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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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1st Sunday after the Holy Cross

***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.

1st Sunday after the Holy Cross

Readings: Deut 17:14-20; 2 Tim 2:1-10 and Mk 10:35-45

Scarcely has Jesus, for the third time, recalled the destiny that awaits him in Jerusalem, than the disciples' ambition gets the better of their momentary fear. After Peter's confession at Caesarea and the dispute along the road as to which of them was the greatest, it is easy to imagine the ambition of the sons of Zebedee to secure for themselves two good places in the messianic kingdom approaching at the end of time in the race for favored positions, they know what they want, and so do the other disciples, in spite of their virtuous indignation.

But no, they do not know, and Jesus reveals it to them. It is about another ministry that he speaks, correcting in passing their popular conception of merit, according to which man acquires rights over God. The true disciple can aspire to only one thing: to share the passion of his master. As for the reward, it eludes every possible claim. God is free to do what he likes with his gifts. The Christian likewise will have his share in the condition of servant which was that of Jesus: that is to say, he will participate in the life and death of Jesus for others'. For true Christian greatness consists in serving, and not in playing the master. Such are the bases of government of a Church which is built up by the work of ministry. Ministry after the example of the Son of God who, like a slave, washes the feet of his disciples, and offers for the multitudes the Suffering Servant's sacrifice of atonement.

Too often, in the course of history, the government of the Church has been seen as power or domination. This was a failure to relate her mission to the mission of Christ dead and risen. According to the gospel, the way of ruling is to serve: our king himself has shown that to us. 'Princes of the Church', if they exist, ought to have no other ambition.

This Weekend, Sep. 14-15: 1st Sunday after the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 14 at 4:00 pm: Actual feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- ✠ Gene & Janice Roxby by their son Joe Roxby
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

Sunday, September 15 at 10:30 am:

- ✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben & Family
- ✠ Special Intentions of all the Benefactors and volunteers at our church

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, September 16: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, September 17 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
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

Wednesday, September 18: No Mass. Office works.

Thursday, September 19, Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family
- ✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben & Family

Friday, September 20: No Mass. Visitations of the sick.

Next Weekend, Sep. 21-22: 2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 21 at 4:00 pm:

- ✠ Gene & Janice Roxby by their son Joe Roxby
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

Sunday, September 22 at 10:30 am:

- ✠ Elena Caputi Blake (Anniversary) by Larry & Lillian Siebieda

✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben & Family

Coming Events

Sunday, Sep. 15	Cedar Club meeting. A rummage sale is on Saturday, September 21 st from 8 am to 2pm
Sunday, Sep.22	Volunteers appreciation dinner after 10:30 am Mass. No social hour today.
Two week masses	All Souls Masses will be celebrated for two weeks from Nov. 1 st until Nov.17 th .

All Souls two week Masses (From November 1st until November 17th)

(Please complete the attached All Souls Mass Form and drop it in the collection basket)

Special remembrance during these two week Masses for All Souls:

Friday, November 1st:

✠ Charlotte George (Birthday) by Margaret George (MN)

Tuesday, November 5th to:

✠ Libby G. Magnone (Birthday)

✠ Mary Zaid Stees by her sister Libby G. Magnone

Thursday, November 7th:

✠ Elizabeth Ferris Magnone (Birthday) by her daughters Mary Stees & Libby G. Magnone

Saturday, November 9th:

✠ Deceased of the Schroeder Family by Mark Schroeder and Jane Wine

Sunday, November 10th:

✠ Sara McLaughlin (Anniversary) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

Tuesday, November 12th:

✠ Judith Wolfe (Birthday) and Mary Stees by Libby Magnone

Thursday, November 14th:

✠ V. Jeannette Yeater (Birthday) by Chris & Jeannette Wakim

Saturday, November 16th:

✠ Joseph Benline by his wife Helen

Sunday, November 17th:

✠ Emily Vince (Birthday) by her children and grandchildren

✠ Mary Miller (Anniversary) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

Masses for All Souls

✠ Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie

✠ Virginia Khourey Bryan & Deceased of the Nabihah & Habib Khourey Family by the Khourey Family

