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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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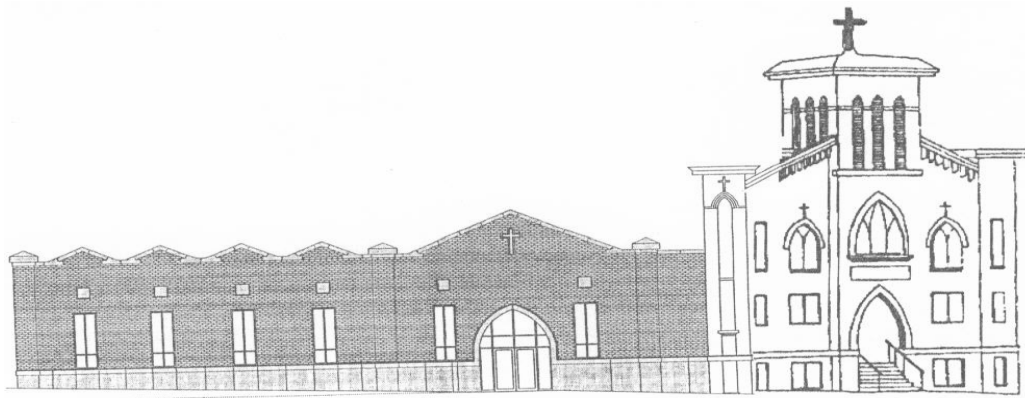
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Easter Sunday ***Christ is Risen! Truly Risen***



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: Easter Sunday

Readings: Phil 2:1-11 & Mt 28: 1-10

Jesus intercedes to the Father on our behalf. He desires that those, whom the Father has given him, may be with him “to see” his “glory.” (in 17:24b) Through the Spirit, Jesus and the Father come to dwell in the hearts of all who believe in him. In baptism, “those who wash their robes” (Rev 22:14) have “the water of life as a gift.” Together they declare, “Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name.” (Ps 97:12)

God’s reign must take root in each individual if it is to flourish on earth. But there is a cost involved in proclaiming Christ’s message of peace and justice. Many close their eyes and ears to the truth; others try to silence it. Jesus sends the Spirit to strengthen and guide us. The Spirit gives us courage to live and die like the Lord “so that the world may believe” (Jn 17:21 a) in the one who sent him. We pray for the coming of God’s reign.

Easter Greeting from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! We are rejoicing in the Resurrection of Christ and in the new life of the parish in the new building addition. It is indeed a double joy. But the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord has a special taste of great joy and happiness for us Christians. It reminds us of the triumph of Our Savior and assures us of the triumph of our Faith and our Church which He has given to us. We felt that triumph of our faith when our project was miraculously done before this economic crisis and was paid in full. I felt that the hand of God was with us throughout the whole building project of our new hall. And the intercession of the Blessed Mother was there without doubt. Otherwise, who can tell me how it was possible and where all this donated money came from? I call upon you to lift up your heart and praise the Lord and his Blessed Mother. Rejoice in the Risen Lord and be grateful.

In this joyful spirit of Easter it is my privilege to greet you and to pray that Our Risen Lord will bestow upon you those blessings that will bring peace to your soul – that peace which Christ alone can give.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Bakhos

Easter Greetings in 17 Languages!

