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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Saint Maron feast day

- ***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 AlKhoury
- ***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.

Saint Maron feast day

Sunday of the priests

Readings: Mal 2:1, 5-9; 1Tim 4:6-16 and Lk 12:42-48

Saint Maron was the founder of the Maronite Catholic Church. He did not establish a Church on his own but he led his followers in the East –like St. Patrick in the West– to adopt the Catholic Faith. These saints believed as we do that the Catholic Faith is the closest to the truths of the Gospel.

In the fifth century, Theodoret, the bishop of Cyr wrote the following about Saint Maron: “Maron was the ornament of the divine choir of saints. When he decided to live in the quiet solitude, this saint ascended the summit of a mountain once sacred to the pagans. He dedicated there to the true God a once heathen temple and nearby he erected a small tent for shelter, which he used very seldom, for most of his time was spent in the open air.

He was not satisfied with the ordinary exercises of piety, but added to them what he himself invented to secure the wealth of wisdom...

God granted him the gift of miracles so abundantly that his fame spread to all the surrounding districts and attracted people from far and near. Those who come to him for a cure always had their hopes realized, because by the dew of his benedictions, the fever slowed down, the nerves were quieted, the devils driven out and the various diseases were cured all by the same remedy.

Not only did he cure the ailments of the body, but also those of the soul, curing the avarice of the covetous, the anger of the passionate, teaching some of the wisdom of temperance, others the principles of justice, others the happiness of chastity, others the love of labor.

But cultivating that spiritual field, he raised in it many wonderful plants in the realm of virtues, cultivating and offering to God this marvelous garden.

Thus working in this garden and healing bodies and souls, Saint Maron left this life after a short illness, which revealed together the weakness of his body and the strength of his spirit.

After his death, the people of the neighboring places had a dispute over the possession of his body; but the inhabitants of the nearest and most populous village came in great numbers, took possession of the precious remains and built over them a magnificent church.

To our own day, they venerate these relics with great solemnity and obtain many miracles. As for us, we enjoy his benedictions, although we are far away. We must be satisfied with invoking his name when we cannot visit his temple.”

This Weekend, Feb. 8-9: Saint Maron feast Day

Saturday, February 8; Mass at 4:00 pm:

- ✠ Dana Burkhart (Anniversary) by his wife Carol Burkhart
- ✠ Deceased Family members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby

Sunday, February 9; Mass at 10:30 am:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Deceased of the Harb, Togliatti, and Rice Families by GiGi Rice
- ✠ John Shiben by his wife Dee Shiben

This Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, February 10: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

Tuesday, February 11; Mass at noon:

- ✠ Isabel Ferris Wolfe (Birthday) by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Josephine Ferris (Anniversary) by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will

Wednesday, February 12: No Mass.

Thursday, February 13; Mass at noon:

- ✠ Isabelle (Frey) Nolte (Anniversary) by Janet Shutler
- ✠ Deceased Family members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

Friday, February 14: No Mass. Visitation of the sick

Next Weekend, Feb. 15-16: Sunday of the Righteous and Just

Saturday, February 15; Mass at 4:00 pm:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Deceased Family members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

Sunday, February Mass 16; at 10:30 am:

- ✠ John Shibben by his wife Dee Shibben
- ✠ Deceased Family members of our parishioners

Coming Parish Events

Blessing with Ashes	Ash Monday, March 3rd: During Noon Mass and 5:30 pm Mass Ash Wednesday, March 5th: During Noon Mass and 5:30 pm Mass
Stations of the Cross	Starting Friday, March 7 th : every Friday during Lent Season, the 5:30 pm Mass will be followed by Stations of the Cross, Spiritual Reflection, and Benediction. A social hour will follow at the Cedar Hall with a light Lenten meal sponsored by generous families of the parish.
Holy Week schedule	Mass at 5:30 pm every day. (no noon Masses)
Good Friday, April 18	Burial of the Lord at 5:30 pm
Easter, Sunday, April 20	10:30 am Easter Mass
Spring Bake Sale	Kibbee baking: Wednesday, May 14 Spinach pie baking: Thursday, May 15 Order pick-up: Saturday, May 17
Mahrajan (Festival)	Sunday, August 10, 2025
Thanksgiving Bake Sale	???????



