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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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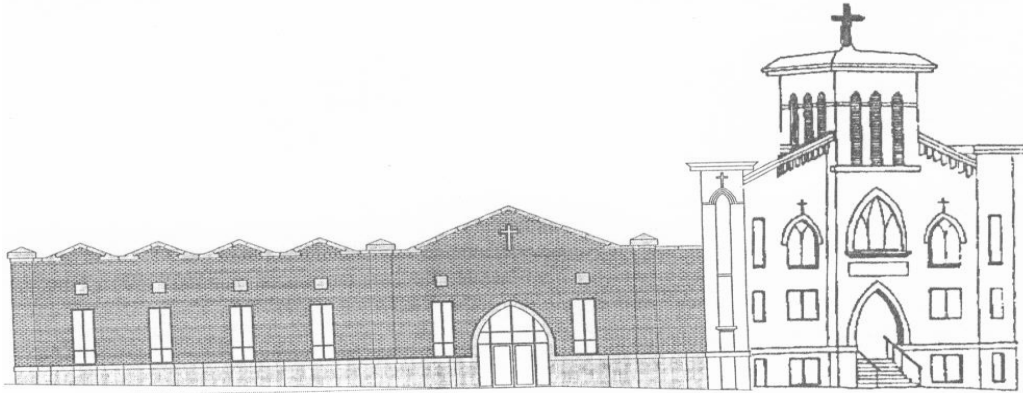
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Healing of the Blind Man



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 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 Blind Man

Readings: Mk 10: 46-52 and 2Cor 10:1-7

The blind man that Jesus healed was brought before the Jewish council. They questioned him. Some of the Pharisees themselves wondered out loud how “a sinner” could “perform such signs”? But the consensus was that this man was never really blind, therefore Jesus had not performed any miraculous sign at all. It was an outright demonstration of a “don’t-confuse-me-with-the-facts” attitude.

Not happy with this first interview, the Pharisees called in the parents of this man. They confirmed that the man was really blind, so the Pharisees had to deal with that fact. But this ad hoc committee intimidated the parents. The parents don’t want to be thrown out of the synagogue, which they understand this group of Pharisees has the power to do. So when they are pushed into a corner to give their opinion of “whose” power opened their son’s eyes, they plead ignorance and tell the Pharisees that their son is of legal age and that they will have to ask him.

Consequently the Pharisees have to bring in the formerly blind man a second time to answer more questions. Instead of the answers they want, the man actually starts preaching to them of Jesus’ irrefutable connection to God. So they give him a good tongue-lashing and throw him out into the streets, out of their sight so they don’t have to look at him.

The Pharisees failed to find what they were looking for in order to condemn Jesus. It seemed evident to everyone else who saw what had happened that Jesus was a servant of God who possessed great powers over the things of this world. The Pharisees just couldn’t see it, however. They were the truly blind, and not even Jesus could give sight to those who refused to see.

Lenten Meditation: Love Is Stronger than Death

“When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.” (Col 3:4)

As I walked through the dark woods at the end of this Easter Day full of intimate joy, I heard you call Mary Magdalene by her name and heard how you called from the shore of the lake to your friends to throw out their nets.

I also saw you entering the closed room where your disciples were gathered in fear. I saw you appearing on the mountain and at the outskirts of the village.

How intimate these events really are. They are like special favors to dear friends. They were not done to impress or overwhelm anyone, but simply to show that your love is stronger than death.

O Lord, I know now that it is in silence, in a quiet moment, in a forgotten corner that you will meet me, call me by name and speak to me a word of peace. It is in my stillest hour that you become the risen Lord to me.

Lord, the life you have given me and the new life you have won for me are treasures that will never decay. Help me to appreciate them deeply, today and throughout the Easter Season.

Lenten Meditation: Finding Forgiveness

“... and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.” (Matthew 6:12)

Anyone who thinks forgiveness is an easy thing need only try it. We can all easily imagine a forgiveness that is possible at some other time, some other place, for some other person than here, now, and with each other. In our own circumstances, we may prefer to ignore the whole matter.

