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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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5th Sunday of Resurrection

***Weekend Masses:** Saturdays: Mass at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays: Mass at 10:30 a.m.

***Weekday Masses:** Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays: No Mass. Pastor's office work.
Tuesdays and Thursdays Mass at 12:00 Noon

***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every 1st Saturday and Sunday of the month after Mass.

***Confession:** Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment.

***Baptism:** Please call the Pastor as soon as baby is born; at least one Godparent must be Catholic.

***Weddings:** Please make arrangements at least **six** months in advance before any other plans are made.

***Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Pastor at 304-233-1688

***Parish Council:** Lou Khourey, 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:** 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.

5th Sunday of the Resurrection

Readings: Ez 34:11-25; Eph 2:1-10 and Jn 21:15-19

Union with God in His Love is the supreme goal of our lives. This is for ALL of us; priests, religious, laymen. The love God gives to us and that we return to Him is the measure of that union and the fruitfulness of our lives. Where love reigns, peace, harmony, strength and joy are evident. Where Divine Love reigns in our hearts and minds, a selfless life will be found.

Where is all this leading us to the Sanctuary of Love! This sanctuary is our own soul, no matter how poor we perceive to be before the Face of God. Jesus came to this earth for one reason only, and that reason WAS LOVE. He remains on this earth for one reason only, and that reason IS LOVE. We know where this all was leading, to the night of His last meal on earth. On that night, the ultimate gift of true love was given to us - HIMSELF. On that night, the means by which this gift of true love could remain with us was established. Yes, the sacrament of the Priesthood! On that night the old law gave way to the new. On that night, the blood of a spotless lamb painted on the outside of our dwelling, to protect us from death, would be transformed into the Precious Blood of the All—Spotless Lamb taken into our dwelling, to protect us from eternal death. The celebration of Passover is no longer necessary. It would be transformed into a celebration of “*O come and dwell with us O Lord, come and stay and make all our hearts Yours*”.

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear parishioners and friends,

After Easter, Monsignor Bakhos visited Frank and Melissa Gilbert at their home in Glen Dale and handed them your donation totaling of \$4,250.00

Frank who fell from a 20 feet high scaffolding is now at home under the care of his wife Melissa. They were very thankful and expressed their wishes to attend our church one day to thank each and every one of you for your good deeds. Our prayers go to Frank’s speedy recovery and to all the Benefactors who contributed to this donation.
—Msgr Bakhos

This Weekend: Sat-Sunday, April 27-28: 5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 27 at 4:00 pm:

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ John Glaser by his sisters Kathy Boehm & Mary Gotses & Families
- ✠ Vincent Jacovetty (Birthday) by George & Patty Jacovetti-Fahey
- ✠ Betty Joseph (Birthday) by Becky & Larry Ferrera

Sunday, April 28 at 10:30 am:

- ✠ Mickey McLaughlin (Anniversary) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ Mary Stees by her Family
- ✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben & Family (FL)

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, April 29: No Mass. Pastor’s day off.

Tuesday, April 30 Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Mary Stees by her Family
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

Wednesday, May 1: No Mass. Office works.

Thursday, May 2, Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Mike Linton (Anniversary) & Mary Stees by Libby Magnone
- ✠ Michael George (Birthday) by his sister Margaret (MN)
- ✠ Janice Roxby by Mary Ragase

Friday, May 3: No Mass. Visitation of the sick

Next Weekend: Sat-Sunday, May 4-5: May Crowning

Saturday, May 4 at 4:00 pm:

- ✠ John Glaser by his sisters Kathy Boehm & Mary Gotses & Families
- ✠ Janice Roxby by Tammy Strong & Robbie Saseen
- ✠ June Fahey (Anniversary) by George & Patty fahey
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will

Sunday, May 5 at 10:30 am: May Crowning after Mass

- ✠ Mary Stees by her Family
- ✠ Janice Roxby by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- ✠ John Shibben by Erica Shibben and Family (FL)

