



August 4, 2024
Bulletin #31

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

Rectory: 304-233-1688 • Fax: 304-233-4714

E-Mail: ololwv@comcast.net • Web Site: www.ololwv.com

Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Pastor

Mary Lee Porter, Ed.D. Organist



Beatification of Patriarch Estephan Al Douaihy

***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.

***A Message from our Patriarch
On the occasion of the
beatification of Patriarch Estephan Al Douaihy***

To our Venerable Brothers Bishops,
Reverend Father Superiors General and Mothers Superiors General,
Reverend priests and monks,
and all the faithful in Lebanon, the patriarchal curia, and the countries of expansion,

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ with the Apostolic Blessing,

Our Maronite Church is about to announce the beatification of Patriarch Estephan Al Douaihy of Ehden, a "Beacon of Knowledge and Holiness." He is a "Beacon of Knowledge" as evidenced by his writings in all fields: historical, theological, liturgical, and others. He is the greatest Maronite Patriarch, unparalleled in his scholarly personality: philosophical, theological, liturgical, and historical, and by his keen intellect since his school years and beyond. He was able to write thirty-two manuscripts while constantly traveling between Qannoubine, Mar Shallita (Ghosta), and Majdel Ma'oush, visiting his people, consecrating churches, preaching and teaching, organizing and correcting.

And he is a "Beacon of Holiness," whose light shone from his early childhood, and at the Roman Maronite school at the age of eleven, and throughout his life, from the Virgin Mary's healing of his inevitable blindness to his distinguished priestly and episcopal life, marked by apostolic zeal and dedication to teaching children religious education and caring for adults in various parishes, especially in Aleppo. His holiness shone also through his patience and forbearance during his patriarchate, which he assumed at the age of forty. Many envied him, resisted him, and tried to undermine him, but he remained united with his Lord through prayer and divine and human virtues, until they returned and gathered around him, recognizing his spiritual personality adorned with diverse virtues and qualities that enriched him.

On this occasion, we invite you to encourage the sons and daughters of your dioceses (parishes - brotherhoods - associations - organizations ...) to participate in the beatification ceremony of the Venerable Estephan Al Douaihy, which will be held in Bkerke on August 2, 2024, at 8:30 p.m. (with 13,000 seats available), in the Thanksgiving Mass in his birthplace Ehden on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., as well as the Thanksgiving Mass at the Patriarchal See in Dimane at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 4.

We also call for lighting candles on the evening of August 1, the eve of his birth on earth in 1630, and to ring the bells of churches and monasteries at the announcement of his beatification, which is on the evening of August 2, as a sign of gratitude to God for his abundant blessings upon us.

May the beatification of Patriarch Estephan Al Douaihy of Ehden, be an invitation for all of us to return to ourselves and to God, and an opportunity for the Maronites to unite around their Church, which has given and continues to give saints.

May God bless you through the intercession of the Blessed to-be and see you in Bkerke, Ehden, and Dimane to thank God together with one heart and one voice, and to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to our Maronite Church through this beatification.

From our See in Dimane, July 23, 2024
+ Cardinal Bechara Boutros Raï
Patriarch of Antioch and All the East

Transfiguration of our Lord

Readings: 2 Cor 3:7-17 and Mk 9:1-7

The Transfiguration of Christ is the culminating point of His public life, as His Baptism is its starting point, and His Ascension its end. Moreover, this glorious event has been related in detail by St. Matthew (17:1-6), St. Mark (9:1-8), and St. Luke (9:28-36).

About a week after His sojourn in Cæsarea Philippi, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them to a high mountain apart, where He was transfigured before their ravished eyes.

The Synoptic Gospels explain the true meaning of the word transfiguration saying "his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow," while the Greek text explains it "as light."

This dazzling brightness, which emanated from His whole Body, was produced by an interior shining of His Divinity. False Judaism had rejected the Messias, and now true Judaism, represented by Moses and Elias, the Law and the Prophets, recognized and adored Him, while for the second time God the Father proclaimed Him His only-begotten and well-loved Son. By this glorious manifestation the Divine Master, who had just foretold His Passion to the Apostles (Matthew 16:21), and who spoke with Moses and Elias of the trials which awaited Him at Jerusalem, strengthened the faith of his three friends and prepared them for the terrible struggle of which they were to be witnesses in Gethsemane, by giving them a foretaste of the glory and heavenly delights to which we attain by suffering.