- 1- Christ is Risen! Truly risen! (English)
- 2- Al Massih qâm! Haqqan qâm! (Lebanese)
- 3- Le Christ est ressuscité! Il est vraiment ressuscité! (French)
- 4- Christos anesti! Alithos anesti! (Greek)
- 5- Christos vaskriesse! Vo istinou vaskriesse (Russian)
- 6- Christus ist auferstanden. Er ist wirklich auferstanden! (German)
- 7- Krisdos Haryav ee Merelotz. Orhnyal eh Harootyoun Krisdosi. (Armenian)
- 8- Cristo resucito! Verdaderamente ha resucitado! (Spanish)
- 9- Christus is verrezen! Hij is echt verrezen! (Dutch)
- 10- Cristo wa houkkatsu saret! Kare wa makotoni houkkatsu saret! (Japanese)
- 11- Kristu amefufuka! Ni kweli amefufuka! (African)
- 12- Duc Kito da son layy! Nai da son layy tat su! (Vietnamese)
- 13- Crichtu rezuchsitu! Elle rezuchsitu verdadeiramente! (Portugese)
- 14- Si Kristo ay nabuhay! Talagang nabuhay! (Philipino)
- 15- Tafatsangana tamin ny maty Kristy! Tafatsangana tokou Kristy! (Madagascar)
- 16- Kristu sudah bangkit! Dia itu, sudah bangkit! (Malaysia)
- 17- Kristu asekwi! Yasolo asekwi na liwa! (African/Lingala)

Mass Intentions

THIS WEEKEND, April 11-12: "Easter Sunday"

Saturday, April 11: Easter Vigil & Rite of Peace

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, at 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

Weekday Masses

Monday, April 13: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, April 14: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Wednesday, April 15 at Noon:

Steve & Margaret Schlog (Birthday & Anniversary) by Bob & Fran Saseen

Lou Elias (on his Anniversary) by his daughter Debbie Kull and Family

Thursday, April 16 at Noon:

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

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

Friday, April 17 at Noon:

Adib & Sadie and Mona Chidiac by Fr. Bakhos

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

THIS WEEKEND, April 18-19: "Jesus appears to the disciples & Thomas"

Saturday, April 18 at 4:00 p.m.:

Rick Huffman (brother of Mark (Debbie) Huffman) by Bob Oser

Good health of sick family members of the parishioners by Fr. Bakhos

Sunday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m.:

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

Living and Deceased members of the Poor Child Jesus Sisters by Jean Weisner

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

Painting the Church is our gift to the Blessed Mother during her Month – May:

On Sunday, April 26th, we will celebrate the last Mass at the existing church until after the Painting Project is finished. At that Sunday 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 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 + \$3,000 for electrical wiring = \$35,000. The Total Raised for painting so far: \$27,274.00). Many Thanks to all of you.

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 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), Peggy Justice & Ann Lee Bauduin (\$100), Cedar Club Bingo Fundraising (\$60), Juliette Breit (PA) (\$100), Jerry & Marge Saseen (\$200),*

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

Date	Event
Sunday, April 12	Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 12	Diocesan Appeal: Donation Deadline

Sunday, April 12	Spring Lebanese Bake Sale: Order Deadline
Monday, April 13	Cedar Club Meeting – at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 18	Spring Lebanese Bake Sale – Prepare Spinach – Please note this date change
Mon-Thur. & 20-23	Spring Lebanese Bake Sale – Work Days (11:30 a.m. Sun.; M-Th at 9:00 a.m.)
Sunday, April 19 th	First Communion of Juliana Breit
Sunday, April 19	Work Concession Stand at Wheeling Airport – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 25	Wedding: Jim George & Jessica Bock
Sunday, April 26	Clearing the Church for Painting – Noon to 3 p.m.
Sunday, April 26	Women’s Society 50/50 Maintenance Fund Raffle Drawing –after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Saturday, May 2	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament – at 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 3	May Crowning & May Procession – <i>No Benediction after Mass</i>
Sat., May 9, - Fri., May 15	Week of Mother’s Day Masses
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. – <i>In Old Basement Hall</i>
Sunday, June 7	Spring Spaghetti Dinner – 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. – <i>In New Cedar Hall</i>
Sunday, June 7	Women’s Society Gift Basket Raffle Drawing – <i>at the Spaghetti Dinner</i>
Sunday, August 9	2009 Mahrajan
Sunday, August 30	Women’s Society Meeting – <i>after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>

Additional Diocesan Appeal Donations Received

Clara Jean Morris (\$50), Jerry & Marge Saseen (\$50), envelopes (\$432), Dr. Nabil & Nesrin AlKhouri (\$50), Nini Miller (\$25), P.J. & Nikki Lenz (\$50), William & Gloria Sterling (\$50),

