

**February 22, 2009**  
**Bulletin # 8**

## ***Our Lady of Lebanon Church***

*(Maronite Catholic Rite)*

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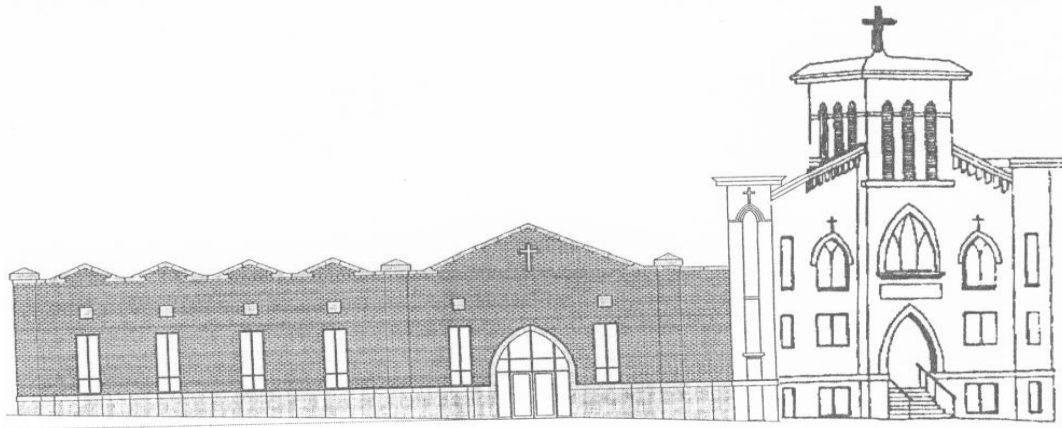
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## ***Beginning of Great Lent Season*** ***Cana Sunday***



### ***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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m. & 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Communion
- \***Miraculous Medal Novena:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Cana Sunday***

*Readings: Rom 14:14-23 & Jn 2:1-11*

### ***Mary in the Public Life of Christ***

The all-holy and immaculate Mother was there also, an eyewitness of the miracles and also listening to the teaching of the Lord. The mediatrix of all good things was the mediatrix of this miracle, too, because, as immaculate Mother, she desired to see the signs of her Son and Lord. For this reason, with respect and prudence, she drew his attention, and without giving him an order to do a miracle, nevertheless discreetly let him know the need of the moment, saying: "They have no wine."

From the depth of her heart she wanted to see the miracle take place, because she knew that he was the creator of all things, he who renews and changes nature as he wishes, he who had dwelt in her bosom in a manner superior to the laws of nature, keeping incorrupt her virginity: and he had gone forth from her bosom as he had wished, keeping her womb sealed and intact. Hence she had understood that he could do all that he wanted.

Thus the most holy Virgin Mother of the Lord, as far as possible, stayed inseparably united with her sweet Lord and desired Son. She accompanied him wherever he went and thought of it as salvation and the light of her eyes and of her soul to be able to journey with him and to listen to his words.

While the Lord came and went, as he announced and proclaimed salvation and healed every sickness and alienation, the pious ladies often accompanied him, and served him, witnessing the miracles he performed, as is written in the Gospel:

"There were many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, and they served him." But the holy and glorious Mother of the Lord was the guide of all of them, their protection and mediatrix with her Son and Lord. Thus, there is transmitted to us, and we repeat it, that after the ineffable birth which transcends all knowledge, even that of the immaculate and blessed Mother, the Virgin-Mother never separated herself from her beloved Son and King; ever since childhood he was her Lord. She nursed him as she should have, served him as a handmaid, and remained inseparably united to him. When he reached the age of twelve years, and they went up to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover and upon returning the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, the immaculate Mother went about searching for him with anguish and sighs. And when she found him, she asked him sorrowfully: "Son, what have you done to us?" and what follows. Then he returned with them and came to Nazareth, and the royal Lord of all things remained subject to them. Then, when thirty years had been fulfilled, he began his apostolate and was baptized by John in the Jordan; and the Holy Spirit came over him in the form of a dove, and the Father attested from heaven that he was his beloved Son, and he began to preach and perform miracles. The holy Mother always accompanied him when she could and listened to his teachings.