Very often, we don’t think forgiveness is a problem for us, even though we may be enslaved and blinded by our refusal to forgive. I have two relatives who have gone to daily Mass for decades, reciting the Our Father faithfully, yet who have refused to talk to each other for fully a third of their lives. They can’t possibly know the words they are praying. And they don’t realize that their unwillingness to forgive others prevents their own deep experience of forgiveness for themselves. That’s why our Lord said, “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” No, forgiveness is not easy, but it is one of the most powerful acts a human being can do.

Mass Intentions

THIS WEEKEND, March 28-29: "Healing of the Blind Man"

Saturday, March 28 at 4:00 p.m.:

Special Intention
John John by Bob & Fran Saseen

Sunday, March 29 at 10:30 a.m.:

John John by Rex & Rita Strawn
Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

Weekday Masses

Monday, March 30: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, March 31: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Wednesday, April 1 at Noon:

John John by the members of the choir of OLOL
Adib & Sadie and Mona Chidiac by Veronica Mushet

Thursday, April 2 at Noon:

John John by M/M Fred Shia
Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

Friday, April 3 at 5:30 p.m.: Mass & Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Adib & Sadie and Mona Chidiac by Veronica Mushet
Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

NEXT WEEKEND, April 4 & 5: "Palm Sunday"

Saturday, April 4 at 4:00 p.m.:

Deceased members of the Saseen Family by Jerry & Marge Saseen
John John by M/M Fred Shia

Sunday, April 5 29 at 10:30 a.m.:

Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham
Ghaphery Family by the Ghaphery Family.
Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

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

Painting the Church is our gift to the Blessed Mother on her Month:

On Sunday, April 26th, we will celebrate the last Mass at the existing church until after the Painting Project is finished. At that time we will move the place of worship to the Cedar Hall. All parishioners are asked to come in casual clothes that Sunday to help clear the church that afternoon and make it ready for the scaffolding to be erected. The ladies will set up the altar and the chairs in the Cedar Hall and the young men will help move and store the statues, stations of the cross ... in the old basement. When work is done all helpers are invited to a BBQ. **Painting will start on Friday, May 1st, and is scheduled to end by May 31st.**

During the month of May, the 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.

(Cost of painting is \$32,000.00. Total Raised so far: \$27,114.00). Many Thanks.

Memorials: Mike Sobota (Memorial) (\$735), John John (Memorial) (\$900), Lena Joseph (Memorial) (\$100), Jennie Bedway (Memorial) (\$300), Rosella Saseen (\$5,000 in Memory of her grandparents Shikery & Helen & her parents Nancepe & Helen),

Donations: *Our Lady of Lebanon Church Women Society Fundraising (\$451), 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), Linda Hostutler (\$200), Julia Tappe (\$100), Louis & Joan Betras (\$100), Bob & Mary Thomas (OH) (\$340), Ron Weisner (\$2,000), Peggy & Nancy Shalvey (\$30), Dee Freeland and Michelle Beatty and Ann Verardi (\$55), Allison Duffy (\$50), Josephine Joseph (\$50), Mary M. Blum (\$50), Michael Sofka (\$20), Patrick & Jacqueline Petros (\$100), Holly & Shirley Bine (\$100), Earl & Linda Duffy (\$100), Frank & Mary Lish (\$100), Anonymous (\$1,000), Kay Garvey (\$100),*

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

Sunday, March 29	Bingo Night – 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 29	Women’s Society 50/50 Maintenance Fund Raffle Drawing –after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday, March 29	Women’s Society Meeting – after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Fridays of Lent: April 3, 10	Stations of the Cross, Benediction, Reflections, Light Dinner
Sat. & Sun. April 4-5	No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament because of Palm Procession
Sunday, April 5	Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 5	Easter Lilies: Donation Deadline

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	Diocesan Appeal: Donation Deadline
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, April 26	Clearing the Church for Painting
Saturday, May 2	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 3	May Crowning & May Procession – No Benediction after Mass
Sunday, May 10	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass
Saturday, June 6	Parish Rummage Sale – from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – In Old Basement Hall
Sunday, June 7– <i>New Date</i>	Spring Spaghetti Dinner – 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. – In New Cedar Hall
Sunday, August 9	2009 Mahrajan

Stations of the Cross, & Light Dinner (Friday, April 3rd)

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. (Desserts each Friday will also be provided by the Cedar Club.) Thanks to Linda Duffy & Charlotte Khourey who provided the mjadra, salad and pizza for Friday, March 20.