This Weekend: Sat-Sun., Aug 3-4: Transfiguration of our Lord

Saturday, August 3 at 4:00 pm: Mass followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Earl Ragase by his wife Mary & Family
- ✠ John Glaser by his sisters Kathy Boehm & Mary Gotses & Families
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, August 4 at 10:30 am: Mass followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family
- ✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben & Family
- ✠ Earl Ragase by his wife Mary & Family

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, August 5: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, August 6 Mass at Noon: Transfiguration actual feast day

- ✠ 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
- ✠ Earl Ragase by his wife Mary & Family

Wednesday, August 7: No Mass. Office works.

Thursday, August 8, Mass at Noon:

- ✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben & Family
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

Friday, August 9: No Mass. Visitations of the sick.

Next Weekend: Sat-Sun., Aug 10-11: Assumption

Saturday, August 10 at 4:00 pm: Mass of the Assumption

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Pat Sengewalt
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will

Sunday, August 11 at 10:30 am: Outdoor Mass of the Assumption at Oglebay Park

- ✠ Vincent Blake (Anniversary) by Larry & Lillian Siebieda

✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben & Family

✠ Intention of all the Benefactors and Volunteers of our church

Coming Parish Events

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.

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

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

August 16: Tara George Musilli

August 17: Judy Bedway

August 20: Tricia Committee

August 23: Georgene Weisner Manning

August 25: Al Depto

August 26: Nathan Wakim, Jessica George

August 31: Joseph R. Simon

September 1: Janet Fadoul Wilson

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,495.00	Sunday Collection
64.00	Candles
61.00	Coffee hour
670.00	Donation to the church
1,270.00	Mahrajan
100.00	Utilities
\$3,660.00	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: Michelle Aurora Nimnoom Breit

Michelle, the daughter of Mike & Nicole Breit, who is the granddaughter of Juliette Ghaphery-Breit graduated from the University of North Carolina with Major in Public Policy and Political Science and with a Minor in Data Science. An Open House will be set on Tuesday, August 6th to honor her. Congratulations from all of us.

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

Diocese Pilgrimage to Canonization

Subject: Canonization of the three Massabki Brothers

Where: Rome

When: From October 15 till 24th, 2024.

Sites to visit: Rome, Polsen, Orvieto, Florence, Assisi, Casia, Naples

Information: call our Diocese at 323-336-3168 or 818-626-9193

Spirituality: Who is Jesus?

Address: Ephesians 1:20

Phone: Romans 10:13

Hello. My name is Jesus -The Christ. Many call me Lord! I've sent you my resume because I'm seeking the top management position in your heart.

Please consider my accomplishments as set forth in my resume.

Qualifications

- I founded the earth and established the heavens, (See Proverbs 3:19)
- I formed man from the dust of the ground, (See Genesis 2:7)
- I breathed into man the breath of life, (See Genesis 2:7)
- I redeemed man from the curse of the law, (See Galatians 3:13)
- The blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant comes upon your life through me, (See Galatians 3:14)

Occupational Background

- I've only had one employer, (See Luke 2:49).
- I've never been tardy, absent, disobedient, slothful or disrespectful.
- My employer has nothing but rave reviews for me, (See Matthew 3:15-17)

Skills Work Experiences

- Some of my skills and work experiences include: empowering the poor to be poor no more, healing the brokenhearted, setting the captives free, healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind and setting at liberty them that are bruised, (See Luke 4:18).
- I am a Wonderful Counselor, (See Isaiah 9:6). People who listen to me shall dwell safely and shall not fear evil, (See Proverbs 1:33).
- Most importantly, I have the authority, ability and power to cleanse you of your sins, (See I John 1:7-9)

Educational Background

- I encompass the entire breadth and length of knowledge, wisdom and understanding, (Pr. 2:6).
- In me are hid all of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, (See Colossians 2:3).
- My Word is so powerful; it has been described as being a lamp unto your feet and a lamp unto your path, (See Psalms 119:105).
- I can even tell you all of the secrets of your heart, (See Psalms 44:21).

