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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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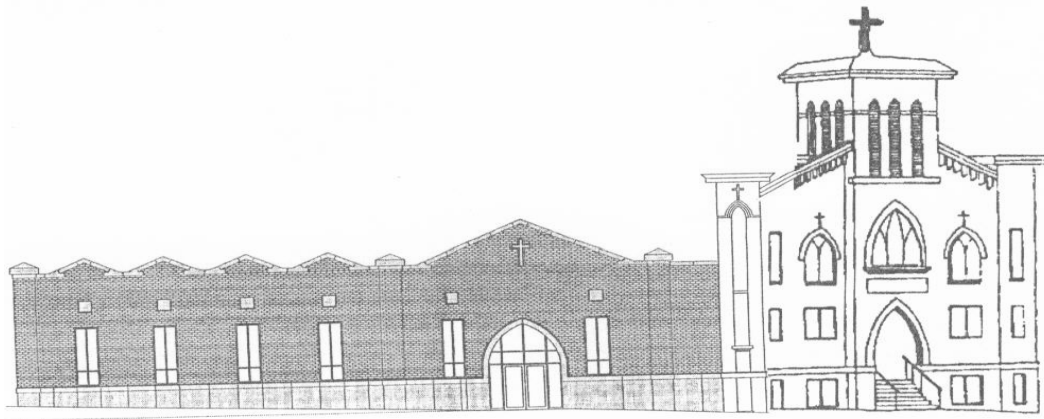
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Epiphany Season Sunday of the Righteous & Just



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: Sunday of the Righteous & Just

Readings: Heb 12:18-24 & Mt 25:31-46

- 1- Usually, when we think of saints, we think of people of heroic, almost superhuman proportions. We think of miracles and acts of self-sacrificing charity. We place statues of saints with halos around their heads in shrines.
- 2- We also, almost always, think of saints in the past. But as I listened to the gospel reading, the “job description” of being a saint, it occurred to me how many real saints I have met in my first four months in the parish. I know people –and you probably know them, too– who live lives of sanctity. They don’t have halos and they are not called saints. They don’t attract any attention. They perform many good works of service that we would consider too ordinary to be “heroic.”
- 3- But they are among the “Blessed” of today’s gospel.
- 4- “. . . Blest are the poor in spirit; the reign of God is theirs.” Blest are the parents who could have had all the luxuries and opportunities that life has to offer, but who sacrifice so much for their children. Blest is the lady with so little but who gives nevertheless to the poor and doesn’t want to be mentioned.
- 5- “Blest too are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled.” Blest is the wife who cares for her terminally ill husband, caring for him and loving him. Blest is the husband who faithfully goes to the nursing home every day to be with his wife, who is in a coma.
- 6- “Blest are the lowly; they shall inherit the land.” Blest is the cleaning woman who scrubs floors for minimum wage and is embarrassed to come to church because she doesn’t have a good dress to wear. Blest is the child who understands and loves his parents, even though his clothes aren’t as nice as his friends’ and his room is not stuffed with the toys other children have.
- 7- “Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness; they shall have their fill.” Blest are those people I have surprised in church, praying to God in a moment of quiet in their lives. Blest is the father and mother who spend time teaching their children what prayer is and how to pray. Blest is the elderly woman whose arthritic fingers can barely move along the beads of her rosary.
- 8- “Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.” Blest is that man who is watching his wife die of cancer and who cares for her with love and honor. Blest is the older sister who tries to explain to her younger brother that alcoholism is a disease, so he won’t think less of his father.
- 9- “Blest are the single-hearted for they shall see God.” Blest is the mother who sacrifices the years she should be enjoying in retirement to care for her crippled son, and who worries what will happen to him when she is gone.
- 10- “Blest too the peacemakers; they shall be called children of God.” Blest is that one person I know who is so kind, so gentle . . . who with a few words brings peace to all of us with a smile.
- 11- “Blest are those persecuted for holiness sake; the reign of God is theirs.” Blest is the middle-age woman who knows of her husband’s cheating, but who goes on loving him and praying for him and trying to forgive him. Blest is the girl who wanted to be a nun, but whose cerebral palsy rules out the life of a religious. Blest is the elderly priest, confused by the changes in the church, who is often the subject of ridicule and scorn, yet continues to try to adapt himself even though psychologists tell us not much can be expected from someone so advanced in years.
- 12- These are just some of the saints I have met in my life. There are so many more who have strengthened my faith, who have convinced me beyond any doubt of the existence of God’s grace and of the reality of goodness vanquishing evil.
- 13- I invite you to sit back and think of the saints you have met in your life.
- 14- Today we celebrate those saints –the ordinary, who have been neither canonized nor remembered in the church calendar. Yet their lives and their faith are as heroic as any of the great saints. In their simple loving, they point to God just as well as the most beautiful cathedral.
- 15- Through their example, may we live lives of sainthood in our homes and offices and schools and factories . . . that one day, All Saints’ Day becomes our feast, too.