Easter Lillies Donated in Memory of:

- ✠ Gladys Howard & Louise N. & Lois H. Kourey, Sr. by Lou & Charlotte Kourey & Family
- ✠ Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris
- ✠ Mary Stees by Denise Ferris
- ✠ Adib & Sadie (parents), Nadim (brother), Mona (sister) by Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month

- February 9: Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Michael DiFabrizio
- February 10: Sandra DeMuth
- February 11: Charlotte Kourey
- February 14: Diane Frenn
- February 15: Nettie Seidler
- February 16: Dave Sengewalt
- February 17: Rebecca DiFabrizio
- February 18: Larry Ferrera III
- February 21: Louie Kourey, Dennis Porter
- February 24: Mary Lee Porter
- February 27: MaryAnn Carl
- March 2: Ava Murad

March 4: Jeff Sengewalt

March 6: Kristen Graney

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$857.00	Sunday Collection
120.00	Bulletin ad
30.00	Candles
16.00	Coffee hour
122.00	Donation to the church
397.00	Utilities
\$1542.00	Total Deposits: May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home! 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 Ragase, Becky Ferrera, Debbie Sengewalt, Gavin Hancher, Monroe DeLuca, Sally Sengewalt, Mary Zigler (sister of Lillian Siebieda), Dolores Oser, 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), Denny Albaugh, Rita Rae Sage,

What's New?

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

Our Diocese Events

Maronite Academy

The Maronite Academy is an initiative, undertaken by the Maronite Foundation, aimed at introducing young Lebanese immigrants around the world to their country of origin, Lebanon.

The Foundation is proud to announce, the opening of the 8th consecutive session of the Maronite Academy in honor of the late H. E. Michel Eddé, Founder and honorary President of the Maronite Foundation.

The candidates should be descendants of Lebanese Ancestors, aged between 20 and 30, and should undergo online courses to build their knowledge about Lebanon and the Maronite Heritage.

To increase their chances of being selected, the candidates must also complete the form on the website

<https://maronitefoundation.org/LebaneseCitizenship/en> to learn more about their roots and to check if they are eligible to get their Lebanese Citizenship.

After successfully completing their online courses, the candidates will benefit from an organized two-week trip to Lebanon (August 2 to 17, 2025), hosted by the Maronite Foundation.

During their stay in Lebanon, the candidates will get to bond with their roots and explore the history of Lebanon and the Maronite Heritage through specialized seminars given by prominent figures and various site visits.

Please spread the word about the Maronite Academy program among your friends and family to [register](#) before the end of April 2025 and join the Maronite Academy!

*Candidates must be fluent in English

We are expecting your visit soon! Like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram!



The Maronite Foundation in the World maronitefoundation.org

Maronite National Youth Conference (June 23-28)

Where: La Roche University, Pittsburgh

Age groups: 12-18 year old

Registration starts on: January 17, 2025

Information: www.maroniteyouth.org! Questions: office@maroniteyouth.org

NAM awarness

Our Diocese needs two parishioners interested to be the liason of the National Apostolate of Maronites Convention. Please call Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688 to be appointed. Thanks for your cooperation

Pilgrimage to Rome & Sicily

On the occasion of the Jubilee Year 2025, our Diocese is planning a pilgrimage trip to Rome and Sicily.

When: From August 25 until September 4

Package includes: stay at 4 star hotels, meals, visit important sites, English speaking guide, bus transportations.

Cost: \$3,900 for double occupancy per person. Additional \$1,000 supplement for single occupancy.

Reservation due date: May 31, 2025. There are only 50 spots open. First come, first serve.

Reservation: please call Ivette Jackson 323-336-3168 or Jamileh Koury 918-626-9193 info@eparchy.org

Advice: Achievement

“You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don’t try.” (Beverly SILLS)

Question & Answer (1)

Question: “Is there really a God?” Stephen C., 15

Answer: Yes. God is the ultimate reality. He is actually holding all things in existence. If God stopped doing so, we would cease to exist but He would continue to exist. We know God exists through revelation (Scripture and Sacred Tradition) and our own intellects (reflecting on the world God made). In the Bible, God reveals: “I Am, Who Am” (Ex. 3:14) and “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” (Rev. 1:8) which means He is the beginning and end of all things. Lastly, God has some harsh words for those who deny He exists: “The fool says in his heart that there is no God.” (Psalm 14:1).

Giving in Scriptures: God Commands Us to Give

(Source of all giving)

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom, you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a Temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. (1 Chronicles 29:11-12 &14-16)

Spirituality: Prayer in Kansas

Prayer shared at CBF on February 1, 2001

An interesting prayer was given in Kansas at the opening session of their Senate in 1996. It seems prayer still upsets some people. When minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate with prayer, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard: "Heavenly Father, we come before you today..."

The response was immediate. A number of Legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In six short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev. Wright is pastor, logged more Than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa, and Korea. Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on "The Rest of the Story" on the radio and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired.

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and seek your direction and guidance. We know your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," but that's exactly what we've done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values.

We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of your Word and called it moral pluralism.

We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism.

We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building esteem.

We have abused power and called it political savvy.

We have coveted our neighbors' possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us O God and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way in us; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

Rev. Joe Wright of Central Christian Church of Wichita, Kansas, delivered this invocation before the Kansas legislature in 1996. Several lawmakers complained. Some even walked out. Pastor Wright later told reporters, "There are some areas you draw the line in the sand and you aren't willing to compromise."

