

**April 5, 2009**  
**Bulletin # 14**

# *Our Lady of Lebanon Church*

*(Maronite Catholic Rite)*

*Faith † Family † Friends*

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## *Palm Sunday*



## *Schedule of Divine Liturgies*

- \*Weekend Masses: Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. [Rosary & Litany start at 10:10 a.m.]
- \*Weekday Masses: **At Noon.** Please refer to the Mass schedule on page 3 of this bulletin for Mass times and changes due to special events. Thank you for your cooperation.
- \*Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m. & 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Communion
- \*Miraculous Medal Novena: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m.
- \*Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment
- \*Baptism: Kindly phone the Pastor as soon as the baby is born. Godparents must be Catholics.
- \*Weddings: Please make arrangements at least six months in advance before any other plans are made.
- \*Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the pastor any time at (304) 233-1688
- \*Parish Council: Lou Khourey 277-3230, Linda Duffy 242-6853, Tom George 336-7142, P.J. Lenz 242-5606 and Carol Dougherty (740) 782-0146
- \*Choir Members: Rita Thomas Strawn, Shirley George, Allison Duffy, George Thomas, Ted Olinski, Earl Duffy, Lou Khourey, Robert Vawter, Jody & Abbie Seabright, Tracey Dierkes
- \*Altar Boys: Louie Khourey & Dalton Haas
- \*Cedar Club: Linda Duffy, President 242-6853
- \*Women's Society: Sandra Dusick, President 232-7395



- \*Remember the Church in your Last Will – Her prayers will accompany you to heaven
- \*Please support Our Lady of Lebanon Church by patronizing our Advertisers
- \*If you support the Church and need a Bulletin mailed to you, please call the Rectory
- \***Bulletin Announcements**: Submit all Bulletin Information to Fr. Bakhos. Deadline 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: Phil 1:1-13 and Jn 12:12-22*

***“Blessed is he who comes as king in the name of the Lord!!***

Mother Teresa said, “Jesus comes to meet us. To welcome him, let us go to meet him. He comes to us in the hungry, the naked, the lonely, the alcoholic, the drug addict, the prostitute, the street beggars. If we reject them, if we do not go out to meet them, we reject Jesus himself.” Like Jesus, Mother Teresa triumphed by giving to others.

Today Saint Luke’s passion story presents the image of Jesus, a person who is for the other. Jesus prays, forgives, shows deep concern for the outcast, and asks us to follow him in this holy task. We sing today of Jesus’ triumph because of his powerful love for the poor. We praise God in singing the Hosanna because the Lord rides in on a donkey, an animal that the poor of his day rode. If we are to triumph like Jesus, we also must ride with the poor. We must triumph in extending ourselves to those who have less, who are sick, who are dying. If we do so, the Lord will sing a Hosanna to us when we pass into heaven, as we do today to the Lord!

### *Easter Meditation: God’s Glory Revealed*

**“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.”** (Philippians 2:5-7)

Precisely when Jesus is being handed over into his passion he manifests his glory. “Whom do you seek? . . . I am he” are words that echo all the way back to Moses and the burning bush: “I am who I am. I am the one.” (see Exodus 3:1-6)

These words are the glory of God manifesting itself, and those present fell flat on the ground. Then Jesus was handed over. But already in the handing over we see the glory of God handing himself over to us. God’s glory revealed in Jesus embraces passion as well as resurrection.

“The Son of Man,” Jesus says, “must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him” (John 3:14-15). He is lifted up as a passive victim, making the cross a sign of desolation. And he is lifted up in glory, so the cross becomes at the same time a sign of hope. Suddenly we realize that the glory of God, the divinity of God, is bursting through in Jesus’ passion precisely when he is most victimized.

*Lord Jesus, help us to share your view of the world, especially when we suffer injustice.*

## *Holy Week Schedule and Mass Intentions*

### *Palm Sunday Program* (Saturday-Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)

**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), then proceed into the church to welcome Christ as King of our life.

**Processions:** On Saturday and Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.”

#### **Saturday, April 4 at 4:00 p.m.: Mass & Procession with Palms**

Deceased members of the Saseen Family by Jerry & Marge Saseen

John John by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Shia

#### **Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m.: Mass & Procession with Palms**

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

**11:30 a.m. – Children’s Treat:** The Women’s Society will honor the children of the parish by serving mini sandwiches, distributing colored eggs and a special treat. All are welcome.