Date:	Volunteers:
Friday, April 3 rd	Light Meal Family Sponsor: Anna Jalad, Rita Strawn, Mary Thomas
Good Friday, April 10 th	Light Meal Family Sponsor: The Cedar Club

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**. George Thomas, Mickey Duffy and Jim George are requesting parishioners and friends to come to play your bingo cards at very reasonable prices – 3 cards for 25 cents. Hot dogs & soft drinks will also be available. Free coffee will be served. There will be a “cookie jar” prize for the evening participants. The Cedar Club is sponsoring a variety of different social events to see which is liked best by more people.

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 events for Easter, the Lebanese Bake Sale, as well as other upcoming activities. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Monthly 50/50 Raffle (Drawings: Sunday, March 29th & April 26th, 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 will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, March 29th**.

The drawing from entries received **from the April tickets** (printed on **pink** paper) are provided at the church entrance and in the Weekly Church Bulletin will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, April 26th**.

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 5th)

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

\$20 Mattes & Shia Families by Betty Shia

\$30 Fritz and Freddie Oser & Ron Canestraro by Bob Oser

\$25 McCutcheon & Sobota Families by Peggy Justice & Ann Bauduin

\$20 Saseen & Schlog Families by Bob & Fran Saseen

\$20 The Shiben & McFarland Families by John & Dee Shiben

\$20 Mary K. Ferris by Tom Ferris

\$20 Deceased members of Nimon & Miriam Joseph by the Family

\$20 Deceased members of the Roe & Pockl Families by Bob & Virginia Pockl

\$25 Ron Canestraro by his Family

\$20 Frances Linton by Mike & Sue Linton

\$20 Joanne & Tony Male by Mike & Sue Linton

\$25 Special Intention

\$25 Mike Sobota by Barbara Sobota

\$20 Husband Roland Tappe & Louie Ammar & members of the John Family by Julia Tappe

\$20 Constantine & Anna Shia & Family members by their children

\$20 Ray & Sara McLaughlin & Mickey & Gary McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

\$20 Ralph & Mary(Joseph) Shipley & Robby Hunter by Thomasina Geimer

\$25 Deceased members of the George Family by Tom & Kathleen George

\$20 Jim Garvey by Kay Garvey

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Program (Saturday-Sunday, April 4th & 5th)

On Palm Sunday, we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem where people came out to meet Him and shout, "Hosanna," "Save us, O Lord." On that day, we bless olive branches (symbol of peace) and palm branches (symbol of victory), and we process inside the church with candles to welcome Christ as the King of our life.

Processions: On Saturday and Sunday, April 4th and 5th, the palms will be blessed during both Masses and distributed. We will have a procession with the children inside the church in every Mass. Please bring your children and grandchildren and let us welcome Christ the King in our hearts with the shouts of "Hosannas."

Palm Sunday, April 5th

11:30 a.m. – Children’s Treat: The Women’s Society will honor the children of the parish by distributing colored eggs and little gifts. All are welcome.

12:00 noon – Rehearsal for the Washing of the Feet: After the noon children's luncheon all candidates for the Washing of the Feet need to be present in the Church for rehearsal and photo.

1:00 p.m. – Egg Coloring Party: Following the rehearsal, all candidates and their brothers and sisters are invited to enjoy an egg coloring party. Parents are invited to help supervising the children. All supplies are provided by the Church.

Passion Week Schedule (Monday-Saturday, April 6th to 11th)

Monday of Passion Week, April 6th: Rite of The coming to the Harbor

5:30 p.m.: Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Mass starts with the Rite of the “Coming to the Harbor.” This service reflects our estrangement from God and our need for conversion. We are called to take courage and to turn back. The Syriac fathers have traditionally spoken of this movement toward God as a nautical journey whose destination is the harbor of life. During the journey of Lent, we pray: “*Bless, Lord, our fasting... Make it a journey which leads us to the harbor of salvation.*” With this rite, we cross the threshold of our journey and enter new life, as we come to the harbor of peace, safety and salvation.