Mass Intentions

THIS WEEKEND, February 7-8: "Sunday of the Righteous and Just"

Saturday, February 7: (Benediction and Mass)

3:30 p.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

4:00 p.m.: Phil Miller, Jr., by his godmother Peggy Shalvey

Frances Linton (2nd Anniversary) by Mike & Sue Linton

Sunday, February 8 at 10:30 a.m.: (Mass followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family

Kenny Hill by Bill & Carol Dougherty

Weekday Masses

Monday, February 9: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

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

Wednesday, February 11 at Noon:

Sonny Hancher by his aunt Sadie (CO)

John John by the OLOL Women's Society

Thursday, February 12 at Noon:

Sonny Hancher by his aunt Sadie (CO)

John John by George & Mary Thomas

Friday, February 13 at Noon:

Sonny Hancher by Millet & Susie Fadoul

John John by Buck & Gail

NEXT WEEKEND and weekdays, February 14-20: "Sunday of the Faithful Departed"

From Saturday, February 14 until Friday, February 20th all Masses will be offered for:

Philomena Barra (on her Birthday) by Jerry & Marge Saseen

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

Helen Fielding by her husband Don (FL)

Deceased members of the Fielding Family by Fr. Bakhos

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

Deceased members of the Jalad Family & Przelenski Family by Irene Schuler

Deceased members of the Fadoul & Bentz Families by Millet & Susie Fadoul

Deceased members of the Cybulski, Hancher & Sengewalt Families by Millet & Susie Fadoul

Barkett & Sadie Coury by their children & families

Deceased of the Coury & Aowad Families by Lucille Coury Gibbons & Family

Husband Roland & members of John Family by Julia Tappe

Thomas Jalad & Simon & Fannie DeDomenico by Anna Jalad

John F. Kukula by Mary Rose Kukula & Family

Deceased members of the Cater Family by Mary Ann Cater & Rob Vawter

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Deceased of the Duffy & Fadoul Families by Earl, Linda & Allison Duffy

Deceased members of the Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Family

The deceased loved ones of the Rohanna, Seabright & Lish Families by Frank & Mary Lish

Deceased members of the George & Grey Families by Shirley & Jim George

Siham Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn

LaVerne Thomas by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn

Evelyn Hall by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn

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

1- Help painting the Church:

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. **Painting will not start until we collect all the amount needed.** 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”**. 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: \$15,206.00)

Memorials: *Mike Sobota (Memorial) (\$635), John John (Memorial) (\$405), Lena Joseph (Memorial) (\$100), Jennie Bedway (Memorial) (\$300),*