✠ Deceased of the Nader Family by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie

✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)

✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will

✠ Deceased of Zaidan Chahine by Youssef & Jocelyne Chahine (PA)

✠ Deceased of the Chidiac Family by Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac

✠ John Shiben by his wife Dee

✠ Tom Brock Jr. by his wife Judy and Family

✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb & Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)

✠ Sarah Harb (sister of Benefactor Jamil Harb) by the Family

✠ Deceased Family members of Anthony & Rena Nassar

✠ George A. & Dolores M. Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros

✠ Philip G. & Betty Lou Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros

✠ Chamse Rahi by Alicia Peklinsky and Family

✠ Deceased of the Rouhana and Rahi Families by Alicia Peklinsky and Family

✠ Tina Rahi by Alicia Peklinsky and Family

- † Lucille Gibbons by Robert & Paula Gibbons
- † Robert Armstrong by Robert & Paula Gibbons
- † Charles & Roy Gibbons by Paula & Bob Gibbons
- † Larry Gibbons by Paula & Bob Gibbons
- † Barkett & Sadie Coury Gibbons by Robert & Paula Gibbons
- † Elias & Siham Frenn by Dr Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Zack, Andreah and Christian Riedel
- † Jim & LaVerne Thomas by Dr Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Zack, Andreah and Christian Riedel
- † Fouad Frenn by Dr Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Zack, Andreah & Christian Riedel
- † Deceased of the Henning and Bott Families by Don & Roberta Henning
- † Richard Frazier by his wife Luane Frazier
- † Thomas A. Ferris by his daughter Denise Ferris
- † Mary K. Ferris by her daughter Denise Ferris
- † Sam & Bernadine Elias Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Alphonse & Violet Golebiewski by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Alfred Felici by his wife Francie Felici and Family
- † Tom Ferris by his niece Libby G. Magnone
- † Mary Stees by her sister Libby G. Magnone
- † Elizabeth A. Magnone by her daughter Libby G. Magnone
- † Josephine Ferris by her niece Libby G. Magnone
- † Deceased members of the Ferris Family by Libby G. Magnone
- † Deceased of the Alkhouri and AlAhmar Families by Dr. & Mrs. Nabel AlKhouri and Family
- † Ray, Sara, Mick and Gary McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † John & Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † Elias & Selma Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † George & Betty Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † Edward & Edith & Gerard Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † Tom Jochum by his wife Sue, his children and grandchildren
- † Deceased of Gus & Anna Shia by the Family
- † Tom & Edna Jochum by Sue and Family
- † Deceased of Anna Shia Family by Sue and Family
- † Charles & Selma Meder by Sue and Family

Priesthood Discernment Weekend (Nov. 1-3)

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

Hearing God's call in a world where there is so much noise is never easy. Nonetheless, we know there are men in our parishes called to the priesthood. Can we help them hear this call?

Let us increase our efforts to discern with them, to the best of our abilities, and put them on the right path. In this way we will be privileged to accompany men who show signs of a vocation to the priesthood, as well as promote the beauty of the priesthood in all that we do.

The Office of Vocations of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon and the Eparchy of Saint Maron, will be holding a discernment weekend from **Friday November 1st to Sunday November 3rd at the Maronite Seminary, in Washington DC**. If you know of anyone discerning a vocation to the priesthood, or would like to know more, please give him Chorbishop Don Sawyer's phone number (512-796-3693) or Fr. Dominique Hanna's phone number (718-624-7228) or let Chorbishop Don Sawyer or Fr. Dominique Hanna know, and either Vocation director will gladly give him a call.

They will be able to experience a weekend in the life of a seminarian by joining us for Liturgy, Adoration, meals, prayers and hanging out. This weekend is a great opportunity for them to come and see what a weekend in the life of a seminarian is like!

