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**Bulletin # 10**

## *Our Lady of Lebanon Church*

*(Maronite Catholic Rite)*

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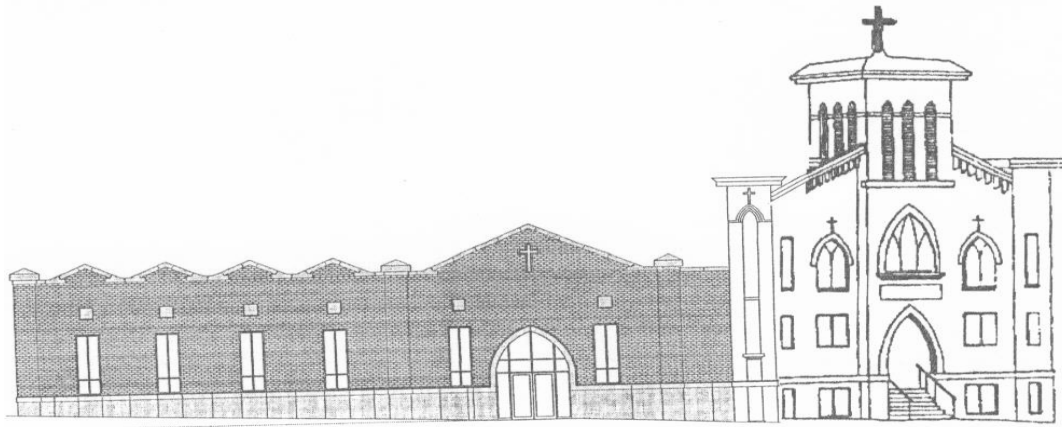
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## *Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman*



### *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 is: 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: Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman*

*Readings: 2 Cor 7:4-11 & Lk 8: 40-56*

We are invited today to reflect on the meaning of life and on hope in an existence that has no end. Life: the reality in which our loved ones and we are immersed, a reality all the more to be marveled at since, in its fragility it is subject to illness and must succumb to death, that inevitable limit. Is it possible to believe in life and hope, in spite of everything?

The faith of Jairus whose twelve-year-old daughter is at the point of death (and will soon be dead), the faith of the distraught woman whose life, along with her blood, has gradually been seeping from her these past twelve years –such should our faith be in its confident simplicity. The two stories, dovetailed, make a single point. The woman suffering from a hemorrhage, who furtively touches Jesus in the hope of being cured, has a naive, almost a superstitious faith. Jesus does not despise her; rather He helps her to approach Him in a personal way and so to transform her gesture into an action, which saves and gives peace. Greater faith, even to the point of folly, is that of Jairus who has only his silence to set against the defeatism of the crowd. For them, it is only too clear that no one can do anything against death. For Jesus, death is simply a sleep, which, through faith, opens out on a morning of resurrection. In His words, we can catch the Christian interpretation of Baptism as a participation in the Resurrection of Christ: ***“Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”*** (Eph.5: 14)

This must surely put us in mind of what Péguy said about the little girl whose name is HOPE. In each one of us she lies asleep: she must be woken up regularly, made to get up and walk about. Wonders made possible only through faith in the one who can make our nights, even our darkest ones, open up on the morning of Easter.

### *Reflection for Lent: Transformations*

**“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.”** (Philippians 3:20-21)

Lent reminds us that we settle for too little, expect too little of ourselves and of God. There is another world, a higher realm, a kingdom not of this earth. There is someone other than ourselves whom we must listen to and obey, since he is the Word of God, the new lawgiver and prophet, even more than Moses and Elijah who stood beside Jesus at his Transfiguration. There is more than our frail bodies and the dust from which they came. We are not the last word. Nor is our death.

Lent requires a tremendous psychological disengagement from our earthly prejudice. It is nothing but gibberish to a materialist mind. It is madness to anyone whose ultimate goal is to satisfy physical appetites. But the meaning of Lent rests upon such a transformation of our hearts and minds. Its gestures and words require that we believe there is something, Someone, for us beyond the everlasting hills. Otherwise, Lent is poppycock.

