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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Blind Man

- ***Weekend Masses:** **Saturdays: Mass at 4:00 p.m.**
 Sundays: Mass at 10:30 a.m.
- ***Weekday Masses:** **Mondays and Wednesdays: No Mass. Pastor's office work.**
 Tuesdays and Thursdays Mass at 12:00 Noon
 Fridays during Lent: Mass at 5:30 pm followed by Stations of the Cross
- ***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, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad, Gary Weisner.
- ***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.

Sunday of the Blind Man

Readings: Is 46:6-8, 16-18; 2Cor 10:1-7 and Mk 10:46-52

“What do you want me to do for you?”

He will save assuredly; yet he will do so just in the way he has promised. But in what way has he promised? On our willing it, and on our hearing him. For he does not make a promise to blocks of wood.

“And immediately he received his sight”

The commandment of the Lord shines clearly, enlightening the eyes. Receive Christ, receive power to see, receive your light, that you plainly recognize both God and man. More delightful than gold and precious stones, more desirable than honey and the honeycomb is the Word that has enlightened us. How could he not be desirable, who illumined minds buried in darkness, and endowed with clear vision “the light-bearing eyes” of the soul?..... Sing his praises, then, Lord, and make known to me your Father, who is God. Your Word will save me, your song instruct me. I have gone astray in my search for God; but now that you light my path, Lord, I find God through you, and receive the Father from you, I become co-heir with you, since you were not ashamed to own me as your brother. Let us, then, shake off forgetfulness of truth, shake off the mist of ignorance and darkness that dims our eyes, and contemplate the true God, after first raising this song of praise to him: “All hail, O light!” For upon us buried in darkness, imprisoned in the shadow of death, a heavenly light has shone, a light of a clarity surpassing the sun’s, and of a sweetness exceeding any this earthly life can offer.

“He followed Him on the way”

So let us follow him as our pattern: offering him for our ransom, receiving him as our Eucharistic food and waiting for him as our endless and exceeding great reward.

Stations of the Cross & Light Dinner *(Every Friday during Lent)*

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m. It will be followed by a spiritual reflection and the Benediction of the Cross. We start the Rosary and Litany at 5:15 pm. Please come early. The “*Stations of the Cross*” is a devotion which consists of following the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by recalling the fourteen prominent events that took place from the time of the trial under Pontius Pilate until His death and burial on Mount Calvary. Many Thanks to these generous families who sponsored light meatless dinners after the Stations of the Cross. If any other family wants to participate in the social hour, please ask and join the families listed below.

Date:	Volunteers Who are sponsoring the Light Meals on Fridays during Lent:
6 th Friday, March 22	Meal Sponsors: Don Nickerson and Family
Good Friday, March 29	Meal Sponsors: The Cedar Club & Parishioners
Easter Sunday, March 31	Happy Easter

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: Saturday-Sunday, March 16-17: ***Sunday of the Blind***

Saturday, March 16, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Mary Stees by Becky & Larry Ferrera

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Dana Burkhart by his wife Carol and Family
- ✠ Good health of Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Sunday, March 17, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Mary Stees by Mary Lee & Dennis Porter
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ Good health of Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, March 18: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, March 19 Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Robert J. Shutler, Sr (Anniversary) by his daughter Janet D. Shutler
- ✠ Mary Stees by Dr. Nabel Alkhouri and Family

Wednesday, March 20: No Mass. Office works.

Thursday, March 21, Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Mary Stees by her Family
- ✠ John Shibben by Denna O. Shibben (FL)

Friday, March 22, at 5:30 pm Stations and Benediction & Light Dinner (Rosary starts at 5:15 pm)

- ✠ Special prayers for those who prepared the light meal after the Stations of the Cross.

Next Weekend: Sat-Sunday, March 23-24: Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem where people came out to meet Him and shout, "Hosanna," "Save us, O Lord." On that day, we bless palm branches (symbol of victory), and we process inside the church to welcome Christ as the King of our life.