Donations: *Our Lady of Lebanon Church Women Society (\$65), Nancy Joseph (\$100), Manell Brice (\$500), Paul & Irene Schuler (\$100), Charles Mattes (brother of Betty Shia) [MD] (\$500), Betty Shia (\$500), Cedar Club \$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), Annette Togliatti [OH] (\$20), Salem David [CT] (\$15), Susan & Domenique George (\$100), Lou & Marge John (\$200), Dr. Samy Sakla (\$100), Rose Mary White (\$25), Thomasina Geimer (\$100), Dr. & Mrs. Rajai Khoury (\$100), Mike & Nicole Breit [NC] (\$50), Donald Fielding [FL] (\$150), Randy Weisner (\$500), Barbara Joseph [FL] (\$500), Evelyn Goodson (\$100), Rose Vargo (\$100), Ron & Kim Gibbons (\$30), Mike & Sue Linton (\$150), Tom Ferris (\$100), Al & Josephine Weidman (\$25), Frank & Anna Marie Duymich (\$25), Charles Sleeme [FL] (\$25), Emily Vince (\$50), Youssef & Jocelyn Chahine [PA] (\$100), John & Dee Shiben (\$500), Jim & Shirley George (\$100), Bill Hogan (\$100), Kathy Maroon (\$25),*

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.

Donation	
\$500	Topaz Leaf in Memory of Minnie Shia Vargo by Ernest E. Vargo, Sr. & Family (2.3.2009)

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 our Mahrajan and future church steak fry from General Rental (\$700)

May the generous benefactors receive their reward many fold.

<i>Our Lady of Lebanon Community Calendar</i>	
Monday, February 9	Cedar Club Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 15	Order Deadline for: Soup & Hoagie Sale
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, February 22	Women’s Society Meeting – after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday, March 22	St. Maron Lebanese Dinner – 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 22	Women’s Society Gift Basket Raffle Drawing – at St. Maron Lebanese Dinner
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

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!

Vocation Discernment Week (February 13-15)

“The Vocation Office of our Eparchy would like to announce the second Vocation Discernment Weekend that will be held at the Maronite Seminary in Washington DC. On February 13-15. All young men, college age and older are encouraged to attend this weekend. For information, contact Fr. Sharbel Maroun at Abouna@stmaron.com or Fr. Armando ElKhoury at father@saintrafka.org

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.)

Dessert donors include: Nesrin AlKhoury, Sue Brubach, Carol Dougherty, Kay Garvey, Roberta Henning, Anna Jalad, Nancy Joseph, Emmalena Khourey, Mary Lish, Frances Saseen, Nettie Seidler, Rita Strawn, 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.**

Soup donors include: Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, Marsha Dellget, Carol Dougherty, Linda Duffy, Sandra Dusick, Diane Frenn, Nick Ghaphery, Roberta Henning, Anna Jalad, Mary Lish, Nancy Joseph, Fran Saseen, Nettie Seidler, Rita Strawn, Julia Tappe, Mary Thomas, Jean Weisner.

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 & Rice Soup, 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. Men and women of the parish can help make this sale a success by sharing your time, talents and treasure. Call the office at 233-1688 to volunteer.

(1) **Volunteer to prepare and donate your favorite soup or make a dessert for our Bake Sale Table**

(2) **Volunteer Thursday, February 19, to prep ingredients** for the hoagies from 9 a.m. to Noon

[Thursday volunteers include: Carol Dougherty, Sandra Dusick, Don & Roberta Henning, Anna Jalad, Nini Miller (maybe), Rita Strawn, Julia Tappe, Mary Thomas, ??]

(3) **Volunteer Friday, February 20, to help during the sale** from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

[Friday volunteers include: Carol Dougherty, Sandra Dusick, Kim Gibbons, Don & Roberta Henning, Charlotte Khourey, Nini Miller (maybe), Nettie Seidler, Mary Thomas, ??]

(4) **Volunteer Saturday, February 21 to help during the sale** from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

[Saturday volunteers include: Carol Dougherty, Sandra Dusick, Kay Garvey, Don & Roberta Henning, Charlotte Khourey, Mary Lish, Nini Miller (maybe), Mary Thomas, ??]

(5) Distribute or post flyers announcing our event

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

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

Monthly 50/50 Raffle *(Drawings: Sunday, February 22nd)*

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 February tickets** (printed on salmon paper) are provided at the church entrance and in the weekly church bulletin 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 January 50/50 winner of \$65: L.B. Thomas (State College, PA) who supports our raffle drawings each month.