Tuesday of Passion Week, April 7th: Rite of The coming to the Harbor

5:30 p.m.: Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Wednesday of Passion Week, April 8th: Rite of the Lamp

5:30 p.m.: Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction

The Rite of the Lamp on Wednesday brings back an old forgotten tradition which highlights the need of “the healing of our body and soul” through the oil blessed by the priest on this occasion. The whole community is anointed. While the oil is for the healing of the body, repentance and contrition of heart are the oil of the soul.

Thursday of the Mysteries, April 9th: Washing of the Feet

5:30 p.m.: Mass of the Lord’s Supper & Rite of the “Washing of the Feet” followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On Holy Thursday, there is the ritual of the Washing of the Feet of the Apostles. Christ’s washing the feet symbolizes the Mystery of Baptism, as it means the cleansing of soul. That evening, Christ instituted the Mystery of the Eucharist and He ordained His apostles priests and bishops. Thus, Thursday of Holy Week is called: “The Thursday of the Mysteries.” There is a tradition to spend some time in adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament in commemoration of Jesus’ prayer in the Garden of Olives and to visit seven churches in honor of the seven sacraments.

Good Friday, April 10th: No Morning or Evening Mass Today in All Catholic Churches

10:30 a.m.: Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice – No Mass

5:30 p.m.: Adoration of the Cross & Solemn Burial of the Lord – No Mass

6:30 p.m.: Meatless Community Dinner (Complimentary)

On Good Friday, we do not have the regular Mass; however, the Pre-Sanctified Mass or the Signing of the Chalice draws our attention to the cup of salvation and to the Blood of Christ shed on the Cross to redeem us. We receive Communion from the Eucharist consecrated a day earlier.

On Good Friday, we also commemorate Christ’s passion and death on the Cross. Christ, out of love for each one of us, offered Himself as a ransom to save us and reconcile us with the Father. Our celebration is somber, reflecting our sorrow and contrition; however, our mourning is not that of despair but more of fasting, sacrifice and prayer.

Great Sunday of Resurrection (Saturday & Sunday, April 11 & 12)

Saturday of the Light, April 11th:

10:30 a.m.: “Prayer of Forgiveness & Communal Reconciliation” No Mass

4:00 p.m. NO Mass

7:00 p.m.: Easter Vigil Mass & “Rite of Peace”

On Saturday of the Light, we celebrate a communal prayer of reconciliation and forgiveness. The essence of this ritual is to seek God's absolution and peoples' forgiveness. The communal aspect of the service is to emphasize the return of the sinner to God and to the Church.

Great Sunday of Resurrection, April 12th:

10:30 a.m.: Easter Day Mass & "Rite of Peace."

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the Rite of Peace to emphasize the gift of peace that God grants us. In fact, Jesus greeted the people in his apparitions by saying: "Peace." At this ritual, we adore the Risen Christ and we rejoice with His victory over sin and death as He opened for us the door to eternal life.

2009 Diocesan Appeal – Easter Obligation (Due by Easter Sunday, April 12th)

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), Joe Elias (\$50), Donald Fielding (FL) (\$50), Mr. & Mrs. Michael N. Breit (NC) (\$50), Sam & Bernadine Elias (\$50), Ron Weisner (\$100), Emily Vince (\$25), Bob & Fran Saseen (\$50), Betty Shia (\$50), Millet & Susie Fadoul (\$50), Mary Beth Weisner (\$50), John & Dee Shiben (\$50), Jean Weisner (\$30), Josephine Joseph (\$30), Nick & Evelyn Ghaphery (\$50), Frank & Anna Marie Duymich (\$25), Mike & MaryAnn Carl (\$50), Anna Bris Bougher (\$50), Martha Ruggiero (\$50), Ron & Kim Gibbons (\$50), David Weisner (\$50), Dr Mary Ann Cater & Dr Rob Vawter (\$50), Bob & Virginia Pockl (\$50), Mike & Sue Linton (\$50), Denny Albaugh (\$50), Holly & Shirley Bine (\$50), Linda Hostutler (\$50), Lucille Gibbons (\$50), Tom & Kathleen George (\$50), Joe & Nikki Popovich (\$50), Frank & Mary Lish (\$50), Janet Shutler (\$50), Mary Rose Kukula (\$30), Kay Garvey (\$50), Robert & Lois Hammond (\$50),

