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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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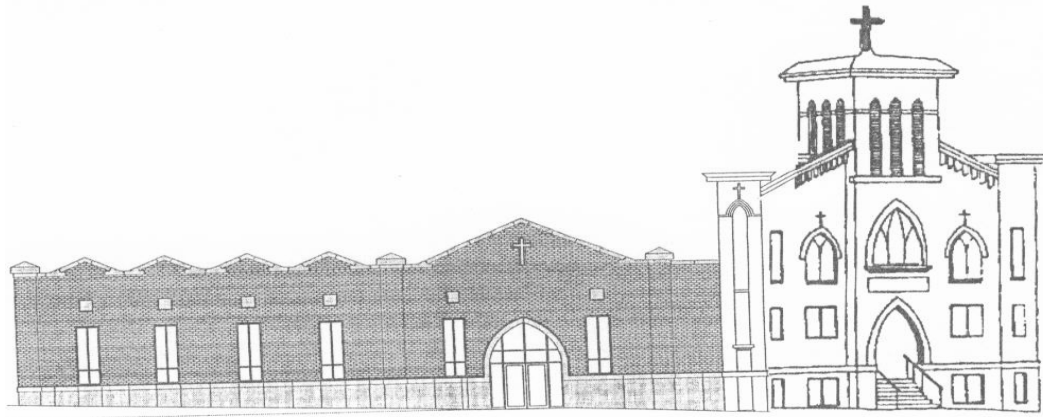
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Rev. Bakhos Chidiac (Pastor)

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Epiphany Season 3rd Sunday after Epiphany



Schedule of Divine Liturgies

- *Weekend Masses: Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. [Rosary & Litany start at 10:10 a.m.]
- *Weekday Masses: **At Noon.** Please refer to the Mass schedule on page 3 of this bulletin for Mass times and changes due to special events. Thank you for your cooperation.
- *Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: Every 1st Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m. & 1st Sunday after Communion
- *Miraculous Medal Novena: Every 2nd Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m.
- *Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment
- *Baptism: Kindly phone the Pastor as soon as the baby is born. Godparents must be Catholics.
- *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 any time at (304) 233-1688
- *Parish Council: Lou Khourey 277-3230, Linda Duffy 242-6853, Tom George 336-7142, P.J. Lenz 242-5606 and Carol Dougherty (740) 782-0146
- *Choir Members: Rita Thomas Strawn, Shirley George, Allison Duffy, George Thomas, Ted Olinski, Earl Duffy, Lou Khourey, Robert Vawter, Jody & Abbie Seabright, Tracey Dierkes
- *Altar Boys: Louie Khourey & Dalton Haas
- *Cedar Club: Linda Duffy, President 242-6853
- *Women's Society: Sandra Dusick, President 232-7395



- *Remember the Church in your Last Will – Her prayers will accompany you to heaven
- *Please support Our Lady of Lebanon Church by patronizing our Advertisers
- *If you support the Church and need a Bulletin mailed to you, please call the Rectory
- ***Bulletin Announcements:** Submit all Bulletin Information to Fr. Bakhos. Deadline: Every Tuesday by Noon
- ***New Parishioners:** We welcome you with great joy and invite you to be officially listed as one of our parishioners
- ***Parking:** Saturday & Sunday – all spaces are for parishioners; Monday through Friday – park **ONLY** in the 3 ALLEY spaces

Gospel Reflection: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Readings: Gal 3:23-29 & Jn 3:1-16

Have you ever found yourself in a situation wherein you did not understand the language? Maybe it was while visiting a foreign country; or, possibly, in this “*hi-tech*” age, you have not kept up with the latest professional jargon. Whatever the circumstances, a failure to figure out what is being said leaves us at a distinct disadvantage.

God’s communication with us is like this. As Scripture so often relates, the Lord never stops attempting to speak to creation. Sometimes people listen and understand, but much of the time they fail to comprehend. Ultimately, God speaks a most surprising Word: a Word that “*became flesh and lived among us.*” (Jn 1:14)

Still, even among Jesus’ own followers, there was often misunderstanding. Thus, he promised that an Advocate would be sent, “*the Holy Spirit... [who] .. will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.*” (Jn 14:26) And, at Pentecost, the apostles, “*filled with the Holy Spirit ... began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*”

What about us? Throughout our lives, God speaks to us in new and wonderful ways. But we can only comprehend through the Spirit. As Catholics, we believe we receive the Holy Spirit particularly in the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. Baptism calls us into the life and family of God. Confirmation strengthens us in our continued growth in faith. Thus, the Church teaches that we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety, and fear of the Lord (Is 11:2-3).

To understand how these gifts are operative, consider how we learn a new language. We need to study the tools of grammar, pronunciation, and vocabulary. But to truly understand the language, we must practice reading it and, even more, speaking it. Similarly, the gifts of the Spirit not only enable us to know God’s love, but empower us to proclaim that love in the very words and actions of our daily lives.

