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## ***Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church***

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# ***Feast of the 12 Apostles***

\***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 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:** 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.

## *Feast of the 12 Apostles*

Readings: Num 11:16-29; Rom 10:12-21 and Mt 9:36-38

A summary of the life of the 12 Apostles and how did they die.

1-**Simon:** called Peter. He was introduced to Jesus by his brother, Andrew. This fisherman was given the name of Cephas (Rock). He denied the Lord 3 times. He spread the Gospel through Asia Minor, Turkey and Rome. He was crucified upside down in Rome.

2-**Andrew, brother of Simon:** Was a disciple of John the Baptist. He led his brother Simon to Jesus. It is said that he preached in Bithynia and Greece. He was imprisoned in Greece, and then crucified on an X shape cross.

3-**James the son of Zebedee:** He was a fisherman who was called to follow Jesus along with John. He was the first of the apostles to be killed according to Acts 12. He is said to have preached in India and Spain before he was beheaded by Herod.

4-**John, brother of James:** Along with his brother and father, they were fishermen and partners with Peter. He was called "the beloved". He was given charge to care for Jesus' mother when standing by the cross. He was exiled to the island of Patmos, later in Ephesus and established many communities. He wrote the Book of Revelation under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. John is the only apostle who was not martyred. He died of natural death.

5-**Philip:** He was from Bethsaida. He led Nathaniel to Jesus. He ministered in Phrygia. He was scourged, thrown into prison, and afterwards crucified.

6-**Bartholomew:** He lived in Cana. Took the gospel of Matthew to India. It is said that he was placed into a sack and thrown into the sea, some say he was crucified.

7-**Thomas:** Also called The Twin. After the resurrection, he required evidence before he would believe that Jesus was alive. Thomas is also thought to have travelled to India. He was killed with a spear that went through him.

8-**Matthew the tax collector:** Also known as Levi. He is said to have preached 15 years in Palestine, and then went to Ethiopia, Macedonia, Syria, Persia, and Medea. It is said that he died in Ethiopia, being slain with an ax in the city of Nadabah.

9-**James the Son of Alphaeus:** He witnessed Jesus' death, sought to prepare Him for burial, and found the tomb empty. James was crucified in Egypt.

10-**Thaddaeus:** The same as "Judas, not Iscariot." It is said to preach in Syria and Edessa. He died with an arrow.

11- **Simon the Canaanite:** Also called "the Zealot." It is said to have preached the gospel in Mauritania, Africa, and Britain. He suffered martyrdom and was crucified in Persia.

12-**Matthias,** who replaced Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus and who committed suicide by hanging himself on a tree. He is thought to have gone to Damascus and said to have been stoned and then beheaded.

### ***This Weekend: Sat-Sun., June 29-30: feast of the 12 Apostles***

#### **Saturday, June 29 at 4:00 pm:**

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Saseen Family
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt (Birthday) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ John Glaser by his sisters Kathy Boehm & Mary Gotses & Families

#### **Sunday, June 30 at 10:30 am:**

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Saseen Family
- ✠ Mary Stees by her Family

### ***Weekdays Mass Schedule***

**Monday, July 1:** No Mass. No Mass: NAM Convention.

**Tuesday, July 2:** No Mass. No Mass: NAM Convention.

**Wednesday, July 3:** No Mass. No Mass: NAM Convention.

**Thursday, July 4:** No Mass. No Mass: NAM Convention.

**Friday, July 5:** No Mass. No Mass: NAM Convention.

## ***Next Weekend: Sat-Sun., July 6-7: 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

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

- ✠ Teresa Ferrera (Birthday) by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ John Glaser by his sisters Kathy Boehm & Mary Gotses & Families
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Laura Z. Wakim (Anniversary) by Chris & Jeannette Wakim

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

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Duffy, Fadoul & Shedeed Families by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Mary Stees by her Family
- ✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben and Family

## ***Coming Parish Events***

### ***Food Handlers Class*** (Thursday, July 11 at 5:30 pm)

Our Lady of Lebanon church will host the food handlers class on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the cedar Hall. If you are getting a volunteer card, there is not a charge. If you need one for work purposes, there is a \$10.00 charge. Please reserve with Jeannette Wakim at 304-551-3934. Please confirm which card you will need. Thank you.