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

September 18: Michael Duymich
 September 20: Regina Hancher, Gavin Hancher
 September 24: Luane Frazier
 September 26: Mary Rose Kukula
 October 4: Leo Bleifus
 October 6: Joe Popovich, Frank Duymich
 October 10: Linda Duffy
 October 15: Denise "Nini" Miller

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$2,250.00	Sunday Collection
69.00	Candles
28.00	Coffee hour
130.00	Donation to the church
200.00	Mahrajan
495.00	Utilities
\$3,172.00	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)
 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?

Mahrajan Updates

--the Financial Report on the festival will be published by mid-September when all the bills are received and paid.

--The appreciation dinner for all the Mahrajan volunteers will be held at the Cedar Hall on Sunday, September 22nd after Mass. There will be no social hour on that day. --Msgr Bakhos

--Many Thanks to Rose Hankish and her husband Frederick Carpenter for sponsoring two cocktail tables to be used at the festival by our guests while watching the dance floor. Their names will be on the Diamond level in the 2025 Ad Book. May the Blessed reward you abundantly.

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

Around Us

Catholic Charities Spaghetti Dinner (Sun., Sep. 22nd from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.)

The Neighborhood Center in Wheeling will host our biggest fundraiser of the year, *The Spaghetti Dinner*, on Sunday, September 22nd from 11:00a.m. until 5:00p.m. As in the past, we are asking local churches if you would be willing to ask your parishioners, or a club within your parish, to donate baked items for dessert (cakes, pies, cookies, etc.)? Items can be dropped off at the Neighborhood Center at 125 18th Street, Wheeling, on

Friday, September 20th until 4:00 or from 8:00-Noon on Saturday, September 21st. If this time does not work, other arrangements can be made.

The Neighborhood Center provides supportive services to those who live in Ohio, Marshall, and Belmont Counties. We offer:

- Case Management and Emergency Assistance
- Hot Meals Monday through Saturday at the center, averaging 100 people each day.
- Food Pantry twice a week
- Delivery of approximately 175 hot meals 6 days a week to homebound individuals in Wheeling
- Showers and Laundry Services to the unhoused.
- Cleaning Supplies

Please call Tracey at (304) 232-7157 with any questions. We thank you for your past support of our organization and all the ways you care for our community. Hope to see you at the dinner!

Blessings, Tracey Dickerson

Spirituality: Love & Knowledge

Peace is the fruit of love, and love flowers in the person oriented toward God. The greatest privilege that can come to a person is to have his life God-directed; this follows when he has remotely paved the way by disciplined self-direction. God cares enough for us to regulate our lives -and this is the strongest proof of love that He could give to us. For it is a fact of human experience that we do not care very much about the details of other people's lives unless we love them. We are not deeply interested in hearing more of those individuals whom we meet in the subway and in the street and on the highway. But as soon as we begin to know and love any of them, then we become more and more interested in their lives; we have a greater care for them. As we bring them into the area of our love, both our interest and their happiness increases. It is like this when we bring ourselves into the area of God's love: there is an increasing Divine guidance of the details of our life, and we are ever being made more sure of the depth and reality of His Love. To the extent that we abandon our personality to Him, He will take possession of our will and work in us. We are no longer ruled by commands coming from the outside, as from a cruel master, but by almost imperceptible suggestions that rise up from within. We feel as if we had wanted all along to do those things He suggests to us; we are never conscious of being under command. Thus our service to Him becomes the highest form of liberty, for it is always easy to do something for the one we love. --Bishop Fulton SHEEN, *Peace of Soul*, 1949, p.182.

Wisdom: Spiritual Leaders

Catholic church leaders are chosen by God and appointed by the Apostles of Jesus –through the authorities of the Church- to preach the Good News to all nations. Therefore, we believe, it is in our best interest to follow their teachings. However, one of the most important doctrines of the gospel is the concept of each person's capacity "to act for themselves." Or the ability and freedom of each person to choose good or evil for themselves. The church believes in teaching the Gospel and the correct principles and letting the people govern themselves.

While the priest or church leader may give good counsel, the church leaders believe it is wrong and immoral to "coerce" anyone to follow that counsel. And because the priest does not "coerce" or exercise "undue influence" or "power" by virtue of his Priesthood, and may choose to lead through spiritual knowledge, gentleness and kindness, without hypocrisy, he leaves himself vulnerable to the self-righteous few with vain ambition, that wish to exercise control over the church and parishioners for reasons that are certainly not connected with the powers of Heaven.