It may seem to be long ago since the first Pentecost, when the crowds in Jerusalem were startled to hear the Spirit-filled disciples speaking in their own tongues, but the reality of Pentecost continues. The Good News is that God has spoken –and continues to speak. God’s language can be understood through the Spirit-filled Christians of every age, even today. There are so many who long to hear a message of hope and love! May our prayer for this task continue to be: “*Come, Holy Spirit.*”

Mass Intentions

THIS WEEKEND, January 24-25: “3rd Sunday after Epiphany”

Saturday, January 24 at 4:00 p.m.:

Special Intention

Marjorie Spears by Jerry & Marge Saseen

Sunday, January 25 at 10:30 a.m.:

40 Day Mass for Joe Bittengle by Jody Seabright Family

Jim Garvey (on his Anniversary) by Kay Garvey and Sue Flading

Weekday Masses

Monday, January 26: No Mass. Pastor’s Day off

Tuesday, January 27: No Mass. Pastor’s Day off

Wednesday, January 28 at Noon:

Special Intention of Marge & Lou John by the Family

John John by Lucille Coury Gibbons

Thursday, January 29 at Noon:

Sonny Hancher by George & Mary Thomas

Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

Friday, January 30 at Noon:

Sonny Hancher by Jim & Shirley George

Adib & Sadie and Mona Chidiac by Veronica Mushet

NEXT WEEKEND, January 31- February 1: "Sunday of the Priests"

Saturday, January 31 at 4:00 p.m.:

Ida Lewis by her husband George & Family

Mary & Andrew Demsko (Birthday) by their daughter Rosemary Cornish

Sunday, February 1 at 10:30 a.m.:

Living and Deceased Members of the Nicholas & Nimnoon Ghaphery Family & the David

Abraham Ghaphery Family by the Ghaphery Family

Sally Malatinski & John Dusick Families by Sandra Dusick

I Want to Help the Church – What Can I Do?

1- Help with the Church Painting Fund

It has been about 20 years since the church was last painted and it needs done at this time. The scaffolding, patching and painting will start when we raise the cost of painting, which is \$30,000 according to the estimate we have received. The Blessed Mother will help us once more to raise funds to brighten her church (we hope by May or June 2009) as we raised the \$1.5 million to construct our new hall. All donations will be earmarked toward the "Church Painting Fund." A special plaque will be mounted in the church stating: **"Please remember in your prayer these benefactors who painted the church in 2009"**. By now most of our active generous parishioners should have received a letter of solicitation concerning the painting project of the church. Please once more make the difference and offer a tax deductible contribution and become a member of this prayer list. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

The Generous Benefactors who painted the church in 2009: (Total Raised: \$11,811.00)

Nancy Joseph (\$100), Manell Brice (\$500), Mike Sobota (Memorial) (\$635), Paul & Irene Schuler (\$100), Charles Mattes (brother of Betty Shia) [MD] (\$500), Betty Shia (\$500), Cedar Club (Pre-Holiday Sales) \$1,150, Rose Karsten (MN) (\$20), Bob & Fran Saseen (\$100), Millie & Sister Jeanne Vidonic (\$50), Rob & Mary Thomas (OH) (\$40), Robert & Virginia Pockl (\$100), Tom Ferris (\$25), Mary Custer (\$108), Denny Albaugh (\$25), Sylvia Long (\$100), Joseph & Carmella (Babe) Dallison (\$100), A Friend (\$100), Anna Jalad (\$100), Shirley Dietz (\$500), Mike & Maryann Carl (\$1,000), Women's Society 50/50 Fundraising (\$93), Joe & Nikki Popovich (\$100), Kenny & Nancy Joseph (\$500), Evelyn Ghaphery (\$300), Mark & Barb McLaughlin (\$50), Bill & Carol Dougherty (\$500), Dr. Joe Palmer (\$100), Joann Hill (\$50), Robert & Lois Hammond (\$100), Jim & Sue Brubach (\$100), Anonymous parishioners (\$200), Fred & Debbie Shia (\$100), Rosella Saseen (3,000 pledge), John John Memorial (\$305), Annette Togliatti [OH] (\$20), Salem David [CT] (\$15), Susan & Dominique George (\$100), Lou & Marge John (\$200), Dr. Samy Sakla (\$100), Rose Mary White (\$25), Thomasina Geimer (\$100),

2- Help with the Endowment Fund to Keep Our Church Open and Alive (Total Raised: \$325)

Fr. Bakhos opened at Main Street Bank an Endowment Fund CD account exclusively for our church maintenance for the years to come. Many parishioners –primarily those who have no one to inherit their property or money– are willing to donate all or part of their assets to the church. These earmarked donations will be saved in this Endowment Fund. Only the yearly interest will be withdrawn and spent to pay for church utilities and general maintenance.

We understand that some members of our community cannot support our church as they would like to because of the need to retain funds for their retirement years. But after their death, their donation can bring stability and security to the future of the church. All benefactors will be enrolled in the daily Mass offering. Please put into writing in your will as Fr. Eugene Jacobs did. The following is suggested wording:

(I, , hereby give, devise and bequeath the sum of \$..... (or specify described real or personal property) to the Church of Our Lady of Lebanon, a non-profit organization located at 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. I want my donation to be deposited in the Endowment Fund account designated to maintain and support the church. I also wish to be enrolled as benefactor in the daily Mass intentions.) We thank each of the following individuals for their generous contribution to this Endowment Fund.