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

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

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

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 19, 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 water (16 oz. size) will need to be donated in order to make a profit. (If you are unable to shop for the 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 water and baked items can be brought to the Church Hall on Saturday, April 18, 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.

Clearing the Church for Painting (Sunday, April 26th from noon to 3:00 pm)

The church needs to be cleared and made ready for scaffolding and painting on Sunday, April 26th, from noon until 3:00 p.m. A BBQ and salad will take place after the job done. All young men and women of the parish are asked to volunteer and help Fr. Bakhos move items from the church into the Cedar Hall that will be used for Masses during May. The ladies will help set up the chairs and the altar in the Cedar Hall and the young men will move and store the statues, stations of the cross, ... in safe place. Please let Fr. Bakhos know if he can count on you to help and especially so that he can have enough food prepared all helpers. Your time helping us with this move will be greatly appreciated.

Rummage Sale (Saturday, June 6th, 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 our sales. Drop off times will be listed in the coming bulletins.

Spaghetti Dinner (Sunday, June 7th, 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 30:	Gregory John
March 31:	George Lewis & Jonas George
April 1:	Cheryl Saseen, Patrick Sengewalt
April 6:	Ronald Weisner
April 8:	Jesse John
April 10:	Bernadine Elias, Connie George, Richard Coury
April 11:	Randy Weisner
April 12:	Justin Frenn
April 13:	Adel Frenn

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently In Your Prayers:

Lois Hammond, Ferris Shia, 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

1,325	Collection
250	Diocesan Appeal
72	Candles
280	Parking
25	Utilities
105	Easter Flowers
540	Painting Fund
3,421	St. Maron Dinner
114	Donation to Church
110	Reimbursements
30	Mahrajan (Table Reservation)
6,272	Total. May God reward you many fold

What's New?

Financial Report: Saint Maron's Dinner

Income	\$7,243.00
Expenses	\$2,392.72
Net Profit	\$4,850.28 Many Thanks for all your efforts and donations

Many Thanks...

- 1- To Main Street Bank for sponsoring the printing of tickets for our St. Maron Dinner
- 2- To all our sunshine-filled ladies and bighearted, strong men of the parish who prepared and served the Saint Maron Dinner. Your hospitality and smiles attracted many guests who enjoyed our delicious meal and who could not wait to attend our next dinner. We received many more compliments this year than any other year for this dinner.
- 3- Many thanks also to all those generous parishioners and friends who donated items or cash for the Bake Sale or the dinner. It was a "job well done" and may the Blessed Mother shower her blessings upon you and your families.
- 4- To Drs. Rajai & Nahla Khoury for donating back their 50/50 prize of \$114 toward the maintenance of the church. May they be rewarded in good health and happiness.
- 5- To the Women Society toward the Painting Fund for raising \$451 so far, which includes \$240 raised from the "Homemakers" gift basket won by Sam & Bernadine Elias at the drawing held at the St. Maron Dinner. What an excellent job all you dear ladies have done for our parish.

Thanks from Our Dinner Co-Chairpersons

Our Dinner was a success with delicious, tasty food. Thank you to all the kitchen help who worked long and hard...Sandra, Anna, Carol, Rita & Rex, Mary T. & George, Linda D. & Earl, Julia, Kay, Nancy, Linda H., Nettie, Luane, Jean, Tom, David, Nini, Allison, Mary L., Abbie, Dalton, Mary S. & Bill, Randy, Gary, Father.