### ***NAM Delegate Needed***

Dear parishioners, If anyone have time to attend the NAM Convention in Detroit this year, our church needs one or two delegates to represent us at the meetings. The NAM is in the first week of July (4-7 July). Please contact Msgr. Bakhos for details. Thanks.

### ***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:***

- July 3: Larry Ferrera
- July 5: Bill Committee
- July 10: Andee Ferrera
- July 11: Allison Duffy-Totterdale, Justin Wilson
- July 12: Shaun Hancher, Deana Ferrera
- July 14: Chloe Imer
- July 15: Denny Albaugh
- July 16: Payton Wilson, Pam Obyc
- July 20: Shirley George
- July 22: Grace Klein, Mark Boehm
- July 26: Anna Marie Duymich
- July 30: Dee Shiben, Susan John Burns

| <i><b>Your Church Support Last Week</b></i> |   |
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| \$862.00                                    | Sunday Collection   |
| 65.00                                       | Candles   |
| 23.00                                       | Coffee hour   |
| 840.00                                      | Mahrajan  |
| \$1790.00                                   | 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)  
Regina, Shelly and Gavin Hancher, 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),

### ***What's New?***

#### ***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

#### ***Maronite Pilgrimage to Mexico***

When: From October 7 to October 12, 2024.

Where: Mexico City, Guadalupe, Tlaxcala, Puebla, Coyoacan

Cost: \$1,599.00 per person. Flights to be booked separately

Information: please call our chancery at: 323-336-3168

### ***Spirituality***

A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by his little daughter, Nancy. Finally, he tore a sheet out of his magazine on which was printed the map of the world. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Nancy, and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together."

After a few minutes, Nancy returned and handed him the map correctly fitted together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly. "Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus."

When I got all of Jesus back where he belonged, then the world came together.

### ***Wisdom***

Slow Dance

*(This poem was written by a terminally ill young girl in a New York Hospital. )*

Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round?

Or listened to the rain lapping on the ground?

Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight?

Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?

You better slow down. Don't dance so fast.

Time is short. The music won't last.

Do you run through each day on the fly?

When you ask, "How are you?" Do you hear the reply?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed  
 With the next hundred chores running through your head?  
 You'd better slow down, don't dance so fast.  
 Time is short. The music won't last.  
 Ever told your child, "We'll do it tomorrow?"  
 And in your haste, not see his sorrow?  
 Ever lost touch, let a good friendship die  
 Cause you never had time to call and say, "Hi"  
 You'd better slow down. Don't dance so fast.  
 Time is short. The music won't last.  
 When you run so fast to get somewhere  
 You miss half the fun of getting there.  
 When you worry and hurry through your day,  
 It is like an unopened gift ... Thrown away.  
 Life is not a race. Do take it slower.  
 Hear the music, before the song is over.

## *Story*

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, 'Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday'.

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

The Lord is my Shepherd ----- that's a Relationship!

I shall not want ----- that's Supply!

He made me to lie down in green pastures ----that's Rest!

He led me beside the still waters -----that's Refreshment!

He restored my soul ----- that's Healing!

He led me in the paths of righteousness --that's Guidance!

For His name's sake ----- that's Purpose!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death--that's Testing!

I will fear no evil ----- that's Protection!

For You are with me ----- that's Faithfulness!

Your rod and your staff comfort me -----that's Discipline!

You prepared a table before me in the presence of my enemies---that's Hope!

You anointed my head with oil ----- that's Consecration!

My cup run over ----- that's Abundance!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life----that's Blessing!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord -----that's Security!  
 Forever ----that's Eternity!  
 Face it, God is crazy about you!

## *A Time to Laugh (123)*

### *The Churches of Heaven*

A woman died and was met by Saint Peter at the gates of heaven. "Come in," he said, "let me give you a tour." They walked in and passed a large room where people were gathered hearing testimony and breaking into gospel song.