Bill & Mary Stees (\$200), Tom Ferris (\$25), Sylvia Long (\$100),

3- Leave a permanent Memorial on the Cedar Tree of Life & Golden Cedar Book

The Cedar Tree of Life, designed by Fr. Bakhos and manufactured by the Baum Company of New Jersey, is a piece of art in the new building addition which allows you to permanently designate a memorial for you or a loved one for a donation of \$500 or more. It is made out of cedar wood that links us to the Cedar of Lebanon –used in the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem. Most brass leaves are sold, only few are still available. Contact the parish office and engrave your Memorial on a brass leaf and you will also gain daily prayers from the altar of our church. Donations of lesser amounts will be listed in the Golden Cedar Book.

\$500	Alexandrite Leaf offered by Rich Lucas of Main Street Bank honoring Fr. Bakhos (1.10.09)
\$250	Topaz Leaf by Richard & Mary Ryncarz (Shadyside) (1.15.2009)
\$1,100	Alexandrite Leaf in Memory of John John from Renee & Edward Beabout, Louanna & Steve Mohle, Jennifer John, Trisha & Lou John II, Karen & Joseph John, Marge & Lou John (1.16.2009)

4- Wish List for Our Lady of Lebanon Church

Please share your blessings and sponsor any of the below needed items:

- a- A used grill for Mahrajan and church steak fry from General Rental (\$700)
- May the generous benefactors receive their reward many fold.

<i>Our Lady of Lebanon Community Calendar</i>	
Sunday, January 25	Women’s Society Next Meeting – after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday, January 25	Women’s Society 50/50 Painting Fund Raffle Drawing – after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday, February 1	Super Bowl Party – Cedar Hall opens at 5:30 p.m.; Game begins at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 5	Reverse Raffle & Dinner – Cocktails & Hors D’oeuvres at 6; Dinner at 7 p.m.
Friday, February 6	Fr. Bakhos’ Birthday Celebration & Covered Dish Dinner – 6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 9	Cedar Club Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 14–Fri., Feb. 20	Week of Faithful Departed Masses
Fri. & Sat., Feb. 20 & 21	Soup & Hoagie Sale – Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. and Feb. 21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Monday, February 23	Ash Monday
Fridays of Lent: February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10	Stations of the Cross, Benediction, Reflections, Light Dinner
Sunday, February 22	Women’s Society 50/50 Painting Fund Raffle Drawing – after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday, March 22	St. Maron Lebanese Dinner – 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 29	Bingo Night – 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 5	Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 9	Holy Thursday & Washing of the Feet of the Apostles
Friday, April 10	Good Friday
Sunday, April 12	Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 12	Spring Lebanese Bake Sale – Order Deadline
Sun.-Thur., April 19-23	Spring Lebanese Bake Sale – Work Days (11:30 a.m. Sun.; M-Th at 9:00 a.m.)
Sunday, April 19	Work Concession Stand at Wheeling Airport – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday, May 17	Spring Spaghetti Dinner – 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 9	2009 Mahrajan

Women's Society January Meeting (Sun., Jan. 25 & Feb. 22, after 10:30 a.m. Mass)

Plan to join the Women's Society at our January meeting to discuss plans for our upcoming Soup and Hoagie Sale and our other upcoming spring events. Everyone is welcome to join.

Monthly 50/50 Raffle (Drawings: Sunday, January 25th)

The Women's Society continues to sponsor the Monthly 50/50 Raffle. Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Proceeds will now be designated to the benefit the Church Painting Fund.

The drawing from entries received **from the January tickets** (printed on blue paper) are provided at the church entrance and in the weekly church bulletin and will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, January 25th**.

The drawing from entries received **from the February tickets** (printed on salmon paper) are provided at the church entrance and will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, February 22nd**.

Buy or sell the tickets, and return the completed stubs as soon as possible in the collection or mail to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Please write as "Memo": 50/50 Raffle.

For more information or additional tickets, contact the church office at (304) 233-1688. May the Blessed Mother reward you manifold and we ask for your continued support. Congratulations to the November 50/50 winner of \$92: Kenny & Patty Billick who are parents of Beth George (daughter-in-law of parishioners Tom & Kathleen).

Super Bowl Party In Our Cedar Hall (Sunday, February 1, Hall opens at 5:30 p.m.)

Parishioners and friends are invited to come and watch the Super Bowl game on our 15 x 15 feet Screen in our new Cedar Hall on Sunday, February 1st. Bring whatever you would like to eat and drink for your group. Watch the Pre-game show while you "Tailgate" and eat at 5:30 p.m. Game starts at 6:30 p.m. A free will donation will be collected at the event to help pay for cleaning, etc.

First Maronite Reverse Raffle Dinner (Thursday, February 5, 2009, 6:00 p.m.)

Our 1st Maronite Reverse Raffle and Dinner scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 2009, at the Wheeling Country Club. Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres begin at 6:00 p.m.; a sit-down dinner at 7:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Church Building Maintenance Fund. Come and experience the excitement of the night. Winners need not be present.

Deadline to purchase tickets is – Sunday, February 1, 2009.