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

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:30 p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., followed by Benediction of the Cross. Many thanks to the Cedar Club members who will sponsor the first Lenten Meal on Friday, February 27, and on Good Friday, April 10, 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 also be provided by the Cedar Club.)

Date:	Volunteers:
1 st Friday, February 27 th	Light Meal Family Sponsor: The Cedar Club
2 nd Friday, March 6 th	Light Meal Family Sponsor: Sandra Dusick, Kay Garvey, Julia Tappe
3 rd Friday, March 13 th	Light Meal Family Sponsor: MaryAnn Cater
4 th Friday, March 20 th	Light Meal Family Sponsor: ???
5 th Friday, March 27 th	Light Meal Family Sponsor: Carol Dougherty, Fran Saseen, Jean Weisner
6 th Friday, April 3 rd	Light Meal Family Sponsor: Anna Jalad, Rita Strawn, Mary Thomas
7 th Friday, April 10 th	Light Meal Family Sponsor: The Cedar Club

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

Gift Basket Raffle Drawing *(Sunday, March 22nd, at the St. Maron Dinner)*

A "Homemakers Gift Basket" of kitchen items is the theme of our next Gift Basket Raffle (printed on white paper). The drawing will be at the St. Maron Lebanese Dinner on Sunday, March 22. Basket includes: *a salt mill, a pepper mill, an 8 oz. pkg. of chocolate raspberry decaf coffee, a sample-size pkg. of cinnamon hazelnut coffee, a bottle of Riunite Lambrusco, a Tupperware pitcher & tumbler set, 3 kitchen utensils, a dish*

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washing brush, 4 place mats, 2 dish cloths, 2 potholders, 2 dish towels, 2 sets of plastic food storage containers, a bread knife, a manual can opener, a vegetable peeler, 3 food storage bag clips, a chicken roasting stand, an apron, chopping mats.

The Gift Baskets Raffle is sponsored by the Women's Society and tickets are available now at the church entrance, in our weekly Bulletin, at our upcoming St. Maron Dinner or call Kay at 232-0492. Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 or you can **triple your chances of winning by sending in 18 ticket stubs at one time for only \$10.00** (3 sheets of tickets).

Buy or sell the tickets, and return the completed stubs as soon as possible in the weekly collection (with Gift Basket Raffle noted on the front of the envelope) or write the notation on the "Memo" line of your check when you mail it to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003.

For more information, contact the church office at (304) 233-1688. Your generosity and cooperation enhances our Church. Congratulations to the December "Christmas" Gift Basket winner: Mary Custer who supports both our raffles weekly.

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 Linda at 242-6853 or Carol at (740) 782-0146 or 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 (Beer & pop are available a la carte.)

Tickets: \$ 7.00 ea. Child under 12
\$15.00 ea. Adult **if PAID by March 15th**
\$17.00 ea. Adult **if PAID March 16th thru 22nd**

For Tickets call: (304) 233-1688. Buy your tickets in Advance and save! Only a very limited number of tickets will be available at the door – **All Adult Tickets Sold After Sunday, March 15th, and At The Door Will Cost: \$17.00.** Door Prize winners are drawn during the dinner. **Take Out** will be available.

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). For this to be successful, all food along with cases of cans of pop and cases of water (12 or 16 oz. size) will need to be donated in order to make a profit. (If you are unable to shop for the pop and water, monetary donations will be accepted.) We are asking all bakers of the parish to prepare some pastries or other baked goods for the concession stand. Your baked items can be brought to the church hall on Saturday, April 18th, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Remember this is for the parish and all funds raised will be designated for the Church Building Maintenance Fund. If you have any questions or need other information, call Linda Duffy at 242-6853 or Luane at 242-7437.