Additional Easter Flower Memorial Donations Received

\$25 *In memory of the Conti, Palsinelli and Matesic Families by Rosalie Conti*

\$20 *In memory of the DeMuth & Moses Families by Natalie DeMuth*

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

Please Note: Our mailing contained a price error. The correct prices are as follows:

<i>Meat Pies</i>	<i>\$2.25 each</i>
<i>Spinach Pies</i>	<i>\$2.25 each</i>
<i>Zattar Bread</i>	<i>\$1.25 each</i>
<i>Sesame Bread</i>	<i>\$1.25 each</i>

<i>Order Deadline</i>	<i>Easter Sunday, April 12</i>
<i>Spinach Preparation</i>	<i>Saturday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. – Please note date change</i>
<i>Baking to Fill Orders</i>	<i>Monday to Thursday, April 20-23, 9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Order Pick Up Dates</i>	<i>Wednesday & Thursday, April 22 & 23</i>

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. ***Please note that the date for preparing the Spinach will now be Saturday, April 18, beginning at about 9:00 a.m.***

Completed order forms along with payment should be returned by mail or place it in the collection basket on or before Easter Sunday, April 12. 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. We need at least 20 volunteers each day. Please come and join in the camaraderie – *and the delicious lunches!* **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 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the old basement hall. Final plans for 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

Memorial Service for Joe Bittengle Jesuit Univ. (Friday, April 17, at 3 p.m.)

Dear parishioners and friends, there will be a Memorial Service for our beloved young man Joe Bittengle at Wheeling Jesuit University Chapel on Friday, April 17th, at 3:00 p.m. Jody Seabright and her family would appreciate it if you attend and share that Memorial for the repose of his soul and the consolation of the family.

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.

First Communion of Juliana Breit (Sunday, April 19th,)

Juliana Breit, daughter of Michael & Nicole of NC, will celebrate her First Communion at our church on Sunday of the Divine Mercy, April 19th. The prayers of the parish are with Juliana that the Lord Jesus may build his temple in her heart. May she follow the good example of her parents and grandparents.

Wedding: Jim George & Jessica Bock (Saturday, April 25th,)

On Saturday, April 25th, Jim George (*son of Jim & Shirley George*) & Jessica Bock will be united in the bond of Holy Matrimony at our church. We wish the young couple a happy and long life together.

Clearing the Church for Painting (Sunday, April 26th, from Noon to 3:00 p.m.)

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 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.

The following list includes those who have so far Volunteered: *Kim Gibbons, Lou & Charlotte Khourey & family,*

Women's Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle (Drawings: Sunday, 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 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 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 (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, a monthly participant. May the Blessed Mother grant you good health.

Flowers for the Blessed Mother in May (Sundays, May 3, through Sunday, May 31)

The flowers donated for the Blessed mother in May will be sponsored as follows:

Sunday, May 3	Mary Thomas in memory of her son
Sunday, May 3	May Procession Flowers: Mary Lish & Nettie Seidler
Sunday, May 10	Carol Dougherty, Sandra Dusick, Kay Garvey, Julia Tappe
Sunday, May 17	Shirley George & Rita Strawn
Sunday, May 24	Fran Saseen, Marge Saseen, Rosella Saseen
Sunday, May 31	Charlotte Khourey & Mary Stees

Mother's Day Masses (Saturday, May 9th, to Friday, May 15th)

A New Definition for Mom

"MOM" A woman named Emily renewing her driver's license at the County Clerk's office was asked by the woman recorder to state her occupation. She hesitated, uncertain how to classify herself. "What I mean is," explained the recorder, "do you have a job, or are you just a?"

"Of course I have a job," snapped Emily. "I'm a Mom."

"We don't list 'Mom' as an occupation ... 'housewife' covers it," said the recorder emphatically.