Without your help our St. Maron Dinner would not be possible – my thanks to everyone...and includes the girls in the office – Charlotte & Thomasina. --Linda Duffy

The crew working the floor was awesome. Everything flowed beautifully. The new numbered table system worked well. Many thanks to the dedicated servers: Nancy, Kenny, Cheryl, Gary, Lou, George and Bill. And to the father and son duo, Chris and Jonas, Al, Jeremy, Garrett, and Lisa along with the little dynamo Gina, who all worked together to keep the tables clean and set. To our terrific hostess Janet; our super saleslady Kim; the ladies at the bake sale table, and Kathleen and Mary, who really had their hands full; Jim and Shirley who sold the 50/50 tickets and always do a good job; Nettie and Jody who handled the takeout with ease; Charlotte and Thomasina at the front desk; Mike who filled in as our greeter at the front door; the faithful beverage servers, Julia, Kay, Mickey and Ann Lee who filled in temporarily.

Everyone worked together as a well-oiled machine and it showed. Special thanks to Tom and Bill who really did a wonderful job on Saturday doing all the heavy lifting and moving and to Fr. Bakhos who made us lunch. Our team of Jean and Linda H. were moved into the kitchen for this dinner and said it worked out much better for them. They always do a great job. And thank you to one of our newcomers, Carol B. who came in latter in the day to help with the cleanup. As always, we will learn from this dinner and make future dinners even better. Feedback from the people who actually do specific jobs is the key to improvement. We learn from each of them. Thank you so much. --Carol Dougherty

Items Needed for the New Hall & Church

1. With the perseverance and help of Don & Roberta Henning, we were able to purchase a used slicer for \$400. Any generous parishioner willing to sponsor it is asked to please call the church at 304-233-1688.
2. The church needs a 14-foot step ladder for use when we work in the Cedar hall and when light bulbs in the high ceiling need changed and in the chandeliers in the church. Cost is \$620. If you have been blessed with good health and money and are able to sponsor any of these items, please call Fr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Your help will be deeply appreciated and it helps defray the expenses of the church.
3. The church needs a new copier to be able to copy our popular bulletin in short time. The new copier we first considered was inappropriate. We have chosen one which will simplify assembling the bulletin each week and fulfill all our other needs. It costs \$4,500. Please make a contribution to defray its cost.

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.)

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

Where: Catholic Neighborhood Center, 18th Street, Wheeling

Tickets Cost: Adult – \$6.00; Child – \$3.00

Information: Call 304-232-7157

Celebrating Christian Mothers (May 23-24)

Where: St. Michael Church, Wheeling

When: Saturday and Sunday, May 23rd and 24th at 7:00 pm

Information: 304-232-1949 or 242-4245 or 242-0479

Maronites = Catholics of the East

The History and the Heritage of the Maronites (7)

Lebanon is naturally disposed for religious diversity, and is deeply-rooted in its openness towards other nations and civilizations. Lebanon is a haven and a fertile environment for dialogue among religions, holding firmly onto the distinctive richness of a rare communal experience of coexistence which has rendered this country a message to the world. His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, described Lebanon, as being “more than a state; it is a message.”

The ecclesiastic distinctiveness of the Maronite church is one of the principle elements that this church has built for itself and for its sons in sweat, and blood, and the cherished Christian faith; it is that same particularity that still contributes to maintain the impregnability of the churches in the countries of emigration at the same time. This distinctiveness is exactly what safeguards these churches against the dangers and temptations of disintegration and dissolution.

If we recollect the history of our Maronite fathers and ancestors and their spiritual, social, national, and humanitarian adventure over a thousand and six hundred years convinces us of the characteristics of the Christian Maronite heritage. Both spiritual and secular, this heritage was never freely donated, nor was it ever a self-sufficient rigid core, and by no means just a private and unique viewpoint in the history of salvation. Likewise, our church has never been simply a church that chose seclusion as a road to faith; rather, it has conceived the quintessence of faith and its fortitude because this church has not overlooked the mystery of the Incarnation.

Yes, our fathers and ancestors were able to endure and persevere due to the deep-rootedness of their Maronite affiliation. They considered their Maronite heritage a source, a church and a community in this natural Levantine environment with all its transformations, difficulties, and eras. They based all that on openness, and on their will to adopt dialogue. Dialogue to them was a fertile alternative to complete despotism and the imposition of uniformity, both of which usually come clad in nihilism or dissolution in order to demolish all distinctiveness and variety.