These self-righteous people have lost their reverence for God's messengers and may soon be left unto themselves to persecute the saints and to fight against GOD. We have learned by sad experience that it is the nature and disposition of these self-righteous few, that as soon as they exercise undue influence over the church leaders, the heavens will withdraw themselves and the Spirit of the Lord will be grieved, and when it is withdrawn, we can say Amen to the souls of the self-righteous few.

The rights of the priesthood are inseparably connected with the powers of Heaven, and the powers of Heaven cannot be controlled nor handled except through the Priest and only upon the principles of righteousness. These powers are conferred upon the Priest, and The Holy Spirit his constant companion, and their dominion shall be an everlasting dominion, and when a few misguided people undertake undue influence and seek to exercise control over the church, to any degree of unrighteousness, to gratify their pride or vain ambition, they have committed great sin against the church and should be considered the true enemy of the church.

The people that shouted "Free Barrabas" during the days of Jesus Christ were certainly in the majority and were also the one's responsible for Jesus being crucified. I am certain these people were no different than the "self-righteous" few that we have today that wish to control the teachings of the church according to their level of faith and understanding.

Story

A cold March wind danced around the dead of night in Denver as the doctor walked into the small hospital room of Dee. She was still groggy from surgery. Her husband, Dan, held her hand as they braced themselves for the latest news.

That afternoon of March 10, 1991, complications had forced Dee, only 24-weeks pregnant, to undergo an emergency Cesarean to deliver the couple's new daughter. At 12 inches long and weighing only one pound and nine ounces, they already knew she was perilously premature.

Still, the doctor's soft words dropped like bombs. "I don't think she's going to make it," he said, as kindly as he could. "There's only a 10-percent chance she will live through the night, and even then, if by some slim chance she does make it, her future could be a very cruel one".

Numb with disbelief, Dan and Dee listened as the doctor described the devastating problems their daughter would likely face if she survived. She would never walk, she would never talk, she would probably be blind, and she would certainly be prone to other catastrophic conditions from cerebral palsy to complete mental retardation, and on and on.

"No! No!" was all Dee could say. She and Dan, with their 5-year-old son, had long dreamed of the day they would have a daughter to become a family of four. Now, within a matter of hours, that dream was slipping away.

Through the dark hours of morning as Dee held onto life by the thinnest thread, Dee slipped in and out of sleep, growing more and more determined that their tiny daughter would live and live to be a healthy, happy young girl. But Dan, fully awake and listening to additional dire details of their daughter's chances of ever leaving the hospital alive, much less healthy, knew he must confront his wife with the inevitable.

Dan walked in and said that we needed to talk about making funeral arrangements. Dee felt so bad for him because he was doing everything to try to include her in what was going on, but she just wouldn't listen. She said, "No, that is not going to happen, no way! I don't care what the doctors say. My daughter is not going to die! One day she will be just fine, and she will be coming home with us!"

As if willed to live by Dee's determination, the daughter clung to life hour after hour, with the help of every medical machine and marvel her miniature body could endure. But as those first days passed, a new agony set in for Dan and Dee.

Because the daughter's underdeveloped nervous system was essentially 'raw,' the lightest kiss or caress only intensified her discomfort, so they couldn't even cradle their tiny baby girl against their chests to offer the strength of their love. All they could do, as the daughter struggled alone beneath the ultraviolet light in the tangle of tubes and wires, was to pray that God would stay close to their precious little girl.

There was never a moment when the daughter suddenly grew stronger. But as the weeks went by, she did slowly gain an ounce of weight here and an ounce of strength there.

At last, when the daughter turned two months old, her parents were able to hold her in their arms for the very first time. And two months later, though doctors continued to gently but grimly warn that her chances of surviving, much less living any kind of normal life, were next to zero, the daughter went home from the hospital, just as her mother had predicted.

