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## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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# 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

- \*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.

## *9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost*

Readings: 2 Cor 5:20-6:10; Lk 4:14-21

In the ancient world, anointing with oil was linked with the notion of well-being and prosperity, and so with health and happiness. Under the old covenant, the anointing of a person with oil had a further, religious significance: it sets him apart for God and gave him extra powers, either as priest or king.

In the eyes of his fellows, the anointed one belonged to God in a special way. With time, this anointing was seen in a more spiritual light: when the Lord gave his Spirit to a person, he could say: “*the Lord has anointed me*”.

When Jesus read this text at Nazareth, he claimed that it was fulfilled in himself. It was an anointing with the Spirit which constituted him the Messiah (Hebrew *Mashiah*), literally the “*anointed one*” -the Christ. In that same passage from Isaiah, the purpose of anointing is outlined: it is to make peace between earth and heaven and to turn the established order upside-down. Ultimately this was to be achieved by Jesus’ sacrificial death on the cross, completed by his resurrection, and then by the gift of the Spirit to his followers. In his own person, Jesus was the Christ, the Suffering Servant, the Victor King, and Lord of Death and Life...

The world revolution had begun, not by the sword, but by a change in men’s hearts and lives and so in society.

All Christ’s followers are to be other christs. They share in the priesthood. They are a people set apart, holy to the Lord; not for their own sake, but to serve our God and Father on behalf of all mankind. From among this priestly people, some are chosen to minister to the rest, to serve them in love, nourishing them with God’s word and through the life-giving and healing sacraments.

Historically the oils were blessed because they were needed for the initiation rites during the Easter celebration. Surely it is fitting though, that as we reflect on the priesthood of Jesus, the Christ, the “*Anointed*”, the oils should be blessed which make us and ours his and, too, make us whole.

### ***This Weekend: Sat-Sun., July 13-14: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

#### **Saturday, July 13 at 4:00 pm:**

- ✠ Debbie Saseen by George & Susan and Matthew & Luke Saseen and Jeff & Jena Naswadi
- ✠ John Glaser by his sisters Kathy Boehm & Mary Gotses & Families
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Special Intention

#### **Sunday, July 14 at 10:30 am:**

- ✠ Virginia Kourey Bryan by Lou & Charlotte and Emmalena and Louie Kourey
- ✠ John Shibben by Erica Shibben and Family
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton

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

**Monday, July 15:** No Mass. Pastor’s day off.

#### **Tuesday, July 16 Mass at Noon:**

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

**Wednesday, July 17:** No Mass. Office works.

#### **Thursday, July 18, Mass at Noon:**

- ✠ Mary Stees by her Family
- ✠ Tony George (Birthday) by Margaret George (MN)
- ✠ Walter Elwartoski (Birthday) by Rishard Elwartoski

**Friday, July 19:** No Mass. Visitations of the sick.

## *Next Weekend: Sat-Sun., July 20-21: 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost*

### Saturday, July 20 at 4:00 pm:

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ John Glaser by his sisters Kathy Boehm & Mary Gotses & Families
- ✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben and Family

### Sunday, July 21 at 10:30 am:

- ✠ LaVerne Thomas (Anniversary) by Dr. Frenn, Diane & Justin and Andraeh and Zack Riedel
- ✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben and Family
- ✠ Mary Stees by her Family

## *Coming Parish Events*

### *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.

--**Brochures:** more than 5,000 are mailed to many addresses around us.

### *Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:*

- 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
- August 1: Anthony Ferrera
- August 2: Rosella C. DeMuth
- August 10: Thomasina Geimer

### *Your Church Support Last Week*

\$2,007.00	Sunday Collection
62.00	Candles
55.00	Coffee hour
3,615.00	Mahrajan
\$5,739.00	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)  
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?*

### *Congratulations*

Our parish congratulates Shaun Hancher as he begins his career as an orchestra conductor. He conducted two pieces at the Wheeling Symphony's recent July 4 concert, and will continue to work with the Symphony as conductor of the youth orchestra.

### *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*

Where can a person find a love so strong that nothing can stop it? Where is the love can that change all human hearts, even the hardness of my own heart?

“Jesus has said very clearly: I am the love to be loved; I am the life to be lived; I am the joy to be shared; I am the bread to be eaten; I am the blood to be drunk; I am the truth to be told; I am the light to be lit; I am the peace to be given. Jesus is everything.” Mother Teresa of Calcutta

God's love is spoken in Genesis 32:10, “I am not worthy of the least of all the steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant ...”

