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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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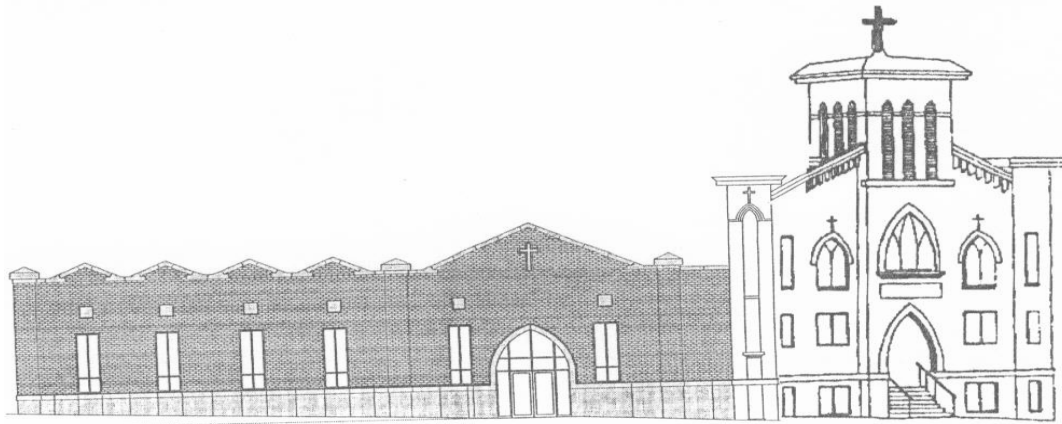
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Week of the Faithful Departed



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: Week of the Faithful Departed

Readings: 1Thes 5:1-11 and Lk 16:19-31

Why the Church wants us to pray for the repose of the Souls in Purgatory?

The theological doctrine of the “Communion of Saints” reminds us of the union of the faithful on earth (Church Militant) with the blessed in Heaven (Church Triumphant) and the Souls in Purgatory (Suffering Church). It includes our loved ones and all those throughout the world who have gone before us on their journeys toward the Heavenly Jerusalem: those who during their lives on earth hungered and thirsted for holiness and fought the good fight of faith.

The Second Vatican Council said: “*Very much aware of the bonds linking the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Pilgrim Church from the very first ages of the Christian religion has cultivated with great piety the memory of the dead. Because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from sins, she has always offered prayers for them.*” Then it says, “*This most sacred Synod accepts with great devotion the venerable faith of our ancestors regarding this vital fellowship with our brethren who are in heavenly glory or who are still being purified after death. It proposes again the decrees of the Second Council of Nicea, the Council of Florence and the Council of Trent.*”

On their way to Heaven, some souls may have to spend a while in Purgatory. The word purgatory is from the Latin verb *purgare* which means to “cleanse” or to “purify”. Purgatory is a state where souls suffer for a time after death on account of their sins. In other words, it is for the souls stained or spotted with venial sins which have not been forgiven during earthly life and for souls which still have temporal punishment to undergo for mortal sins which have been forgiven in this life.

If we pray for someone who is already in Heaven, God will use our prayers for other souls in need of prayer. There are, indeed, many deceased who have no one to pray for them. The souls in Purgatory are called *Poor Souls* because they stand in need of our help. They are also called *Holy Souls* because they are in a state of grace; they sin no more and they are sure of their salvation. They realize that nothing spotted or unclean can enter the pure white presence of the ALL-HOLY God. They accept their suffering with resignation to the will of God.

Our Christian charity urges us to pray to God, the loving Father, to grant all our brothers and sisters who have left this world refreshment, light and peace. The Souls in Purgatory cannot pray to shorten the time of their *purification*. However, they can pray and offer their pain for the souls on earth. How long the souls remain in Purgatory depends on their guilt and the assistance we send them. The Church recommends various ways to help the Souls in Purgatory, including the Divine Liturgy (first and foremost); communion; almsgiving; charitable works; penance; mortification; indulgences; and all kinds of prayers, private or public. Some people become upset when they hear that their loved ones can be suffering in Purgatory. But the intense pains in Purgatory are mingled with intense joys. How joy can exist amid torment and pain is something of a mystery. There is mystery in the case of the martyrs who felt a sense of peace and joy beyond expression in their most terrible tortures. There is mystery in the case of the mother who, during delivery, endures the suffering of childbirth with the joy of giving life to her tiny loved one. If suffering and happiness can be mingled here on earth, how much more harmoniously can they be mingled in that other life of waiting for God? We pray for the Souls in Purgatory because they cannot pray for themselves. However, they can pray and offer their suffering for those on earth, and when they are in Heaven they see that those who have prayed for them are rewarded.