Costs are:

\$ 50.00	1 Raffle Ticket only
\$ 75.00	1 Dinner & 1 Raffle Ticket
\$100.00	2 Dinners & 1 Raffle Ticket

For tickets: Call Mickey (Joseph) Morgan at 304-277-1642, Lois Rutter at 304-242-3922; or

- 1) complete the attached order form
- 2) Make your check payable to: **Our Lady of Lebanon Church** with "Memo Line:" **Reverse Raffle**
- 3) Mail both the form and the check to:

Our Lady of Lebanon Church
"Attention, Reverse Raffle"
2216 Eoff Street
Wheeling, WV 26003

or

Linda Duffy
"Attention, Reverse Raffle"
43 Garland Avenue
Wheeling, WV 26003

Fr. Bakhos' Birthday Celebration & Dinner (Friday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m.)

Bring a covered dish and join the Cedar Club in our Cedar Hall on Friday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate the birthday of our beloved priest Fr. Bakhos. The Cedar Club will provide the Chicken and Cake. Please call Nini Miller at 243:0057 to coordinate which covered dish to bring.

Cedar Club Meeting (Monday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m.)

Come to the Cedar Club meeting on Monday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m. The hostesses for the evening will be Cecilia & Susan John. Come and enjoy!

Week of the Faithful Departed (Saturday, February 14th, to Friday, February 20th)

Please remember your parents and beloved ones during the week of the Faithful Departed. All Masses will be offered for the repose of their souls. The Communion of Saints unites those working out their salvation here on earth –The Church Militant– with those being purified in Purgatory –The Church Suffering– and those Saints in Heaven who are the Church Triumphant. Please complete the attached Form and return it in the collection basket or mail it to the church. Your intentions will be published in the church bulletins.

All Masses will be offered for the Repose of the Souls of the followings:

Deceased family members of Fr. Bakhos Chidiac

Deceased members of the Habib Khourey family by Virginia Khourey Bryan

Deceased of the Nader, Khourey & Howard families by Lou & Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

Deceased members of Kay Garvey Family by Kay Garvey

Deceased members of the Jacobs & Dusick Families by Sandra Dusick

Deceased members of the Long & Condelli Families by Sylvia Long

Mary K. Ferris by Thomas & Denise Ferris

Deceased members of the Abdo H. & Mary Zaid Ferris by Thomas & Denise Ferris

Robert L. Rose by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt & Family

Deceased of the Sengewalt & Sharp Families by the Sengewalt Family

Andrew & Mary Demsko by their daughter Rosemary Cornish

The Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty

Joseph, Victoria, Minnie & John John by Marge & Lou John

John & Mariam Keegan by Marge & Lou John

Deceased family members of Thomasina Geimer

Soup & Hoagie Sale (Fri., Feb. 20th, from 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sat., Feb. 21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Let's chase away those winter blues and take a break from cooking! The ladies of Our Lady of Lebanon are having a **Soup and Hoagie Sale** on Friday, February 20th, from 10:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. **and** Saturday, February 21st, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. You will be able to purchase and pick up from our church hall an assortment of delicious hoagie sandwiches and homemade soups to eat at home or stock the soup in your freezer to enjoy another day.

New this year: We will also have desserts (*cake, pie, brownies, cookies, Lebanese treat, etc.*) available for you to take home from our **Bake Sale Table** so you can enjoy them with your soup and hoagies. (Donors are asked to bring desserts Thursday, February 19, between 9:00 a.m. and Noon or on Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21, between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.) *Donors include: Carol Dougherty, Anna Jalad, Nancy Joseph, Emmalena Khourey, Mary Lish, Fran Saseen, Nettie Seidler, Mary Thomas, ??]*

Here's how the Soup Sale works: We're asking for church volunteers to make and donate a batch of your favorite soup using your largest soup kettle. We'll supply containers and labels featuring your soup's name. All soups should be ordered in advance and will be available for take-out purchase with or without hoagie sandwiches. Please help out by calling Charlotte at 277-3230 or at the church office 233-1688 and pledging to make your favorite soup available for this sale. **Bring your soup on Thursday, February 19, between 9:00 a.m. and noon or on Friday, February 20, between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.** *Donors include: Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, Marsha Dellget, Carol Dougherty, Linda Duffy, Diane Frenn, Anna Jalad, Mary Lish, Nancy Joseph, Fran Saseen, Nettie Seidler, Rita Strawn, Julia Tappe, Mary Thomas, Jean Weisner.*

(Note: *We have a request for someone to once again offer Turkey Noodle Soup. If you can make and donate it, please call Charlotte at the church office 233-1688 or 277-3230)*

Soups which will be available **at \$6.00 for a 32 oz. quart container & \$4.00 for a 16 oz pint container are:** *New England Clam Chowder and Stuffed Pepper Soup*

Soups which will be available **at \$5.00 for a 32 oz. quart container & \$3.00 for a 16 oz. pint container are:** *Broccoli & Cheese, Chicken Noodle Soup, Chilli, Fasolia (Lebanese Bean Soup-meatless), Ham & Bean Soup, Italian Wedding Soup, Lentil Soup, Maghrabayah (Lebanese Chicken Soup), Potato Soup, Vegetable Beef Soup, Beef & Multi Vegetable Soup*

Here's how the Hoagie Sandwich Sale works: The famous hoagie sandwiches –made by Don Henning, retired owner of Don's Corner Market– should be ordered in advance and will be available for purchase during the sale with or without the purchase of soup.