Coming Parish Events

Sunday, April 28	Mother Day dinner after 10:30 am Mass.
Wednesday, May 8	Make Kibbee for Bake Sale, 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 9	Make Meat Pies for Bake Sale, 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 11	Bake Sale orders due
Father Day Masses	2 weekends Masses for Fathers & Grandfathers (June 15-23)

Mothers' Day Masses (from May 11 until May 19)

Masses for the Deceased Mothers and Grandmothers

✠ Special Remembrance:

- on May 12: Ray McLaughlin, Sr. (Anniversary) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- on May 12: Betty J. Fadoul, MarthAnn Rienhart & Elaine Cybulski and Jim Heagler (Birthday) by Millet Louis Fadoul & his children Janet, Millet C. and Jonathan.
- ✠ Deceased of the Togliatti & Harb Families by GiGi Rice
- ✠ Deceased mothers & grandmothers of Jamil Harb (MI)
- ✠ Louise N. Kourey & Gladys Howard by children Lou & Charlotte & grandchildren Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Emma Nader & Nabiha "Lena" Kourey by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Kourey
- ✠ Minnie Church Riggs & Cassandra "Cassie" Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Kourey
- ✠ Sadie Chidiac (mother), Kathrine & Hasibi (grandmothers) & all my sisters by Msgr. Bakhos
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carole Burkhart
- ✠ Pearl I (Nolte) Shutler (mother), Clara (Frohnafel) Shutler (grandmother) by Janet Shutler
- ✠ Isabelle (Frey) Nolte (great-grandmother) by Janet Shutler
- ✠ Lucy Gibbons, Ann Otterbeck & Sadie Coury by Ron & Kim Gibbons
- ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson & Amelia Elias and Deceased of the Elias Family by Tammy Strong
- ✠ Wanda Nickerson by Tammy Strong
- ✠ Sara Joseph McLaughlin & Selma Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ LaVerne Thomas & Siham Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Andreah and Zack & Christian Riedel
- ✠ Ginny and Martha Shia and Anna Shia by Sue Jochum and Family
- ✠ Edna Jochum by Sue Jochum and Family
- ✠ Foumia Saad Cater by her daughter Dr. Maryann Cater
- ✠ Siberia Georges Cater by her niece Dr. Maryann Cater
- ✠ Cecilia Ann Murad by her daughter Luane Frazier
- ✠ Lottie Ann Elwartoski by her son Richard Elwartoski

- † Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Connell
- † Marie Connell by Jim & Pat Connell
- † June Fahey by George & Patricia Fahey
- † Agnes Jacovetty by George & Patricia Jacovetty-Fahey
- † Mary K. Ferris by her daughter Denise Ferris
- † Chamse Rahi & Mary Rouhana by the Peklinsky, Storm, Howarth and Rahi Families
- † Frances Serafin by Dick & Ann Marie Serafin
- † Julia Gongola by Dolores Oser
- † Cecilia (mother) & Saada (grandmother) by Carol Dougherty (OK)
- † Helen Schroeder by her son Mark & Jane Wine
- † Dolores Palotay by the Palotay Family
- † Elizabeth Luczak, Helen Hitt, Julia & Filka Hodulik & Alice Wilson by Judy Wilson
- † Eileen M. Hatty and Mary Ann Hatty by the Hattys of Michigan
- † Cecilia Frances Hatty by the Hattys of Michigan
- † Ann Bott & Angela Henning by Don & Roberta Henning
- † Dolores M. Leech Fahey and Minnie M. Leech by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Betty Lou Sherman Petros and Gertrude Sherman by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Rose Ann Polsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- † Emily Vince by her children & grandchildren
- † Patricia Gompers by the Matt Gompers Family
- † Evelyn Goodson (mother) & Mariam Joseph (grandmother) by Cathy Goodson
- † Viola Jeannette Yeater & Viola J. Reass by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- † Laura Z. Wakim & Edna Wakim by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- † Mariam Joseph & Mary Catherine Habeb by Jean Weisner & Family
- † Martha Saseen by her son George Saseen
- † Elizabeth Harasuk by her daughter Susan Saseen
- † Georgette Joseph & Betty Allen by Vickie Joseph
- † Nancy Valles by Vickie Joseph
- † Mary J. Shipley (mother) & Salema A. Joseph (grandmother) by Thomasina Geimer
- † Elena Caputi Blake & Delia Cetorelli and Angela Caputi by Lillian & Larry Siebieda
- † Mary Stees (sister) and Jennie Magnone (grandma) by Libby Magnone
- † Elizabeth A. Magnone (mother), Josephine Ferris & Isabel Wolfe (aunts) & Zaid Ferris (grandma) by Libby Magnone
- † Cecilia Kzaley and Scundra Aside (MN) by Pat & Leon Anderson
- † Hazel Anderson and Warde Kzaley (MN) by Pat & Leon Anderson
- † Beloved mother Elizabeth Gaudio by her daughter Shirley Bine
- † Miriam Joseph by Kenny & Nancy Joseph & Family
- † Sharon Dennis and Ellen Dennis by Annette Wetzel
- † Mona Lauderman Wetzel and Beryl Wetzel by Rusty Wetzel
- † Betty Joseph, Teresa Ferrera, Edith Joseph, Sara McLaughlin, Diane Russell and Selma Joseph by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † Mary Jean Comas, Janet Ferrera and Joan Slack by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- † Rose Fadoul & Nell Duffy by Mickey & Linda Duffy
- † Theresa Sofka by Mike & Judy Sofka
- † Mary Jean Stanton by Mike & Judy Sofka