Exodus 15:13, “In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed; you guided them by your strength to your holy... “

### *Wisdom*

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

It was sent by a medical doctor - Make sure to read what is in the closing statement AFTER THE POEM.

#### SLOW DANCE

Have you ever watched kids On a merry-go-round?  
 Or listened to the rain Slapping 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*

There was a man who had worked all of his life and had saved all of his money and was a real miser when it came to his money. He loved money more than just about anything, and just before he died, he said to his wife, *"Now listen. When I die, I want you to take all my money and put it in the casket with me. Because I wanna take my money to the afterlife with me."* And so, he got his wife to promise him with all of her heart that when he died, she would put all of the money in the casket with him.

Well, one day he died. He was stretched out in the casket, the wife was sitting there in black, and her friend was sitting next to her. When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said, *"Wait just a minute!"*

She had a box with her, she came over with the box and put it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket down, and they rolled it away.

So, her friend said, *"Girl, I know you wasn't fool enough to put all that money in there with that man."* She said, *"Listen, I'm a Christian, I can't lie. I promised him that I was gonna put that money in that casket with him."*

*"You mean to tell me you put that money in the casket with the man?"*

*"I sure did,"* said the wife. *"I wrote him a check."*

## *A Time to Laugh (124)*

### *A very special dog*

A devout Catholic woman whose dog had just died went to her priest and asked him to hold a funeral for her dog, Sparky.

The priest sympathized with the woman for her loss, but said that he did not do funerals for animals.

The woman pleaded for him to reconsider, saying the Sparky was like family to her. The priest again repeated that he could not help but did suggest she ask the Methodist church up the street.

The woman replied, *"Oh thank you father, I didn't think to ask them... Do you think \$5,000 will be enough of an offering for their services?"*

The priest thought quickly and exclaimed, *"You know, on second thought, we can do a funeral for your dog. I just realized that Sparky is Catholic!"*

### *The Christian Hunter*

A hunter on the trail of zebra was surprised by a lion lying in the grass ahead of him. The startled lion roared and began to come toward the hunter. The hunter was scared, but he took aim with his rifle and shot at the lion. The shot missed and only made the lion more determined to attack. The hunter began to run as fast as he could go, but he tripped and sprained his ankle. The hunter turned and pointed his rifle toward the approaching lion.

*"Click... click"*, the rifle was out of bullets. The hunter, in utter panic, looked up to the heavens and prayed, *"Lord! Lord save me... I will go to church every Sunday if you will just make this lion a Christian."*

The lion was about to pounce but stopped its lunge and looked up toward the sky and said, *"Bless us O Lord and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive..."*

### *Blonde joke*

A guy is hanging upside down from the rafters at a factory when a blonde coworker walks by.

"What are you doing?" she asks.

"I need a few weeks off, so I'm pretending to be nuts."

Just then the boss walks by and sees the man dangling from the ceiling.

"What are you doing?" asks the boss.

"I'm a light bulb," answers the guy.

"You're going crazy. Take a vacation."

The man jumps down to leave, and the blonde starts to follow him.

"Where do you think you're going, young lady?" the boss asks.

I am going home, I can't work in the dark.

## ***Lightbulb Changers-A Collection***

Q: How many missionaries does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: Ten: five to determine how many can be changed by the year 2005, four to raise the necessary funds, and one to go find a national to do the job!

Q: How many Southern Baptists does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: About 16 million: However, they are badly divided over whether changing the bulb is a fundamental need or not.

Q: How many televangelists does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: Honestly, we're not sure. But for the message of change to continue to go out, please keep those letters and checks coming.

Q: How many Episcopalians does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: Four: one to change the bulb, one to bless the elements, one to pour the sherry, and one to offer a toast to the old lightbulb.

### ***Famous Quotes (27)***

--Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect. (Chief Seattle)

--Every minute I am angry, I lose sixty seconds of happiness.

--When people begin to ignore human dignity, it will not be long before they begin to ignore human rights. (G.K.Chesterton)

--The ultimate end of all revolutionary social change is to establish the sanctity of human life, the dignity of man, the right of every human being to liberty and well-being. (Emma goldman)

--Some people make the world better just by being in it.

--Some people light up a room just by walking in the door.

--Some people brighten our lives year after year.

"You have the ability to determine what kind of person you will become. You are today the product of the choices you have made in the past. But you are not just the consequences of your past; you are the Architect of your future. Never be satisfied with a future that is anything less than what you want it to be."

- Theodore Roosevelt