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. **Payment in advance is greatly appreciated.**

Happy Birthday

February 9: Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, Michael DiFabrizio
 February 10: Sandra DeMuth, Angela Schultz, Betty Shia
 February 11: Charlotte Khourey
 February 14: Diane Frenn
 February 15: Nettie Seidler, Monica Burns
 February 16: Josephine Joseph, Dave Sengewalt
 February 17: Victoria John, Rebecca DiFabrizio
 February 18: Barb McLaughlin
 February 21: Louie Khourey

February 25: Isaac Stephens

February 27: MaryAnn Carl

<i>Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List</i>
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Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently In Your Prayers:

Rosella Saseen, Laura & Marion Wellman, 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), Jennie Bedway (PA), Virginia Kourey Bryan (aunt of Lou Kourey 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)

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
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\$1,090	Collection
64	Candles
35	Utilities
100	Donations
120	Ads
925	Painting Fund
\$2,334	Total. May God reward you many fold

What's New?

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.

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.

Happy Valentine Day

A friend sent an early "Valentine" to see if it will make it around the world by Feb. 14th.

"For God so loVed the world,

That He gAve

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That whosoever

Believes In Him

Should Not perish,

But have Everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Wisdom: Risking

Two seeds lay side by side in the fertile soil.

The first seed said, "I want to grow! I want to send my roots deep into the soil beneath me, and thrust my sprouts through the earth's crust above me ... I want to unfurl my tender buds like banners to announce the arrival of spring ... I want to feel the warmth of the sun on my face and the blessing of the morning dew on my petals!"

And so she grew...

The second seed said, "I am afraid. If I send my roots into the ground below, I don't know what I will encounter in the dark. If I push my way through the hard soil above me I may damage my delicate sprouts ...

What if I let my buds open and a snail tries to eat them? And if I were to open my blossoms, a small child may pull me from the ground. No, it is much better for me to wait until it is safe."

And so she waited....

A yard hen scratching around in the early spring ground for food found the waiting seed and promptly ate it.

Moral of the Story: Those of us who refuse to risk and grow get swallowed up by life.

This Poem Was Written the Night Before the Super Bowl

T'was the night before the Super Bowl, when along the gulf shore,
Steelers fans were praying for just one more;
The players were nestled all snug in the sack,
With visions of the first NFL Six-Pack;
Coach Tomlin was young, but wise for his years,
So I drifted off to sleep without any fears;
When at the stadium there arose some strange chatter,
The Cardinals feared, what was the matter;
We heard Okel Dokel, we heard Double Yoi
We jumped from our beds, our hearts jumped for joy;
He stood at the fifty with a grin ear to ear,
Steelers' fans everywhere started to cheer;
Then in an instant to our surprise,
This little old man had tears in his eyes;
He went to the booth and there took his chair,
While Terrible Towels waved in the air;
Then over the airwaves came his shrill voice,
The Steelers Nation began to rejoice;
He said, I am back, but you know I can't stay,
I just had to see my Steelers play;
From my home up above, I have a great view,
But I wanted to celebrate here with you;
So bring on the Birds, we'll send them a fly,
On the way back to Phoenix, they will be cry;
Ben, Hines, Troy, Jeff and all of the rest,
No matter the outcome, to me you're the best;
The airwaves went silent, the stadium still,
Was this just a dream, it seemed so real;
In our team we have faith, in our team we have hope,
But the game is not the same without Myron Cope.

--A.K. Young

Maronites = Catholics of the East

Chronology of the Maronite Church

1964 A.D.

On Sunday, August 16, 1964, ground is broken for the construction of the \$200,000 replica of the shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon. Jounieh, Lebanon.

The National Association of Maronites, the forerunner of the National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM) was formed for the purpose of uniting the Maronite Laity in the United States, to support the Seminary and the establishment of the Maronite Dioceses.

The National Association of Maronites holds first convention May 1-3 in Washington, D.C. Visiting Maronite Bishop Francis M. Zayek ordains Robert Shaheen, first American-born Maronite to be ordained by a Maronite bishop in the United States on May 2nd.