**Noon – Egg Coloring Party:** All children are invited to enjoy an egg coloring party. Shirley George & Rita Strawn will coordinate with other parents to supervise the children. The location will be in the old Basement Hall. All supplies are provided by the Church.

## ***Passion Week Schedule (Monday-Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>)***

### **Monday of Passion Week, April 6<sup>th</sup>: Rite of The Coming to the Harbor**

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.

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

Michaeline Custer by Lottie & Richard Elwartoski

Adib & Sadie Chidiac & their daughter Mona by Fr. Bakhos

### **Tuesday of Passion Week, April 7<sup>th</sup>: Rite of The Coming to the Harbor**

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

Michaeline Custer by Lottie & Richard Elwartoski

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

### **Wednesday of Passion Week, April 8<sup>th</sup>: Rite of the Lamp**

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 the body, repentance and contrition of heart are the oil of the soul.

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

Joe Bittengle by Chamse Rahi

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

### **Thursday of the Mysteries, April 9<sup>th</sup>:**

On Holy Thursday, the Lord Washes the Feet of His Disciples. This gesture 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 time of 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.

#### **5:30 p.m.: Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**

Adib & Sadie Chidiac and their daughter Mona by Fr. Bakhos

Jimmy Shaheen (on his Anniversary) by his brother Michael Shaheen

### **Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>: No Morning or Evening Mass Today in All Catholic Churches**

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.

#### **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)**

### **Saturday of the Light, April 11<sup>th</sup>:**

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.

**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”**

Living & Deceased of Elias Louis George by the Ghaphery Family

Intentions of our parishioners & benefactors by Fr. Bakhos

**Great Sunday of Resurrection, April 12th:**

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.

**10:30 a.m.: Easter Day Mass & “Rite of Peace.”**

Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 a safe place. When work is done all helpers are invited to a BBQ. **Painting will start on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and is scheduled to end by May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

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 + \$3,000.00 electrical wiring = \$35,000.00. Total Raised so far: \$27,274.00). Many Thanks.**

**Memorials:** *Mike Sobota (Memorial) (\$735), John John (Memorial) (\$1,000), 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*

*Freelands 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), Peggy Justice & Ann Lee Bauduin (\$100), Cedar Club Bingo Fundraising (\$60),*

**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, April 5	<b>Palm Sunday</b> – followed by <i>Light Lunch, Washing of the Feet Rehearsal, Egg Coloring Party</i>
Sunday, April 5	<b>Easter Lilies: Donation Deadline</b>
Monday, April 6	<b>Rite of the Coming to the Harbor:</b> 5:30 Mass, <i>Stations of the Cross, Benediction</i>
Tuesday, April 7	<b>Rite of the Coming to the Harbor:</b> 5:30 Mass, <i>Stations of the Cross, Benediction</i>
Wednesday, April 8	<b>Rite of the Lamp:</b> 5:30 Mass, <i>Stations of the Cross, Benediction</i>
Thursday, April 9	<b>Thursday of the Mysteries:</b> 5:30 Mass, <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Friday, April 10	<b>Good Friday:</b> 10:30 a.m. Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice – <u>No Mass</u> 5:30 p.m. Adoration of the Cross & Solemn Burial of the Lord – <u>No Mass</u> 6:30 p.m. Meatless Community Dinner (Complimentary)
Saturday, April 11	<b>Saturday of the Light:</b> 10:30 a.m. Prayer of Forgiveness & Communal Reconciliation – <u>No Mass</u> 4:00 p.m. <u>No Mass</u> 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass & Rite of Peace
Sunday, April 12	<b>Easter:</b> 10:30 a.m. Easter Day Mass & Rite of Peace)
Sunday, April 12	<b>Diocesan Appeal: Donation Deadline</b>
Sunday, April 12	<b>Spring Lebanese Bake Sale: Order Deadline</b>
Monday, April 13	<b>Cedar Club Meeting</b> – at 7:00 p.m.
Sun.-Thur., April 19-23	<b>Spring Lebanese Bake Sale – Work Days</b> (11:30 a.m. Sun.; M-Th at 9:00 a.m.)
Sunday, April 19	<b>Work Concession Stand at Wheeling Airport</b> – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday, April 26	<b>Clearing the Church for Painting</b> – Noon to 3 p.m.
Sunday, April 26	<b>Women’s Society 50/50 Maintenance Fund Raffle Drawing</b> –after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Saturday, May 2	<b>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</b> – at 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 3	<b>May Crowning &amp; May Procession</b> – <i>No Benediction after Mass</i>