From the Pastor

Dear parishioners and friends, I was overwhelmed with your love and support on my birthday. You humbled me with your appreciation and let me feel as your unworthy servant. You are indeed a great community and deserve the best ever. May the Lord whom I serve return your generosity many folds. Fr Bakhos.

Necessity of Praying for the Dead

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God."

Mass Intentions

THIS 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, a Loving Mother 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 & Gray 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

Helen Fielding & Augie Montalbano by daughter Nikki & Joe Popovich

Mary & George Popovich by son Joe and Nikki Popovich

Anthony & Grazia Condelli & Family members by Sylvia Long

Next WEEKEND, February 21-22: "Cana Sunday"

Saturday, February 21 at 4:00 p.m.:

Leona Albaugh (on her Birthday) by the Association of Jesuit Colleges & Universities

Robert & Rose (Anniversary) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt & Family

Mary Demsko (4th Anniversary) by her daughter Rosemary Cornish

Sunday, February 22 at 10:30 a.m.:

Millie Saab by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

Joe Bittengle by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

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: \$18,251.00)

Memorials: *Mike Sobota (Memorial) (\$635), John John (Memorial) (\$430), 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 & Dominique 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), Patti Hirsh [TX] (\$20), Clara Morris (\$25), Don Fielding [FL] (\$100), Rex & Rita Strawn (\$300), Bill & Carol Dougherty (\$1,000), Eleanor Thomas (\$25), Anonymous (\$50), Mary Beth Weisner [OH] (\$1,000), George & Jean Weisner (\$500),*

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),

2- 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.

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

3- 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> | |
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| Sunday, February 15 | <i>Order Deadline for: Soup & Hoagie Sale</i> |
| 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. |
| Blessing with ashes | Ash Monday, February 23: (at 8:00 am and 5:30 pm) Ash Wednesday, February 25: (at 8:00 am and 5:30 pm) |
| 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 |

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 AlKhouri, 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, Maghrabeyah (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.

Blessing with ashes and Masses:

Ash Monday, February 23: (at 8:00 am and 5:30 pm)

Ash Wednesday, February 25: (at 8:00 am and 5:30 pm)

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: |
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| 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 filled decorative bottle, a Wilton metal bread dish, a chicken roasting stand, an apron, chopping mats, a Tupperware pitcher & tumbler set, 3 kitchen utensils, a dish washing brush, 4 place mats, 2 dish cloths, 2 potholders, 2 dish towels, 2 sets of plastic food storage containers, a package of green produce bags, a kitchen timer, a bread knife, a manual can opener, a vegetable peeler, 3 food storage bag clips, a magnetic to do list tablet, recipe cards, a bottle of Soft Soap, a bar of Swiss milk chocolate.*

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)

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| 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 (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 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

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently In Your Prayers:

Barb Sobota, 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, 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

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| 1,342 | Collection |
| 177 | 2 nd collection to missions |
| 39 | Candles |
| 35 | Utilities |
| 500 | Donations |

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| 40 | Parking |
| 2,070 | Painting Fund |
| 125 | Hall rental |
| 100 | Refunds |
| 255 | Soup & Hoagies |
| 4,683 | Total. May God reward you many fold |

What's New?

Reverse Raffle winners:

Our first Maronite Reverse Raffle Dinner was a huge success. It was a lovely evening from start to finish. Thank you to all our sponsors, to those who purchased tickets and to those who attended the dinner. The winners were: 1st number drawn: Nick Conti (\$500.00). The last 5 numbers in the hopper agreed to split with each receiving \$1,000.00: Randa Khoury, Bev Duffy, Tom Ferris, Madelyn George and Carol Dougherty. Our profit was \$4,620.76. Thank you for your support. The Committee.