-Maximus the Confessor

### ***Beginning of Great Lent Season***

According to the Maronite tradition, the Great Lent recalls the gestures of mercy of the Savior toward His people. This fifty-day period invites the believer to meditate on the sinful human condition, and the meaning of the salvific sufferings and death of Christ. These fifty days reflect the penitential tone and monastic spirit of the Maronite Church. The Sundays of the Great Lent are: Cana Sunday, the Sundays of: the Leper, the Hemorrhaging Woman, the Prodigal Son, the Paralytic, the Blind, and Palm Sunday.

### ***Lenten Reflection: Tempted to Run***

"Filled with the holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." (Luke 4:1-2)

We usually think of temptations as involving sexual license, unruly appetites for chocolate or nicotine, maybe the lure of stealing something covertly. The temptations of Christ in the desert were different: to create bread, insure one's sustenance, achieve self-sufficiency. Ah, yes, to be the "self-made man or woman." And then the temptation to magic: "throw yourself from the heights to invoke the angels." Finally, power: "all this will be yours, if you worship me." Such is the lie of Satan. All are temptations against being human, vulnerable, dependent, and needy.

As if in reversal of the sin of Adam and Eve, seduced into denying their humanity to become “like gods,” Jesus utterly enters into and embraces our humanity. Such was the story of Christmas. Such is the story of Lent, the Passion and Death. He embraced our mortality fully, even our sin and its consequences so as to transform it all by Love.

With Lent we are invited to enter into Christ’s life as he entered ours. And our daily act of faith is to take him into our own creatureliness, our bodies, as our daily bread. Thus, at every Communion we are bold to say, “Lord, I am not worthy to receive you; but only say the word and I shall be healed.”

## *Mass Intentions*

These intentions were added to the Week of the Faithful departed:

*Mary Demsko by daughter Rosemary Cornish*

*Andrew Demsko by daughter Rosemary Cornish*

### THIS 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 (on his anniversary) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt & Family

Mary Demsko (4<sup>th</sup> 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

### Weekday Masses

#### **Monday, February 23: Ash Monday: Blessing & distribution with ashes**

8:00 a.m.: Special Intentions of Peter & Mary Solberg’s Family (St. Paul, MN)

Mike & Sadie Thomas and Deceased Relatives (MN) by Ervin & Rosemary Splatt (WI)

5:30 p.m.: Nettie Shia Hage by her daughter Jennifer Bond

John John by Maria Shipley

#### **Tuesday, February 24:** No Mass. Pastor’s Day off

#### **Wednesday, February 25: Ash Wednesday: Blessing & distribution with ashes**

8:00 a.m.: John John by Andy & Connie Orosz Family

Jennie Bedway by Lou & Charlotte Khourey and Family

5:30 p.m.: John John by Mary & Frank Lish

Jennie Bedway by the Women Society OLOL

#### **Thursday, February 26 at Noon:**

John John by Tina Shipley Kitlak

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

#### **Friday, February 27 at Noon:**

John John by Shipley & Karen Shipley

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

### NEXT WEEKEND, February 28 - March 1: “Sunday of the Leper”

#### **Saturday, February 28 at 4:00 p.m.:**

40-Day Mass for John John by Lou & Marge John & Family

Tony Male (on his 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) by Sue & Mike Linton

#### **Sunday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m.:**

Living and Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David

Abraham Ghaphery Family by the Ghaphery Family

John John by George & Jean Weisner

## *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: \$19,301.00)**

**Memorials:** *Mike Sobota (Memorial) (\$635), John John (Memorial) (\$530), 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), Patricia Hage Hirsh [TX] (\$50), Philip & Robbie Saseen (\$100), Gary Weisner (\$800),*

