 inches) for the entire year. You can purchase more adjacent ads.

### ***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

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| 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 |

### ***Rummage Sale Items Drop off all Year Long***

Please bring with you to the church all the items you wish to donate toward the Rummage Sale. Items are accepted all year long. The Cedar Club and the Women Society raise funds to cover the expensive Building Insurance of our church. Any donation is accepted and helpful. We will open the basement door for you anytime. Please call 304-233-1688

## ***Spirituality: Forgiveness***

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, he wrote in the sand: "TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE"

They kept on walking, until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but his friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: "TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE"

The friend, who had slapped and saved his best friend, asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand, and now, you write on a stone, why?"

The other friend replied: "When someone hurts us, we should write it down in sand, where the winds of forgiveness can erase it away, but when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone, where no wind can ever erase it."

LEARN TO WRITE YOUR HURTS IN THE SAND AND TO CARVE YOUR BLESSINGS IN STONE!!

## ***Wisdom: Planting for Christ***

If you are planting for a year, plant grain.

If you are planting for ten years, plant trees.

If you are planting for a hundred years, plant men. (Chinese proverb)

## ***Story: Pray for me***

Jack took a long look at his speedometer before slowing down: 73 in a 55 zone. Fourth time in as many months. How could a guy get caught so often?

When his car had slowed to 10 miles an hour, Jack pulled over, but only partially. Let the cop worry about the potential traffic hazard. Maybe some other car will tweak his backside with a mirror. The cop was stepping out of his car, the big pad in hand. Bob? Bob from Church? Jack sunk farther into his trench coat. This was worse than the coming ticket.

A cop catching a guy from his own church. A guy who happened to be a little eager to get home after a long day at the office. A guy he was about to play golf with tomorrow. Jumping out of the car, he approached a man he saw every Sunday, a man he'd never seen in uniform.

"Hi, Bob. Fancy meeting you like this." "Hello, Jack." No smile.

"Guess you caught me red-handed in a rush to see my wife and kids."

"Yeah, I guess." Bob seemed uncertain. Good.

"I've seen some long days at the office lately. I'm afraid I bent the rules a bit just this once." Jack toed at a pebble on the pavement "Diane said something about roast beef and potatoes tonight. Know what I mean."

"I know what you mean. I also know that you have a reputation in our precinct." Ouch. This was not going in the right direction. Time to change tactics. "What did you clock me at," "Seventy. Would you sit back in your car please?"

"Now wait a minute here, Bob. I checked as soon as I saw you. I was barely nudging 65." The lie seemed to come easier with every ticket.

"Please, Jack, in the car."

Flustered, Jack hunched himself through the still-open door. Slamming it shut, he stared at the dashboard. He was in no rush to open the window.

The minutes ticked by.

Bob scribbled away on the pad. Why hadn't he asked for a driver's license?

Whatever the reason, it would be a month of Sundays before Jack ever sat near this cop again. A tap on the door jerked his head to the left. There was Bob, a folded paper in hand Jack rolled down the window a mere two inches, just enough room for Bob to pass him the slip.

"Thanks." Jack could not quite keep the sneer out of his voice.

Bob returned to his police car without a word. Jack watched his retreat in the mirror. Jack unfolded the sheet of paper. How much was this one going to cost? Wait a minute. What was this? Some kind of joke? Certainly not a ticket. Jack began to read:

"Dear Jack,

Once upon a time I had a daughter. She was six when killed by a car. You guessed it a speeding driver. A fine and three months in jail, and the man was free. Free to hug his daughters. All three of them. I only had one, and I'm going to have to wait until Heaven before I can ever hug her again. A thousand times I've tried to forgive that man. A thousand times, I thought I had. Maybe I did, but I need to do it again. Even now. Pray for me. And be careful, Jack, my son is all I have left." "Bob"

Jack turned around in time to see Bob's car pull away and head down the road. Jack watched until it disappeared. A full 15 minutes later, he too, pulled away and drove slowly home, praying for forgiveness and hugging a surprised wife and kids when he arrived.

Life is precious. Handle with care. This is an important message. Drive safely and carefully. Remember, cars are not the only things recalled by their maker.

## *A Time to Laugh (88)*

### *Lot's Flea*

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt."

His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

### *Wine versus Grape Juice*

A teetotalling mother was very vocal from time to time about her theory that only grape juice-not wine-was served at the Last Supper. During one of these discussions her daughter said

"But, Mother, don't you remember that at Cana Jesus turned the water into wine?"

The mother, eyes blazing, said, "Yes! And he never should have done it, either!"

### *Out of the Mouths of Babes*

My sister and her children moved to my city not long ago and began attending church for the first time in their lives. They particularly loved the singing and the Communion service. One day while babysitting, I fixed the children their favorite lunch of bur-ritos and apple juice. As I left the room, I heard four-year-old Alisha begin to celebrate Communion with her lunch items. She seemed to have memorized the words of institution quite well, except when it came to the cup. I heard her say, "And Jesus took the cup, and he blessed it, and he gave God thanks for it, and he said, 'Fill it with Folgers and wake 'em up!'" What wonderful theology!

### *Matzo Braille*

A Jewish man took his Passover lunch to eat outside in the park. He sat down on a bench and began eating. A blind man came by and sat down next to him. Feeling neighborly, the Jew passed a sheet of matzo to the blind man.

The blind man handled the matzo for a few minutes, looked puzzled, and finally exclaimed, "Who wrote this nonsense?"

### *Wrong First Lady*

A teacher was discussing a news item about the president and the first lady with her class. The teacher asked the class if anyone knew who the "first lady" was.

One student hesitantly answered, "Eve?"

### *Lopsided Tale of Two Cities*

A Minneapolis man told his pastor that he was leaving the church because he finally looked into that book the pastor was always citing, and he noted, "It has all that stuff about St. Paul and not a word about Minneapolis!"

### *How To Call The Police When You're Old*

George Phillips of Meridian , Mississippi was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" He said "No." Then they said "All patrols are busy. You should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available." George said, "Okay" He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again. "Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot them." and hung up. Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic, and an Ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence, and caught the burglars red-handed. One of the Policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you shot them!" George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"