1966 A.D.

On January 10, 1966, Pope Paul VI establishes the Maronite Apostolic Exarchate for the United States and appoints Francis M. Zayek, former Maronite Bishop of Brazil, as its first Exarch. Bishop Francis was installed on June 11, 1966 and established his first chancery and residence in Detroit, Michigan. At the time of his installation there were 43 Maronite churches in the United States.

In the closing days of Vatican Council II, the beatification of the Maronite monk Sharbel Makhlouf was announced, and he was declared blessed.

1971 A.D.

Pope Paul VI raised the Maronite Exarchate to the status of a diocese on November 29, 1971. The title of the new diocese became "Diocese of Saint Maron."

1972 A.D.

Francis M. Zayek. is formally installed as "Bishop of the Diocese of Saint Maron." on June 4, 1972.

1977 A.D.

The seat of the Diocese of Saint Maron is moved from Detroit, Michigan to Brooklyn, New York. Saint Sharbel is canonized in the Basilica of Saint Peter's, Rome on October 9, 1977 by Pope Paul VI.

1980 A.D.

Monsignor John Chedid of Los Angeles California is appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Saint Maron on October 28, 1980. The consecration of the auxiliary bishop took place on January 25, 1981.

1982 A.D.

Bishop Francis Zayek is given the personal title of "Archbishop."

1983 A.D.

National office of the National Apostolate of Maronites is established in the offices of the Diocese of St. Maron, Brooklyn, NY.

1986 A.D.

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary observes its 25th anniversary with a symposium of reflections and topics on October 16-17. The seminary had prepared thirty-six men for priestly ministry in the Diocese of Saint Maron during its twenty-five-year history.

1987 A.D.

New Christ the King Chapel solemnly dedicated by Archbishop Zayek on December 8, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, Ohio.

1991 A.D.

Diocese of Saint Maron, U.S.A. celebrated the 25th anniversary of the establishment of a Maronite hierarchy in the United States.

1994 A.D.

On March 1, the Vatican issued a proclamation creating the new Diocese, the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles, naming Bishop John Chedid as the new Eparch.

Bishop John Chedid was enthroned as the first Bishop of the newly created Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles for the Maronites during ceremonies held at St. Charles Borromeo Church North Hollywood, CA on June 23.

1995 A.D.

His Holiness Pope John Paul II appoints Chor-Bishop Wadih Peter Tayah of Miami, Florida as the first Bishop of the newly erected Maronite Eparchy of Our Lady of the Martyrs of Lebanon in Mexico. He also serves as the Apostolic visitor for the Maronites of Central American and Venezuela.

1995 A.D.

His Holiness Pope John Paul II announced the Synod on June 12, 1991. After four years of intense work, preparation and prayers, the Pope convoked the Synod on Lebanon to meet at the Vatican from November 25 through December 14. The theme for the Synod was "Christ is our hope, renewed in His spirit, in solidarity we bear witness to His love." Pope John Paul II presided over the solemn concelebration of the Eucharist and officially opened the special assembly for Lebanon of the Synod of Bishops.

During his address to the Synod on Lebanon, the Maronite Patriarch Nassrallah Cardinal Sfeir, concluded his address with the following: "With the intercession of Our Lady of Lebanon, the blessing of Your Holiness, the illumined contribution of Their Eminencies the Cardinals, convened to participate in this Special Assembly for Lebanon, together with all the members of the Synod, the auditors, and the experts here present and with the prayers of all the Church united with those of our faithful in Lebanon and of the Diaspora, we want to firmly believe that the works of the Synod will be crowned by success and that Lebanon will be safeguarded with all her characteristics in order to regain its true role in the concert of nations."

1996 A.D.

On November 23, 1996, Chor-Bishop Hector Doueihy was named Bishop-Elect of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, New York.

1997 A.D.

Bishop Doueihy was enthroned in Brooklyn, New York on February 1997.