**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.

Donation	
\$500	<b>Topaz Leaf</b> in Memory of Minnie Shia Vargo by Ernest E. Vargo, Sr. & Family (2.3.2009)
\$500	<b>Pledge for a Topaz leaf</b> in Memory of Joe Bittengle (2.19.2009)

**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><b>Our Lady of Lebanon Community Calendar</b></i>	
Sunday, February 22	<b>Women's Society 50/50 Painting Fund Raffle Drawing</b> – <i>after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>
Sunday, February 22	<b>Women's Society Meeting</b> – <i>after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>
Mon. & Wed., Feb. 23 & 25	<b>Ash Monday &amp; Ash Wednesday</b> – <i>8:00 a.m. &amp; 5:30 p.m.</i>
<b><u>Fridays of Lent:</u></b> February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10	<b>Stations of the Cross, Benediction, Reflections, Light Dinner</b>
Wednesday, March 11	<b>Night of Prayer with the Knights of Columbus</b> – <i>6:00</i>
Sunday, March 15	<b>Easter Lilies:</b> Donation Deadline
Sunday, March 22	<b>St. Maron Lebanese Dinner</b> – <i>11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.</i>
Sunday, March 22	<b>Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle Drawing</b> – <i>at St. Maron Lebanese Dinner</i>
Sunday, March 29	<b>Bingo Night</b> – <i>6:30 to 9:00 p.m.</i>
Sunday, March 29	<b>Women's Society 50/50 Maintenance Fund Raffle Drawing</b> – <i>after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>
Sunday, April 5	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
Thursday, April 9	<b>Holy Thursday &amp; Washing of the Feet of the Apostles</b>
Friday, April 10	<b>Good Friday</b>
Sunday, April 12	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
Sunday, April 12	<b>Diocesan Appeal:</b> Donation Deadline
Sunday, April 12	<b>Spring Lebanese Bake Sale:</b> Order Deadline
Sun.-Thur., April 19-23	<b>Spring Lebanese Bake Sale – Work Days</b> ( <i>11:30 a.m. Sun.; M-Th at 9:00 a.m.</i> )
Sunday, April 19	<b>Work Concession Stand at Wheeling Airport</b> – <i>9 a.m. to 3 p.m.</i>
Sunday, May 17	<b>Spring Spaghetti Dinner</b> – <i>11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.</i>
Sunday, August 9	<b>2009 Mahrajan</b>

**Monthly 50/50 Raffle** (*Drawings: Sunday, February 22<sup>n</sup> & March 29<sup>th</sup>*)

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 will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

The drawing from entries received **from the March tickets** (printed on canary paper) are provided at the church entrance and in the weekly church bulletin will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**.

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 & Masses:***

Ash Monday, February 23: Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, February 25: (Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.)

## ***Diocesan Lenten Regulations***

Then to all Christ said, "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps" (Lk 9:23).

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics. Accordingly, the Pope, the Patriarch and the American bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence. Our Diocesan Regulations are:

- 1- **Ash Monday (February 23, 2009) and Good Friday (April 10, 2009)** are days of ***abstinence*** for all Catholics ***over the age of 14***. On these two days, ***fast*** as well as abstinence is also obligatory for those ***from the ages of 18-59***. Abstinence means abstinence from meat. Fast means no food from midnight to noon. No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.
- 2- **All other Fridays of Lent** are days of ***abstinence*** from meat for everyone 14 years of age & older. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.
- 3- **Fasting from midnight to noon daily is optional**

**We strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.**

## ***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 need one more generous family to host the light meal following the Friday prayers on March 20<sup>th</sup>. (Desserts each Friday will also be provided by the Cedar Club.)