Processions: The palms will be blessed during both Masses and distributed. We will have a procession with the children inside the church in every Mass. Please bring your children and grandchildren and let us welcome Christ the King in our hearts with the shouts of "Hosannas."

Saturday, March 23 at 4:00 p.m.: Mass & Procession with Palms

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Marianna Khoury (Anniversary) by Richard Coury
- ✠ Dana Burkhart by his wife Carol and Family
- ✠ Good health of Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Sunday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m.: Mass & Procession with Palms

- ✠ Bess Ferris Garcia (Birthday) and Mary Stees by Libby Magnone
- ✠ Michael & Annette & Gene Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Kourey
- ✠ Good health of Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Passion Week & Easter Schedule

Monday of Passion Week, March 25 at 5:30 p.m.:

Rite of the coming to the Harbor & Spiritual Reflection & Mass (No Stations of the Cross)

Tuesday of Passion Week, March 26 at 5:30 p.m.:

Rite of the Coming to the Harbor & Spiritual Reflection & Mass (No Stations of the Cross)

Wednesday of Passion Week, March 27 at 5:30 p.m.:

Rite of the Lamp & Spiritual Reflection & Mass (No Stations of the Cross)

Thursday of the Mysteries, March 28 at 5:30 p.m.:

Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. No Social Hour

Great Friday of the Crucifixion, March 29:

No Morning or Evening Mass Today in All Catholic Churches

10:30 a.m.: Rite for the Signing of the Chalice (No Mass)

5:30 p.m.: Solemn Burial of the Lord followed by a complimentary Meatless Community Dinner sponsored by the Cedar Club.

Saturday of the Light, March 30:

10:30 a.m.: Rite of Forgiveness & Communal Reconciliation (No Mass)

4:00 p.m.: Easter Vigil Mass & “Rite of Peace”

Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection, March 31:

10:30 a.m.: Easter Day Mass & “Rite of Peace.”

Coming Parish Events

Sunday, March 17	Cedar Club Meeting after 10:30 a.m. Mass <i>(Election of Secretary for Office to be Voted on)</i>
Palm Class design Sunday, March 24	A creative Palm Class will be offered after 10:30 am Mass on Palm Sunday, March 24 th in the Cedar Hall. Class will be offered by Patrick Stees, Marianna, Christopher and Isabella Alkhouri. All are welcome to learn creative design with the palms. Please let Jeannette Wakim know if you can attend at 304-551-3934.
Sunday, April 28	Mother Day dinner after 10:30 am Mass. Please reserve a seat early.
Mother Day Masses	2 weekends Masses for Mothers & Grandmothers (May 11-19)
Saturday, May 11	Bake Sale. More details in next bulletins.
Father Day Masses	2 weekends Masses for Fathers & Grandfathers (June 15-23)



Easter Lillies Donated in Memory of:

- ✠ Gladys Howard & Louise N. & Lois H. Khourey, Sr. by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family
- ✠ Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris
- ✠ Mary Stees by Denise Ferris
- ✠ Adib & Sadie (parents), Nadim (brother), Mona (sister) by Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Bob Sasen by his wife Fran
- ✠ Deceased of the Duffy & Fadoul Families by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Matthew Siebieda & Charles & Della Cettorelli by Larry & Lillian Siebieda
- ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson & Deceased of the Elias Family by Tammy Strong
- ✠ In Honor of Ron Weisner
- ✠ Phillip Geimer & the Deceased Family of Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Pearl Shutler by her daughter Janet Shutler
- ✠ Bob Shutler by his sister Janet Shutler
- ✠ Nimon & Miriam Joseph Family by the Joseph & Weisner Families
- ✠ In Honor of Michael Duymich
- ✠ Deceased of the Wakim & Yeater Families by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- ✠ Mary Stees by the Jay & Liz Murad Family
- ✠ Danny & Milly Manners by their daughter Nini Miller
- ✠ The McLaughlin & Joseph Families by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ John Shibben by his wife Dee Shibben

Diocesan Appeal

The Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon is now taking place. A letter from Bishop Elias Zaidan about the Appeal will be mailed to every family. Copies are also available online at www.eparchy.org. The Eparchy relies upon you to support our Maronite parishes and train our future Maronite priests. Every family is asked to participate in the Appeal and please be generous. You may make a donation using a check, cash or credit card. Please support your Eparchy. Thank you.

