

**April 19, 2009**  
**Bulletin # 16**

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

*(Maronite Catholic Rite)*

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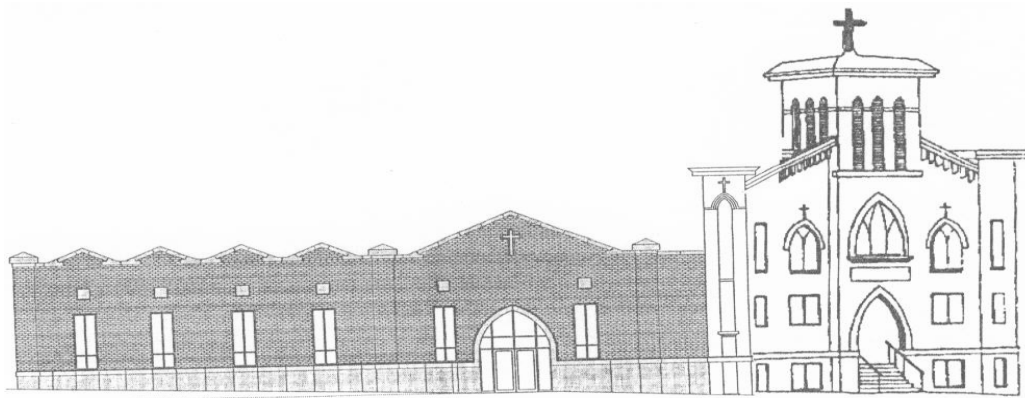
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## ***Jesus Appears to the Disciples & Thomas***



### ***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: Jesus appears to the Disciples & Thomas*

*Readings: 2Cor 5:11-21 & Jn 20:26-31*

What does it mean to have Christ among us? How can we be his healing, reconciling, peace-making body? He is present in how we pray and worship together, how we love and support one another, how we act in truth and justice, how we heal wounds and conquer evil.

John of Patmos suffers the tension of “what will be” and “what is” as he awaits the fullness of God’s kingdom. Exiled for bearing witness to Jesus, John is caught between the “distress” of earthly injustice and the “kingly reign” of Christ. Like John, we too are locked in a prison of fear. We are like Thomas, who refuses to believe, because we cannot see or touch Jesus. The voice of Christ arouses us from disbelief. “Peace be with you!” he says. “Do not persist in unbelief. Believe!” With the risen Christ in our midst we need not be afraid. With Christ at the center, the Christian community shines like golden lamp stands. Through the church, the One who is eternally alive sends forth a beacon of hope to a troubled world.

The breath of the Spirit animates us and revives our faith so that, with Jesus, we have the courage to forgive all who wound the body of Christ. With love and compassion we touch the hurts and injuries of our brothers and sisters. These are the “signs and wonders” the world is waiting for. When they see this, they will believe that Jesus is truly Lord of our lives.

### *Reflections: Rich & Poor*

One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people live.

They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family. On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad." "Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.

"Oh yeah," said the son. "So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered: "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us; they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have.

Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends!

### *Wisdom: The Secret of Life*

As the Lord God was creating the world he called upon his archangels. The Lord asked his archangels to help him decide where to put the Secret of Life.

"Bury it in the ground," one angel replied.

"Put it on the bottom of the sea," said another.

"Hide it in the mountains," another suggested.

The Lord replied, "If I choose to do any of those only a few will find the Secret of Life. The Secret of Life must be accessible to EVERYONE!"

One angel replied, "I know; put it in each man's heart. Nobody will think to look there."

"Yes!" said the Lord. "Within each man's heart."

And so it was – The SECRET OF LIFE lies within all of us.

