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

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### ***6<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

## *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross*

Readings: Prov 6:6-11; Gal6:1-10 and Mt 25:14-30

Yes, he is coming. And we do delight in him. But if we are honest, we have to admit that we each have our own images of him. Some of these images are very attractive, and some fill us with fear. The defenseless, lovable, little displaced person in the manger can hardly be a turn-off. But a refiner with his blazing furnaces is not quite so attractive. We need some time of reflection to appreciate him in this guise. As we bend low -the only way to get into the Bethlehem cave- we realize our sinfulness, our unworthiness to approach such innocence, such holiness, such goodness, such self-giving love. This realization leads us to desire that in his mercy, he will be a refiner and will make us worthy so that we may receive the fullness of the joy to be found in this Bethlehem cave.

PRAYER: "Lord, the hour is near at hand. With all my heart I ask you to purify me and prepare me to receive you this Christmas with all the love and purity of heart that is necessary so that I may truly see you, my God.

### ***This Weekend, Oct. 19-20: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross***

**Saturday, October 19 at 4:00 pm:**

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Pat Sengewalt
- ✠ Gene & Janice Roxby by their son Joe Roxby
- ✠ Special prayer for good health of Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

**Sunday, October 20 at 10:30 am:**

- ✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben & Family
- ✠ Special prayer for good health of Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

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

**Monday, October 21:** No Mass. Pastor's day off.

**Tuesday, October 22 Mass at Noon:**

- ✠ 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

**Wednesday, October 23:** No Mass. Office works.

**Thursday, October 24, Mass at Noon:**

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Bess Ferris Garcia (Anniversary) and Mary Stees by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben & Family
- ✠ Special prayer for good health of Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

**Friday, October 25:** No Mass. Visitations of the sick.

### ***Next Weekend, Oct. 26-27: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross***

**Saturday, October 26 at 4:00 pm:**

- ✠ Betty Joseph and John Wilson (Anniversary) by Becky & Larry Ferrera
- ✠ Gene & Janice Roxby by their son Joe Roxby
- ✠ Special prayer for good health of Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

**Sunday, October 27 at 10:30 am:**

- ✠ John Shiben by Erica Shiben & Family
- ✠ Special prayer for good health of Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

### ***Coming Events***

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| Sunday, Oct. 20 | Cedar Club Meeting after 10:30 am Mass in the Cedar Hall   |
| Sat. November 2 | Thanksgiving Bake Sale pick-up orders  |
| Two week masses | All Souls Masses will be celebrated for two weeks from Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> until Nov.17 <sup>th</sup> . |

## ***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!

## ***Bulletin Ads***

There will be 1 or 2 weekly bulletin Ad spaces available starting January 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Cost to cover a single-column Ad for the entire year is \$120.00; the cost to cover a double-column ad would be \$240. Please contact Msgr. Bakhos or Charlotte to reserve the space for your Business Ad or Memorial Ad.

## ***All Souls Two Week Masses*** (From November 1<sup>st</sup> until November 17<sup>th</sup>)

The weekend Masses will be followed by the Prayer of Incense for the Repose of All Souls (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 1<sup>st</sup>:

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

Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> to:

✠ Libby G. Magnone (Birthday)

✠ Mary Zaid Stees by her sister Libby G. Magnone

Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>:

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

Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>:

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

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>:

✠ Sara McLaughlin (Anniversary) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>:

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

Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>:

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

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>:

✠ Joseph Benline by his wife Helen

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>:

✠ Emily Vince (Birthday) by her children & 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 & 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 & Family
- † Deceased of the Rouhana and Rahi Families by Alicia Peklinsky & Family
- † Tina Rahi by Alicia Peklinsky & 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 & Zack, Andreah & Christian Riedel
- † Jim & LaVerne Thomas by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Zack, Andreah & Christian Riedel
- † Fouad Frenn by Dr Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Zack, Andreah & Christian Riedel
- † Deceased of the Henning & 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. Nabil 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 & 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 & Family
- † Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol Dougherty (Ok)
- † Deceased of the Habdo Family by Carol Dougherty
- † Walter Elwartoski by his son Richard Elwartoski
- † Lottie Elwartoski by her son Richard Elwartoski
- † Tony George by his daughter Margaret George (MN)