Major Accomplishments

- I was an active participant in the greatest Summit Meeting of all times, (See Genesis 1:26).

- I laid down my life so that you may live, (See II Corinthians 5:15).
- I defeated the archenemy of God and mankind and made a show of them openly, (Col. 2:15).
- I've miraculously fed the poor, healed the sick and raised the dead!
- There are many more major accomplishments, too many to mention here. You can read them on my website, which is located at: [www dot - the BIBLE](http://www.dot-theBIBLE.com). You don't need an Internet connection or computer to access my website.

References

- Believers and followers worldwide will testify to my divine healings, salvation, deliverance, miracles, restoration and supernatural guidance.

In Summation

Now that you've read my resume, I'm confident that I'm the only candidate uniquely qualified to fill this vital position in your heart. In summation, I will properly direct your paths, (Proverbs 3:5-6), and lead you into everlasting life, (Jn 6:47). When can I start? Time is of the essence, (Heb 3:15).

Wisdom: Take a Smile

Take a smile and give it to someone who has never had one.

Take a sunbeam and make it fly where night reigns.

Discover a spring and quench the thirst of someone living in the desert.

Take courage and put it into someone's heart who is discouraged.

Take a tear of tenderness and place it on someone whose heart is hardened. Discover life and talk about it to someone who cannot understand it.

Take hope and live in its light.

Take freedom and give it to someone who does not know how to give it. Discover love and make it known to the world.

Story: ILYTD

My grandparents were married for over half a century and played their own special game from the time they had met each other. The goal of their game was to write the word "Ilytd" in a surprise place for the other to find. They took turns leaving "Ilytd" around the house, and as soon as one of them discovered it, it was their turn to hide it once more.

They dragged "Ilytd" with their fingers through the sugar and flour containers to await whomever was preparing the next meal. They smeared it in the dew on the windows overlooking the patio where my grandma always fed us warm, homemade pudding with blue food coloring.

"Ilytd" was written in the steam left on the mirror after a hot shower, where it would reappear bath after bath. At one point, my grandmother even unrolled an entire roll of toilet paper to leave "Ilytd" on the very last sheet. There was no end to the places "Ilytd" would pop up. Little notes with "Ilytd" scribbled hurriedly were found on dashboards and car seats, or taped to steering wheels. The notes were stuffed inside shoes and left under pillows. "Ilytd" was written in the dust upon the mantel and traced in the ashes of the fireplace.

This mysterious word was as much a part of my grandparents' house as the furniture. It took me a long time before I was able to fully appreciate my grandparents' game. Skepticism has kept me from believing in true love - one that is pure and enduring. However, I never doubted my grandparents' relationship. They had love down pat.

It was more than their flirtatious little games; it was a way of life. Their relationship was based on a devotion and passionate affection which not everyone is lucky enough to experience.

Grandma and Grandpa held hands every chance they could. They stole kisses as they bumped into each other in their tiny kitchen. They finished each other's sentences and shared the daily crossword puzzle and word jumble. My grandma whispered to me about how cute my grandpa was, how handsome and old he had grown to be. She claimed that she really knew "how to pick 'em." Before every meal they bowed their heads and gave thanks, marveling at their blessings: a wonderful family, good fortune, and each other. But there was a dark cloud in my grandparents' lives: my grandmother had breast cancer. The disease had first appeared ten years

earlier. As always, Grandpa was with her every step of the way.

He comforted her in their yellow room, painted that way so that she could always be surrounded by sunshine, even when she was too sick to go outside. Now the cancer was again attacking her body. With the help of a cane and my grandfather's steady hand, they went to church every morning. But my grandmother grew steadily weaker until, finally, she could not leave the house anymore. For a while, Grandpa would go to church alone, praying to God to watch over his wife. Then one day, what we all dreaded finally happened. Grandma was gone.

"Ilytd." It was scrawled in yellow on the pink ribbons of my grandmother's funeral bouquet. As the crowd thinned and the last mourners turned to leave, my aunts, uncles, cousins and other family members came forward and gathered around Grandma one last time. Grandpa stepped up to my Grandmother's casket, and taking a shaky breath, he began to sing to her. Through his tears and grief, the song came, a deep and throaty lullaby. Shaking with my own sorrow, I will never forget that moment.