Hoagies will cost \$5.50 each and you may choose: (1) *Ham & Swiss Hoagie*, (2) *Italian Hoagie* and (3) *Turkey & Cheese Hoagie*

Please pre-order a specific a kind and quantity of soup and/or hoagie sandwich by using the “**Soup & Hoagie Sale Order Form**,” in our available weekly bulletins and at the church entrance. You may also place your order by calling the church office at (304) 233-1688. Completed Order Forms may also be faxed to the Church Office at (304) 233-4714. **Orders are due by: Sunday, February 15.** Payment in advance is greatly appreciated. *All Soups, Hoagies and desserts will be available on a take-out basis only.*

Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Church Painting Fund. You can help make this sale a success by sharing your time, talents and treasure. Please call the church office at 233-1688 to volunteer.

(1) **Volunteer to cook and donate your favourite soup**

(2) **Volunteer to make and donate a dessert** for our **Bake Sale Table**

(3) **Volunteer Thursday, February 19, to prep ingredients** for the hoagies from 9 a.m. to Noon
[Volunteers include: *Carol Dougherty, Sandra Dusick, ??*]

(4) **Volunteer Friday, February 20, to help during the sale** from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
[Volunteers include: *Carol Dougherty, Sandra Dusick, Thomasina Geimer, Don & Roberta Henning, Charlotte Khourey, ??*]

(5) **Volunteer Saturday, February 21 to help during the sale** from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
[Volunteers include: *Carol Dougherty, Sandra Dusick, Kay Garvey, Don & Roberta Henning, Charlotte Khourey, ??*]

(6) Distribute or post flyers announcing our event

(7) Purchase some of our delicious homemade soups, Don's famous Hoagies and/or some of our mouth-watering desserts from our Bake Sale Table

(8) Get orders for us from your friends, neighbors and co-workers

Stations of the Cross, Reflection & Light Dinner (Friday, February 27)

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., and Spiritual Reflections at 6:30 p.m. followed by Benediction of the Cross. The Spiritual Reflections series will feature a different speaker every Friday.

Many thanks to the the Cedar Club members who will sponsor the first Lenten Meal on Friday, February 27, following the Friday prayers. We encourage other generous families, to join our two church organizations, to host the light meal following the Friday prayers. (Desserts each Friday will be provided by the Cedar Club who will also provide the light meal on Good Friday.)

Date:	Volunteers:
1 st Friday, February 27 th	Spiritual Reflection by: ??? Light Meal Family Sponsor: The Cedar Club
2 nd Friday, March 6 th	Spiritual Reflection by: ??? Light Meal Family Sponsor: ???
3 rd Friday, March 13 th	Spiritual Reflection by: ??? Light Meal Family Sponsor: ???
4 th Friday, March 20 th	Spiritual Reflection by: ??? Light Meal Family Sponsor: ???
5 th Friday, March 27 th	Spiritual Reflection by: ??? Light Meal Family Sponsor: ???
6 th Friday, April 3 rd	Spiritual Reflection by: ??? Light Meal Family Sponsor: ???
7 th Monday, March 10 th	Spiritual Reflection by: ??? Light Meal Family Sponsor: ???

40 Day Mass for John John (Saturday, February 28th at 4:00 p.m.)

St. Maron Lebanese Dinner (Sunday, March 22nd, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

Mark your calendar with the date for our St. Maron Lebanese Dinner. Help is needed in many areas to make this Dinner a success. Please volunteer to work by calling either Linda at 242-6853 or Carol at (740) 782-0146 or you may call the church office at 233-1688. Proceeds will benefit the Church Building Maintenance Fund. Tickets will be available soon.

Menu: *baked kibbee, stuffed grape leaves, luban, lubee, chicken & rice, hummus, salad, pita bread, dessert and beverage*

St. Maron Dinner Baked Goods Sale: A Baked Goods Sale will also be held featuring a variety of delicious homemade pastries and other baked goods (cakes, cookies, pies, candy, breads, Lebanese specialties, etc.) made by our parishioners. After you have enjoyed a wonderful meal, please plan to stop by our table at the Baked Goods Sale and purchase some fabulous treats to take home!

Donations for the St. Maron Baked Goods Sale: We are asking all our generous parishioners to help make this a successful dinner by preparing and donating one (or even two) of your favorite homemade pastries for our St. Maron Lebanese Dinner Baked Goods Sale (especially if you are talented with making Lebanese items). With your help, we will have another great bake sale this year! Thank you in advance for your generosity, effort and time! Please plan to drop-off your donation between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21ST, or between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 22nd. If you would like to schedule an alternative drop-off time, please call the church at 233-1688.

St. Maron Dinner Food Preparation: Please plan to share your time and talent in service to our church the week beginning Monday, March 16 (*specific days and times will be listed in a future bulletin*). Please volunteer to work by calling Carol at (740) 782-0146 or Linda at (304) 242-6853 or the Church Office at 233-1688. We welcome everyone who is available to help and thank you in advance for your time.