I forgot all about her story until one day I found myself in the same situation, this time at our own Town Hall. The Clerk was obviously a career woman, poised, efficient, and possessed of a high sounding title like, "Official Interrogator" or "Town Registrar."

"What is your occupation?" she probed.

What made me say it, I do not know ... The words simply popped out. "I'm a Research Associate in the field of Child Development and Human Relations."

The clerk paused, ball-point pen frozen in midair, and looked up as though she had not heard right. I repeated the title slowly, emphasizing the most significant words. Then I stared with wonder as my pronouncement was written in bold, black ink on the official questionnaire.

"Might I ask," said the clerk with new interest, "just what you do in your field?"

Coolly, without any trace of fluster in my voice, I heard myself reply, "I have a continuing program of research, (what mother doesn't), in the laboratory and in the field, (normally I would have said indoors and out). I'm working for my Masters, (the whole darned family), and already have four credits, (all daughters). Of course, the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities, (any mother care to disagree?) and I often work 14 hours a day, (24 is more like it). But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are more of a satisfaction rather than just money."

There was an increasing note of respect in the clerk's voice as she completed the form, stood up, and personally ushered me to the door.

As I drove into our driveway, buoyed up by my glamorous new career, I was greeted by my lab assistants -- ages 13, 7, and 3. Upstairs I could hear our new experimental model, (a 6 month old baby), in the child-development program, testing out a new vocal pattern. I felt I had scored a beat on bureaucracy! And I had gone on the official records as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than "just another Mom."

Motherhood ... What a glorious career! Especially when there's a title on the door.

Does this make grandmothers "Senior Research Associates in the field of Child Development and Human Relations" and great-grandmothers "Executive Senior Research Associates"? I think so!!! I also think it makes Aunts "Associate Research Assistants."

5 Masses For the Repose of the Souls of Our Deceased 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

Anne Bott & Beulah Brubach by Sue & Jim Brubach

Sarah Magruder & Janet Voitle by Denny & Barbara Magruder

Victoria John by her children: Lou John and Jennie Zambito

Marian Keegan by her daughter Marge John

Anna Przelenski & Adelaide Schuler by Irene & Paul Schuler

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

Sue Brubach by Jim Brubach, Kim, Louie, Lisa

Marjorie C. John by her husband Lou John & children

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 playing violins 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.

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, at 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 **triple your chances of winning by sending in 18 ticket stubs** (3 sheets of tickets) **at one time for only \$10.00.** 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 11: Randy Weisner
 April 12: Justin Frenn
 April 13: Adel Frenn
 April 14: Mark McLaughlin, Lori DeMuth
 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, Ferris Shia,

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

Barb Sobota, 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

1,718	Collection
331	Diocesan Appeal
65	Candles
30	Utilities
180	Easter Flowers
460	Painting Fund
30	St. Maron Dinner
100	Mahrajan (Ad Book)
4,100	Donation to the Church
80	Parking
7,094	Total. May God reward you many fold

What's New?

Parish Condolences: Harold Breiding

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the **Breiding** family on the loss of their beloved **Harold** who passed away in Wheeling, last Week.

Harold is the brother of our beloved parishioner Larry Breiding. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His servant **Harold** and we extend the parish's condolences to *his* Family in their time of sorrow.

Many Thanks:

- 1- To all the ladies and gentlemen who did such a generous, wonderful, job last week on Palm Sunday, to who helped during the church services, to those who served the delicious food, and to those who helped the children decorate the eggs – they had a wonderful and memorable time.
- 2- To Mrs. Barbara Sobota –sister of Peggy Justice- for donating an umbrella holder to the church. It is highly appreciated.
- 3- To Randy Weisner for mounting the shelves in the storage room.

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.

In Our Mailbox

Dear Father and Ladies of the Church,

We wanted to thank you for such a festive time yesterday. We all enjoyed a wonderful luncheon and had such a fun time coloring the eggs. We sincerely appreciate you thinking of us and including the Lyceum families in the Palm Sunday activities.

