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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Leper

- ***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 Kourey, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad, Gary Weisner.
- ***Choir Members:** Lou Kourey, 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.

Lenten Meditation

“These are the two wings of prayer on which it reaches God: forgiveness for the person who has done wrong, and giving to those who are in need... Now we are sighing with more insistent prayers, later we will be filled more abundantly with joy in praise.” (St. Augustine)

To pray and to walk: these are two verbs for Christians in this Lenten period, an intense time that the Church makes us begin with ashes on our heads, the sign and direction of a road to conversion and also grace, in order to arrive at a little water on our feet (on Holy Thursday), the sign and seal of our bending to wash another’s feet.

Each of us is asked to follow in Christ’s footsteps, to walk always and everywhere. Where do these footprints lead us?

They are going to the desert! God drives us there in order to despoil us of all our idols. He asks us to despoil ourselves of all cumbersome, non-essential burdens in order to put on only sandals, the essentials and radicality for the road. There he puts us to the test in order to decide with no compromises which side we are on.

They are going to Mount Tabor! There we are shown a path of prayer and quality; a bit of “healthy” restlessness is put in our hearts; we are asked to look forward in order to walk in the newness of life with courage rather than pitch our tent and stop with our emotions.

They are going to encounter the Father’s sweet forgiveness! This requires us in turn to put on the shoes of His mercy because our ideal is only one: to give forgiveness and show the world that faith and love can do everything.

They are going to Jerusalem! Yes, to receive the glorious Hosanna amidst palms and olives, but also to go up to Golgotha, the supreme gesture of divine love. Not with words, but with the tree of the Cross, God speaks to us about Truth and extends his arms in the exalting embrace between His saving plan and every repentant sinner. There every disciple meets with Christ and his freedom, and the path of listening, prayer, service and a well-disposed heart starts to see the final goal that attracts and fascinates us: the Resurrection.

The footprints go to the tomb! Another sign of God’s love...It is empty: Christ lives forever in eternity. And as St. Paul Says, “. . . you too shall be manifested with Christ in glory...”.

In this Lenten path, let us not be afraid to face the truth within ourselves. Conversion must be our daily lifestyle, a free act of our conscience and hence a demanding one, by discovering God again, putting ourselves up for discussion again, feeling small and in need of everything, and making courageous choices together with Love of Christ.

Diocesan Appeal

The Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon is currently underway. A letter from Bishop A. Elias Zaidan regarding the Appeal will be sent to every family, and copies are also accessible online at www.eparchy.org. The Eparchy counts on your support to uphold our Maronite parishes, to train our future Maronite priests, and to continue charitable efforts at home and abroad. We encourage every family to take part in the Appeal and to give generously. Donations can be made via check, cash, or credit card. Please consider supporting your Eparchy. Thank you!

Sunday of the Leper

Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Rom 6:12-23 and Mk 1:35-45

All of us no doubt have told ourselves on more than one occasion that we were busy to pray. We are speaking about set, formal periods of prayer. We are not speaking about prayer in action, or that prayerful attitude which should permeate our daily activity. Such prayer in action allows us to bring a deeper Christian awareness to what we are doing and why we are doing it.

We cannot tell ourselves that we are busier than Jesus was, that we have more important work to accomplish than He did. Yet, as the above Scripture passage reminds us, Jesus set aside special time for prayer. Many, many holy Christian men and women from all states of life have likewise always found the time to pray.

Moreover, they were more effective in their work precisely because they did pray.

Prayer serves various purposes. One of its functions is to mold us to become more effective workers in the Father's vineyard. Prayer helps us to control worry and anxiety. Worry and anxiety obviously can make us less efficient in our work. We cannot expect prayer to remove all anxiety from life. But prayer has a significant contribution to offer in making us Christians who are basically permeated with the peace of Christ. If we are persons of prayer, we grow in the awareness of what it means to be loved by Jesus, and, consequently, are in a position to control worry and anxiety. Prayer also aids us in work by giving the motivation to do the right thing at the right time. Sometimes we can fail to do the work precisely because we are not properly motivated. Prayer can also aid in making our work of a higher Christian quality; prayer can help permeate our work with a deeper faith, hope, and love.

These are some of the ways prayer assists us to go about our work more effectively. When we pause to analyze the situation, then, we have to admit that we really are not too busy to pray.