Bingo Night (Sunday, March 29th, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.)

The Cedar Club is sponsoring a BINGO Night on Sunday, March 29, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. The event will be held in our Old Basement Hall and will also include a "Cookie Jar" prize.

Spring Lebanese Bake Sale (*Order By: Sunday, April 12; Pick Up Orders: April 22-23*)

Order Deadline	Sunday, April 12
Spinach Preparation	Sunday, April 19, 11:30 a.m.
Baking to Fill Orders	Monday to Thursday, April 20-23, 9:00 a.m.
Order Pick Up Dates	Wednesday & Thursday, April 22 & 23

Spring Lebanese Bake Sale Order Forms will be available soon. The Women's Society of our Church has scheduled its Spring Lebanese Bake Sale of Spinach Pies, Meat Pies, Sweet (*Sesame*) Bread, and Zattar Bread. Completed order forms should be returned by mail or place it in the collection basket.

All those who helped in the past are asked to help us again on the baking days listed above. Please come and join in the camaraderie! **Note:** Please save large clean paper grocery bags for use in packing our orders.

Whg. Airport Concession Stand Work (Sunday, April 19th, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

The Cedar Club will work the Concession Stand at the Wheeling Ohio County Airport during a Swap Meet and Craft Sale being held on Sunday, April 19th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ("rain date" is Sunday, April 26). If any of you can bake some items and bring to the church hall on Saturday, April 18th, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. your donation would be greatly appreciated. Funds raised will be designated for the Church Building Maintenance Fund. If you have any questions call Linda Duffy at 242-6853.

Spaghetti Dinner (Sunday, May 17th, 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)

Mark your calendars now and plan to enjoy our Spring Spaghetti Dinner served in our Church Hall following Mass Sunday, May 17. Chairperson Tom George and our parishioners invite you and your friends to

come and enjoy our food and hospitality. Help our Church make this our best Spaghetti Dinner yet! Invite your friends, co-workers and neighbors to attend. Every dollar of profit earned will be used for our Church Building Maintenance Fund. **Notes:**

1. Advance Ticket Sales: If you are able & willing to help sell tickets to make our dinner a tremendous success, please call our Church office. Unsold tickets & payments must be returned by Sunday, May 11.
2. Parishioners are being asked to *please bake and donate a dessert for use at the dinner* so that we may offer a variety of choices to go with the meal.
3. Parishioners are also being asked to help make our *Baked Goods Sale* –held simultaneously with the dinner– a huge success. Please make and donate an item–cookies, cake, pie, fudge, candy, Lebanese treat, etc.
4. Please save large, clean paper grocery or shopping bags and bring them to the Church any weekend so that we may use them to pack bake sale and "to go" orders.
5. If you can volunteer to work for the Spaghetti Dinner or have questions, please call the Church office at 233-1688.

Menu: Spaghetti and Meatballs or Marinara Sauce, Salad, Roll, Dessert & choice of Coffee, Ice Tea or Lemonade. (Beer & pop are available a la carte.)

Tickets: \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12; will be available soon from the Church office at – 233-1688 or at the door.

Happy Birthday

January 25:	Marion Wellman
January 28:	Nikki Popovich
January 29:	Sandra Dusick
February 1:	Sam Elias, Clara Morris
February 2:	David John
February 4:	Lindsay Carl
February 6:	Debbie Shia
February 9:	Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, Michael DiFabrizio

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently In Your Prayers:

Laura & Marion Wellman, Bill Daniel, Eva Lee Powel, Sam Elias, Catherine Arthur

Also please pray for those who asked us to pray for them:

Jim & Judy Miller, Mary Piko, Theresa Sofka, Bernard Olako, Kathy Siebieda (daughter of our architect), Gene Singleton (Parkersburg), Ervin Splatt (WI), Debbie Laughlin (Columbus), Jennie Bedway (PA), Virginia Khourey Bryan (aunt of Lou Khourey in Toledo, OH), Richard & Mary Ryncarz (Shadyside, OH), Manell Brice (Arlington, VA), Rose Mary Bris-Roybal (Albuquerque, NM), John Vawter and his mother (brother and mother of Dr. Rob Vawter)

Your Church Support Last Week

869	Collection
59	Candles
60	Utilities
950	Donation to Church
100	Parking
100	Hall rental
385	Refunds
14	Fundraising
1,200	Painting Fund
\$3,737.00	Total. May God reward you many fold

What's New?

Parish Condolences: Jean Emmerth Weekly

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to our beloved parishioners Mary Custer and Helen Benline on the loss of their beloved sister Jean who passed away in Kingwood, WV, **last Tuesday, January 20th**. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid **Jean** and we extend the parish's condolences to *her* Family in their time of sorrow.

Congratulations

Emmalena Khourey was selected to serve as one of six Pages for the Viennese Winter Ball. She is a junior at the Linsly School and is the daughter of parishioners Lou and Charlotte Khourey of Wheeling. Pages assist at the Patron Party held at Oglebay Institute's Stifel Fine Arts Center on Saturday, January 24 and greet guests and help with seating at the Viennese Winter Ball held at Glessner Auditorium at Oglebay Park, Saturday, January 31.