For I knew that although I couldn't begin to fathom the depth of their love, I had been privileged to witness its unmatched beauty.

I-L-Y-T-D: I love you to death.

A Time to Laugh (127)

Grandma's Apron

The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a holder for removing hot pans from the oven; It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears. From the chicken-coop the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven. When company came those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids; and when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled it carried out the hulls. In the fall the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds. When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner. It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes

Ask for Salary Increase

One day an employee sends a letter to his boss to increase his salary!!!

“Dear Bo\$\$

In thi\$ life, we all need \$ome thing mo\$t de\$perately. I think you \$hould be under\$anding of the need\$ of u\$ worker\$ who have given \$o much \$upport including \$weat and \$ervice to your company.

I am \$ure you will gue\$\$ what I mean and re\$pond \$oon.

Your\$ Sincerely, Norman \$oh.”

The next day, the employee received this letter of reply:

“Dear NORman,

I kNOW you have been working very hard. NOWadays, NOthing much has changed. You must have NOticed that our company is NOt doing NOticeably well as yet. NOW the newspapers are saying the world’s leading ecoNOMists are NOt sure if the United States may go into aNOther recession. After the NOVember presidential elections things may turn bad.

I have NOthing more to add NOW. You kNOW what I mean. Yours truly,

The Manager.”

Stupidity

Why do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?

Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke?

Why do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage?

Why do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight?

Why do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'?

Why do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering?

Cheap Giving

The world's stingiest man went Christmas shopping, but everything he saw was too expensive except for a fifty-dollar vase that was on sale for two dollars because the handle had been broken off. He bought it and had the salesman ship it by mail so that his friend would think he had paid fifty dollars for it and that it had been broken in shipment.

A week after Christmas he received a thank you note from his friend. "Thank you for the lovely vase," the letter read. "It was so nice of you to wrap each piece separately."

Famous Quotes (30)

--Dollars & Sense: *We have but one life. We get nothing out of it except by putting something into it. To relieve suffering, to help the unfortunate, to do kind acts and deeds is, after all, the one sure way to secure happiness or to achieve real success. Your life and mine shall be valued not by what we take... but by what we give.*"

(Edgar "Daddy" Allen, Founder of Easter Seals)

Bible Tag!!!

The Bible in 50 Words!

God made, Adam bit, Noah arked, Abraham split, Joseph ruled, Jacob fooled, Bush talked, Moses balked, Pharaoh plagued, People walked, Sea divided, Tablets guided, Promise landed, Saul freaked, David peeked, Prophets warned, Jesus born, God walked, Love talked, Anger crucified, Hope died, Love rose, Spirit flamed, Word spread, God remained.

Give me truly Christian mothers and I will renew the face of the earth." (Pope Pius IX, 1878)

"The man who does not read is no better off than the man who cannot!"

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

--"The common argument that crime is caused by poverty is a kind of slander on the poor."

--"Dignity is the capacity to hold back on the tongue what never should have been in the mind in the first place."

Good Manners

--The grace of God is in courtesy. "Never pretentious or contentious, Christ is always Himself loving, generous, cordial, amiable and approachable. Good manners at their best are found in Christ."

--"To stay angry with anyone is to punish yourself for his faults."

--"It's easy to be good while she's around!" Do people say this about you?"

--"Going to Church does not make you a Christian anymore than going to McDonald's will make you a hamburger!"

--"Coincidence is when GOD performs a miracle and decides to remain Anonymous."

--"There is two things I've learned: there is a GOD, and I'm not Him!"

--"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!"

--"When it comes time to die, make sure all you got to do is die!"

--"Did it ever occur to you that nothing occurs to GOD?"

--"To the world you might be one person. To one person you might be the world."

--"Life is like an Onion, you peel it away one layer at a time... and sometimes you weep!"

--"Life is 10% what happens to us, and 90% how we respond to it!"

--"Learn from the mistakes of others, you can't live long enough to make them all yourself."

- “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.”
- Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun.
- Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.
- How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.
- If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?
- Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside of us.
- You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.
- Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.
- We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors... but they all have to learn to live in the same box.
- 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.