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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Palm Sunday

- *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.

Palm Sunday

Readings: Zec 9:9ff; Phil 1:1-13 and Jn 12:12-22

“Blessed is he who comes as king in the name of the Lord!!”

Mother Teresa said, “Jesus comes to meet us. To welcome him, let us go to meet him. He comes to us in the hungry, the naked, the lonely, the alcoholic, the drug addict, the prostitute, the street beggars. If we reject them, if we do not go out to meet them, we reject Jesus himself.” Like Jesus, Mother Teresa triumphed by giving to others.

Today Saint Luke’s passion story presents the image of Jesus, a person who is for the other. Jesus prays, forgives, shows deep concern for the outcast, and asks us to follow him in this holy task. We sing today of Jesus’ triumph because of his powerful love for the poor. We praise God in singing the Hosanna because the Lord rides in on a donkey, an animal that the poor of his day rode. If we are to triumph like Jesus, we also must ride with the poor. We must triumph in extending ourselves to those who have less, who are sick, who are dying. If we do so, the Lord will sing a Hosanna to us when we pass into heaven, as we do today to the Lord!

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-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 Khourey
- ✠ 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)
- ✠ Mary Stees by Dr. Nabiel Alkhouri and Family
- ✠ John Shibben by Denna O. Shibben (FL)
- ✠ Good health of Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

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)
- ✠ Mary Stees by Dr. Nabiel Alkhouri and Family
- ✠ John Shibben by Denna O. Shibben (FL)

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Good health of Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

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

- Rite of the Lamp & Spiritual Reflection & Mass (No Stations of the Cross)
- ✠ Mary Stees by Dr. Nabiel Alkhouri and Family
- ✠ John Shiben by Denna O. Shiben (FL)
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Good health of Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

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
- ✠ Mary Stees by Dr. Nabiel Alkhouri and Family
- ✠ John Shiben by Denna O. Shiben (FL)
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Good health of Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

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"
- ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson and Deceased of the Elias Family by Tammy Strong
- ✠ Betty Abraham, Clara Carter, Evelyn Goodson (Anniversary) by Jean Weisner
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection, March 31:

- 10:30 a.m.: Easter Day Mass & "Rite of Peace."
- ✠ Thomas Wakim and Lawrence J. Belt (Anniversary) by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- ✠ Mary Stees by Dr. Nabiel Alkhouri and Family

Coming Parish Events

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. Kourey, Sr. by Lou & Charlotte Kourey & 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 Saseen 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) Shibben, 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 was mailed to everyone on the church mailing list.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

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
April 20:	Angela Petros

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,089.00	Sunday Collection
55.00	Candles
27.00	Coffee hour
550.00	Donation to the church
90.00	Mother Day dinner
100.00	Memorial Marge Saseen
100.00	Memorial Mary Stees
\$2,011.00	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, 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?

Parish Condolences: Janis Roxby

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Roxby family on the loss of their beloved Janis who passed away in Wheeling. Janis was the mother of our parishioner and altar server magistrate Joe Roxby. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the funeral Mass at our church on Friday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m. The choir served the funeral Mass and the Women Society served the Mercy Meal. May the Blessed Mother intercede for her and lead her to the light of Christ. We extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow.

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)
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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: Hands of God

Our Decision: What is important?

As we consider and reflect upon our personal Christianity, Christ is asking us to take the loads and burdens of this life and let Him lighten them as we, in their place, take upon ourselves His yoke -being joined with Him in doing the mighty works of God. As we live out our lives, it will force us to decide which is more important or consequential:

- 1- Signing a spiritual commitment or signing up for lessons?
- 2- Walking the fairways or walking a hospital corridor to visit the sick?
- 3- Tending to the altar flowers or to the home flower bed?
- 4- Painting the bathroom or helping in the church events?

God has a plan for each of our lives. He asks us to follow Him and trust Him to know what He's doing through us, to us and for us. We must give God some of our time because that is the commodity He uses to work through us.

Wisdom

The Rights of the unborn

“Every human person -no matter how vulnerable or helpless, no matter how young or how old, no matter how healthy, handicapped or sick, no matter how useful or productive for society- is a being of inestimable worth created in the image and likeness of God. This is the dignity of America, the reason she exists, the condition for her survival - yes, the ultimate test of her greatness: to respect every human person, especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, those as yet unborn.”

--Pope John Paul II, Detroit, September 19, 1987.

Story

Years ago, in a small fishing village in Holland, a young boy taught the world about the rewards of unselfish service. Because the entire village revolved around the fishing industry, a volunteer rescue team was needed in cases of emergency. One night the winds raged, the clouds burst and a gale force storm capsized a fishing boat at sea. Stranded and in trouble, the crew sent out the S.O.S. The captain of the rescue rowboat team sounded the alarm and the villagers assembled in the town square overlooking the bay. While the team launched their rowboat and fought their way through the wild waves, the villagers waited restlessly on the beach, holding lanterns to light the way back.

An hour later, the rescue boat reappeared through the fog and the cheering villagers ran to greet them. Falling exhausted on the sand, the volunteers reported that the rescue boat could not hold any more passengers and they had to leave one man behind. Even one more passenger would have surely capsized the rescue boat and all would have been lost.

Frantically, the captain called for another volunteer team to go after the lone survivor. Sixteen-year-old Henry stepped forward. His mother grabbed his arm, pleading, “Please don't go. Your father died in a shipwreck 10 years ago and your older brother, Mark, has been lost at sea for three weeks. Henry, you are all I have left.”

Henry replied, "Mother, I have to go. What if everyone said, 'I can't go, let someone else do it'? Mother, this time I have to do my duty. When the call for service comes, we all need to take our turn and do our part." Henry kissed his mother, joined the team and disappeared into the night.