Congratulations also ...

... to Jared Michael Voellinger (son of Mike and Linda Voellinger) and Emily Nicole Flanagan who were united in marriage in Hilton Head Island, SC, where the couple currently is employed.

Girl Scout Cookies Available

Call parishioner Mary Stees at 242-2026 if you have not yet been contacted about ordering Girl Scout Cookies this year. Cookies available are: Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Trefoils, Do-Si-Dos, Samoas, Lemon Creams, Sugar-Free Chocolate Chip and Dulce de Leche, which is the new cookie this year. Cookies cost \$3.50 per box and should be in the first week of March.

In Our Mailbox:

Letter 1: *Fr. Chidiac and all members of Our Lady of Lebanon Church,*

Thank you very much for your love for our son Joseph and the wonderful food and for everyone coming to his luncheon. He loved all of you, your congregation and your joy in God. We have lost a large part of our heart that can never be replaced and he was loved very much by several churches

God's blessings and grace to you all.

--Joe Sr., Hazel & Deanne Bittengle

Letter 2: *Our Precious Father Bakhos,*

Thank you again for doing a wonderful job with the children of the Liceum Academy and the church. May God send his many blessings to you. Thank you for all your prayers for our brother Paul and his family.

Many prayers and much love,

--Veronica Mushet & David Frey

Poor Box

Please consider sharing your blessings with the brothers and sisters of Christ who knock at our door daily. Many people in the area need assistance in many ways. Some are in dire need some are not, but God alone knows what's in each one's heart. The Poor Box is located at the rear of the church near the Holy Water Font. Fr. Bakhos is using his judgment to help the poor on your behalf and asks each of them to pray for you.

Wisdom: Improve Your Knowledge

Did you know that when you envy someone, it's because you really like that person?

Did you know that those who appear to be very strong in heart, are real weak and most susceptible?

Did you know that those who spend their time protecting others really need someone to protect them?

Did you know that the three most difficult things to say are: I love you, I'm Sorry, and Help me. The people who say these are actually in need of them or really feel them, and are the ones you really need to treasure, because they have said them.

Did you know that people who occupy themselves by keeping others company or helping others are the ones that actually need your company and help?

Maronites = Catholics of the East

Chronology of the Maronite Church

686 A.D.

The founding of the Maronite Patriarchate and enthronement of Saint John Maron, Bishop of Batroun and Mount Lebanon, as its first Patriarch. Saint John Maron was the founder of the Maronite church and the Maronite nation. Also its first Patriarch, Saint John Maron was born in the town of Sarum, Syria, near Antioch. He was baptized John and added Maron to his name, when he became a Maronite monk. He was sent to Antioch as a young child to study Syriac and Greek. Later on his entry to Saint Maron's Monastery, he studied grammar, mathematics, Holy Scripture and science. He then furthered his studies of Greek and patristics. He became an outstanding monk of Marcus monastery. He was ordained a priest and became a missionary converting many to the Maronite Catholic faith. In 676 AD, he was consecrated Bishop of Batroun by the Papal Legate in Antioch, Syria. Under his guidance the Maronite community grew in numbers and zeal. It was during his time as Bishop of Batroun that the Byzantine Emperor disbanded the mercenary armies called both Al Jarajimah and the Marada (rebels) and ordered them to return to their homelands of Armenia/Georgia and Bosnia/Macedonia. Being Christians, many refused to return and joined John Maron's church and became Maronites. For hundreds of years afterward, the Maronite homeland remained free and safe from harm. He died in 707 A.D. and was buried in Kfarhai. His feast day is celebrated each year on March 22.

687-702 A.D.

A vacancy developed when the Byzantine Emperor refused to name a successor to the Patriarchate of Antioch. Therefore, the Maronites and their allies elect John Maron Patriarch of Antioch. Is it a coincidence, the Pope at that time was Saint Sergius I, a son of Antiochene parents.

694 A.D.

Byzantine troops enter Syria to attack Saint Maron's Monastery and other Maronite institutions. From there they entered Lebanon and attacked the major Maronite strongholds. A decisive battle takes place at Smar Jbeil, near Batroun, when the Maronites under the leadership of Emir Abraham, a nephew of Saint John Maron defeated and destroyed the Byzantine army under the leadership of generals Maurice and Mauriciano who were killed in battle. It was in that stand that Lebanon was dedicated and consecrated as the national and religious homeland of the Maronites.

938 A.D.

In 938 A.D., with the final destruction of the monastery of Saint Maron by the Islamic Arabs, the last Maronite Patriarch of Antioch, John VI, who resided in Syria, fled to the mountains of Lebanon. Here, the Maronites re-established the Patriarchate out of reach of the Islamic forces.

1054 A.D.

Pope Urban II launches the first crusade to liberate the Holy Land.

1215 A.D.

Patriarch Jeremiah El-Amsheeti participates in the ecumenical council of Lateran IV in Rome, Pope Innocent III recognizes the Maronite succession to the See of Antioch in his Bulla of 1215 A.D.