Diocesan Appeal Fulfilled

Many Thanks for all the following generous parishioners who fulfilled their Easter Obligations so far. Our Quota is \$3,000 to be sent to our Diocese to help paying the cost of different projects mainly educating our seminarians. May your fasting and almsgiving contribute to the forgiveness of your sins:
 Dr. & Mrs. Al Ghaphery, Nick Ghaphery, Jamil Harb, Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, David John, Jean Weisner, Tom & Sharon Beatty, Rosalie Conti, Carol Burkhart, Millet L. Fadoul, Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Gary Weisner, Mark Schroeder, Mark & Barb McLaughlin, Thomasina Geimer, Larry & Lillian Siebieda, Ron & Susan Burns, Robert Harris, Sue Jochum, Elsie Renzella, The Frenn Family, Rex Strawn, Debbie Huffman, John & Opal Ritts, Deanna (Dee) Shiben, Jackie & Pat Petros, Nettie Seidler, Randy Weisner, Janet Shutler, Denny Albaugh, Ron & Kim Gibbons, Earl & Linda Duffy, Jane Palmer, Carol Dougherty, Mary Rose Kukula, Evelyn (Cathy) Goodson, Judy Bedway, GiGi Rice, Tom & Judy Brock, Denise Ferris, George & Patty Fahey, Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Mike & Judy Sofka, Joe Roxby, Mary Beth Weisner, Patrick & Laurie Henry, Kenny & Nancy Joseph, Angele Mansor, Larry & Becky Ferrera, Kim & Jan Seabright, Dave Sengewalt, Janet Shutler, Mark & Kathy Boehm, Catherine & Mark John, George & Susan Saseen, John & Kathleen Kazour,

91st Mahrajan News Update

--**Mahrajan Date:** Sunday, August 11, 2024 from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm at Oglebay Park.

--Church Dance Troupe Announcement

We are looking for kids and young adults to participate in our parish dance troupe for the 91st Mahrajan! If you know anyone who would be interested, please contact the church at 304-233-1688. Practices will be held every Sunday starting April 7 after 10:30 am Mass. Mrs. Nesrin Alkhouri

--**Mass:** Outdoor Mass at Oglebay at **10:00 a.m.** not 10:30 am.

--**Program:** Live Band, Belly dancers, inflatables, face painting, souvenirs, Lebanese Food, shish kebab, pastry, wine, beer, adult and children games, and much more.

--**Raffle Prize:** will be \$10,000 if all 1,000 numbered tickets are sold.

--**Magnet:** Save the Date Magnet is mailed to everyone on the church mailing list.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

March 18: Kenny Imer, Bill Stees, Patrick Petros
 March 21: Caroline Stees McDowell
 March 22: Jennifer Imer
 March 26: Joseph John
 March 30: Greg John
 April 1: Patrick Sengewalt
 April 6: Ronald Weisner
 April 8: Jesse John
 April 11: Randy Weisner
 April 12: Justin Frenn
 April 13: Adel Frenn
 April 14: Mark McLaughlin, Lori Chickos

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$2,440.00	Sunday Collection
428.00	2 nd collection
46.00	Candles
19.00	Coffee hour
25.00	Donation to the church
20.00	Mother Day dinner

2,000.00	Mahrajan
\$4,978.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Susan Burns, Liz Murad, Mark McLaughlin

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)

John Glaser (brother of Kathy Boehm), Dolores Oser, Sally Sengewalt, Anthony Wakim, Earl Duffy, Fran Saseen, Rex Strawn, Sandra DeMuth, Ken Imer, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Patty Olinsky, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Earl Ragase, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),

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

What's New?

2024 Food Handling Classes Dates:

All volunteers at food events or at the festival are required to have their "Food Handling Card" when preparing food. Jeannette will work with the health department to schedule a class at the cedar hall for all the volunteers. She will inform everyone about the day and time of that class. Anyway, if someone wants to get his/her card at a different place and time, here are some dates. Thanks.