Masses for the Living Mothers and Grandmothers

- † Charlotte Kourey by her children Emmalena & Louie
- † Living mothers & grandmothers of Jamil Harb (MI)
- † My sisters & their daughters in law by Msgr. Bakhos
- † Barb McLaughlin by Brad McLaughlin & Kristen Graney

- † Barb McLaughlin by Nathan & Shane Graney
- † Diane Frenn & Andrea Riedel by Dr. Adel & Justin Frenn and Zack & Christian Riedel
- † Jean Weisner by her 8 children
- † Judy Hudlik Wilson by Buzz, Chris, Pete & Bailey
- † Nancy Valles & Jo Ann Morrison by Vickie Joseph
- † Josie Fertig (niece) by Libby Magnone
- † Caroline McDowell (niece) by Libby Magnone
- † Cherilynn Kzaley (MN) by Pat & Leon Anderson
- † Jean Weisner by her son Gary
- † Clara Sue Bker by Annette Wetzel
- † Becky, Andee, Deana Ferrera and Melissa Renzeller by Larry, Tony, Larry III and Denny Ferrera
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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:

- April 28: Ann Marie Weisner Serafin
- April 29: Jeannette Wakim
- May 5: Eden DeMuth
- May 6: Nikki Lenz
- May 9: Mark Thomas
- May 15: Austin Musilli
- May 16: Jacqueline Petros
- May 17: Tina Kitlak, David Weisner
- May 18: Millet L. Fadoul
- May 20: John Fadoul
- May 21: Ella George,
- May 23: Danny Ferrera, Jim George Jr.,
- May 27: Emmalena Khourey, Brad McLaughlin

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,129.00	Sunday Collection
39.00	Candles
30.00	Coffee hour
85.00	Donation to the church

3,085.00	Mahrajan
2,053.50	Bake sale deposited in Women Society account
\$6,421.50	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)

Mary Zigler (sister of Lillian Siebieda), Dolores Oser, Sally Sengewalt, Anthony Wakim, Earl Duffy, Fran Saseen, Sandra DeMuth, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Patty Olinsky, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),
Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church

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Thank you so much for your donation of \$150.00 to be used toward the Adult Day Care Center. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and love, and especially your prayers for us and our ministry. May God reward you hundredfold. Please be assured of our prayers for you and your families. Antonine Sisters.

What's New?