Sunday, May 10	<b>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass</b>
Saturday, June 6	<b>Parish Rummage Sale</b> – from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – <b>In Old Basement Hall</b>
Sunday, June 7	<b>Spring Spaghetti Dinner</b> – 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. – <b>In New Cedar Hall</b>
Sunday, June 7	<b>Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle Drawing</b> – @ the Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, August 9	<b>2009 Mahrajan</b>

## ***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
- \$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
- \$20 Camille & MiMi Rohanna Families by Frank & Mary Lish

## ***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), 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), Evelyn Goodson (\$30), Jim & Shirley George (\$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. *Forms are available in this week's bulletin and at the entrance to the church.*

All those who helped in the past as well as any new volunteers are asked to help us 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.

## **Cedar Club Meeting** (Monday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m.)

Cedar Club meeting is on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the old basement hall. Final plans & THE schedule for the upcoming Concession Stand Fundraiser at the Ohio County Airport will be discussed. The hostess for the evening will be Roxanne Wurtzbacher. --Thanks Linda

## **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, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, from Noon to 3:00 p.m.)

The church needs to be cleared and made ready for scaffolding and painting on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from noon until 3:00 p.m. A BBQ and salad will be prepared and served 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 for all helpers. Your time helping us with this move will be greatly appreciated. Volunteers: *Kim Gibbons,*

### **Monthly 50/50 Raffle** (*Drawings: Sunday, April 26<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 April tickets** are provided at the church entrance and in the Weekly Church Bulletin will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, April 26<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 March 50/50 winner of \$85: Virginia Porchiran who participates in our raffle every month. May the Blessed Mother grant you good health.

### **Mother's Day Masses** (*Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, to Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>*)

The best gift of love we can offer to our ONLY mother, who brought us to this life, is a Mass offered for her good health and long life, if she is still alive, OR for the repose of her soul, if she has passed away. Our Lady of Lebanon Church is dedicating one week of prayers (**5 days of Masses**) for MOTHERS on the occasion of Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 10th. All intentions will be published in the bulletin in the order received. Please let us pray for our beautiful mother.

#### ***Mother's Day: A Mother's Treasure***

What is a mother's love, after all? Perhaps it is her ability to keep holding on, to treasure everything we give her, even when we forget to say "Thanks." It doesn't seem to matter if we do or do not reclaim whatever we gave her. A mother's joy is not in the thing but in the holding.

Mothers don't hold on to the things we give them. What they're really holding on to is that we trust them with our treasures. It's our trust they cherish most. It's our trust they retain even as they return our treasures to us. For mothers, the real treasure is not the thing, but the trust. Bottles may break, blankets may become threadbare, teddy bears may fall apart, and gum may get swallowed, but trust is a treasure forever.

#### **5 Masses For the Repose of the Souls of Our Departed Mothers:**

*Sadie Chidiac by her son Fr. Bakhos (pastor)*

*Louise N. Khourey & Gladys Howard by their children Lou & Charlotte and grandchildren*

*Emmalena & Louie*

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

*Ghaphery Family by the Ghaphery Family*

*Nimnoom Ghaphery by the Ghaphery Family*

#### **5 Masses For Good Health and Long and Happy Life of Our Living Mothers:**

*My married sisters by Fr. Bakhos*

*Charlotte Khourey by her husband Lou & her children Emmalena & Louie*

*Diane Frenn by her children Andreah & Justin Frenn*

### **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 our sales. Drop off times will be listed in the coming bulletins.

## **Spaghetti Dinner** (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.**

## **Gift Basket Raffle Drawing** (Sunday, June 7 @ the Spaghetti Dinner)

“**Wine & Dine Italian Style**” is the theme of our next Gift Basket Raffle. The drawing will be at the Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, June 7. The Gift Basket includes the following Italian items: 1 bag of tri-color pasta, 1 jar Figaretti Pasta Sauce, 1 box San Georgia shells, 1 box San Georgia spaghetti, 1 box Ronzini's Healthy Harvest spaghetti, 1 jar Classico Sweet Basil sauce, 1 jar DeLallo Roasted Peppers, 1 bottle Riunite Rasp. Wine, 2 Italian Wine Goblets, 1 Pasta Italian Cook Book, 1 pair kitchen shears, 1 Oneida 4-sided grater, 1 hand cheese grater, 1 Italian Spoon rest, 1 bottle Balsamic Vinegar, 1 bottle Pure Olive Oil, 1 container Parmesan Cheese, 1 Pampered Chef Measuring Cup, 1 garlic press, 1 pasta fork, 1 kitchen towel.