Another hour passed, which seemed to Henry's mother like an eternity. Finally, the rescue boat darted through the fog with Henry standing up in the bow. Cupping his hands, the captain called, "Did you find the lost man?" Barely able to contain himself, Henry excitedly yelled back, "Yes, we found him. Tell my mother it's my older brother, Steve!"

A Time to Laugh (108)

The gift of life

On the very first day, God created the cow. He said to the cow, "*Today I have created you! As a cow, you must go to the field with the farmer all day long. You will work all day under the sun!*

I will give you a life span of 50 years." The cow objected, "*What? This kind of a tough life you want me to live for 50 years? Let me have 20 years, and the 30 years I'll give back to you.*" So God agreed.

On the second day, God created the dog. God said to the dog, "*You are supposed to do is to sit all day by the door of your house. Any people that come in, you will have to bark at them! I'll give a life span of 20 years.*" The dog objected, "*What? All day long to sit by the door? No way! I give you back my other 10 years of life!*" So God agreed.

On the third day, God created the monkey. He said to the monkey, "*Monkeys have to entertain people. You've got to make them laugh and do monkey tricks. I'll give you 20 years life span.*" The monkey objected. "*What? Make them laugh? Do monkey faces and tricks? Ten years will do, and the other 10 years I'll give you back.*" So God agreed.

On the fourth day, God created man and said to him, "*Your job is to sleep, eat, and play. You will enjoy very much in your life. All you need to do is to enjoy and do nothing. This kind of life, I'll give you a 20 year life span.*" The man objected. "*What? Such a good life! Eat, play, sleep, do nothing? Enjoy the best and you expect me to live only for 20 years? No way, man!....Why don't we make a deal? Since the cow gave you back 30 years, and the dog gave you back 10 years and the monkey gave you back 10 years, I will take them from you! That makes my life span 70 years, right?*" So God agreed.

AND THAT'S WHY.... In our first 20 years, we eat, sleep, play, enjoy the best and do nothing much. For the next 30 years, we work all day long, suffer and get to support the family. For the next 10 years, we entertain our grandchildren by making monkey faces and monkey tricks. And for the last 10 years, we stay at home, sit by the front door and bark at people!

Holy Humor

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend.

The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay.

It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

Holy Humor

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

Holy Humor

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about.

The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt."

Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

Things To Never Say To a Cop:

1. I can't reach my license unless you hold my beer. (OK in Texas)

2. Sorry, Officer, I didn't realize my radar detector wasn't plugged in.
3. Aren't you the guy from the Village People?
4. Hey, you must've been doin' about 125 mph to keep up with me. Good job!
5. Are you Andy or Barney?
6. I thought you had to be in relatively good physical condition to be a police officer.
7. You're not gonna check the trunk, are you?
8. I pay your salary!
9. Gee, Officer! That's terrific. The last officer only gave me a warning, too!
10. Do you know why you pulled me over? Okay, just so one of us does.
11. I was trying to keep up with traffic. Yes, I know there are no other cars around. That's how far ahead of me they are.
12. When the Officer says "Gee, son....Your eyes look red, have you been drinking?" You probably shouldn't respond with, "Gee, Officer... your eyes look glazed, have you been eating doughnuts?"

Famous Quotes (13)

--This may shock you, but I believe the single most significant decision I can make on a day-to-day basis is my choice of attitude. It is more important than my past, my education, my bankroll, my successes or failures, fame or pain, what other people think of me or say about me, my circumstances, or my position. Attitude is that 'single string' that keeps me going or cripples my progress. It alone fuels my fire or assaults my hope. When my attitudes are right, there's no barrier too high, no valley too deep, no dream too extreme, no challenge too great for me. (Charles R. Swindoll)

--To travel hopefully is better than to arrive. (James Jeans)

--Growl all day and you'll feel dog tired at night. (Anonymous)

--Instead of crying over spilt milk, go milk another cow. (Erna Asp)

--Life is a grindstone; whether it grinds you down or polishes you up depends on what you're made of. (Jacob M Braude)

--Poverty consists in feeling poor. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

--Where there is an open mind, there will always be a frontier. (Ch. Kettering)

--There are really only three types of people: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who say, What happened? (Ann Landers)

--Always imitate the behavior of the winners when you lose. (George Meredith)

--Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life. (John Homer Miller)

--What we steadily, consciously, habitually think we are, that we tend to become. (John Cowper Powys)

--Whenever you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em, Certainly, I can! and get busy and find out how to do it. (Theodore Roosevelt)

--The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want and, if they can't find them, make them. (George Bernard Shaw)

--As long as a man imagines that he cannot do a certain thing, it is impossible for him to do it. Benedict Spinoza
There is little difference in people... the little difference is attitude. The big difference is whether it is positive or negative. (Clement Stone)

--We lost because we told ourselves we lost. (Leo Tolstoy)

--The world is full of cactus, but we don't have to sit on it. (Will Foley)

--At an auction keep your mouth shut. (Spanish proverb)

--The two most engaging powers on an author are to make new things familiar and familiar things new. (W M Thackeray)

--What moves men of genius, or rather, what inspires their work, is not new ideas, but their obsession with the idea that what has already been said is still not enough. (Eugene Delacroix)

--The mind conceives with pain, but brings forth with joy. (Joseph Joubert)

--It is as easy to dream a book as it is hard to write one. (Honore Balzac)

- There is no amount of praise which a man and an author cannot bear with equanimity. Some authors can even stand flattery. (Maurice Baring)
- No tears in the writer, no tears in the reader.
- If you wish to know what a man is, place him in authority. (Yugoslav proverb)
- You cannot endow even the best machine with initiative. (Walter Lippmann)
- Most girls find that the one quality they admire the most in a man is availability.