Tuesday, April 2	Wheeling Park (hall of Champions)
Tuesday, June 4	Wilson Lodge (terrace Room)
Tuesday, July 2	Wheeling Park (hall of Champions)

Diocese Pilgrimage to Poland and Prague

When: From August 26 to September 4, 2024. Space is limited

Where: Poland and Prague

Cost: \$2,900.00 double occupancy. Price per person

Information: call our Diocese at 323-336-3168 or 818-626-9193

Spirituality

It is God who enables you
to smile in spite of tears;
to carry on when you feel like giving in;
to pray when you're at a loss for words;
to love even though your heart has been broken time and time again;
to sit calmly when you feel like throwing up your hands in frustration;
to be understanding when nothing seems to make sense;
to listen when you'd really rather not hear;
to share your feelings with others, because sharing is necessary to ease the load.
Anything is possible, because God makes it so.

Wisdom

And they call some of these people "retarded"...

A few years ago, at the Seattle Special Olympics, nine contestants, all physically or mentally disabled,

assembled at the starting line for the 100-yard dash.

At the gun, they all started out, not exactly in a dash, but with a relish to run the race to the finish and win. All, that is, except one little boy who stumbled on the asphalt, tumbled over a couple of times, and began to cry.

The other eight heard the boy cry. They slowed down and looked back.

Then they all turned around and went back... every one of them.

One little girl with Down's syndrome bent down and kissed him and said, "This will make it better."

Then all nine linked arms and walked together to the finish line. Everyone in the stadium stood, and the cheering went on for several minutes. People who were there are still telling the story. Why? Because deep down we know this one thing: What matters in this life is more than winning for ourselves.

What matters in this life is helping others win, even if it means slowing down and changing our course.

"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle".

Story

There was a man who had one son. The son was the joy of the man's life. When the child got older, he decided to move overseas. The man was greatly saddened by the fact that the ocean would be separating him from his son. While overseas, the son got married and had children. The father greatly desired to see his son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren. The father constantly wrote to his son that he should come visit with his family.

However, each time the invitation was extended, the son always replied that for some reason or another, a visit just was not foreseeable any time in the near future. Since this was the case, and the father's urge to see his son just grew over time, the father wrote to his son that since it was difficult for the son to make the trip, he would come and make the long journey to see the son and his family.

From the time that the father decided he was going to make this trip, he was busy with all sorts of preparations. The father's excitement grew as his departure date drew closer. Finally the day arrived. He embarked the ship laden with packages and gifts for his son and his family. Each day, the father did not cease to think about the fact that he would soon be seeing his son. From time to time, he would go on deck to see if they were nearing dry land. One morning, when he looked out, he saw the coastline, and his heart skipped a beat - he would soon be seeing his son!

As the ship moved into the port, he scanned the people standing around, hoping to catch a glimpse of his son. However, he could not find him. He had no choice but to wait until he disembarked from the ship, and then search for his son.

One can only imagine how distraught the father was when his son was nowhere to be found. However, the father immediately gave his son the benefit of the doubt. He assumed that his son must have been so busy preparing for his imminent arrival that he was not able to meet him at the port. In order not to waste precious time, the father rushed to the train station so he would not miss the next train to the town where his son lived. Throughout his train ride, he was sure that his son would be there to meet him at the station. His excitement was building with each mile. When the train arrived at the station, he ran off the train, not wanting to miss his son. His disappointment with not finding his son there was greater than before.

However, now his thoughts were not so much focused on the fact that his son might be busy with preparations. Instead, he started worrying: Did his son get into an accident, was everything all right?

With a heart full of worry and anxiety, the father hailed a cab to take him to his son's house. During the ride, he started imaging the warm reception awaiting him at the house. However, this dream was shattered as well.