### *Meditation for Lent: Prayer Renews*

**“I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily, he shall strike root like the forests of Lebanon.”** (Hosea 14:5)

Deep silence leads us to suspect that, in the first place, prayer is acceptance. A person who prays is one who stands with his hands open to the world. He knows that God will show himself in the nature which surrounds him, in the people he meets, in the situations he runs into. He trusts that the world holds God’s secret within it, and he expects that secret to be shown to him. Prayer creates that openness where God can give himself to man. Indeed, God wants to give himself; he wants to surrender himself to the man he has created, he even begs to be admitted into the human heart.

This openness, however, does not simply come of itself. It requires our confession that we are limited, dependent, weak and even sinful. Whenever you pray, you profess that you are not God and that you wouldn’t want to be, that you haven’t reached your goal yet, and that you never will reach it in this life, that you must constantly stretch out your hands and wait again for the gift which gives new life.

## *Mass Intentions*

### THIS WEEKEND, March 7-8: "Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman"

#### Saturday, March 7:

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

At 4:00 p.m.:

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

William Breit by the Ghaphery Family

#### Sunday, March 8 at 10:30 a.m.:

Tom Jalad by his wife Anna Jalad

Clara Joseph Carter by her nieces and nephews

Fr. William Maroon by Mary Beth Weisner

### Weekday Masses

Monday, March 9: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, March 10: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

#### Wednesday, March 11 at Noon:

Jerry Smilkey by Esther Khoury

Michael Garon (godfather of Liz George) by Liz George

#### Thursday, March 12 at Noon:

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

John John by Katie & Jack Fahey

#### Friday, March 13 at 5:30 p.m.: Mass & Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Jennie Bedway by Sam & Bernadine Elias

John John by Earl & Linda Duffy

### NEXT WEEKEND, March 14-15: "Parable of the Prodigal Son"

#### Saturday, March 14 at 4:00 p.m.:

Dr. James Antalis by Cyndi Reasbeck & Family

40-Day Mass for Millie Saab by her Family

#### Sunday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m.:

Helen Saseen (on her Anniversary) by her daughter Rosella Saseen

Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family

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

### Help Paint the Church this May:

The church needs to be painted and the cracks need to be fixed before they get worse. The cost of painting and patching is estimated to be \$32,000. **Painting will start on May 1<sup>st</sup> and end by May 31<sup>st</sup>.** During that month the Cedar Hall will be used for worship and our old basement hall will be used for coffee and donuts and all other events. No Cedar Hall rental may be scheduled during May. A special plaque will be mounted in the church stating: **"Please remember in your prayer these benefactors who painted the church in 2009."** Please check the list of donors below and see if your name is listed. Thank you for your dedication and generosity.

**The Generous Benefactors who painted the church in 2009: (Total Raised: \$22,774.00)**

**Memorials:** Mike Sobota (Memorial) (\$635), John John (Memorial) (\$630), Lena Joseph (Memorial) (\$100), Jennie Bedway (Memorial) (\$300),