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

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

***A Night of Prayer with the Knights of Columbus*** (Wed. March 11<sup>th</sup>)

The Knights of Columbus will bring to our church the statue of Our Lady of Charity and they invite all parishioners to share one hour of prayer with them on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

***40 Day Mass for Millie Saab*** (Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.)

## ***Easter Lilies*** (Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>)

Dear Parishioners and friends of the Blessed Mother,

Every Easter the church looks beautiful decorated with the flowers donated from your hearts to the Blessed Mother in Memory of your beloved family members. Please be generous as usual and sponsor a \$20.00 Easter Lily. The following Easter Lilies are donated in Memory of:

\$25 *Gladys Howard & Louise N. & Louis H. Khourey Sr., by Lou, Charlotte Khourey & Family*

## ***Gift Basket Raffle Drawing*** (Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>**  
\$17.00 ea. Adult **if PAID March 16<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>ST</sup>, or between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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)

<b><i>Order Deadline</i></b>	Sunday, April 12
<b><i>Spinach Preparation</i></b>	Sunday, April 19, 11:30 a.m.
<b><i>Baking to Fill Orders</i></b>	Monday to Thursday, April 20-23, 9:00 a.m.
<b><i>Order Pick Up Dates</i></b>	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.

### ***Diocesan Appeal*** (Due by Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>)

Many Thanks for all the following faithful parishioners and good Christians who contributed \$50.00 each (unless otherwise marked) toward their Easter Obligation for the 2009 Diocesan Appeal. May your Easter bring more blessings to you and to your family members.

Lou & Charlotte Khourey,

### ***Whg. Airport Concession Stand Work*** (Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 also asking all bakers of the parish to prepare some pastries or other baked goods for the concession stand. Your pop, water and baked items can be brought to the Church Hall on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 Frazier at 242-7437.

### ***Spaghetti Dinner*** (Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 25: Isaac Stephens  
 February 27: MaryAnn Carl  
 March 1: Linda Voellinger, Dottie Kupchak  
 March 4: Jeff Sengewalt  
 March 5: Philip Carl  
 March 6: Shipley Shipley, Karen Shipley, Kristen McLaughlin  
 March 15: Shelby Imer  
 March 18: John Shiben, Kenny Imer, Bill Stees, Patrick Petros  
 March 21: Caroline Stees McDowell  
 March 22: Jennifer Imer

## *Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List*

### Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently In Your Prayers:

Austin Musilli, Catherine Arthur

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

Barb Sobota, Rosella Saseen, Sam Elias, Laura & Marion Wellman, Eva Lee Powel, Jim & Judy Miller, Mary Piko, Theresa Sofka, Bernard Olako, 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)

## *Your Church Support Last Week*

1,155	Collection
62	Candles
5	Utilities
260	Parking
35	Spaghetti Dinner
45	St. Maron Dinner
386	Soup & Hoagies
2,450	Painting Fund
\$4,398	Total. May God reward you many fold

## *What's New?*

***Parish Condolences: Sue Allen Kerry***

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to our beloved parishioner Danielle Lavoie on the loss of her sister Sue who passed away in Massachusetts. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid Sue and we extend the parish's condolences to *her* Family in their time of sorrow.

## ***Many Thanks***

- 1- To Mike & Maryann Carl for donating the commercial grill to be used for the shish kebab at the Mahrajan and for Steak fry at the church. We appreciate their generosity toward the church.
- 2- To Al Depto and Joe Popovich for taking the time and going with Father Bakhos to Winterville to bring the sponsored grill in the truck and for cleaning it and making it ready for use. It is highly appreciated.

## ***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.

## ***Maronites = Catholics of the East***

### ***The Identity of the Maronite Church (1)***

#### **1- The Apostolic-Antiochene, Syro-Aramaic, and Chalcedonian Foundation of the Maronite Church.**

Maronites take their name from the monastery of St. Maron around the time of the Council of Chalcedonia, 451A.D. This monastery became famous in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> century by the renowned zeal of its monks. The monks delegated the doctrine of faith decreed by the fathers of the Council of Chalcedon, which designed two different natures, divine and human, both united in the person of Jesus Christ, while remaining completely different even after the union. This difference was to articulate the reality and effectiveness of the humanity of Jesus.