Wisdom: Three things

Three things in life that, once gone, never come back: Time, Words & Opportunity

Three things in life that may never be lost: Peace, Hope & Honesty

Three things in life that are most valuable: Love, Faith & Prayer

Three things in life that are never certain: Dreams, Success & Fortune

Three things that make a man: Hard work, Sincerity & Commitment

Three things in life that can destroy a man: Lust, Pride & Anger

Three things that are truly constant: Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

Story: Brotherly Love

Once upon a time two brothers who lived on adjoining farms fell into conflict. It was the first serious rift in 40 years of farming side by side, sharing machinery, and trading labor and goods as needed without a hitch. Then the long collaboration fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding and it grew into a major difference, and finally it exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of silence.

One morning there was a knock on John's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I'm looking for a few days' work," he said. "Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there I could help with? Could help you?" "Yes," said the older brother. "I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That's my neighbor; in fact, it's my younger brother. Last week there was a meadow between us and he took his bulldozer to the river levee and now there is a creek between us. Well, he may have done this to spite me, but I'll go him one better. See that pile of lumber by the barn? I want you to build me a fence, an 8-foot fence-so I won't need to see his place or his face anymore."

The carpenter said, *"I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and the post-hole digger and I'll be able to do a job that pleases you."*

The older brother had to go to town, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was off for the day. The carpenter worked hard all that day measuring, sawing, nailing. About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job.

The farmer's eyes opened wide, his jaw dropped. There was no fence there at all. It was a bridge. A bridge stretching from one side of the creek to the other! A fine piece of work; handrails and all and the neighbor, his younger brother, was coming across, his hand outstretched. *"You are quite a fellow to build this bridge after all I've said and done."*

The two brothers stood at each end of the bridge, and then they met in the middle, taking each other's hand. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox on his shoulder.

"No, wait! Stay a few days. I've a lot of other projects for you," said the older brother. *"I'd love to stay on,"* the carpenter said, *"but, I have many more bridges to build."*

REMEMBER THIS: God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation. God won't ask the square footage of your house, but He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home. God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, but He'll ask how many you helped to clothe. God won't ask about your social status; He will ask what kind of class you displayed. God won't ask how many material possessions you had, but He'll ask if they dictated your life. God won't ask what your highest salary was, but He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it. God won't ask how much overtime you worked, but He'll ask if your overtime work was for yourself or for your family. God won't ask how many promotions you received, but He'll ask how you promoted others. God won't ask what your job title was, but He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability. God won't ask what you did to help yourself, but He'll ask what you did to help others. God won't ask how many friends you had, but He'll ask how many people to whom you were friend. God won't ask what you did to protect your rights, but He'll ask what you did to protect the rights of others. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, but He'll ask how you treated your neighbors. God won't ask about the color of your skin, but He'll ask about the content of your character. God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation, but He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell. (To those who did not seek Him He will simply say, "Depart from Me...") (Compliments of Larry Josephs, MN)

Jokes (153)

The Truck driver & the Priest

A truck driver often amused himself by running over lawyers he would see walking down the side of the road. Every time he saw one, he would swerve to hit him, there would be a loud "THUMP," and then he would swerve back onto the road. One day, as the truck driver was happily driving along, he saw a priest hitch-hiking. He stopped and asked the priest, *"Where are you going, Father?"* *"I'm going to the church five miles down the road,"* replied the priest. *"No problem, Father! I'll give you a lift. Climb in."* The happy priest climbed into the passenger seat and the truck driver continued down the road.

Up ahead, the truck driver noticed a lawyer walking on the side of the road, and instinctively swerved to hit him. He quickly remembered there was a priest in the truck with him, so at the last minute he swerved back on to the road, narrowly missing the lawyer. However, even though he was certain he missed the lawyer, he still heard a loud "THUMP".

He glanced in his mirror, and when he didn't see anything, he turned to the priest and said, *"I'm sorry Father, I almost hit that lawyer!"*

The priest just smiled and said, *"That's okay, I got him with the door!"*

Discipline

A school teacher injured his back and had to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. It fit under his shirt and was not noticeable at all.

On the first day of the term, still with the cast under his shirt, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in school. Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, he opened the window as wide as possible and then busied himself with desk work.

The classroom became a bit unruly and he admonished them. This happened several times. When he could do work at his desk, the strong breeze from the window made his tie flap annoyingly. He kept rearranging and rearranging the tie as the class raised its level of unruliness.

Finally, becoming disgusted with the wayward tie, he stood up and took a big stapler off his desk and stapled the tie to his chest in several places.

Discipline was not a problem from that day forth.

***Saint Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, to whom should we go?
Your words are the words of eternal life” (John 6:68)***
Famous Quotes (50)

Matthew Chapter 5: 1-12 (The Sermon on the Mount: the Beatitudes)

Jesus said:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus, they persecuted the prophets who were before you.