The Maronite church now faces a true awareness that we cannot resist the imposition of similitude and uniformity by seclusion or by isolation, but through openness, respect for the other, and the exchange of dialogue. With respect to our church in particular, it is an Antioch Eastern Church in its roots and affiliation. Given this identity, we all realize as well the importance of its two dimensions, the Catholic and the Antioch Eastern Rite, and its incorporation in the Arab world of which Lebanon is part and parcel as mentioned in the Apostolic Exhortation. These two dimensions, the Catholic and the Eastern Rite, have particularly characterized our Maronite church especially in its capability for intercommunication, and have established its mission that qualified it for the ecumenical function and for the promotion of the Moslem-Christian dialogue, as well as the endorsement of intercommunication among the nations and the civilizations of the world.

This experience which is engrained in openness, and this initiative to launch dialogue, safe-guard it, and maintain it, have granted, and still grant our Maronite church, in the homeland and the lands of emigration, the apostolic mission to be the lighthouse of faith, peace and cultural interaction wherever it was found.

Today in particular, given the current circumstances in the world, it is the destiny of the Maronites, and of their church in light of its distinctiveness and its identity, concurrent with its role in history, in Lebanon, in the Arab environment, and in the world, to be an example of convergence for all religions and civilizations at a time when current trends increasingly call for and promote the thesis of the conflict of civilizations; a thesis that implies the abhorrent spur of religious wars.

The Maronites, spread throughout the world, are able to carry along to their new home countries the individual and the communal experience of the Lebanese co-existence, and the Christian-Moslem dialogue as a way of life. On the other hand, they are concurrently able to carry into Lebanon the essence of their experiences, dynamism, and contributions in succeeding in their respective countries as well. The Lebanon of co-existence cannot survive but in concurrence with freedom and democracy; the Lebanon which was originally founded because of the Maronites and not for their sake.

This Lebanon, in which we only used to rejoice in its being the link between the East and the West, has now become “a necessity to both East and West together” as His Holiness the Supreme Pontiff described it during his Apostolic visit to Lebanon in 1997.

This is the essence of His Holiness historic definition of Lebanon as a message. The Maronites of the emigration countries, with their churches and their lofty spiritual and secular experiences are the chief contributors to the embodiment of this message, which we have no right to believe is only restricted to the resident citizens of Lebanon.

The Maronite church is one church in its heritage, prayers, saints, and Eastern Rite affiliation; an affiliation effective in its Arab environment, and in its strong adherence to Lebanon its spiritual homeland, and in its attachment to its Patriarch who, from his See in Bkerke, has been keen to safeguard the Maronite unity past, present and future.

Indeed, in light of the existing circumstances in the countries of emigration, and in view of globalization and times of transformation, the Church of Lebanon remains the chief guarantor of this Maronite unity. Furthermore, without this church, whose head is the Patriarchate See, there is serious apprehension that the Maronite church would become Maronite churches; in other words, dissolve and disintegrate, God forbid.

Easter Story: Why do we paint Easter Eggs?

Painting or dyeing eggs is a part of most families' Easter tradition but many of us do not look for any religious symbolism in the colorful eggs.

Yet long before Jesus walked the earth, the egg was revered as a symbol of rebirth and new life by pagans in several Eastern and Middle Eastern cultures. According to ancient pagan mythology, some people believed that the earth was hatched from a giant egg. Others thought that heaven and earth were formed from two halves of an egg. It became common practice for Greeks, Chinese, Persians, and Egyptians to give one another dyed eggs each Spring as symbols of the rebirth of the earth after a long winter.

With such customs firmly in place and well known, it was logical that the early Christians would adopt the dyed egg as a symbol of Jesus' Resurrection and the rebirth of man. They saw the egg also as a symbol of the tomb from which Jesus rose. And so the egg continued as an appropriate Spring gift.