Love, Judy & Paul Harris, Morgan & William Harris, Paula Smith, Shyann Smith, Bill & Ray Salvatori, & children: Emily, Billy, Ross & James Salvatori, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Butts, Hannah Butts

(Each of the Salvatori family also wrote a note of thanks to us. What gracious children they are.)

OLOL Cedar Hall Rental

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

Fees for Active Parishioners:		Mon. – Thursday	Fri. – Sunday
	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
Fees for Non-Parishioners:			
	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

Annual Musical Production: *Damn Yankees* (April 30, May 1, 2, 6, 7 & 8)

Where: Wheeling Park High School, Wheeling

Tickets: \$7.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door

Information: April 30 and May 1, 2, 6, 7 & 8 at 7:00 p.m.; call 304-243-0417 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Slovak Style Luncheon (May 3)

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

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

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

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

Celebrating Christian Mothers (May 23-24)

Where: St. Michael Church, Wheeling

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

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

Reflection: Cell Phones vs Bible

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to Kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill. Makes you stop and think where my priorities are? And no dropped calls!

Trust in the Lord and *ASAP (Always Say A Prayer)

Spirituality: 13 Virtues

Can you live by the following?

1. **TEMPERANCE** – Eat not to dullness; drink not to elevation.
2. **SILENCE** – Speak not but what may benefit others or yourself; avoid trifling conversation.
3. **ORDER** – Let all your things have their places; let each part of your business have its time.
4. **RESOLUTION** – Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve.
5. **FRUGALITY** – Make no expense but to do good to others or yourself; i.e., waste nothing.
6. **INDUSTRY** – Lose no time; be always employed in something useful; cut off all unnecessary actions.
7. **SINCERITY** – Use no hurtful deceit; think innocently and justly, and, if you speak, speak accordingly.
8. **JUSTICE** – Wrong none by doing injuries, or omitting the benefits that are your duty.
9. **MODERATION** – Avoid extremes; forbear resenting injuries so much as you think they deserve.
10. **CLEANLINESS** – Tolerate no uncleanness in body, clothes, or habitation.
11. **TRANQUILLITY** – Be not disturbed at trifles, or at accidents common or unavoidable.
12. **CHASTITY** – Rarely use venery but for health or offspring, never to dullness, weakness, or the injury of your own or another's peace or reputation.
13. **HUMILITY** – Imitate Jesus and Socrates. --Benjamin Franklin

Maronites = Catholics of the East

Maronite Identity And Pride (9)

The Most Rev. Gregory Mansour, Maronite Bishop of the diocese of St. Maron, NY, reflects on seven traits of Maronite Identity to help define who we are and help remind us of the kind of people we ought to be.

First, Saint Maron went beyond all measures in his love for Christ. He was afraid of nothing. He was an open-air hermit, which means he subjected himself to all of the sufferings caused by the weather; he also made himself completely and unreservedly available to God and others. He spent his days and nights in fasts and vigils. His life was a sacrificial offering. He counseled and provided to the spiritual needs of others, and it was said that God gave him the gift of healing and reading souls. St. Maron was sought after by many – even though he sought solitude for himself. He believed that love for God was worth living and dying for.

Second, Saint Maron was a priest, which means he was connected intimately to the life of the Church. Even though he was a hermit his priestly service to those who came to him was as important, if not more important than his asceticism. Being a priest means that he was radically in the service of others, and being celibate means that with the totality of his being he gave himself to God for the good and spiritual well-being of others.

Third, Maronites were always bridge builders. Abraham, a disciple of Maron went on foot into the many places of Lebanon where he preached the Gospel and planted the seed for future generations. He met with great resistance, encountered people of different cultures and religious beliefs; yet he built bridges to them. When Lebanon was being formed into a modern state it was the Maronite Patriarch working with the Muslim Mufti who insisted that the new state would be one of Christian-Muslim coexistence. Likewise, many of the modern scholarly interlocutors in the Christian Muslim dialogue have been Maronites.