Congratulations on your 50th Wedding Anniversary

Our friends and benefactors, Gary and Phyllis "Flip" West of Wheeling and Naples, Fla., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Feb. 7. They were united in marriage Feb. 7, 1959 at the former Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, Wheeling. Gary was inducted into the Wheeling Hall of Fame in 2008. The West's have two daughters, KimBerly and Lori, both of Atlanta. In celebration of their anniversary, the Wests took their daughters and their spouses and four grandchildren on a private, seven-day cruise around the British Virgin Islands. The Wests renewed their wedding vows at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Atlanta Saturday, Feb. 7, and were honored at an intimate dinner party created by chef Donna Brousseau and hosted by their daughters and sons-in-law. May the Lord and his Blessed Mother grant them a long and happy life together. May their deeds shine like the sun in the kingdom of God.

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, Trefails, 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.

Necessity to pray for the dead:

Judas rallied his army and went to the city of Adullam. As the week was ending, they purified themselves according to custom and kept the sabbath there. On the following day, since the task had now become urgent, Judas and his men went to gather up the bodies of the slain and bury them with their kinsmen in their ancestral tombs. But under the tunic of each of the dead they found amulets sacred to the idols of Jamnia, which the law forbids the Jews to wear. So it was clear to all that this was why these men had been slain? They all therefore praised the ways of the lord, the just judge who brings to light the things that are hidden. Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out. The noble Judas warned the soldiers to keep themselves free from sin, for they had seen with their own eyes what had happened because of the sin of those who had fallen. He then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed this sin. (2 Maccabees 38-46)

Maronites = Catholics of the East

A Maronite Hymn

I have consumed Your Holy Body; let not the fire consume me.

My eyes have touched this Body; let them see Your Mercy.

I was not a stranger to You in this life; let me not be an outsider in the Life beyond.

Number me not with the goats; rather, enable me to stand with the lambs, the children at Your Right Hand, that I may sing Your Glory.

O Son of God, I have taken You as a viaticum for the road.

When I am hungry, I consume You, O Savior of all people.

Fire will not touch my members; as the aroma of Your Body and Blood emanates from me.

May You Baptism be a ship for me that does not sink; and I shall cross over the place of fear in it to the Abode of Life.

A Maronite Prayer

Confirm O Lord, in our hearts, and establish in our souls the true and immaculate faith, that we may stand before you, all the days of our life, with purity and holiness. May that faith be for us the road and the path which lead to the heavenly Kingdom. May it enrich us with your love, strengthen us with your hope, and fill us with your blessings... Glory to you, for ever. (*Maronite Anaphora "Sharar", 1453*)

The Maronite Tradition

The Maronite Church draws its origins from three influential streams of thoughts; hence its eclectic nature.

THE FIRST STREAM: the center of Antioch, was known for its biblical focus and its special use of types in the Old Testament as previews of Christ and His plan of salvation in the New Testament.

THE SECOND STREAM: was Edessa, a city of Semitic culture known for its emphasis on poetry and music as means of communicating about the mystery and love of God.

THE THIRD STREAM: was the fourth century visionary priest, named Maron, who lived an austere monastic life on Mount Taurus near Antioch, Syria. His spirituality nurtured our attention to detachment from worldly things and attentiveness to the second coming of Christ.

It can be said, therefore, that Maronite theology, spirituality, liturgy, art, architecture and practices are a syntheses of the teachings, spirituality and lifestyles of Jerusalem, the origins of our Christianity, Antioch, Edessa and Saint Maron.

Chalcedonian Dogma and the Maronites:

In 451 A.D., the Fourth Ecumenical Council was convened at Chalcedon and professed the dual nature (human and divine) of Christ. The Chalcedonian dogma confirms Christ's humanity i.e. His incarnation in time. This led to a schism in the Church.