The Gift Basket Raffles are sponsored by the Women's Society to benefit our “Maintenance 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.

## *Happy Birthday*

April 6:	Ronald Weisner
April 8:	Jesse John
April 10:	Bernadine Elias,
April 11:	Randy Weisner
April 12:	Justin Frenn
April 13:	Adel Frenn

April 14: Mark McLaughlin  
 April 15: Megan Voellinger  
 April 20: Angela Petros  
 April 28: Ann Marie Weisner-Serafin

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

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

Sue Linton, Rosella Saseen, Lois Hammond, Ferris Shia,

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

Barb Sobota, Sam Elias, Laura & Marion Wellman, Mary Piko, Virginia Kourey Bryan (aunt of Lou Kourey in Toledo, OH), Richard & Mary Ryncarz (Shadyside, OH), Manell Brice (Arlington, VA), Rose Mary Bris-Roybal (Albuquerque, NM), John Vawter & his mom (brother & mother of Dr. Rob Vawter)

## *Your Church Support Last Week*

974	Collection
165	Diocesan Appeal
68	Candles
341	Utilities
25	Easter Flowers
1,100	Painting Fund
129	St. Maron Dinner
85	50/50 Fundraising by OLOL Women Society toward the Building Maintenance Fund
425	Donation to the Church
3,312.00	Total. May God reward you many fold

## *What's New?*

### *Parish Condolences: Catherine Arthur*

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to our parishioner Carol Burkhart on the loss of her mother Catherine Arthur who passed away in Wheeling this past Thursday. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His servant Catherine and we extend the parish's condolences to her family in their time of sorrow.

### *Comments about the St. Maron Dinner from Our Mailbox*

*The facility is beautiful and the food was delicious. I never miss the St. Maron Dinner. The bread and cookies were delicious as well. –Walter J.; The food was delicious; the kibbee was great as was everything else including the beans. We enjoyed everything immensely! I thought the Bake Sale selection was good. –Deborah D.; A shelf for the Bar Room is needed for supply storage. I recommend we not sell beer, wine (only about \$5-\$7 sold) nor pop (we only sold about \$15-18 cups) – too much is left over and it is not worth the expense. We could serve only lemonade and the plain, (no lemon) unsweetened iced tea if it is available and the customers could sweeten it with sugar or sweeteners as they wish. –Kay G.; It was a fabulous meal. The grape leaves were the best I ever had and we have eaten them at many places. I really enjoyed the chicken and rice; the hummus was very good – not too much garlic; the kibbee was great this year. My husband didn't want to even taste the lima beans but, when he did, he loved them. The building was beautiful. –Barbara B.; It was a very good dinner. The lima beans were a good choice. –Rena B.; The meal was excellent. We enjoyed the cookies too. –Mary G.; It was the best dinner I have eaten here! I loved the lima beans instead of the green beans. I love the zattar bread. –Marilyn W.; The dinner was very good but we prefer the green beans. Cost is becoming too expensive, especially with the economy being so bad. – Anonymous*

## ***A Special Thank You Note***

“Special Thanks” to Susan John for making the delicious hummus for the Saint Maron Dinner and thank you to our luban makers, Anna Jalad, Carol Dougherty and Linda Duffy.

## ***Many, Many Thanks...***

...To the anonymous beloved parishioners who donated \$4,000 toward the new copier we purchased to quickly print and assemble the weekly bulletins and for all our other printing needs. Thanks also to Peggy Justice and her sister Ann Lee Bauduin for donating another \$100 to help defray the cost. It is very much appreciated. If you also are able and willing to help, please make a contribution. The total cost was \$4,500.

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

Our warmest wishes and congratulations go out to Jason & Kristi Hostutler on the birth of their son Avery Lincoln who was born on March 23<sup>rd</sup> in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is the grandson of our beloved parishioner Linda Hostutler. May the Lord God and his Blessed Mother bless him and grant him a healthy life and bright future.

