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# *Easter Sunday*

*Christ is Risen! Truly Risen! Alleluia!*

- \***Weekend Masses:** Saturdays: Mass at 4:00 p.m. and 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 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, 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.

## *Easter Sunday*

Readings: Jon 2:1-11; 1Cor 15:12-26 and Mk 16:1-8

Easter always comes in the spring. Spring follows winter and Easter follows Great Friday and ends the Great Fast (Lent). Some comparisons will help us better understand the true meaning of Easter.

### BEFORE EASTER:

Before spring, during winter season, the whole earth is gloomy. Fields and forests are desolate and dead. Nothing grows. The birds are silent. The flowers are missing. The atmosphere is icy. During the Great Fast, our efforts aimed to tame and control our selfish selves through our prayer and fasting. Temporal and material things are reduced to the minimum -food, liquor, pleasure, leisure, etc.- for the sake of the spiritual growth. Winter is oriented to spring, and Great Fast is oriented to Easter. Dead winter emerges in flourishing spring, and Great Friday is but the preparation to the Resurrection.

### AT EASTER:

Therefore, Jesus' rising from the dead is like spring breaking forth. Spring, indeed, is the season of new beginnings. The seeds are germinating. Plants and trees have new flowers and new leaves. A new life starts in the nature. Winter time is over. At Easter, the winter of mankind is also over and the world is no more desolate. For a new life is given us by the Lord's Resurrection. All mankind is renewed in Christ. Our personal spring followed the period of fasting and mortification. Now, Risen Christ revives us and makes us grow in a new form of life. Thanks to Him, after we are dead we have come back to life; after we were lost we now are found. In Him we became new creatures.

To keep us alive in His grace, Jesus established the Mysteries or Sacraments of the Church as channels of renewal in our lives. In our baptism we died and rose with Christ, as Saint Paul says: "THROUGH BAPTISM INTO HIS DEATH WE WERE BURIED WITH HIM, SO THAT, JUST AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, WE TOO MIGHT LIVE A NEW LIFE." (Romans 6:4). If, after baptism, we die again in committing sin, we may rise again to the life through the sacrament of reconciliation. Risen Jesus alone can open for us the springs of grace and salvation, if we remain closely in touch with Him and His Church.

During the year, we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection every time we come together to worship Him in the Divine Liturgy.

## *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 30-31: Easter Sunday*

### 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. Nabil Alkhouri and Family

† John Shiben by Denna O. Shiben (FL)

## ***Weekdays Mass Schedule***

**Monday, April 1:** No Mass. Pastor's day off.

**Tuesday, April 2 Mass at Noon:**

- † Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- † John Shiben by Denna O. Shiben (FL)
- † Mary Stees by her Family

**Wednesday, April 3:** No Mass. Office works.

**Thursday, April 4, Mass at Noon:**

- † Mark Fertig (Anniversary and Mary Stees by Libby Magnone
- † Mary E. Custer by her sister Helen Benline
- † John Shiben by Denna O. Shiben (FL)
- † Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will

**Friday, April 5:** No Mass. Visitation of the sick

## ***Next Weekend: Sat-Sunday, April 6-7: New Sunday***

**Saturday, April 6 at 4:00 pm: Mass followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

- † Matthew Siebieda (Anniversary) by Larry & Lillian Siebieda
- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- † Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Pat Sengewalt
- † Dana Burkhart by his wife Carol Burkhart

**Sunday, April 7 at 10:30 am: Mass followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

- † Our parents Joe & Nell Duffy and George & Rose Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy
- † Chamse Rahi (Birthday) by her daughter Alicia Peklinsky
- † Deceased of the Wakim Family by Chris and Jeannette Wakim

## ***Coming Parish Events***

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| 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
- † Abdo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell

## ***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](http://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, Chris & Jeannette Wakim, Jay & Liz Murad, Ron Weisner,

## ***91<sup>st</sup> 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 91<sup>st</sup> 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 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  
 April 28: Ann Marie Weisner Serafin  
 April 29: Jeannette Wakim

| <b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b> |                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| \$1,465.00                                  | Sunday Collection                                                                                                                                                   |
| 68.00                                       | Candles                                                                                                                                                             |
| 69.00                                       | Coffee hour                                                                                                                                                         |
| 127.00                                      | Donation to the church                                                                                                                                              |
| 295.00                                      | Mother Day dinner                                                                                                                                                   |
| 20.00                                       | Easter Lillies                                                                                                                                                      |
| \$2,044.00                                  | Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i><br>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?***

#### ***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.

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| 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: Thank God at all time***

Happy moments, praise God.

Difficult moments, seek God.

Quiet moments, worship God.

Painful moments, trust God.

Every moment, thank God.

## *Wisdom*

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.

To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.

To reach out for another is to risk involvement.

To expose feelings is to risk exposing your true self.

To place your ideas, your dreams, before a crowd is to risk their loss.

To love is to risk not being loved in return.

To live is to risk dying.

To hope is to risk failure.

But risks must be taken.

Because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.

If you risk nothing and do nothing, you dull your spirit.

You may avoid suffering and sorrow, but you cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love, and live.

Chained by your attitude, you are a slave.

You have forfeited your freedom.

Only if you risk are you free.

## *Story*

A little girl whose parents had died lived with her grandmother and slept in an upstairs bedroom. One night there was a fire in the house and the grandmother perished while trying to rescue the child. The fire spread quickly, and the first floor of the house was soon engulfed in flames.