ON ONE HAND, there were the Pope of Rome, the Western Church in general, the Patriarch of Constantinople and Byzantine Romans, and the Melkites, known today as Roman Catholics and Orthodox, and the Maronites following the Diocese of Antioch. ON THE OTHER HAND, there were the Monophysites or Jacobites, Copts, Abbyssinians, Syriac Orthodox, and Armenian Gregorians.

This schism was not only ideological but also political underlying the struggle over power between Constantinople, the new capital of the aspiring Roman Empire, and Alexandria which was considered as the second seat of Christianity after Rome.

The Maronites were strong defenders of the Chalcedonian dogma and its advocates in Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Palestine. In 517, the Monophysites killed 350 Maronites monks. Their martyrdom is celebrated annually on July 31 by the Maronite and Latin churches worldwide.

Story: The Stonecutter

There was once a stonecutter who was dissatisfied with himself and with his position in life. One day, he passed a wealthy merchant's house and through the open gateway saw many fine possessions and important visitors.

"How powerful that merchant must be!" thought the stonecutter. He became very envious, and wished that he could be like the merchant. Then he would no longer have to live the life of a mere stonecutter.

To his great surprise, he suddenly became the merchant, enjoying more luxuries and power than he had ever dreamed of, envied and detested by those less wealthy than himself. But soon a high official passed by, carried in a sedan chair, accompanied by attendants, and escorted by soldiers beating gongs. Everyone, no matter how wealthy, had to bow low before the procession.

"How powerful that official is!" he thought. "I wish that I could be a high official!"

Then he became the high official, carried everywhere in his embroidered sedan chair, feared and hated by the people all around, who had to bow down before him as he passed. It was a hot summer day, and the official felt very uncomfortable in the sticky sedan chair. He looked up at the sun. It shone proudly in the sky, unaffected by his presence.

"How powerful the sun is!" he thought. "

I wish that I could be the sun!"

Then he became the sun, shining fiercely down on everyone, scorching the fields, cursed by the farmers and laborers. But a huge black cloud moved between him and the earth, so that his light could no longer shine on everything below.

"How powerful that storm cloud is!" he thought. "I wish that I could be a cloud!"

Then he became the cloud, flooding the fields and villages, shouted at by everyone. But soon he found that he was being pushed away by some great force, and realized that it was the wind.

"How powerful it is!" he thought. "I wish that I could be the wind!"

Then he became the wind, blowing tiles off the roofs of houses, uprooting trees, hated and feared by all below him. But after a while, he ran up against something that would not move, no matter how forcefully he blew against it -- a huge, towering stone.

"How powerful that stone is!" he thought. "I wish that I could be a stone!"

Then he became the stone, more powerful than anything else on earth.

But as he stood there, he heard the sound of a hammer pounding a chisel into the solid rock and felt himself being changed.

"What could be more powerful than I, the stone?" he thought.

He looked down and saw far below him the figure of a stonecutter.

Wisdom: Interview with God

"Come in," God said, "So, you would like to interview Me?" "If you have the time," I said. God smiled and said: "My time is eternity and is enough to do everything; what questions do you have in mind to ask me?"

"What surprises You most about mankind?" I asked.

God answered: "That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again. That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health. That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future. That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived . . ."

God's hands took mine and we were silent for a while and then I asked . . . "As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?"

God replied with a smile:

"To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is to let themselves be loved.

To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who they have in their lives.

To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. All will be judged individually on their own merits, not as a group on a comparison basis!

To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most, but is one who needs the least.

To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them.

To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.

To learn that there are persons that love dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings.

To learn that money can buy everything but happiness.

To learn that two peoples can look at the same thing and see it totally different.

To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about them . . . and likes them anyway.

To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they have to forgive themselves."

I sat there for a while enjoying the moment. I thanked Him for his time and for all that He has done for me and my family, and He replied, "Anytime. I'm here 24 hours a day. All you have to do is ask for me, and I'll answer."

Joke (529)

Plastic surgery

A 54 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience.

Seeing God she asked "Is my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance.

Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 43 years? Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?"

God replied: "I didn't recognize you."