Many Thanks

To Libby Magnone for decorating the Cedar Hall so beautiful for our Mothers Day Dinner.

Rummage Sale Information

Drop off days are scheduled for **May 20, 21, 22** and **May 27, 28, 29** from **12 Noon to 3:00 p.m.** in the basement Hall. Our Parish Rummage Sale will be on **Friday, June 7th from 4:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** and on **Saturday, June 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** For any questions call Linda at 304-242-6853. Thank you

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, 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

A plant is more than the sum of the chemicals that enter into it, because a plant possesses an X quality that is not in the chemical order; an animal is something more than the sum of plant qualities, because it possesses an X that is not found in the antecedent order; and, in the same way, man possesses an X quality that makes him different from the animal, something that makes him able to laugh and think and freely love. But when a human enters the supernatural order, a new and greater X quality is introduced -something that is different in its nature from the sum of merely natural virtues he may have possessed before. That is why, throughout the Sacred Scriptures, man is constantly invited to become something that he is *not*. There is assumed, throughout the Scriptures, a difference between making and begetting: We make what is unlike us - for example, someone makes a table; but we beget what is like us- for example, a father begets a child. Inasmuch as we are made by God, we are unlike Him in His Divine Nature; inasmuch as we are begotten by God, we can become like Him, be partakers of His Nature, assume our place as His Children and the Heirs of the Kingdom of God. This is possible only because of a miraculous elevation, which is not ours by right or nature; for if the supernatural order were natural to man, then man himself would be God.

Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Peace of Soul, 1949, pp.250-251.

Wisdom

I recently came across the old “Golden Rules for Living” that you’ve probably seen or heard a hundred times:

If you open it, close it.

If you turn it on, turn it off.

If you unlock it, lock it up.

If you break it, admit it.

If you can’t fix it, call in someone who can.

If you borrow it, return it.

If you value it, take care of it.

If you make a mess, clean it up.

If you move it, put it back.

If it belongs to someone else and you want to use it, get permission.

If you don’t know how to operate it, leave it alone.

If it’s none of your business, don’t ask questions.

If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.

If it will brighten someone’s day, say it.

If it will tarnish someone’s reputation, keep it to yourself.

Story

Jim was tired when he boarded his plane in Cincinnati Ohio, on that night in 1981. The 45-year-old management consultant had put in a weeklong series of business meetings and seminars, and he now sank gratefully into his seat ready for the flight home. As more passengers entered, the plane hummed with conversation, mixed with the sound of bags being stowed.

Then, suddenly, people fell silent. The quiet moved slowly up the aisle like an invisible wake behind a boat. Jim craned his head to see what was happening and his mouth dropped open. Walking up the aisle were two nuns clad in simple white habits bordered in blue. He recognized the familiar face of one of them at once, the wrinkled skin, and the eyes warmly intent. This was a face he'd seen in newscasts and on the cover of *TIME*. The two nuns halted, and Jim realized that his seat companion was going to be Mother Teresa! As the last few passengers settled in, Mother Teresa and her companion pulled out rosaries. Each decade of the beads was a different color, Jim noticed. The decades represented various areas of the world, Mother Teresa told him later, and added, "I pray for the poor and dying on each continent."

The airplane taxied to the runway, and the two women began to pray, their voices a low murmur. Though Jim considered himself not a very religious Catholic who went to church mostly out of habit, inexplicably he found himself joining in.

By the time they murmured the final prayer, the plane had reached cruising altitude. Mother Teresa turned toward him. For the first time in his life, Jim understood what people meant when they spoke of a person possessing an "aura". As she gazed at him, a sense of peace filled him; he could no more see it than he could see the wind, but he felt it, just as surely as he felt a warm summer breeze. "Young man," she inquired, "do you say the rosary often?" "No, not really," he admitted. She took his hand, while her eyes probed his. Then she smiled. "Well, you will now." And she dropped her rosary into the palm of his hand.

An hour later Jim arrived to his destination where he was met by his wife. "What in the world?" his wife asked when she noticed the rosary in his hand. They kissed and Jim described his encounter. Driving home, he said, "I feel as if I met a true sister of God."