**Donations:** Our Lady of Lebanon Church Women Society Fundraising (\$211), Nancy Joseph (\$100), Manell Brice (\$500), Paul & Irene Schuler (\$100), Betty Shia (\$500), Charles Mattes (MD –Betty Shia's brother \$500), Cedar Club \$1,150, Rose Karsten (MN \$20), Bob & Fran Saseen (\$100), Millie & Sister Jeanne Vidonic (\$50), Robert & Virginia Pockl (\$100), Tom Ferris (\$125), 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), Joe & Nikki Popovich (\$100), Kenny & Nancy Joseph (\$500), Evelyn Ghaphery (\$300), Mark & Barb McLaughlin (\$50), Dr. Joe Palmer (\$100), Joann Hill (\$50), Robert & Lois Hammond (\$100), Jim & Sue Brubach (\$100), Anonymous Parishioners (\$250), Fred & Debbie Shia (\$100), 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), Drs. Rajai & Nahla Khoury (\$100), Mike & Nicole Breit (NC \$50), Donald Fielding (FL \$250), Randy Weisner (\$500), Barbara Joseph (FL \$500), Evelyn Goodson (\$100), Rose Vargo (\$100), Ron & Kim Gibbons (\$30), Mike & Sue Linton (\$150), Al & Josephine Weidman (\$25), Frank & Anna Marie Duymich (\$25), Charles Sleeme (FL \$25), Emily Vince (\$50), Youssef & Jocelyn Chahine (PA \$300), John & Dee Shiben (\$500), Jim & Shirley George (\$100), Bill Hogan (\$100), Kathy Maroon (\$25), Patti (Hage) Hirsh (TX \$70), Clara Morris (\$25), Rex & Rita Strawn (\$300), Bill & Carol Dougherty (\$1,500), Eleanor Thomas (\$25), Mary Beth Weisner (OH \$1,000), George & Jean Weisner (\$500), Philip & Robbie Saseen (\$100), Gary Weisner (\$800), Millet & Susie Fadoul (\$200), Patrick & Laurie Henry (\$200), Clara Morris (\$20), Rosella Saseen (\$5,000 in Memory of her grandparents Shikery & Helen & her parents Nancepe & Helen), Linda Hostutler (\$200), Julia Tappe (\$100), Louis & Joan Betras (\$100), Bob & Mary Thomas (OH) (\$340),

### **Help with the Endowment Fund to Keep Our Church Open and Active (Total Raised: \$425)**

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 (\$125), Sylvia Long (\$100),*

## ***Our Lady of Lebanon Community Calendar***

Monday, March 9	<b>Cedar Club Meeting</b> – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11	<b>Night of Prayer with the Knights of Columbus</b> – 6:00 p.m.
<b><u>Fridays of Lent:</u></b> March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10	<b>Stations of the Cross, Benediction, Reflections, Light Dinner</b>
Sunday, March 22	<b>St. Maron Lebanese Dinner</b> – 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 22	<b>Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle Drawing</b> – at St. Maron Lebanese Dinner
Sunday, March 29	<b>Bingo Night</b> – 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 29	<b>Women's Society 50/50 Maintenance Fund Raffle Drawing</b> –after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday, March 29	<b>Women's Society Meeting</b> – after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Sat. & Sun. April 4-5	<b>No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament because of Palm Procession</b>
Sunday, April 5	<b>Easter Lilies: Donation Deadline</b>
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: Donation Deadline</b>
Sunday, April 12	<b>Spring Lebanese Bake Sale: Order Deadline</b>
Sun.-Thur., April 19-23	<b>Spring Lebanese Bake Sale – Work Days (11:30 a.m. Sun.; M-Th at 9:00 a.m.)</b>
Sunday, April 19	<b>Work Concession Stand at Wheeling Airport – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.</b>
Saturday, May 2	<b>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:30 p.m.</b>
Sunday, May 3	<b>May Crowning &amp; May Procession – No Benediction after Mass</b>
Sunday, May 10	<b>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass</b>
Saturday, June 6	<b>Parish Rummage Sale – from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – In Old Basement Hall</b>
Sunday, June 7– <i>New Date</i>	<b>Spring Spaghetti Dinner – 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. – In New Cedar Hall</b>
Sunday, August 9	<b>2009 Mahrajan</b>

### ***Cedar Club Meeting*** (Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.)

Hostesses will be Nini Miller and Danielle Lavoie. Come and experience an evening of fellowship.

### ***A Night of Prayer with the Knights of Columbus*** (Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>)

The Knights of Columbus will bring the statue of Our Lady of Charity to our church 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.

### ***Stations of the Cross, & Light Dinner*** (Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>)

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. 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>
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, Charlotte K., 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 Millie Saab*** (Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.)

### ***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 304-242-6853 or Carol at 740-782-0146 or call the church office at 304-233-1688. Proceeds will benefit the Church Building Maintenance Fund. Tickets will be available soon.

**Menu:** baked kibbee, stuffed grape leaves, luban, fasolia (Lebanese lima beans), chicken & rice, hummus, salad, pita bread, dessert and beverage (Beer & pop are available a la carte.)