Enemies of this Council called its adherents "Chalcedonians or Melkites," i.e. the followers of the king. The emperor, Marcianus (450-457 A.D.), called for the Council, sponsored it and ordered the execution of its decree within the empire.

Accordingly, the Monastery of St. Maron is the birthplace of the anticipated Maronite church. It flourished in the region and its surroundings as an autonomous patriarchal from the middle of the 5<sup>th</sup> century to the 8<sup>th</sup> century.

In conclusion, Maron the hermit established a mystical (ascetic) method of life, but did not establish an organized monastic community. In the 17th century, the Maronite church chose him as its Patron Saint and celebrated his feast on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Since the time of the Apostles, Antioch was the capital of Christianity in the Eastern territory of the Roman Empire. Paul and Barnabus preached the good news to the Greeks without imposing upon them the Mosaic Law of Circumcision.

The Antiochene Church had within it the seeds of an ecumenical and universal vocation from its very origins. Saint Paul (Gal 2-11) visited Antioch, and established the Church there. Antioch is also a church assembled around a bishop. He is the sign of unity. The bishop, along with the priests and the deacons, makeup its constitution one bound especially together in the celebration of the mystery of thanksgiving (the Eucharist), according to St. Ignatius of Antioch (the carrier of God) as referred to in the tradition.

Finally, the Syro-Aramaic dimension of our Maronite Church is portrayed first in the theological heritage of the Syriac Fathers who wrote in both Syriac and Greek, expressing dogmatic truth, liturgical traditions, poetry and hymnody that we still pray today, such as Saint Ephrem and Saint Jacob of Saroug and others.

Today, the children of the Maronite church lack their Antiochene heritage whether intentionally or unintentionally, from the 17th century to the present. As a result, the Holy Fathers Apostolic Exhortation, published at the end of the Special Synod for Lebanon, "a new hope for Lebanon" came to call us back with all

Antiochene Catholics, to rediscover their common Antiochene tradition that is so rich, and to perfect it to be an active tool to rebuild the aspired unity of the Antiochene family, Catholic and Orthodox.

The re-discovery of this Antiochene dimension makes the Maronites more united and sympathetic to the other Catholic churches in sharing responsibility of being co-responsible of reviving this heritage, to profit from it in being more faithful to each of their own rich identities that constitute the universal church.

## ***Easter Prayer: Repentance***

*“No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross.*

*No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ.*

*His prayer brought benefit to the multitude that raged against him.*

*How much more does it bring to those who turn to him in repentance.”*

--St. Leo the Great

## ***Story: Return to Paradise***

Lisa gazed out over the Caribbean Sea, feeling the faint breeze against her face – eyes shut, the white sand warm between her bare toes. The place was beautiful beyond belief, but it was still unable to ease the grief she felt as she remembered the last time she had been here.

She had married James right here on this spot three years ago to the day. Dressed in a simple white shift dress, miniature white roses attempting to tame her long dark curls, Lisa had been happier than she had ever thought possible. James was even less formal but utterly irresistible increased summer trousers and a loose white cotton shirt. His dark hair slightly ruffled and his eyes full of adoration as he looked at his bride to be.

The justice of the peace had read their vows as they held hands and laughed at the sheer joy of being young, in love and staying in a five star resort on the Caribbean island of the Dominican Republic. They had seen the years blissfully stretching ahead of them, together forever. They planned their children, two she said, he said four so they compromised on three (two girls and a boy of course); where they would live, the travelling they would do together – it was all certain, so they had thought then.

But that seemed such a long time ago now. A lot can change in just a few years – a lot of heartache can change a person and drive a wedge through the strongest ties, break even the deepest love. Three years to the day and they had returned, though this time not for the beachside marriages the island was famous for but for one of its equally popular quickie divorces.

Lisa let out a sigh that was filled with pain and regret. What could she do but move on, find a new life and new dreams? The old one was beyond repair. How could this beautiful place, with its lush green coastline, eternity of azure blue sea and endless sands be a place for the agony she felt now?