Nine months later Jim and his wife visited Vickie, a friend of theirs of several years. Vickie confessed that she'd been told she had ovarian cancer. "The doctor says it's a tough case," said Vickie, "but I'm going to fight it. I won't give up." Jim clasped her hand. Then, after reaching into his pocket, he gently twined Mother Teresa's rosary around her fingers. He told her the story and said, "Keep it with you. It may help." Although Vickie wasn't Catholic, her hand closed willingly around the small plastic beads. Thank you," she whispered. "I hope I can return it."

More than a year passed before Jim saw Vickie again. This time, face glowing, she hurried toward him and handed him the rosary "I carried it with me all year," she said. "I've had surgery and chemotherapy too. Last month, the doctors did a second-look surgery, and the tumor is gone completely!" Her eyes met Jim's and she said, "I knew it was time to give the rosary back."

In the fall, Jim's sister-in law, fell into a deep depression after her divorce. She asked Jim if she could borrow the rosary, and when he sent it, she hung it over her bedpost in a small velvet bag. "At night I held on to it, just physically held on. I was so lonely and afraid," she says, "yet when I gripped that rosary, I felt as if I held a loving hand." Gradually, she pulled her life together, and she mailed the rosary back. "Someone else may need it," she said.

Then one night, a stranger telephoned Jim. She'd heard about the rosary from a neighbor and asked if she could borrow it to take to the hospital where her mother lay in a coma. The family hoped the rosary might help their mother die peacefully. A few days later, the woman returned the beads. "The nurses told me a coma patient can still hear," she said, "so I explained to my mother that I had Mother Teresa's rosary and that when I gave it to her, she could 'let go', it would be all right. Then I put the rosary in her hand. Right away, we saw her face relax. The lines smoothed out until she looked so peaceful, so young." The woman's voice caught. "A few minutes later she was gone." Fervently, she gripped Jim's hands. "Thank you." Is there special power in those humble beads? Or is the power of the human spirit simply renewed in each person who borrows the rosary? Jim only knows that requests continue to come often unexpectedly. He always responds though whenever he lends the rosary. He says, "When you're through needing it, send it back. Someone else may need it."

Jim's own life has changed, too, since his unexpected meeting on the airplane. When he realized Mother Teresa carries everything she owns in a small bag, he made an effort to simplify his own life. "I try to remember what really counts is not money or titles or possessions, but the way we love others," he says.

A Time to Laugh (113)

The Engineer in Hell

One day an engineer passed away and reported to the front gates of Heaven. Saint Peter checks his register and tells the engineer,

"Sorry, but I don't have a reservation for you."

So the engineer reports to the gates of hell and is let in.

Pretty soon, the engineer becomes bored and begins designing and tinkering with some inventions. After a few months, he's installed air conditioning, plumbing and escalators –making the engineer a pretty popular guy with the other residents.

One day God calls Satan up on the telephone and says with a sneer, "So, how's it going down there?" Satan replies, "Things are going great. We've got air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators, and there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."

God replies, "What??? You've got an engineer? That's gotta be a mistake! Engineers are good people, they don't go to hell- send him back immediately."

Satan replied, "No way! I like having him here, my people are happy and I'm keeping him."

God says, "You send him back here or so help Me, I'll sue."

Satan laughs hysterically and answers, "Yeah, right! And just where are YOU going to get a lawyer?"

The Monastery

Lost on a rainy night, a nun stumbled across a monastery and requests shelter there. Fortunately, she's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips she had ever tasted.

After dinner, she went into the kitchen to thank the chefs. She was met by two of the Brothers. The first one says, "Hello, I am Brother Michael, and this is Brother Charles." "I'm very pleased to meet you," replies the nun.

"I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever had. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Charles replied, "Well, I'm the fish friar."

She turned to the other Brother and says "then you must be....?"

"Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk."