Maronites have gone from using Syriac to Arabic, and now Greek, English, French, Spanish and Portuguese wherever they find themselves. Do we insist on our own native tongue in liturgy, to the exclusion of all others, or are we generous in including the needs of others?

Maronites have always enjoyed union with the Church of Rome, and have no non-Catholic counterpart. Thus, we have placed ourselves at the service of the Universal Church in the work of ecumenism among Christians. Do we assist in that process or do we make the non-Maronites who come to our churches feel unwelcome, as if they don't really belong?

The Maronite Church outside of the Middle East has built a bridge between the culture of the Middle East and the cultures where they find themselves today. Today we now have Maronites born for five generations in a new land yet they are strongly attached to the country of their origin. Maronites beginning with Saint Maron and the first disciples have always been bridge builders, and shared their faith with others. Do we?

Fourth, from the beginning, Maronites have been known as strong advocates for the family. When European travelers would visit Lebanon in the Middle Ages they would remark how faithful husbands and wives are to each other, how they built their families on love. Are we still this way? Historians also wrote about the modest, pious and devout families sharing deeply in the life of the Church. These families included aunts, uncles, godparents, grandparents, teachers, elders, monks, priests, and sisters, all who played an invaluable role in the formation of the family. Is family life still important to us?

At one time, due to the work of the Maronites, 18th century Lebanon posted a 96 percent literacy rate, higher even than Europe of that time. Do we have an adequate literacy in matters of our faith today?

Fifth, Maronites have always loved the authority of Peter, whether he was in Antioch or in Rome. The pride of the Maronite Church was in her union with Peter. It was never enough to say one was Maronite without also having an affective devotion to Peter, his shepherding and his teaching. Today this means for us to have a love for the teachings of the Church, even the difficult ones that come from the Successor of Peter. It is not

enough to say I am proud of my Maronite heritage without also saying I am proud to be Catholic. Are we of the same mind as our ancestors?

Sixth, Maronites have always borne a fervent devotion to Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Whether it is called for us the Quorbono, the Quddas, the Mass, the Liturgy, or the Service of the Holy Mysteries, the reality of this liturgical celebration is one and the same; it is the summit and fount of all Christian life. The offering of this Mystery should inspire in us an ardent desire to also offer ourselves along with Christ to the Father. This personal dimension of our faith is the key to understanding our common celebration of the Eucharist each Sunday and every day. Prayer and the liturgical life of the Church should lead the Maronite to a more profound union with Christ. Do we also take this same sense of devotion and respect for Christ into our Church halls, our Church parking lots, our homes, our work place, our schools, and our society? Do we have the courage to confess our sins in order to make even more efficacious our reception of Holy Communion? Do we live our faith each day as if it really matters to us?

Last but not least is the love the Maronites have always held for the Mother of God. Under the title of Our Lady of Lebanon and Cedar of Lebanon, she has always been for us the Morning Star that leads us to Christ the Sun of the world. In imitation of her purity, modesty, piety and devotion, Maronites seek her intercession in times of need and in times of plenty. The Patriarchs, throughout the ages, have always kept near them an Icon of the Mother of God. At the dawn of the day, at its end, and during its trials and tribulations the name of the Virgin (Ya Adhra) is on the lips of every believing Maronite.

These seven traits identify the Maronite and tell us who we are and who we ought to be. The full story of our family history does not make Maronites better or worse than anyone else, but rather unique in their sense of belonging and participating in Christ's Kingdom. I hope that Maronites will always be proud to pass on the beautiful heritage they have received to the next generation. May the prayer of Our Lady of Lebanon continue to be our companion in the Eucharist we share and in our lives as Maronite Catholics. May we draw closer to Christ and in this sweet communion, make a gift of ourselves as He did to the Father for the life of the world. Amen.

An Easter Prayer

All glory and praise to You, Risen Christ, on this glorious feast of Easter!

You are risen; You are with us always.