Story: Mom's Wisdom

My Mom is in her seventies, and has seen a lot in her lifetime. She faced challenges that we all face one way or the other. She has seen successes and many happy times throughout her life.

Recently, we were talking and I asked her if she could give me just three pieces of advice to live my life what would they be. After some thought, she said she would have to think about it. It surprised me that she wanted time to think about it. She always was free with her advice sometimes even when I didn't want to hear it.

I arrived at her house the next day where she handed me a piece of paper with her three pieces of wisdom written out. She explained to me that if she was only able to give me three, that these three were the most important.

As I read them, I realized the importance of what she was telling me. She wasn't telling me to save my money, nor was she telling me to work hard. Her 3 most important things to live a happy life were truly pieces of wisdom.

What were they? Here is the wisdom my Mom shared with me:

1. Make each new day count by helping someone or just making someone smile.
2. Don't dwell on life's troubles, think of the good times.
3. Don't worry about things you can't do anything about.

This was an interesting thing to do. Perhaps, like me, you have someone in your life that has been there for you, no matter what. My Mom has always been one of my biggest supporters and the wisdom she has given me over the years has helped shaped the person I am today.

Ask that person in your life to give you three pieces of advice to live a good life. You may be pleasantly surprised by the answers you get.

Joke (528)

Naive Water

Ever wonder about those who spend two dollars for a little bottle of Evian water? Just spell Evian backwards.

Even Better Than Mother

A little boy disobeyed his mother, but his conscience began to hurt him, and he was sneaking up to his room when his mother saw him. "Where are you going, Frank?" she asked.

"To my room to talk to God."

"Is it something you can't tell me?"

Frank explained, "Yes. You'll just scold and punish me while God will forgive me and forget all about it."

Complete Forgiveness

In teaching my boys, ages four and three, the Lord's Prayer, I was startled to hear my oldest boy say, "As we forgive those who pass gas against us."

Good Sam Strategy

When we bought our new television set, the neighbors gathered one Saturday to help us put up the antenna. Since we had only the simplest tools, we weren't making much progress-until a man who was new on the block appeared with an elaborate toolbox, with everything we needed to get the antenna up in record time. As we stood around congratulating ourselves on this piece of good luck, we asked our new neighbor what he made with such fancy tools. Looking at us all, he smiled and answered, "Friends, mostly."

Affair with Toupee

On *The Phil Donahue Show* on January 13, 1992, a number of reporters and anchor persons from twenty years of the *Today* show were being interviewed by Phil Donahue.

Bryant Gumble commented on his reconciliation with Willard Scott. He said they now had an excellent relationship. In fact, one of the staff found Willard's toupee in Bryant's dressing room and accused them of having an affair. Willard Scott jumped up in surprise and exclaimed, "You're having an affair with my toupee?"

Gum Sisters

My daughter Kelly (age six) grew to be close friends with Michelle (age eleven). Michelle had recently learned about covenant love and persuaded Kelly to become a covenant sister.

They got all excited about "having all things in common," that is, toys, games, secrets, etc. But then they realized that in order to become true bonded covenant sisters they would have to allow their blood to mingle together. Horrors! Feeling quite dismayed, the idea was about to die when suddenly Michelle blurted, "I've got an idea." She ran to her bedroom, grabbed a pack of gum, took one piece and gave another to Kelly. They chewed their gum until it was soft-and permeated with saliva. "Now, let's trade," she said. They traded those mushy, germ-filled, already-been-chewed pieces of gum. They bit into them and they chomped on them. Then they proudly announced to family and friends, "We're gum sisters; we stick together!"

Choose Your Friends Very Carefully

Three friends were having lunch together-Jack Benny, George Burns, and Edgar Bergen. Jack Benny had a reputation for being tight. George Burns said Benny had a "reach impediment" when it came to picking up the bill, so Burns was therefore surprised to hear Benny ask for the check. On the way out he complimented Benny. "That was good of you to ask for the check," he told him. Benny replied, "I did not ask for the check, and that's the last time I'll have lunch with a ventriloquist."