## ***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.

## ***OLOL Cedar Hall Rental***

Taking into consideration the many expenses related to heating, cooling, cleaning, insuring, and maintaining, etc. .. the Cedar Hall, the Parish Council of the Church has agreed to rent the Cedar Hall at the following rates:

<b>Fees for Active Parishioners:</b>		<b>Mon. – Thursday</b>	<b>Fri. – Sunday</b>
	Cedar Hall Rental	\$300.00	\$400.00
	Damage Deposit	\$300.00	\$300.00
	Video Equipment	\$50.00	\$50.00
	Additional Hours	per hour: \$50.00	per hour: \$50.00
<b>Fees for Non-Parishioners:</b>			
	Cedar Hall Rental	\$450.00	\$600.00
	Damage Deposit	\$300.00	\$300.00
	Video Equipment	\$50.00	\$50.00
	Additional Hours	per hour: \$100.00	per hour: \$100.00

## ***Around Us***

### ***Slovak Style Luncheon (May 3)***

Where: St. James/John School Gym - 52-7th Street, Benwood

When: Sunday, May 3, at 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Menu: Sliced cucumber salad, Homemade Cabbage rolls, pork & kraut, cabbage & noodles, pierogies, green beans, ham & potatoes. Assorted ethnic desserts.

Cost: Adults \$8.00, Children 4 to 10-\$3.00, 3 & under-free. Information: 232-7284

### ***Celebrating Christian Mothers (May 23-24)***

Where: St. Michael Church, Wheeling

When: Saturday & Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

### ***The History and the Heritage of the Maronites (8)***

Saint Maron's influence on the Christians of the East was so great that they took their name after him. Beit Maroon means Maronites. Through him God has performed many miracles and wonders. In recent history, the Maronite church has given the Church three saints: Saint Sharbel, St. Rafka, and St. Hardini.

The Maronites who lived in Lebanon have endured continuous persecution for the last 1600 years, offering their blood in martyrdom for the sake of their faith and freedom. Currently, they are in danger of leaving their land with the spread of Islam and fundamentalism. It is our duty to protect them and keep Christianity in the land where it was born more than 2000 years ago.

The Maronite fled to Lebanon during Moslem expansion and lived in the caves establishing themselves as a Church around their patriarch. They formed their own liturgy, spirituality and identity.

Although the roots of the Maronite church are rooted in Lebanon, this Church is now flourishing all over the world. Besides many dioceses in Lebanon, the Maronites have their own bishops and dioceses in Syria, Cyprus, Egypt, Europe, Australia, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Canada, and two dioceses in the United States.

The Maronites take pride to belong to their old and rich tradition inherited from their land where Jesus and the Apostles walked. They teach their children and bring their friends to enjoy the richness of their prayers and to hear the Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus himself.

### ***Easter Story: Falling for Jesus***

It was Lent and I had recently been to confession. My penance was to pray the Stations of the Cross. At the time, I had three little ones ages four and younger, and I was largely pregnant with my fourth.

I did not know how I was going to keep them all quiet. Praying the Stations of the Cross would be an ordeal with all of them tagging along. I decided to pray the stations at the National Shrine where there is an outdoor Stations of the Cross in a semi-circle on a sloped hill. At least the kids could be outside, I thought.

Since the route of the Stations was paved, I brought the youngest in a stroller and the two older girls walked beside me. I started at the beginning, but before long my children were running circles around the stations, playing a game of tag. I was dismayed at their lack of piety and involvement. With a sigh and several warnings to be careful, I had reached the station where Jesus falls for the first time. Isabel, my three-year-old, ran behind the station, tripped and fell. She dusted herself off and continued to play. After making sure there were no scraped knees or tears, I moved on to the next station. I tried to engage my daughter, Veronica, then four, by pointing out her name on the station where Veronica wipes the face of Jesus. But she quickly lost interest. I resigned myself to the fact that they were just not going to pay attention.

I reached the station where Jesus falls for the second time and began the prayer. Isabel ran behind the station, tripped, and fell again.

"Isabel Eve! Would you stop that?" I scolded her. "I've already told you to be careful. Because you didn't listen you have fallen for the second time."

Veronica looked up at the station before her and pointing to it she announced: "Just like Jesus!"

### ***Time to Laugh (536)***

#### ***Interesting Gossip***

The more interesting the gossip is, the more likely it is that the gossip is untrue.

#### ***Shorter Story***

Nothing makes a long story short like the arrival of the person you happen to be talking about.

#### ***Political Economy***

"Political economy" – two words that need a divorce on grounds of incompatibility.