#### **Advance Ticket Sales: (If PAID by March 15<sup>th</sup>)**

\$ 7.00 ea. Child under 12 (*Blue Ticket*)

\$15.00 ea. Adult (*Salmon Ticket*)

(Adult Tickets are \$17.00 ea. **if PAID March 16<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>**)

**For Tickets ask one of our parishioners or 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 Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> through Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, including ALL “At-The-Door,” Tickets will cost: \$17.00.** Bring your completed Ticket Stub with you to be eligible for **Door Prizes** – drawings held throughout the dinner.

**Take Out Dinners** will be available. **Gift Basket and 50/50 Raffle Drawings** will be held at 5:15 p.m.

**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 304-233-1688.

**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 304-233-1688. We welcome everyone who is available to help and thank you in advance for your time.

Work Days are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, March 12	9:30 a.m.	make cookies
Wednesday, March 18	10:30 a.m.	clean, cook & shred chicken, brown orzo, puree onions, & brown 10 lb. ground beef
Thursday, March 19	9:00 a.m.	make & bake kibbee
	1:30 p.m.	pick up & clean vegetables
Friday, March 20	1:00 p.m.	fill individual serving cups of luban & hummus
Saturday, March 21	10:00 a.m.	bag bread & finish with hummus cups, cook grape leaves & set up Cedar Hall

**St. Maron Dinner Workers are as follows:**

**Kitchen:** Salads: Starting at 9:30 a.m. David John & Nini Miller

Hot Vegetable: Rita Strawn

Kibbee: Fran Saseen

Chicken & Rice and Grape Leaves: Anna Jalad, Tom George, Linda Duffy

Kitchen Helpers: Mary Stees from 3 p.m. to closing; Dalton Haas

**Tickets at Kitchen Window for Eat-In Dinners:** Mary Lish 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. & ?? 2:30 p.m. to closing

**Tickets at Entrance:** Thomasina Geimer & Charlotte Khourey

**Tickets for Take Out:** Sandra Dusick, & Rex Strawn

**Take Out Runner – at Entrance:** Nettie Seidler & helper

**Hostess:** Janet Shutler or Cheryl Tucker (or server)

**Greeter:** Luane Frazier

**Servers:** Bill Dougherty, Kenny & Nancy Joseph, Lou Khourey, Gary Weisner, George Thomas

**Complimentary Beverage Servers:** Kay Garvey, Julia Tappe

**Beverage Sales Bar:** Mickey Duffy

**Set Up (Silverware, Bread & Cookie):** Linda Hostutler, Jean Weisner ??, and ??

**50/50 Raffle Tickets:** Jim & Shirley George

**Gift Basket Tickets:** Kim Gibbons & Floater

**Bake Sale:** Kathleen George, Marge Saseen, Mary Thomas

**Floor Coordinator:** Carol Dougherty & Floater

**Floater:** Mike Linton

**Table Busing:** Supervisor – Al Depto; Helpers – Chris & Jonas George,

**Resetting Tables:** Lisa & Gina Haas Dalton Haas & Corey Bratton

## **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.

The Gift 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.*

This month's Gift Baskets Raffle is sponsored by the Women's Society to benefit our Church "Painting Fund" 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.

## **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.

## **Women's Society March Meeting** (Sunday, March 29, after 10:30 a.m. Mass)

Plan to join the Women's Society at our March Meeting to discuss plans for our upcoming Easter, Bake Sale and our other upcoming events. Everyone is welcome to join us.

## **Monthly 50/50 Raffle** (Drawings: Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, after Mass)

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 "Maintenance Fund."

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 February 50/50 winner of \$53: Sandra Dusick.

## **Easter Lilies** (Deadline: Sunday, April 5<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 Flower by Sunday, April 5. The following Easter Flowers are donated in Memory of:

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

\$20 John F. Kukula by his wife Mary Rose Kukula & Family

\$25 Helen Fielding, a loving mother, by her husband Don Fielding (FL)

\$20 Barkett & Sadie Coury by their families

\$20 George & Rose Fadoul by the Family

\$25 Deceased members of the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Carol & Bill Dougherty