Today, five years later, the daughter is a petite but feisty young girl with glittering gray eyes and an unquenchable zest for life. She shows no signs whatsoever of any mental or physical impairment. Simply, she is everything a little girl can be and more. But that happy ending is far from the end of her story.

One blistering afternoon, the daughter was sitting in her mother's lap in the bleachers of a local ballpark where her brother's baseball team was practicing.

As always, the daughter was chattering nonstop with her mother and several other adults sitting nearby when she suddenly fell silent. Hugging her arms across her chest, little daughter asked, "Do you smell that?" Smelling the air and detecting the approach of a thunderstorm, Dee replied, "Yes, it smells like rain." The daughter closed her eyes and again asked, "Do you smell that?" Once again, her mother replied, "Yes, I think we're about to get wet. It smells like rain." Still caught in the moment, the daughter shook her head, patted her thin shoulders with her small hands and loudly announced, "No, it smells like Him. It smells like God when you lay your head on His chest."

Tears blurred Dee's eyes as the daughter happily hopped down to play with the other children. Before the rains came, her daughter's words confirmed what Dee and all the members of the extended family had known, at least in their hearts, all along. During those long days and nights of her first two months of her life, when her nerves were too sensitive for them to touch her, God was holding the daughter on His chest and it is His loving scent that she remembers so well.

A Time to Laugh (133)

On the Ropes

There was once a monastery in Spain perched high atop a jagged cliff. The distance from the ground to the top was more than 300 feet. The only way to get to the monastery was by stepping into gondola which was then pulled to the top of the cliff by several monks.

One day, a visiting tourist noticed that the rope pulling up the basket was old and frayed. He nervously asked the monk riding in the gondola with him, "How often do you change the rope?" The monk thought for a moment, scratched his head and said, "I guess whenever it breaks."

My perfect son

Three mothers, all of whom had sons who were Catholic priests, were having lunch one day, proudly discussing their son's careers.

The first mother told about her son, a Monsignor. "When he walks into the room," she said, "everyone greets him with such respect, saying, 'Good morning Monsignor.'" The second mother talked about her son saying, "Well, my son is now a Bishop and people greet him with, 'Good morning, your Grace. They even kiss his hand as a sign of respect.'"

The third mother noticed it was her turn to one-up the other two and said, "Well, my son is six-feet, eleven-inches tall and very muscular. When he walks into a room, people often exclaim, 'O' My Lord!'"

Bad day for Mike

There's this little guy sitting inside a bar, just looking at his drink. He stays like that for half-an-hour. Then, this big trouble-making truck driver steps next to him, takes the drink from the guy, and just drinks it all down.

The poor man starts crying. The truck driver says: "Come on man, I was just joking. Here, I'll buy you another drink. I just can't see a man crying."

*"No, it's not that," said the little guy, "today is the worst day of my life. First, I overslept and was late to an important meeting. My boss, outrageous, fired me. When I left the building to my car, I found out it was stolen. The police, they said they could do nothing. I got a cab to return home, and after I paid the cab driver and the cab had gone, I found that I left my whole wallet in the cab. I got home only to find my wife had ran off with the gardener. I left home and came to this bar. And when I was thinking about putting an end to my life, you show up and drink my **poison**..."*

<i>Famous Quotes (35)</i>

"They can conquer who believe they can." – **Virgil**

"The secret of getting started is breaking your complex, overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks, and then starting on the first one." - **Mark Twain**

"Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or to lose." - **Lyndon B. Johnson**

“Enjoy life. This is not a dress rehearsal.” - **Author Unknown**

"I have learned that the greater part of our misery or unhappiness is determined not by our circumstance but by our disposition." - **Martha Washington**

"Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money and power and influence. It is no more or less than faith in action." - **Henry Chester**

"It's never too late to become the person you might have been." - **George Elliot**

"Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions" - **Albert Einstein**

"You must take personal responsibility. You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons, or the wind, but you can change yourself" - **Jim Rohn**

"Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go." - **William Feather**

"Achievement seems to be connected with action. Successful men and women keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit." - **Conrad Hilton**