When the father arrived at the house, he found all the curtains drawn, and only a faint light could be made out in one of the rooms of the house. Again the father started worrying. Was everyone healthy, did anything bad happen? His hands trembled as he knocked on the door. He knocked and waited for an answer, but there was none. He knocked again, this time harder, yet there was still no answer. Finally after knocking for a third time, he heard a faint "Who's there?" coming from the house. The father immediately recognized the voice - it was his son, who he longed to see. His excitement was unbounded knowing that the only thing that separated him from seeing his son was a door. The father responded "It is me, your father who traveled from afar to see you! Please, open the door!"

After a moment of silence, the son answered "Father, I have already removed my clothes for the night. Would it be a great trouble if you could stay at the hotel across the street tonight? I'm already in bed, and it's a little difficult for me to come to the door right now. I will pick you up first thing in the morning."

When the father heard this, he was despondent and infuriated. He thought "For years I have greatly desired to see my son. I had hoped that he would honor me and come visit me. However, that did not happen, and I had to go visit him. I had no doubt that he would be there with his children waiting for me at the port, yet he did not do this either. I thought that perhaps he had a reason that prevented him from greeting me at the port, but he would definitely be at the train station. He wasn't there. I finally come to his house only to find it dark. I knock on the door, only to find that my son is too lazy to even let me inside! After all this, I should wait for HIM at a hotel? I most certainly will NOT do this!"

The father hailed the first taxi he could find, and went to the train station. He caught the first train back to the port, and immediately got on a ship headed back to his home, without even seeing his son.

The next morning, the son awoke. His heart was filled with remorse and regret for how he had treated his father the night before. He quickly got dressed, and ran to the hotel to find his father. The way the son felt upon discovering that his father was not there cannot be described.

To call it anguish, remorse, or pain would only be an understatement.

A Time to Laugh (107)

Send the right email to the correct address.

It seems there was this couple from Minneapolis, Minnesota, who decided to go to Florida for a few days to thaw out during one particularly cold winter.

Since both spouses worked, they had difficulty coordinating their schedules, so the decision was made to have the husband leave for Florida on a certain day, with the wife following him one day later.

The man made it down to Florida and arrived at his hotel. Upon getting to his room, he decided to open his laptop and send his wife back in Minneapolis an email. However, he left off one letter in typing his wife's email address and sent the email off without realizing his error.

In another part of the country, a widow had just returned from the funeral of her husband, a Methodist pastor of many years, who had been called to glory just a few days earlier. She decided to check her email because she was expecting to hear from her husband's relatives and friends. Upon reading the first email, she let out a loud scream, fainted and fell to the floor.

The woman's son rushed into the room and found his mother on the floor. He glanced up at the computer screen and saw the following email message:

"To My Loving Wife:

I've just been checked in. Everything has been prepared for your arrival here tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then. Your devoted husband.

PS: Sure is hot down here."

Famous Quotes (11)

Apology

--Never make a defense or apology before you be accused. (King Charles)

Appearance

--All things are less dreadful than they seem.

--Appearances are very deceitful. (French proverb)

--Things are not always what they seem. (Phaedrus)

--All that glitters is not gold. (Miguel de Cervantes)

--You are only what you are when no one is looking. (Robert C. Edwards)

--The bosom can ache beneath diamond brooches; and many a blithe heart dances under coarse wool. Edwin (Hubbel Chapin)

--The proof of the pudding is in the eating, not in its looks.

- Half the work that is done in this world is to make things appear what they are not. (Elias Root Beadle)
- There are no greater wretches in the world than many of those whom people in general take to be happy. (Seneca)

Appeasement

- Appeasers believe that if you keep on throwing steaks to a tiger, the tiger will turn vegetarian. (Heywood Broun)

Appetite

- He who cheats his appetite avoids debt. (Chinese proverb)
- A stomach that is seldom empty despises common food. (Horace)
- Seek an appetite by hard toil. (Horace)
- Always rise from the table with an appetite, and you will never sit down without one. (William Penn)
- The one thing bigger than my stomach is my appetite.

Appreciation

- We never know the worth of water till the well is dry. (English proverb)
- I now perceive one immense omission in my Psychology—the deepest principle of Human Nature is the craving to be appreciated. (William James)