1250 A.D.

A letter is written on May 21, 1250 A.D. by King Louis IX of France expressing his gratitude and eternal friendship to the Maronite Nation and its people for their aide and friendship,

1440 A.D.

Qannoubine is established as the Seat of the Maronites.

1577 AD.

The birth of Gabriel Sahyuni of Ehden, scholar and historian.

1687 A.D.

The birth of the Maronite priest, scholar and historian. Yusif Sim'aan Assemani a native of Hasroun, Lebanon. He died in 1768 A.D. *(To be continued in the next bulletin)*

Story: Dog as Faithful Friend

There was once a farmer who had a very useful dog. But when the dog grew old, his ungrateful master decided to get rid of him by drowning him.

He took the dog to a river near his farm and rowed the dog to the middle of it. He tied a heavy stone to the dog's neck with an old rope. When they reached the deepest part of the river, he threw the dog into the water.

The poor dog sank until the rope broke. Then he came right back up with a whine and swam to the boat. But each time he tried to climb into the boat, his cruel master pushed him off with an oar.

At last the heartless fanner stood up and lifted the oar over his head. "One good whack will sink him for sure," he thought. As he swung, he lost his balance and fell into the water.

He couldn't swim! He was drowning! But the noble dog saw his master in need, went to him, caught hold of his jacket and pulled him to safety. In spite of the cruel treatment he had just received, this faithful friend saved the cruel man's life.

Lesson from the Story:

Anyone who treats a good dog like this deserves punishment. Don't you agree?

God's Plan

But wait a minute! Aren't we more guilty than this farmer? Let's go back to when Jesus, the Son of God, came into this world with nothing but love and blessing for poor, sinful man. He went about healing the sick, raising the dead, feeding the hungry, and bringing joy to the sad.

He was the most Faithful Friend man ever had. But men shouted, "Away with Him!" and nailed Him to a cross. How wicked is man's heart? The Bible says, "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9).

We'll take God's blessing as long as it suits us, but get rid of Him as soon as we no longer need Him.

God's Provision

When we look at our Faithful Friend on the cross we see God's love – not a word spoken nor a finger raised against us in judgment. "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved" (John 3:17). Jesus sacrificed Himself for sinners, showing nothing but loving kindness to His enemies.

He prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" (Luke 23:34). Like that river, the cross was the place where men tried to get rid of Him. But because of His death, grace still flows out from Jesus to all who repent, confess their sins, and trust Him as their Savior.

The faithful dog of our story saved his master's life, giving him a few more years to live. Jesus saves not only for a short time, but gives eternal life to all who believe.

Your Move

If you don't know Jesus as your Savior, we urge you to let Him save you by grace right now. If you do not, when He comes in judgment, His anger will "burn like an oven" (Malachi 4:1), and then you'll be in real trouble! Won't you let your Faithful Friend save you now?

Famous Quotes

--Joy is the feeling of grinning inside.

--Dr. Melba Colgrove

--Early to bed and early to rise is a sure sign that you're fed up with television.

--As you make your bed, so you must lie on it.

--Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.

--The best insurance against car accidents is a Sunday afternoon nap.

--After you've heard two eyewitness accounts of an auto accident, you begin to worry about history.

Joke (526)

Source of Stress

If you have ever struggled with a diet, then you probably know that *stressed* is just *desserts* spelled backwards.

Baskin' Robins

Two robins were sitting in a tree. "I'm really hungry," said first one.

"Me too," said the second. "Let's fly down and find some lunch."

They flew to the ground and found a nice plot of plowed ground full of worms. They ate and ate and ate until they could eat no more.

"I'm so full I don't think I can fly back up to the tree," said the first one.

"Me either. Let's just lie here and rest in the warm sun," said the second.

"Okay," said the first.

They plopped down, basking in the sun. No sooner had they fallen asleep than a big fat tomcat snuck up and gobbled up both of them. As he sat washing his face after his meal, he thought, *I love baskin' robins*.

Both Pieces of Pie

A boy brought a friend over for supper. His friend seemed to enjoy the food all right, even though his mother was not the best cook around.

Then it came time for dessert. The mother asked her son's friend, "Would you like some of my famous apple pie?"

The boy told her that he would. When the boy had finished the pie, he thanked his friend's mother.

The mother was pleased with the boy's manners. "Did you like my pie?"

"Ma'am, I just want to thank you for both pieces."

"But you only ate one piece of my pie."

The boy explained, "Not exactly. That piece of your pie was my first and my last."

Hear the Onion Rings

You can be sure you are hungry if you can hear the onion rings

A Fly a Day

A thought for the day in the booklet "A Clarification of Questions": Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini wrote that "if a fly gets into the throat of one who is fasting, it is not necessary to pull it out."

Daddy's Decimal Points

A young boy watched as his dad finished a heavy meal and then loosened his belt.

"Look, Mom," he said, "Pop has just moved his decimal point over two places."

Cajun Zoos

Question: What's the difference between Cajun zoos and, other zoos?

Answer: In front of each exhibit, other zoos have a plaque with the name of the animal, its habitat, etc. Cajun zoos have a plaque with the name of the animal and its recipe.