- † Charlotte George by her daughter Margaret George (MN)
- † Michael George by his sister Margaret George (MN)
- † Gregory George by Margaret George (MN)
- † Nicholas T. Bedway Jr. by Judy Bedway
- † Michelle Bedway by Judy Bedway
- † Shirley Elias Nickerson by her Loving Family
- † Deceased members of the Elias Family by their Loving Family
- † Nicholas Elias, Amelia Elias, Albert Nickerson, Wanda Nickerson by their Loving Family
- † Donald A. Nickerson Sr. by his Loving Family
- † Robert Hunter Jr., & Robby Hunter III by Thomasina Geimer
- † Ralph & Mary (Joseph) Shipley by Thomasina Geimer
- † Phillip Geimer by his wife Thomasina Geimer
- † Deceased of Namon & Salema (Awed) Joseph & Family by Thomasina Geimer
- † Susie Marie Fadoul by Millet Fadoul & Family
- † Marth Ann Rinehart by Millet Fadoul & Family
- † Mary Zaid Stees by Millet Fadoul & Family
- † Bernard & Marie Connell by Jim & Pat Saseen-Connell
- † Abdoo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen-Connell
- † Angelo & Rose Ann Palsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- † Joseph & Ina Palsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- † Gene & Dorothy Palsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- † Tony Matesic by Rosalie Conti
- † Herman & Katheryn Conti by Rosalie Conti
- † Virginia & Anton Matesic by Rosalie Conti
- † Lance Crowley (son-in-law) by Rosalie Conti
- † Deceased of the Fadoul & Duffy Families by Earl & Linda Duffy
- † Deceased members of the Porter Family by Dennis & Mary Lee Porter
- † Deceased members of the Schweizer Family by Dennis & Mary Lee Porter
- † Deceased members of the Gibbons and Otterbecks Families by Ron & Kim Gibbons
- † Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † Cathy Sharp-Howard by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † Michael Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Dennis & June Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- † Vincent & Agnes Jacovetty by George & Patty Jacovetty-Fahey
- † James Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- † Sam & Robert Jacovetty by George & Patty Jacovetty-Fahey
- † Deceased Members of the Albaugh & Bernas Families by Denny Albaugh
- † Deceased Members of Olinski & Ragase Families by Mary Ragase
- † Alois Marchy by Mary Ragase
- † Deceased Members of Stolarik Family by Mary Ragase
- † Merle McConn & Mark Slvga by Mary Ragase
- † Earl Ragase by Mary Ragase
- † Rosemary F. Coury by Richard Coury
- † Eva M. Coury by Richard Coury
- † Mary Ann Khoury by Richard Coury
- † Edward A. Khoury by Richard Coury
- † George Alan Weisner by Jean Weisner & Family
- † Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Weisner & Joseph Families
- † Deceased of the Maroon & Mary Catherine Habeb Families by the Weisner & Joseph Families

- † Deceased of the Weisner, Bishop & Schmeichel Families by Jean Weisner and Family
- † Betty Abraham, Clara Carter & Evelyn Goodson by Jean Weisner & Family
- † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Jean Weisner
- † George Alan Weisner by his daughter Mary Beth Weisner
- † Bryce D. Luginbill by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Robert N. Ayooob by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Al & Helen Schroeder by their son Mark and their daughter Jane Wine
- † Frank Schroeder by Mark Schroeder
- † Suzanne Bush by Mark Schroeder
- † Deceased of the Hughes Family by Mark Schroeder
- † Deceased Members of the Nolte Family by Janet Shutler
- † Deceased Members of the Shutler Family by Janet Shutler
- † Betty Jane Fadoul by Millet, John & Family
- † George & Rose Fadoul by Millet Fadoul & Family
- † Emily Shia Vince by her Children & grandchildren
- † Donald Vince by his Children & grandchildren
- † Patricia Gompers by Matthew Gompers Family
- † Deborah Vargo by Matt & Vickie Gompers
- † Gus & Anna Shia by Matt & Vickie Gompers
- † George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen & Family
- † Steve & Elizabeth Harasuik by George & Susan Saseen & Family
- † Debbie Saseen by George & Susan Saseen & Family
- † John & Judy Wilson by Becky Ferrera
- † Joseph Abraham (Cleveland) by Msgr Bakhos and the parishioners
- † Deceased of the Bine & Gaudio Families by Shirley Bine

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

- October 20: Courtney Sengewalt
- October 24: Jonathan D. Fadoul
- October 27: Holly (Porter) Stahl
- October 30: Michael Duffy, Andreah Frenn Riedel
- November 4: Kenny Joseph, Libby G. Magnone
- November 8: Mark Wilson
- November 9: Liz Murad, Cindy Thomas

### ***Your Church Support Last Week***

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| \$1,326.00 | Sunday Collection  |
| 10.00      | Bake sale  |
| 1,080.00   | Bulletin Ads   |
| 39.00      | Candles  |
| 70.00      | Donation to the church   |
| \$2,525.00 | Total Deposits: May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!<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)  
 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?*

### *Lower Your 2024 Income Tax Bill*

One way to lower your income tax bill for this year is to make charitable contributions, which can be deducted from your income if you are planning to itemize your deductions when you file your 2024 income tax. Gifts you make to charities, such as **Our Lady of Lebanon Church**, are tax deductible. But in order for you to claim the deduction on your tax return for **2024**, you must make the gift this year. That is important to keep in mind if you are planning on making a year-end gift. For example, if you are going to give money using a check, be sure the date on the check is on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Also, be sure to give the check to the church on or before that date. If your gift is **\$250** or more, and you plan to claim the gift as a deduction on your tax return, the IRS requires that you have a letter or receipt from the church that received the gift. By the end of January **2025** all donors -who donated \$250 or more- will receive a statement from **the Church** stating their names and the amount of gift received –through checks or weekly offering envelopes- from **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**. It is wise to keep the church statement with your tax records, in case the IRS questions your itemized deductions.