"Who are they?" the woman asked.

"Those are the Baptists," said Saint Peter.

"They're always getting together for a revival."

They continued to walk and they came upon another group of people who were softly singing hymns. "This is our Methodist group," said St. Peter, "very nice people!"

The next room they passed was crowded with people singing, dancing and generally having a great time.

"Those are our Episcopalians, they are always throwing a party."

Finally, they came into a huge room, filled with long wooden pews. The room was very quiet, and the smell of sweet incense hung in the air. All the people were kneeling and praying on their rosaries.

"Shhhh! Don't let them see us," whispered St. Peter. "They're Catholics, and they think they're the only ones here."

### *Bulletin Blunders*

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement on Friday afternoon."

"A new loudspeaker system has been installed in the church. It was given by one of our members in honor of his wife."

### *Testing.. 1,2,3*

At the end of Mass each Sunday, the Liturgy calls for the priest to say, "The Lord be with you." The congregation then responds, "And also with you."

One Sunday, the pastor was about to give this final blessing but noticed that the sound system was not working. So he paused and said, "There is something wrong with this microphone."

Without hesitation, the congregation replied, "And also with you."

### *Blonde Joke*

A blonde suspects her boyfriend of cheating on her, so she goes out and buys a gun. She goes to his apartment unexpectedly and when she opens the door she finds him in the arms of a redhead. Well, the blonde is really angry. She opens her purse to take out the gun, and as she does so, she is overcome with grief. She takes the gun and puts it to her head.

The boyfriend yells, "No, honey, don't do it!!!"

The blonde replies, "Shut up, you're next!"

## *Famous Quotes (26)*

--Peace starts with a smile.

--I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?

--A lot of church members who are singing "Standing on the Promises" are just sitting on the premises.

--We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

--Outside of traffic, there is nothing that holds this country back as much as committees.

--Be ye fishers of men. You catch them - He'll clean them.

--Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

- Don't put a question mark where God put a period.
- Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.
- Forbidden fruits create many jams.
- God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
- God grades on the cross, not the curve.
- God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
- He who angers you, controls you! (my favorite)
- God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!"
- If God is your Co-pilot - swap seats!
- Prayer: Don't give God instructions - just report for duty!
- The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.
- The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.
- We don't change the message, the message changes us.
- You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.
- The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.
- "Father, bless this person in whatever it is that You know he or she may be needing this day!"
- To renounce all is to gain all; to descend is to rise; to die is to live. (Karl Rahner)
- It is not dying for the faith that's so hard, it's living up to it. (Wm Thackeray)
- Wickedness is nothing else than the withdrawal of goodness, just as darkness is nothing else than the withdrawal of light and life. (St. John of Damascus)
- A dreadful matter is sin, and disorder of life is the soul's worst sickness. (St Cyril of Jerusalem)
- O God, make us children of quietness and heirs of peace. (St. Clement)
- No better citizen is there, whether in a time of peace or war, than a Christian who is mindful of his duty... but such a one should be ready to suffer all things, even death itself, rather than abandon the cause of God or the Church. Pope Leo XIII)
- Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart? (St. Gerard Majella)
- The optimist sees the donut, the pessimist the hole.
- God cannot fill you unless you empty yourself.
- The man who does not read is no better off than the man who cannot.
- To stay angry with anyone is to punish yourself for his faults.
- Your worst days are never so bad, that you are beyond the reach of God/
- Your best days are never so good, that you are beyond the need of God's Grace.
- Following the path of least resistance is what makes people and rivers crooked.
- Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side.
- When is it dark enough, you can see the stars.
- View every problem as an opportunity.
- There is always a good side to every situation.
- A poet says: Sit on the edge of the river, the nightingale sings to you. Sit on the edge of silence, God talks to you.
- The Christian is far more pagan than he knows; the pagan is more Christian than he admits.
- Everything should be made simple as possible, but no simpler.
- A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.
- Once over the hill, you pickup speed.