During the Middle Ages, the wealthy often wrapped eggs in gold leaf for giving as Easter gifts. Peasants, on the other hand, used the more ancient practice of coloring eggs by boiling them with the leaves or petals from certain flowers it is reported that, in the 17th century, Pope Paul V blessed the egg in a prayer used in England, Scotland, and Ireland as part of a ceremony ending Lent. At the time, the eating of eggs was forbidden during Lent.

Although today dyed Easter eggs play no part in the Catholic liturgy, they are incorporated into the Holy Week liturgy of the Eastern Orthodox Church. Traditionally, the eggs are colored a bright red after Holy Thursday services and then brought to the church on Saturday evening for the Great Easter Vigil services. Some of the eggs are encrusted in an Easter bread. Both the eggs and breads are blessed. Then, after the service, everyone breaks an egg against the church wall and eats it, as a symbol of the end of the Lenten fast. On Easter, the eggs and bread are given to family and friends and especially to parents and godparents.

Today, when painted or dyed eggs are, for the most part, considered an Easter decoration or the object of a children's hunt, it may be worthwhile to consider restoring the dyed egg's ancient symbolism of new life and rebirth to the Easter celebration in our homes.

During the Church's Easter liturgy, we not only celebrate Jesus' Resurrection but also confirm our Lenten efforts to change our lives by renewing our baptismal commitment to God. In doing so, we recognize that Jesus not only opened the gates to eternal life but also gave birth to a new way of living based on two great commandments centered on love: loving God, one another, and ones self. Inherent in this is the realization that God calls us to go forth from our community celebration to share His love with one another in our everyday lives.

Eating dyed eggs with family and friends on Easter and perhaps giving painted replicas of eggs as Easter gifts can be a way to symbolize our renewed baptismal commitment to God and our willingness to reach out to one another not only on Easter but every day of our lives.

Joke (535)

Golf Speed

Golf is a game in which the slowest people in the world are in front of you and the fastest are behind you.

Patience in Golfing

It's good sportsmanship to not pick up lost golf balls while they are still rolling. --*Mark Twain*)

Too Many Golf Strokes

"Uff-da, Hans! Golfing must be bad for da heart," remarked Hilda.

"Vat makes yew say dat?" asked Hans.

"Veil," replied Hilda, "I jüst heard a golfer say dat he had four strokes on da very first hole."

Golf Sermons

How can you tell when a preacher is about to give a short sermon?

He has his golf shoes on

Tossing for Tee Time

Perkins was twenty minutes late at the first tee one Sunday morning, and the other three members of the regular foursome were almost ready to drive off without him.

"I agreed with my wife," explained Perkins, "that this Sunday I'd toss to see whether I played golf or went to church. And you know, I had to toss twenty-four times."

Put or Putt

Golfers were surveyed to determine what the difference is between the words *put* and *putt*. The most common definition given was that *put* means to place an object where you intend for it to be. In contrast *putt* means to unsuccessfully attempt to do the same thing with a golf ball.

Perfect Shot Too Short

Four work associates were golfing together on a Saturday morning. One of the men took his turn to tee off. He stood at his tee for an extended length of time, looking up and down and calculating and recalculating the distance of the shot. He even figured the wind velocity and direction.

His golfing partners were growing more and more impatient with his behavior. One of his buddies finally interrupted him. "Why are you taking so long for one stupid shot? Just hurry up and hit the ball!"

The golfer turned to his buddy and explained, "Look straight ahead at the clubhouse. The owner of our company is sitting outside on the clubhouse patio, and he's watching us with binoculars. I want to make this a perfect shot."

His friend answered, "You may as well forget it; even with a perfect shot, you'll never hit him from here."

Gossip Confusion

The things that go in one ear and out the other don't hurt as much as the things that go in one ear, get all mixed up, and then slip out the mouth.

As a Matter of Fact

"As a matter of fact" is an expression that precedes many an expression that isn't.

Squashing Rumors

Trying to squash a rumor is like trying to un-ring a bell.

Bureaucratic Accomplishments

Bureaucracy is the art of making the possible impossible. --*Javier Pascual Salcedo*

On the Committee

If you ever live in a country run by a committee, be on the committee. --*William Graham Sumner*