Neighbors called the fire department, then stood helplessly by, unable to enter the house because flames blocked all the entrances. The little girl appeared at an upstairs window, crying for help, just as word spread among the crowd that firefighters would be delayed a few minutes because they were all at another fire.

Suddenly, a man appeared with a ladder, put it up against the side of the house and disappeared inside. When he reappeared, he had the little girl in his arms. He delivered the child to the waiting arms below, then disappeared into the night.

An investigation revealed that the child had no living relatives, and weeks later a meeting was held in the town hall to determine who would take the child into their home and bring her up.

A teacher said she would like to raise the child. She pointed out that she could ensure a good education. A farmer offered her an upbringing on his farm. He pointed out that living on a farm was healthy and satisfying. Others spoke, giving their reasons why it was to the child's advantage to live with them.

Finally, the town's richest resident arose and said, "I can give this child all the advantages that you have mentioned here, plus money and everything that money can buy."

Throughout all this, the child remained silent, her eyes on the floor. "Does anyone else want to speak?" asked the meeting chairman. A man came forward from the back of the hall. His gait was slow and he seemed in pain. When he got to the front of the room, he stood directly before the little girl and held out his arms. The crowd gasped. His hand and arms were terribly scarred.

The child cried out, "This is the man who rescued me!" With a leap, she threw her arms around the man's neck, holding on for dear life, just as she had that fateful night. She buried her face in his shoulder and sobbed for a few moments. Then she looked up and smiled at him.

"This meeting is adjourned," said the chairman.

## *A Time to Laugh (108)*

*Lord, grant me a wish*

A man walking along a California beach was deep in prayer. All of a sudden, he said aloud: *“Lord, grant me one wish”*. Suddenly the sky clouded above his head and in a booming voice the Lord said: *“Because you have tried to be faithful to Me in all ways, I will grant you one wish”*. The man said: *“Build me a bridge to Hawaii, so I can drive over anytime I want”* The Lord said: *“Your request is very materialistic. Think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific. The concrete and steel it would take. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of another wish, a wish you think would honor and glorify me.”* The man thought about it for a long time. Finally, he said: *“Lord, I wish I could understand women. I want to know how they feel inside, what, what they are thinking when they give me the silent treatment, why they cry, what they mean when they say “nothing”, and how I can make a woman truly happy.”*

The Lord replied: *“Do you want two lanes or four lanes on that bridge?”*

## ***Innocence:***

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to the elementary school.

As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with thunder and lightning. The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school and she herself feared that the electrical storm might harm her child.

Following the roar of thunder, lightning, like a flaming sword, would cut through the sky. Full of concern, the mother quickly got into her car and drove along the route to her child's school.

As she did so, she saw her little girl walking along, but at each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up and smile. Another and another were to follow quickly and with each the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile. When the mother's car drew up beside the child she lowered the window and called to her, "What are you doing? Why do you keep stopping?"

The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty, God keeps taking my picture. May God bless you today as you face the storms that come your way."

## ***Famous Quotes (14)***

- A covetous man does nothing well till he dies.
- He who covets is always poor. (Latin proverb)
- I don't mind being average, because it means I'm as close to the top as I am to the bottom.
- A loud noise at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other. (Ronald Knox)
- Every baby born into the world is a finer one than the last. (Charles Dickens)
- Feeding a baby is one sure way of finding out how badly your suit spots.
- A soiled baby, with a neglected nose, cannot conscientiously be regarded as a thing of beauty. (Mark Twain)
- A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on. (Carl Sandburg)
- Give a bachelor enough rope and he'll detect the noose.
- There are four ways for a bachelor to remain happy: north, south, east, and west.
- A smart bachelor stops up his ears when a woman's voice has a ring in it.
- A bachelor is a man who can keep his foot out of a trap—particularly his own.
- It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife. (Jane Austen)
- A backache is man's greatest labor-saving device.
- Bad luck is bending over to pick up a four-leaf clover and being infected by poison ivy.
- A bad reaper never gets a good sickle. (Gaelic proverb)
- Last night I read a book that brought tears to my eyes—it was my bankbook.
- If money doesn't grow on trees, how come banks continue to sprout branches?
- I know of a bank that is so big that they even have a special window for hold-ups.
- Banks are peculiar institutions that urge you to save as much as possible of what you earn and urge you to borrow as much as you can spend, so you can spend more than you make.

- It is easier to rob by setting up a bank than by holding up a bank clerk. (Bertolt Brecht)
- Barking dogs seldom bite.
- His bark is worse than his bite.
- Many a man goes into a bar for an eye-opener and comes out blind.
- Beauty is power; a smile is its sword. (Charles Reade)
- Beauty and honesty seldom agree.
- Beauty in distress is much the most affecting beauty. (Edmund Burke)
- Beauty without virtue is a flower without perfume. (French proverb)
- Beauty is a short-lived reign. (Socrates)
- Rare is the union of beauty and modesty. (Juvenal)
- Early to bed and early to rise is a sure sign that you're fed up with television.
- As you make your bed, so you must lie on it.
- Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.
- We learn two lessons from the bees: one is not to be idle, and the other is not to get stung.
- Honey is sweet, but the bee stings.
- Better to beg than steal, but better to work than beg. (Russian proverb)
- Beggars should be no choosers.
- Everything is difficult at first. (Chinese proverb)
- All glory comes from daring to begin.
- Everything must have a beginning.
- Good to begin well, better to end well.
- He who begins many things, finishes but few.
- The first step is as good as half over.
- The beginning is half the whole. (Greek proverb)
- Well begun is half done. (Horace)