### *Rummage Sale Items Drop off all Year Long*

Please bring with you to the church all the items you wish to donate toward the Rummage Sale. Items are accepted all year long. The Cedar Club and the Women Society raise funds to cover the Building Insurance of our church which exceeds \$22,000. Any donation is accepted and helpful. We will open the basement door for you anytime. Please call 304-233-1688

## *Around Us*

### *Spaghetti Dinner (Sunday, October 20)*

--Where: St. John Church, 700 Main street, Benwood

--When: Sunday, October 20 from noon until 5:00 pm

--Cost: \$10.00 adult and \$5.00 children under 10 yrs.

--Menu: pasta, sauce, meatballs, salad, bread & butter, desserts and beverages, coffee

--Info: 304-905-8036. Proceeds benefits the parish community.

## *Spirituality: Mass as Wedding*

“The place is adorned, crowned with glory, for this is the festal day of the Wedding; new is the Bridal Chamber, Christ is the Bridegroom, the ‘Watchers’ are exulting, men are giving thanks. The altar is established, robed in truth; the priest is standing, he kindles the fire. He takes bread and gives the Body, he receives wine and distributes the Blood. The altar of stones supports our hope and the pure priest calls on the Spirit. The gathered people cries out ‘Holy’, the King hears and makes mercy flow”

*Chorbishop BALAI [5<sup>th</sup> Century]*

## *Wisdom: Stroke*

Three Questions to ID a Stroke.

This might be a lifesaver if we can remember the three questions!

Is It a Stroke?

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, this lack of awareness can spell disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

Ask the individual to smile.

Ask him or her to raise both arms.

Ask the person to speak a simple sentence.

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions.

They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February.

Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

## *Story*

There was once a village chief with three sons. Each of them had a special talent. The oldest had the talent of raising olive trees and would trade the oil for tools and cloth. The second was a shepherd; when the sheep were ill he had a great talent for making them well again. The third was a dancer; when there was a streak of bad luck in the family or when everyone was bored during the hard winters and tired of work, this son would cheer them up and dance.

One day the father had to go away on a long journey, so he called his Sons together and said, "My sons, the villagers are depending on you. Each of you has a special talent for helping people. So, while I am gone, see to it that you use your talents as wisely and well as possible so that, when I return, I will find our village even more happy and prosperous than it is now. He embraced his sons and departed.

For a while things went well. Then the cold winter winds began to blow, and the blizzards and snows came. First, the buds on the olive trees shrank and cracked, and it would be a long time before the trees could recover. Then the village, because of the especially long winter, ran out of firewood. So the people began to cut down the trees but in the process they were denuding and destroying the village. Even though the first son did not want to see the trees cut down, he knew the villagers needed heat to survive, and so he helped them make firewood from the olive trees.

Then, too, the snow and ice made it impossible for the traders to come up the river or over the mountain pass. So the villagers said, "Let us kill the sheep and eat them so we do not starve to death." The second son refused for a time, but finally had to give in to the hungry villagers. His remark was, "What good would it be to spare the sheep only to have the villagers perish?"

In this way, the villagers had just enough wood for their fires and food for their tables, but the bitter winter had broken their spirits. They began to think that things were really worse than they were, and they even began to lose all hope. So much so, that family by family they deserted the village in search of a more hospitable environment.

As spring began to loosen the icy grip of winter, the village chief, the father of the three sons, returned only to find smoke rising from his own chimney. "What have you done?" he asked when he reached his house and spoke to his sons. "What has happened to the villagers?"

"Oh, father, forgive me," said the oldest son. "The people were freezing and begged me to cut down the olive trees and so I did. I gave away my talent. I am no longer fit to be an orchard keeper." "Don't be angry, father," said the second son. "The sheep would have frozen to death anyway, and the people were starving, and I had to send my flock to the slaughter."

But the father understood and said, "Don't be ashamed, my sons, you did the best you could and you acted rightly and humanely. You used your talents wisely in trying to save the people. But, tell me, what has become of them? Where are they?"

The two brothers fixed their eyes on the third son who said, "Welcome home, father. Yes, it has been a hard time. There was so little to eat and so little firewood, I thought that it would be insensitive and improper to dance during such suffering. Besides, I needed to conserve my strength so that I could dance for you when you came home.