\$20 Arthur & Mark Long by Sylvia Long

\$35 Joseph, Victoria, Minnie & John J. John by Marge & Lou John

\$35 John & Marian Keegan by Marge & Lou John

\$20 Siham Frenn & LaVerne Thomas & Evelyn by Dr. Adel & Diane Frenn & Family

## **2009 Diocesan Appeal – Easter Obligation** (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 (\$100), Lou & Marge John (\$50), Peggy Palmer (\$50), Patricia Smith (\$25), Dr. Adel & Diane Frenn (\$50), Mark & Barb McLaughlin (\$50), Tom Ferris (\$50), Dolores & Virginia Joseph (\$50), Peggy Justice (\$50), Barb Sobota (\$50), Bill & Tricia Committee (\$50), Tom & Michelle John (\$50), Larry Breiding (\$50), Gary Weisner (\$50), Anna Jalad (\$50), Earl & Linda Duffy (\$50), Randy Weisner (\$50), Paul & Irene Schuler (\$50), Drs. Rajai & Nahla Khoury (\$50), Larry & Lillian Siebieda (\$250), Louis & Joan Betras (\$50), Pearl Shutler (\$50), Cecilia Ammar (\$50), Sandra Dusick (\$50), Mark Schroeder (\$50), Mary Piko (\$50), A Friend (\$50), Kenny & Nancy Joseph (\$50), Julia Tappe (\$50), Cecilia John (\$50), Sylvia Long (\$50), Dr. Michael Fortunato (\$50), Rex & Rita Strawn (\$50), Bill & Carol Dougherty (\$50),

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

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

## **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 additional information, please call Linda Duffy at 304-242-6853 or Luane Frazier at 304-242-7437.

## **Rummage Sale** (Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) – **Held in the Old Basement Hall**

Start saving your household items that are in good condition and can be sold at our upcoming Parish Rummage Sale which will be **held in our Old Basement Hall**. There is always a profit on sales. Drop off times will be listed at a future date.

## **Spaghetti Dinner – NEW DATE** (Sunday, June 7<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 Cedar Hall following Mass Sunday, June 7. 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.

New this year: Students from the Lyceum School will be strolling through the hall during the Spaghetti Dinner to provide entertainment throughout the day.

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 31.
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 304-233-1688.

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 – 304-233-1688 or at the door. **Payment in advance is greatly appreciated.**

## *Happy Birthday*

March 15:	Shelby Imer
March 18:	Kenny Imer, Bill Stees, Patrick Petros, John Shiben
March 21:	Caroline Stees McDowell
March 22:	Jennifer Imer
March 26:	Joseph John
March 27:	Tommy Zinn
March 28:	Virginia Porchiran
March 30:	Gregory John
March 31:	George Lewis & Jonas George

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

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

Catherine Arthur

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

Barb Sobota, Rosella Saseen, Sam Elias, Laura & Marion Wellman, Mary Piko, 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 & his mom (brother & mother of Dr. Rob Vawter)

## *Your Church Support Last Week*

1,240	Collection
850	Diocesan Appeal
51	Candles
60	Utilities
20	Parking
945	Donation to Church
250	Hall Rental
110	Easter Flowers
5,773	Painting Fund
105	St. Maron Dinner
23	Fundraising
5	Soup & Hoagie Sale

300	Refunds
9,732	Total. May God reward you many fold

## *What's New?*

### ***A New Baby Boy***

Our warmest wishes and congratulations go out to Joshua & Caroline (Stees) McDowell of Raleigh, NC, on the birth of their son Bennett Joshua McDowell who was born on February 8, 2009. Bennett is the grandson of our parishioners Bill & Mary Zaid Stees and great grandson of Elizabeth A. Magnone. May the Lord God and his Blessed Mother bless him and grant him a healthy life and bright future.

### ***Condolences for Danielle LaVoie***

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 father Joseph who passed away in Rhode Island last week. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His servant Joseph and we extend the parish's condolences to *his* family in their time of sorrow.

### ***Parish Condolences: Genevieve Abraham***

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Abraham family on the loss of their loved one who died in the Lord on Thursday, February 26. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid Genevieve and we extend the parish's condolences to her family in their time of sorrow.