Turn off your cellular phone before you enter the church

It is a Common Sense that people silence or turn off their cellular phone before entering the church to pray and focus on prayers. Many public places display signs asking "Turn off your cell phone." It is the right of every worshiper not to be disturbed while praying. Two signs are posted inside our church to this regard. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.
—Monsignor Bakhos

This Weekend, March 8-9: Sunday of the Leper

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

- ✠ Betty Abraham, Clara Carter, Evelyn Goodson (Anniversary) by Jean Weisner & Family
- ✠ George A. & Dolores M. Fahey and Bert Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros
- ✠ Special prayer for good health of Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

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

- ✠ Donald Fragale by Judy & Joy Griffin
- ✠ John Shibben by his wife Dee Shibben
- ✠ Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone

This Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, March 10: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, March 11; Mass at noon

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

Wednesday, March 12; No Mass. Office work.

Thursday, March 13; Mass at noon:

- ✠ Mary (Joseph) Shipley and Robby Hunter III (Anniversary) by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ John Shibben by his wife Dee Shibben
- ✠ Louise J. Gary by Mark & Pam Gary

Friday, March 14; Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction

- ✠ Deceased Family members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby
- ✠ Intention of Susan and Ron Burns for sponsoring the Lenten Meal

Next Weekend, March 15-16:

Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman

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

- ✠ Deceased Family members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby

✠ Louise J. Gary by Melanie & William Fox Family

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

✠ Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone

✠ John Shiben by his wife Dee Shiben

Coming Parish Events

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| Friday, March 14 Stations of the Cross | 5:30 pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross, Spiritual Reflection, and Benediction. Then social hour sponsored by Susan & Ron Burns |
| Holy Week schedule April 14-17 | Monday thru Thursday, April 14-17: Mass at 5:30 pm every day. (no noon Masses) |
| Good Friday, April 18 | Solemn Burial of the Lord at 5:30 pm followed by Meatless dinner prepared by the Cedar Club. |
| Easter, Sunday, April 20 | 10:30 am Easter Mass |
| Sunday, May 4 | May Procession. Ma'lia Shia will be the May Queen. |
| Sunday, May 11 | Mother Day |
| Spring Bake Sale | Kibbee baking: Wednesday, May 14 Meat pie baking: Thursday, May 15 Order pick-up: Saturday, May 17 |
| Sunday, June 15 | Father's Day |
| Mahrajan (Festival) | Sunday, August 10, 2025. Outdoor Mass at Oglebay at 10:00 a.m. Booths open after Mass. |
| Thanksgiving Bake Sale | ??????? |

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:30 p.m. It will be followed by the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Cross. The "Stations of the Cross" is a devotion which consists of following the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by recalling the fourteen prominent events that took place from the time of the trial under Pontius Pilate until His death and burial on Mount Calvary. Many Thanks to these generous families who sponsored light Lenten meal dinners for social hour after the Stations of the Cross. If any other family wants to participate in the meal for social hour, please ask and join the families listed below.

| Date: | Volunteers Who are sponsoring the Light Meals on Fridays during Lent: |
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| 2 nd Friday, March 14 | Meal Sponsors: Susan and Ron Burns |
| 3 rd Friday, March 21 | Meal Sponsors: Dr. Nabil & Nisrine Alkhouri |
| 4 th Friday, March 28 | Meal Sponsors: Liz & Jay Murad |
| 5 th Friday, April 4 | Meal Sponsors: Janet Shutler, Randy Weisner and Msgr. Bakhos |
| 6 th Friday, April 11 | Meal Sponsors: George & Susan Saseen & the Frenn Family |
| Good Friday, April 18 | Meal Sponsors: The Cedar Club & Parishioners |
| Easter Sunday, April 20 | Happy Easter |



Easter Lillies Donated in Memory of:

Please donate \$25.00 to sponsor a lilly or a hyacinth toward decoration the Tomb and the altar of the church at Easter. Please mention on your note: "In Loving Memory of..." May God reward you many folds.

✠ Gladys Howard & Louise N. & Lois H. Khourey, Sr. by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family

✠ In Loving Memory of Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris

✠ In Loving Memory of Mary Stees by Denise Ferris

✠ In Loving Memory of Mary Zaid Stees by Jay & Liz Murad

✠ Adib & Sadie (parents), Nadim (brother), Mona (sister) by Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac

✠ In Loving Memory of the Shutler & Nolte Families by Janet Shutler

✠ In Loving Memory of the Rahi and Peklinsky Families by Alicia Peklinsky

- ✠ In Loving Memory of Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
 ✠ In Loving Memory of beloved parents John & Cecilia John & D. William Burns and grandparents Tom & Sadie John, David & Tamamie Joseph & Sarah Burns by Susan & Ron Burns
 ✠ In Loving Memory of aunts & uncles: Louis & Cecilia Ammar, Fred & Rita John, Sister Mary Thomasina John & Roland & Julia Tappe by Susan & Ron Burns
 ✠ In Loving Memory of Elias & Selma Joseph Family by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
 ✠ In Loving Memory of Sara (Joseph) McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
 ✠ In Loving Memory of our mother & dear brother David Frey by their loving Family
 ✠ In Loving Memory of Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Joseph and Weisner Families
 ✠ In Loving Memory of Shirley Elias Nickerson and deceased members of the Elias Family by Tammy Strong
 ✠ In Loving Memory of George & Martha Saseen & Steve & Elizabeth Harasuik by George & Susan Saseen
 ✠ In Loving Memory of Phillip Geimer & my Family by Thomasina Geimer
 ⚰ In Honor of Janet Shutler
 ⚰ In Honor of Jean & Mary Beth Weisner
 ⚰ In Honor of Chris & Jeannette Wakim
 ⚰ In Honor of Larry & Lillian Siebieda
 ⚰ In Honor of Dr. & Mrs. Nabiel Alkhouri & Family
 ⚰ In Honor of Michael Duymich

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month

- March 15: Shelby Imer
 March 16: Mia Ferrera
 March 18: Kenny Imer, Bill Stees, Patrick Petros
 March 21: Caroline Stees McDowell
 March 22: Jennifer Imer
 March 26: Joseph John
 March 30: Greg John
 April 1: Patrick Sengewalt
 April 6: Ronald Weisner
 April 8: Jesse John

Your Church Support Last Week

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| \$1,411.00 | Sunday Collection |
| 270.00 | 2 nd collection: Caritas |
| 77.00 | Candles |
| 13.00 | Coffee hour |
| 95.00 | Donation to the church |
| 30.00 | Easter Lillies |
| 322.00 | Utilities |
| \$2,218.00 | 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)
 Earl & Linda Duffy, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Mary Ragase, Becky Ferrera, Debbie Sengewalt, Gavin Hancher, Monroe DeLuca, Sally Sengewalt, Mary Zigler (sister of Lillian Siebieda), Dolores Oser, Anthony Wakim, Fran Saseen, Sandra DeMuth, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Patty Olinsky, 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 (August 25 to September 4)

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

Trivia Teaser

Test your skills: Puzzle # 1

Try to solve this puzzle. Every answer is a two-word phrase in which the first word begins with “BE” and the second with “ST.”

1. A fairy tale is a popular one: BE_ _ _ _ _ ST_ _ _ _
2. Nickname for Utah: BE_ _ _ _ _ ST_ _ _ _
3. One jewel of the Triple Crown: BE_ _ _ _ _ ST_ _ _ _ _
4. Cause of a red bump on the skin: BE_ ST_ _ _ _
5. What separates Alaska from Russia: BE_ _ _ _ _ ST_ _ _ _ _
6. Star of *Zoolander* and *Meet the Fockers*: BE_ ST_ _ _ _ _
7. Once a giant among the nation’s metal manufacturers: BE_ _ _ _ _ ST_ _ _ _
8. Container for a drink in a bar: BE_ _ ST_ _ _ _
9. Female outlaw of the Wild West who harbored Jesse James: BE_ _ _ ST_ _ _ _
10. Memphis thoroughfare famous for the Blues: BE_ _ _ ST_ _ _ _ _
11. Noted Wall Street investment firm since 1923: BE_ _ ST_ _ _ _ _
12. Luggage carrier’s station in a hotel: BE_ _ ST_ _ _ _

(Answers will be published in the next bulletin)

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| <i>Advice: Assertiveness</i> |
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--“If you aspire to anything better than politics, expect no cooperation from men. They will not further anything good. You must prevail of your own force, as a plant springs and grows by its own vitality.” (Henry David Thoreau)

--“Bite off more than you can chew, Then chew it. Plan more than you can do, Then do it.” (Anonymous)

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| <i>Question & Answer (#5)</i> |
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Question #5: “What made God so great?” Maria B., 14

Answer: His mere existence makes Him great. If you’re God, you are the greatest of all beings. Being the greatest is a requirement for the “job” of being God. Also, the proof of His greatness is evident all around us in His creation. Do you know one human who has created a real sunset?

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| <i>Giving in Scriptures: God Commands Us to Give</i> |
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(Example of Giving)

They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary. And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning. So, all the skilled craftsmen who were doing all the work on the sanctuary left their work and said to Moses, The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the LORD commanded to be done. Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary. And so, the people were restrained from bringing more, because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work. (Exodus 3 6:3-7)

With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities. Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasurers of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple: three thousand talents of gold (gold of Ophir) and seven thousand talents of refined silver, for the overlaying of the walls of the buildings, for the gold work and the silver work, and for all the work to be done by the craftsmen. Now, who is willing to consecrate himself today to the LORD? Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king’s work gave willingly. They gave toward the work on the temple of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand

talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze and a hundred thousand talents of iron. Any who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the LORD in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite. The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David, the king, also rejoiced greatly. (1 Chronicles 29:2-9)

Spirituality: Psalm 23

Some probably never thought nor looked at Psalm 23 in this way, even though they say it over and over again.