May I be a sign of Your risen presence to everyone I meet during this Eastertide.

May I give joy and peace to others; may I give encouragement and praise.

May I give witness to God's kingdom in everything I do and say with my family, at my workplace, in my neighborhood, and in my parish.

Glorious Christ, Holy Christ raise me up from this day forward that I might sing God's praises and follow God's way faithfully.

All glory and praise to You, Risen Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Easter Source of Our Joy

“Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.” (Psalm 51:12)

Joy does not come from positive predictions about the state of the world. It does not depend on the ups and downs of the circumstances of our lives. Joy is based on the spiritual knowledge that, while the world in which we live is shrouded in darkness, God has overcome the world. Jesus says it loudly and clearly: “In the world you will have troubles, but rejoice, I have overcome the world.”

The surprise is not that, unexpectedly, things turn out better than expected. No, the real surprise is that God's light is more real than all the darkness, that God's truth is more powerful than all human lies, that God's love is stronger than death.

Easter Story: The Empty Tomb

Jeremy was born with a twisted body and a slow mind. At the age of 12 he was still in second grade, seemingly unable to learn. His teacher, Doris Miller, often became exasperated with him. He would squirm in his seat, drool, and make grunting noises; other times, he spoke clearly and distinctly, as if a spot of light had penetrated the darkness of his brain. Most of the time, however, Jeremy just irritated his teacher. One day she called his parents and asked them to come in for a consultation. As the Forresters entered the empty classroom, Doris said to them, "Jeremy really belongs in a special school. It isn't fair to him to be with younger children who don't have learning problems. Why, there is a five year gap between his age and that of the other students."

Mrs. Forrester cried softly into a tissue, while her husband spoke. "Miss Miller," he said, "there is no school of that kind nearby. It would be a terrible shock for Jeremy if we had to take him out of this school. We know he really likes it here." Doris sat for a long time after they had left, staring at the snow outside the window. Its coldness seemed to seep into her soul. She wanted to sympathize with the Forresters. After all, their only child had a terminal illness. But it wasn't fair to keep him in her class. She had 18 other youngsters to teach, and Jeremy was a distraction. Furthermore, he would never learn to read and write. Why waste any more time trying? As she pondered the situation, guilt washed over her. Here I am complaining when my problems are nothing compared to that poor family, she thought. Lord, please help me to be more patient with Jeremy. From that day on, she tried hard to ignore Jeremy's noises and his blank stares. Then one day, he limped to her desk, dragging his bad leg behind him. "I love you, Miss Miller," he exclaimed, loud enough for the whole class to hear. The other students snickered, and Doris' face turned red. She stammered, "Wh-why that's very nice, Jeremy. N-now please take your seat."

Spring came, and the children talked excitedly about the coming of Easter. Doris told them the story of Jesus, and then to emphasize the idea of new life springing forth, she gave each of the children a large plastic egg. "Now," she said to them, "I want you to take this home and bring it back tomorrow with something inside that shows new life. Do you understand?"

"Yes, Miss Miller," the children responded enthusiastically – all except for Jeremy. He listened intently; his eyes never left her face. He did not even make his usual noises. Had he understood what she had said about Jesus' death and resurrection? Did he understand the assignment? Perhaps she should call his parents and explain the project to them.

That evening, Doris' kitchen sink stopped up. She called the landlord and waited an hour for him to come by and unclog it. After that, she still had to shop for groceries, iron a blouse, and prepare a vocabulary test for the next day. She completely forgot about phoning Jeremy's parents.

The next morning, 19 children came to school, laughing and talking as they placed their eggs in the large wicker basket on Miss Miller's desk. After they completed their math lesson, it was time to open the eggs. In the first egg, Doris found a flower. "Oh yes, a flower is certainly a sign of new life," she said. "When plants peek through the ground, we know that spring is here." A small girl in the first row waved her arm. "That's my egg, Miss Miller," she called out. The next egg contained a plastic butterfly, which looked very real. Doris held it up. "We all know that a caterpillar changes and grows into a beautiful butterfly. Yes, that's new life, too." Little Judy smiled proudly and said, "Miss Miller, that one is mine." Next, Doris found a rock with moss on it. She explained that moss, too, showed life. Billy spoke up from the back of the classroom, "My daddy helped me," he beamed. Then Doris opened the fourth egg. She gasped. The egg was empty.