A Well-Planned Retirement

This one is one of the best. From The London Times:

Outside England's Bristol Zoo there is a parking lot for 150 cars and 8 buses. For 25 years, its parking fees were managed by a very pleasant attendant. The fees were for cars, about \$1.40, for buses about \$7.

Then, one day, after 25 solid years of never missing a day of work, he just didn't show up; so the Zoo Management called the City Council and asked it to send them another parking agent.

The Council did some research and replied that the parking lot was the Zoo's own responsibility. The Zoo advised the Council that the attendant was a City employee. The City Council responded that the lot attendant had never been on the City payroll.

Meanwhile, sitting in his villa somewhere on the coast of Spain (or some such scenario), is a man who'd apparently had a ticket machine installed completely on his own; and then had simply begun to show up every day, commencing to collect and keep the parking fees, estimated at about \$560 per day -- for 25 years.

Assuming 7 days a week, this amounts to just over \$7 million dollars!

And no one even knows his name.

Famous Quotes (16)

--I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them. (Thomas Jefferson)

--My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government. (Thomas Jefferson)

--No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms. (Thomas Jefferson)

--The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government. (Thomas Jefferson)

--The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. (Thomas Jefferson)

--To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical. (Thomas Jefferson)

--In light of the present financial crisis, it's now very interesting to read what Thomas Jefferson said in 1802:

"I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered."

--On the Right Track: Even if you're on the right track, you're going to get run over if you sit there.

--When you become reluctant to change, remind yourself of the beauty of autumn.

--If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

--Church members are like automobiles—they start missing before they quit.

--The heart is happier when it beats for others.

--A Christian is one who does not have to consult his bank book to see how wealthy he really is.

--If you don't take care of your body, where else are you going to live? (Logans Ferry Messenger)

--It doesn't take much of a man to be a Christian –it takes all of him.

--The less real religion a church has, the more entertainment it takes to keep it going.

--Civilization stands at the crossroads. Down one road is despondency and despair, and down the other is total annihilation. Let us pray that we choose the right road. (Woody Allen)

--The act of faith is an act of acceptance, not an explanation. (Morris West)

--All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

--Unless we form the habit of going to the Bible in bright moments as well as in trouble, we cannot fully respond to its consolations, because we lack equilibrium between light and darkness. (Helen Keller)

--Dying is no big thing, since I'm prepared for it by my Catholic faith. (Walker Percy)

--No one is mature until he/she has confronted the reality of his/her own death and has ordered his/her life accordingly. (Dr. Donald Irish)

--I have no property or stocks or insurance. I have no family but a niece and nephew I never see and a brother to whom I am as close as to a mild-mannered short-order cook. I see no friends constantly, only when I'm in the city. I have no memorabilia, clippings, reviews, photographs, records, printed or manuscript music, I keep only the letters of one man. I refuse to contemplate the past or future. I have no plans, no ambitions or infatuations. I assume that the worst is likely to occur at any moment and therefore celebrate not so much feeling well as not feeling sick Since I have reduced my needs and interests, to a minimum, there will be that much less to die. (The New Yorker, 12 January 1981: on the death of one of its staff members, from the published Last Will and Testament)

--Never give advice in a crowd. Arab Proverb

--Advice is like snow; the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind.

--Advice when most needed is least heeded.

--Whatever advice you give, be brief.

--Ambition may be all right, but is sure can get a fellow into a lot of hard work.

--I have no political ambitions for myself or my children. (Joseph P. Kennedy)

--We grow small trying to be great.

--Too low they build who build below the skies.

--Don't fight forces; use them.

--In the multitude of counselors there is safety. Proverbs 11:14

--Angry man stirs up strife. Proverbs 29:22

--Anger rests in the bosom of fools. (Ecclesiaster 7:9)

--Let not the sun go down upon your wrsth. (Ephesians 4:26)

--If you would cure anger, do not feed it. Say to yourself: "I used to be angry every day; then every other day; now only every third or fourth day." When you reach thirty days offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the gods. (Epictetus)