The Lord is my Shepherd ***That's Relationship!***

I shall not want ***That's Supply!***

He made me to lie down in green pastures ***That's Rest!***

He leads me beside the still waters ***That's Refreshment!***

He restored my soul ***That's Healing!***

He leads me in the paths of righteousness ***That's Guidance!***

For His name sake ***That's Purpose!***

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death ***That's Testing!***

I will fear no evil ***That's Protection!***

For Thou art with me ***That's Faithfulness!***

Your rod and your staff they comfort me ***That's Discipline!***

You prepared a table before me in the presence of mine enemies ***That's Hope!***

You anointed my head with oil ***That's Consecration!***

My cup overflows ***That's Abundance!***

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life ***That's Blessing!***

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord ***That's Security!***

Forever ***That's Eternity!***

Wisdom: Tiny angel for you

I am a tiny angel, I'm smaller than your thumb;

I live in people's pockets, that's where I have my fun.

I don't suppose you've seen me, I'm too tiny to detect;

Though I'm with you all the time, I doubt we've ever met.

Before I was an Angel, I was a fairy in a flower;

God, Himself, hand-picked me, and gave me Angel power.

Now God has many Angels, that He trains in Angel pools;

We become His eyes, and ears, and hands, we become His special tools.

And because God is so busy, with way too much to do;

He said that my assignment, is to keep close watch on you.

When He tucked me in your Pocket, He blessed you with Angel care;

Then told me to never leave you, and I vowed always to be there.

Story: love

It was a busy morning, about 8:30, when an elderly gentleman in his 80's, arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. He said he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 am.

The nurse took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. She saw him looking at his watch and decided, since she was not busy with another patient, she would evaluate his wound.

On exam, it was well healed, so she talked to one of the doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound. While taking care of his wound, she asked him if he had another doctor's appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry.

The gentleman told her no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. She inquired as to her health. He told her that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer's disease. As we talked, she asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late. He replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now.

She was surprised, and asked him, 'And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?'

He smiled as he patted my hand and said, 'She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is.'

She had to hold back tears as he left, she had goose bumps on her arm, and thought, 'That is the kind of love I want in my life.'

True love is neither physical, nor romantic. True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, and will not be.

Oh, by the way, peace is seeing a sunset and knowing who to thank.

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have.

Jokes (156)

Charity

An Arabian Caliph named Al-Mamun owned a beautiful Arabian horse. A tribesman called Omar was eager to buy the horse so he offered many camels in exchange for it, but Al-Mamun would not part with the animal. This so angered Omar that he decided to get the horse by trickery.

Knowing that Al-Mamun would ride his horse along a certain road, he lay down beside the road disguised as a beggar who was very ill. Now Al-Mamun was a kind-hearted man so when he saw the beggar he felt sorry for him, dismounted and offered to carry him to a charitable place.

"Alas!" cried the beggar, "*I have been without food for days and do not have the energy to rise.*" So Al-Mamun tenderly lifted the man on to his horse meaning to mount after him. No sooner was the disguised beggar in the saddle than he galloped away with Al-Mamun giving chase on foot, shouting to him to stop. After Omar had put a safe distance between his pursuer and himself he stopped and turned around.

"*You have stolen my horse,*" shouted Al-Mamun. "*I have one request to make of you.*" "*What is it?*" Omar shouted back.

"*That you tell no one how you came into possession of the horse.*" "*Why not?*"

"*Because some day a man who is really ill may be lying by the roadside and, if your trick is known, people will pass him by and fail to help him.*"

Business is Business

A woman at a bank asked the cashier to cash a check for her. Citing company policy the cashier asked her for identification. The woman gasped. Finally, she managed to say, *But Jonathan, I'm your mother!*"

In Slogans

A religious group was in the habit of using, for its many conferences, a hotel whose motto was written in large words over the walls of the lobby: "***There are no problems. Only opportunities.***"

A man approached the hotel desk and said, "*Excuse me, I have a problem.*"

The desk clerk said, with a smile, "*We have no problems here, Sir, only opportunities.*" "*Call it what you want,*" said the man impatiently. "*There's a woman in the room assigned to me.*"

Famous Quotes (54)

Matthew Chapter 5: 27-30 (Teaching About Adultery)

Jesus said:

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown

into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.