Surely it must be Jeremy's she thought, and of course, he did not understand her instructions. If only she had not forgotten to phone his parents. Because she did not want to embarrass him, she quietly set the egg aside and reached for another.

Suddenly, Jeremy spoke up. "Miss Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?" Flustered, Doris replied, "But Jeremy, your egg is empty." He looked into her eyes and said softly, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty, too." Time stopped. When she could speak again, Doris asked him, "Do you know why the tomb was empty?" "Oh, yes," Jeremy said, "Jesus was killed and put in there. Then His Father raised Him up." The recess bell rang. While the children excitedly ran out to the school yard, Doris cried. The cold inside her melted completely away. Three months later, Jeremy died. Those who paid their respects at the mortuary were surprised to see 19 eggs on top of his casket, all of them empty.

Time to Laugh (537)

Funny though Real Definitions

- School: A place where Papa pays and Son plays.
- Life Insurance: A contract that keeps you poor all your life so that you can die Rich.
- Nurse: A person who wakes you up to give you sleeping pills.
- Marriage: It's an agreement in which a man loses his bachelor degree and a woman gains her masters.
- Lecture: An art of transferring information from the notes of the Lecturer to the notes of the students without passing through 'the minds of either'
- Boss: Someone who is early when you are late and late when you are early.
- Conference: The confusion of one man multiplied by the number present.
- Compromise: The art of dividing a cake in such a way that everybody believes he got the biggest piece.
- Dictionary: A place where success comes before work.
- Conference Room: A place where everybody talks, nobody listens and everybody disagrees later on.
- Father: A banker provided by nature.
- Tears: The hydraulic force by which masculine willpower is defeated by feminine waterpower.
- Politician: One who shakes your hand before elections and your Confidence after.
- Doctor: A person who kills your ills by pills, and kills you by bills.
- Classics: Books, which people praise, but do not read.
- Smile: A curve that can set a lot of things straight.
- Office: A place where you can relax after your strenuous home life.
- Yawn: The only time some married men ever get to open their mouth.
- Etc.: A sign to make others believe that you know more than you actually do.
- Committee: Individuals who can do nothing individually and sit to decide that nothing can be done together.
- Experience: The name men give to their mistakes.
- Atom Bomb: An invention to end all inventions.
- Philosopher: A fool who torments himself during life, to be wise after death.

God Is Watching the Apples

At a recent church luncheon buffet line, next to the apples was a sign that read: "Apples-take one per person. Remember, God is watching."

A little further down the line next to the cookies, someone had scrawled with a crayon: "Cookies-take all you want. God is watching the apples."

If You Think about It, Things Are Tough

Henry was looking so glum and depressed that a friend asked, "Henry, what's the matter with you? You look like you've lost your last friend."

Henry responded, "What's the matter? I'll tell you. Remember two weeks ago, my Aunt Molly died and left me fifty thousand dollars?"

His friend said, "Yes, I remember. What's so awful about that?"

"What's so awful, you ask! Remember last week, my Uncle David died and left me a hundred thousand dollars?"

His friend said he remembered that too and asked, "What's so bad about that?"

With a sad face Henry responded, "What's bad about it? This week I inherited nothing."

The Lord gives us many gifts each day. We have many reasons to be joyful and happy. Yet many times we are not happy with what we have because we are disappointed that we do not have more.

Getting What She Deserves

A woman with a very nasty attitude had spent almost two hours browsing through the store. The longer she shopped, the more she complained and criticized. Finally, she said, "Why is it that I never get what I ask for in here?" "Perhaps, madam," said the exhausted clerk, "it's because we are too polite."