### ***Many Thanks***

- 1- To Don & Roberta Henning for going out of their way to serve our church in many ways and for selecting a slicer for use in our church kitchen. God bless you!
- 2- To Barbara Sobota, Peggy Justice, Ann Bauduin and Lucille Gibbons for sponsoring the commercial five-gallon vegetable spinner to dry wet vegetables. Cost: \$200. May all the generous benefactors receive their reward many fold.
- 3- To Jody Seabright and Gary Weisner for installing tile on the wooden storage shelves in our Cedar Hall.
- 4- To Randy Weisner for mounting all the plaques of the benefactors in the Cedar Hall.

### ***In Our Mailbox – More Soup & Hoagie Sale Compliments***

... *I purchased Clam Chowder, Italian Wedding Soup, Broccoli & Cheese Soup, and Chicken Noodle Soup – All were completely excellent and enough for two people to share. The Turkey and Cheese Hoagie was delicious and picturesque--Mary B.*

### ***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.

## *Around Us*

### ***St. Alphonsus Church Fish Fry*** (Fridays during Lent, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

Phone: 304-232-4353; Fax: 394-232-1993 (Fax orders for Friday are accepted only on Thursday.)

Eat-in or take-out service is available, as well as delivery. (Delivery orders must be received from 8-10 a.m.)

### ***B.E. Taylor Concert after Whg. Nailers Game*** (Saturday, March 21, 8:05 p.m.)

The Wheeling Nailers are celebrating Family Night on Saturday, March 21, at their game scheduled to begin at 8:05. Following the game B.E. Taylor will perform a concert. Tickets: \$8.50 Adult; \$5.50 Children. Call Ryan at 304-234-4625 for tickets and more information.

## **Spaghetti Dinner** (Sunday, March 29, from 12 Noon to 5:00 p.m.)

Where: Catholic Neighborhood Center, 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Wheeling; Cost: Adult – \$6.00; Child \$3.00; Information: Call 304-232-7157

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

#### ***The Identity of the Maronite Church (4)***

If we are to be obedient to the mandate of Jesus, Lover of Humankind, and be authentic to the roots and traditions of our Origins, then we must re-found them, re-flect them, and re-live them by adapting them to a 21 century Maronite Catholic Church. For just as '*nefas*' is life to the body, so Antiochene is life and personality to our Church.

It is necessary to return to our Antiochene sources, and there, through the example of Apostles Peter, Barnabas and Paul, to discover our apostolic vocation as a church.

Moreover, this Apostolic Church, ministered by Ignatius of Antioch, which shared a close proximity with the New Testament, is where we discover a well-formed, unique paradigm of priesthood –valid and operative, having shaped our three fold understanding of priesthood as bishop, priest and deacon, to the present day. Our Patriarch's call to return and to regain our Antiochene roots and traditions brings with it significant implications into this third millennium for the entire Catholic Church, and most particularly our own Maronite Church, which must authentically witness to, and live out, its Antiochene nature, in mother and daughter churches throughout the world. We must not only draw out the implications of being from Antioch, Edessa, and Maron, but also must make them a visible, living experience in our Church. For to say that we are Antiochene is to demonstrate that we are:

1. Universal, a Church characteristically transcending any given cultural, race and nationality. For just as 1900 years ago Antiochene Catholics were welcomed as members of this "catholic experience -freed from Judaic laws and traditions, so this vision makes our Church today all-encompassing for people of every race, color and creed as envisioned by the Apostles to the Gentiles. We must authentically reflect this universal character by opening our church to all people, no matter what national origin or creed, everywhere in the world. Our mission is to share our rich, beautiful, ancient yet contemporary spirituality with Catholics and Orthodox, Protestants and Muslims, Westerners and Easterners, Lebanese and Africans, Americans, and anyone who is hungering for God who will assuredly find a home with us.
2. We are Missionary in nature -meaning that we too are sent with a purpose of evangelizing– by living out the threefold prophetic, priestly and kingly ministry of Jesus Christ. This mission is not reserved exclusively to and for Semitic and Lebanese people just as the Church of Rome is not restricted to Italians. By its very nature as Apostolic –Antiochene and missionary, it is necessary for all 21 Eastern churches of the Catholic Church to enjoy the same apostolic and juridical right to proclaim the Gospel, and make disciples of all nations and peoples.
3. Moreover, as a part of our Antiochene Patrimony we are responsible for witnessing to that deep love of the scriptures, and sharing our relevant and symbolic school of scriptural types -that looks for and sees all the Old Testament as symbols and foreshadowings of the Anointed One. In addition, this legacy of Antioch suggests the important and unique emphasis on the Eucharist with its penitential character, and its profound relationship to the priesthood (as reflected in the Maronite ritual of ordinations, and its penitential character within the Anaphora).
4. To say Antioch, is to also include its Edessan, Syriac, Semitic character which reminds us of and empowers us to respond in innovative, effective ways to the hunger within the entire Catholic Church for 'primary language' of the Divine as reflected in our Edessan liturgical poetry. This style of catechizing establishes an effective instructional tool for adults and children as evidenced by Ephrem, James and Aphrahat. While the new *Catechism for the Catholic Church* is a wonderful instructional tool, who better than our fathers can teach the delicate balance between knowing and experiencing God as reflected through a teaching legacy in hymnody and poetry. We can offer this valuable, needed tool for teaching within the liturgy itself, as well as catechesis. Thereby, embracing an ancient yet fresh, spiritual way of ministering to all of God's people who are yearning to hear a meaningful, spirit-filled and deeper word that encounters God rather than speculates about him.

5. To refound our ancient traditions is to embrace our Monastic roots, wherein we find the third stream that flows together into the Antiochene and Edessan one to form The Maronite River -St. Maron. His Monastery offers us an unwavering fidelity to the Catholic faith and teachings of Chalcedon, and a delicate balance between God as Mystery and Presence, the already and the not yet. Hence as a pilgrim people on a nautical journey to the harbor of safety, we are ever reminded to stand ready, mindful and awake to greet the Lord when he comes in glory. This dynamic eschatological view offers a needed caution to the world to remain detached yet involved -to see ourselves as spiritual beings in earthly form on the road to divinization.
6. Never has there been a more urgent or fitting time for us, as Maronites, entrusted with these three spiritual traditions, which flow together into a vibrant, eclectic, enriching way of life, to inspire the entire Catholic Church, to reach out and evangelize a spiritually bankrupt world, betrayed by the illusion of materialism, and to feed a hungry, dis-encharmed society, dissatisfied by the temporary anesthetics of power, money, sex. We have that spiritual treasure, which the people of God seek. We must share it, but to share it, we must know it in our thinking, reflect it in our speaking, and live it in our doing. Now is the time to purify our Church by restoring it to its antiquity. This suggests we must take pains, and make efforts to slowly strip away those layers and years of "Romanizations" which crept into our Church, and were used as definitive indicators of our solidarity with Rome and our genuine catholicity. For 1,000 plus we have paid this price of being Roman to be Catholic. Now we have the voice of Vatican II for each Church to genuinely BE itself, and for us Maronites it means being a vibrant, ancient, and needed witness to a unique and powerful spirituality.
7. Therefore, to reach back and refound our roots means for us to understand them, accept them, and practice them, by being not just a Maronite Church of Lebanese and expanded cultures but an Antiochene-Edessan-Monastic one that is, was and always will be Universal, Missionary, Ecumenical, and Eclectic by adopting, adapting, and blending cultures and traditions like of brilliant ancestors who wedded scriptural imagery with poetry-hymnody in a contemporary monastic way of life.

### ***Story: What Do You Value Most?***

A young man learns what's most important in life from the guy next door. It had been some time since Jack had seen the old man. College, girls, career, and life itself got in the way. In fact, Jack moved clear across the country in pursuit of his dreams. There, in the rush of his busy life, Jack had little time to think about the past and often no time to spend with his wife and son. He was working on his future, and nothing could stop him. Over the phone, his mother told him, "Mr. Belser died last night. The funeral is Wednesday." Memories flashed through his mind like an old newsreel as he sat quietly remembering his childhood days. "Jack, did you hear me?"