The man stood watching from the edge of the palm trees. He couldn't take his eyes off the dark-haired woman he saw standing at the water's edge, gazing out to sea as though she was waiting for something – or someone. She was beautiful, with her slim figure dressed in a loose flowing cotton dress, her crazy hair and bright blue eyes not far off the color of the sea itself. It wasn't her looks that attracted him though; he came across many beautiful women in his work as a freelance photographer. It was her loneliness and intensity that lured him. Even at some distance he was aware that she was different from any other woman he could meet.

Lisa sensed the man approaching even before she turned around. She had been aware of him standing there staring at her and had felt strangely calm about being observed. She looked at him and felt the instant spark of connection she had only experienced once before. He walked slowly towards her and they held each other's gaze. It felt like meeting a long lost friend – not a stranger on a strange beach.

Later, sitting at one of the many bars on the resort, sipping the local cocktails they began to talk. First pleasantries, their hotels, the quality of the food and friendliness of the locals. Their conversation was strangely hesitant considering the naturalness and confidence of their earlier meeting. Onlookers, however, would have detected the subtle flirtation as they mirrored each other's actions and spoke directly into each other's eyes.

Only later, after the alcohol had had its loosening effect, did the conversation deepen. They talked of why they were here and finally, against her judgment, Lisa opened up about her heartache of the past year and how events had led her back to the place where she had married the only man she believed she could ever love. She told him of things that had been locked deep inside her, able to tell no one. She told him how she had felt after she had lost her baby.

She was six months pregnant and the happiest she had ever been when the pains had started. She was staying with her mother as James was working out of town. He hadn't made it back in time. The doctor had said it was just one of those things; that they could try again. But how could she when she couldn't even look James in the eye. She hated him then, for not being there, for not hurting as much as her; but most of all for looking so much like the tiny baby boy that she held for just three hours before they took him away. All through the following months she had withdrawn from her husband, family, and friends. Not wanting to recover from the pain she felt – that would have been a betrayal of her son. At the funeral she had refused to stand next to her husband and the next day she had left him.

Looking up, Lisa could see her pain reflected in the man's eyes. For the first time in months she didn't feel alone, she felt the unbearable burden begin to lift from her, only a bit but it was a start. She began to believe that maybe she had a future after all and maybe it could be with this man, with his kind hazel eyes, wet with their shared tears.

They had come here to dissolve their marriage but maybe there was hope. Lisa stood up and took James by the hand and led him away from the bar towards the beech where they had made their vows to each other three years ago. Tomorrow she would cancel the divorce; tonight they would work on renewing their promises.

## *Joke (530)*

### *Let's Talk Aggravation*

Hardly anything is as upsetting as picking up a lunch check for someone who is too rich to carry money.

### *Psychic Frog Line*

It is not always in our best interest to know the future. A frog called a psychic hotline for frogs. The phone psychic told him that he was about to meet a beautiful young woman who would want to know all she could about him.

The frog was excited to hear this news and asked the psychic, "When will I meet this beautiful woman?"

The psychic answered, "You will meet her next week."

"And where will we meet?" the frog probed.

The psychic hesitated and then told the frog, "You will meet this woman in her biology class."

### *Math Tax*

The lottery is a tax on people who are bad at math.

### *The Loser Is Five Bucks Richer*

Two old men were sitting around talking, and the first one said, "Let's go get some lottery tickets. The jackpot is up to thirty million."

The second old guy said, "I don't buy those things."

"But that's a whole pile of money. Don't you think it's worth spending five bucks to win?" asked the first.

The second old guy said, "No! You've only got a 1 in 5.4 million chance to win. That puts the odds of proving you're a loser at almost 100 percent."

"Well, not playing at all makes you an automatic loser," answered the first.

"That's okay," said the second guy. "At least I'll still have my five bucks."

### *Psychic Limitations*

How come you never see a headline that reads: "PSYCHIC WINS LOTTERY"?