"Then, dance, my son," said the father, "for my village is empty and so is my heart. Fill it with joy and courage once again. Yes, please dance!" But as the third son went to get up, he made a face of pain and fell down. His legs were so stiff and sore from sitting that they were no longer fit for dancing. The father was so sad that he could not even be angry. He simply said to the third son: "Ours was a strong village. It could have survived the want of fuel and food, but it could never survive without hope. And because you failed to use your



talent wisely and well, our people gave up what little hope they had left. So now? Now the village is deserted and you are crippled. Your punishment has already fallen upon you.

And with these words he embraced his two sons and wept.

## *A Time to Laugh (138)*

### ***Bubba***

Bubba was bragging to his boss one day, "You know, I know everyone there is to know. Just name someone, anyone, and I know them."

Tired of his boasting, his boss called his bluff, "OK, Bubba how about Tom Cruise?"

"Sure, yes, Tom and I are old friends, and I can prove it." So Bubba and his boss fly out to Hollywood and knock on Tom Cruise's door, and sure enough, Tom Cruise, shouts, "Bubba! Great to see you! You and your friend come right in and join me for lunch! "

Although impressed, Bubba's boss is still skeptical. After they leave Cruise's house, he tells Bubba that he thinks Bubba's knowing Cruise was just lucky.

"No, no, just name anyone else," Bubba says. "President Clinton," his boss quickly retorts. "Yes," Bubba says, "I know him, let's fly out to Washington."

And off they go. At the White House, Clinton spots Bubba on the tour and motions him and his boss over, saying, "Bubba, what a surprise, I was just on my way to a meeting, but you and your friend come on in and let's have a cup of coffee first and catch up." Well, the boss is very shaken by now, but still not totally convinced.

After they leave the White house grounds, he expresses his doubts to Bubba, who again implores him to name anyone else.

"The Pope," his boss replies. "Sure!" says Bubba. "My folks are from Poland, and I've known the Pope a long time."

So off they fly to Rome. Bubba and his boss are assembled with the masses in Vatican Square when Bubba says, "This will never work. I can't catch the Pope's eye among all these people. Tell you what, I know all the guards so let me just go upstairs and I'll come out on the balcony with the Pope."

And he disappears into the crowd headed toward the Vatican. Sure enough, half an hour later Bubba emerges with the Pope on the balcony. But by the time Bubba returns, he finds that his boss has had a heart attack and is surrounded by paramedics.

Working his way to his boss' side, Bubba asks him, "What happened?" His boss looks up and says, "I was doing fine until you and the Pope came out on the balcony and the man next to me said, 'Who's that on the balcony with Bubba?'"

## *Famous Quotes (39)*

--Better to write for yourself and have no public, than to write for the public and have no self. --Cyril Connolly

--I write for myself and strangers. The strangers, dear Readers, are an afterthought. --Gertrude Stein

--I think it's bad to talk about one's present work, for it spoils something at the root of the creative act. It discharges the tension. --Norman Mailer

--The greatest thing in style is to have a command of metaphor. --Aristotle

--Make 'em laugh; make 'em cry; make 'em wait. --Charles Reade

--Once in seven years I burn all my sermons; for it is a shame if I cannot write better sermons now than I did seven years ago. --John Wesley

--When we see a natural style we are quite amazed and delighted, because we expected to see an author and find a man. --Blaise Pascal

--Nothing goes by luck in composition. It allows of no tricks. The best you can write will be the best you are.

--Every sentence is the result of a long probation. The author's character is read from title-page to end. Of this he never corrects the proofs. --Henry David Thoreau

--It is better to suffer wrong than to do it, and happier to be sometimes cheated than not to trust. Samuel Johnson

--We ought never to do wrong when people are looking. Mark Twain

--The man who says, "I may be wrong, but does not believe there can be any such possibility. Kin Hubbard

--This is a youth-oriented society, and the joke is on them because youth is a disease from which we all recover. Anonymous

--It costs a great deal to be reasonable; it costs youth. Madame de La Fayette

--Don't laugh at a youth for his affectations; he's only trying on one face after another till he finds his own. Logan Pearsall Smith

--It is always self-defeating to pretend to the style of a generation younger than your own; it simply erases your own experience in history. Renata Adler

--Let no man despise your youth. 1 Timothy 4:12

--Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth. Ecclesiastes 12:1

--Youth is that period when a young boy knows everything but how to make a living. Carey Williams

--During the first period of a man's life the greatest danger is: not to take the risk. S. A. Kierkegaard

--One stops being a child when one realizes that telling one's trouble does not make it better. Cesare Pavese

--The denunciation of the young is a necessary part of the hygiene of older people, and greatly assists the circulation of the blood. Logan Pearsall Smith