"Oh, sorry, Mom. Yes, I heard you. It's been so long since I thought of him. I'm sorry, but I honestly thought he died years ago," Jack said. "Well, he didn't forget you. Every time I saw him, he'd ask how you were doing. He'd reminisce about the many days you spent over 'his side of the fence' as he put it," Mom told him. "I loved that old house he lived in," Jack said.

"You know, Jack, after your father died, Mr. Belser stepped in to make sure you had a man's influence in your life," she said. "He's the one who taught me carpentry," he said. "I wouldn't be in this business if it weren't for him. He spent a lot of time teaching me things he thought were important. Mom, I'll be there for the funeral," Jack said. As busy as he was, he kept his word. Jack caught the next flight to his hometown. Mr. Belser's funeral was small and uneventful. He had no children of his own, and most of his relatives had passed away. The night before he had to return home, Jack and his mom stopped by to see the old house next door one more time.

Standing in the doorway, Jack paused for a moment. It was like crossing over into another dimension, a leap through space and time. The house was exactly as he remembered. Every step held memories. Every picture, every piece of furniture... Jack stopped suddenly. "What's wrong, Jack?" his mom asked. "The box is gone," he said. "What box?" his Mom asked. "There was a small gold box that he kept locked on top of his desk. I must have asked him a thousand times what was inside. All he'd ever tell me was 'the thing I value

most," Jack said. It was gone. Everything about the house was exactly how Jack remembered it, except for the box. He figured someone from the Belser family had taken it. "Now I'll never know what was so valuable to him," Jack said. "I better get some sleep. I have an early flight home, Mom."

It had been about two weeks since Mr. Belser died. Returning home from work one day Jack discovered a note in his mailbox. "Signature required on a package. No one at home. Please stop by the main post office within the next three days," the note read. Early the next day Jack retrieved the package. The small box was old and looked like it had been mailed a hundred years ago. The handwriting was difficult to read, but the return address caught his attention. "Mr. Harold Belser" it read. Jack took the box out to his car and ripped open the package.

There inside was the gold box and an envelope. Jack's hands shook as he read the note inside. "Upon my death, please forward this box and its contents to Jack Bennett. It's the thing I valued most in my life." A small key was taped to the letter. His heart racing, as tears filling his eyes, Jack carefully unlocked the box. There inside he found a beautiful gold pocket watch. Running his fingers slowly over the finely etched casing, he unlatched the cover. Inside he found these words engraved: "Jack, Thanks for your time! Harold Belser." "The thing he valued most...was...my time." Jack held the watch for a few minutes, then called his office and cleared his appointments for the next two days. "Why?" Janet, his assistant asked. "I need some time to spend with my son," he said. "Oh, by the way, Janet... thanks for your time!"

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away."

## *Joke (532)*

### *Donation All Tied Up in Five Brooms*

A church member angrily complained to the pastor that the church had wastefully purchased five new brooms, and he felt the expenditure to be unnecessary.

The pastor mentioned it to the church treasurer, who responded, "No wonder he was upset. How would you feel if you saw everything you gave in the past year tied up in five brooms?"

### *Story Behind the Gift*

The minister was greeted at the door of the church after Sunday morning worship by a young boy. He looked up at the preacher and said, "Pastor, we were going to bring you a chicken for dinner, but he got well!"

### *Chasing Two Hares*

If you chase two hares, both will escape you.

### *Lost FASTER*

Pilot over intercom to passengers: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is we are ahead of schedule. The bad news is we are lost."

### *Realistic Goals*

Two friends went camping in the woods. They woke up the first morning and were standing by their tent having their first cup of coffee when they suddenly spotted a grizzly bear heading for them at full speed. Quickly, the one man reached down and grabbed his sneakers and started putting them on.

The other man looked at him and said, "What are you doing? Do you think you can outrun that grizzly bear?"

The first man said, "No, and I don't need to. All I need to do is outrun you!"

### *On Hold with God*

As a mother and daughter walked out of church one Sunday morning, the mother said, "That was a nice service. I really liked the soft piano music during the prayer."

The little girl turned and asked her mother, "That was a piano?"

The mother nodded, and the little girl said, "Oh. I thought God had put us on hold."

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