## *Mass 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 & Deceased members of the Poor Child Jesus Sisters by Jean Weisner

### Weekday Masses

Monday, April 20: No Mass. Pastor’s Day Off

Tuesday, April 21: No Mass. Pastor’s Day Off

#### Wednesday, April 22 at Noon:

Intentions of my benefactors by Fr. Bakhos  
Adib & Sadie and Mona Chidiac by Fr. Bakhos

#### Thursday, April 23 at Noon:

Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions  
Deceased Family members of Fr. Bakhos’ benefactors

#### Friday, April 24 at Noon:

Adib & Sadie and Mona Chidiac by Fr. Bakhos  
Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

### THIS WEEKEND, April 25-26: Jesus appears to the disciples at Emmaus

#### Saturday, April 25 at 4:00 p.m.:

John F. Kukula (on his Birthday) by Mary Rose Kukula  
Special Intention

#### Sunday, April 26 at 10:30 a.m.:

Intentions of Evelyn Ghaphery by the Ghaphery Family  
Charles & Josephine Dager & Maureen Dager Frysinger by Earl, Linda & Allison Duffy  
Mickey McLaughlin (on his 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin and Family

## *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 26<sup>t</sup>, 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, etc...to 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 + \$3,000 for electrical wiring = \$35,000. The Total Raised for painting so far: \$28,874.00). 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 (\$5), 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), Tom & Kathleen George (\$200), George & Dolores Fahey (\$100), Anonymous generous parishioners (\$1,000),*

**Help with the Endowment Fund to Keep Our Church Open and Active (Total Raised: \$525)**

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), Catherine Arthur (Memorial) (\$100),*

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Saturday, April 18	<b>Spring Lebanese Bake Sale – Prepare Spinach – Please note this date change</b>
Mon-Thur. & 20-23	<b>Spring Lebanese Bake Sale – Work Days (11:30 a.m. Sun.; M-Th at 9:00 a.m.</b>
Sunday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>First Communion of Juliana Breit</b>
Sunday, April 19	<b>Work Concession Stand at Wheeling Airport – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.</b>

Saturday, April 25	<b>Wedding: Jim George, Jr. &amp; Jessica Bock</b>
Sunday, April 26	<b>Clearing the Church for Painting – Noon to 3 p.m.</b>
Sunday, April 26	<b>Women's Society 50/50 Maintenance Fund Raffle Drawing –after 10:30 a.m. Mass</b>
Saturday, May 2	<b>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament – at 3:30 p.m.</b>
Sunday, May 3	<b>May Crowning &amp; May Procession – No Benediction after Mass</b>
Sunday, May 3	<b>Wear a Hat to Church Day</b>
Saturday, May 9	<b>Cedar Club Spring Dinner (at 5:30 p.m. – following Mass)</b>
Sat., May 9, - Fri., May 15	<b>Week of Mother's Day Masses</b>
Sunday, May 10	<b>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass</b>
Saturday, June 6	<b>Parish Rummage Sale – from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – In Old Basement Hall</b>
Sunday, June 7	<b>Spring Spaghetti Dinner – 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. – In New Cedar Hall</b>
Sunday, June 7	<b>Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle Drawing – at the Spaghetti Dinner</b>
Sunday, August 9	<b>2009 Mahrajan</b>
Sunday, August 30	<b>Women's Society Meeting – after 10:30 a.m. Mass</b>

## ***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), Rob & Mary Thomas (\$50), Susan John (\$50), Nettie Seidler (\$50),

## ***Spring Lebanese Bake Sale*** (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>

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

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.

## ***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.

### ***First Communion of Juliana Breit*** (Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>)

Juliana Breit, daughter of Michael & Nicole of North Carolina, will celebrate her First Communion at our church on Sunday of the Divine Mercy, April 19<sup>th</sup>. 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, Jr. & Jessica Bock*** (Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>,)

On Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Jim George, Jr. (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 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.

The following list includes those who have so far Volunteered: *Kim Gibbons, Lou & Charlotte Kourey & family, Kay Garvey, Jim & Sue Brubach,*

### ***Women's Society 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 (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.

### ***Just for Fun – Wear a Hat to Mass: Sunday May 3***

The ladies and young women of all ages who attend our parish on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> are asked to wear a hat to Mass – just for fun. Any hat will be fine – from the most elegant to the simplest cap you have. Many of you will also recall how chic our ancestors were when they wore stylish hats every day when they went anywhere outside their home.

### ***Flowers for the Blessed Mother in May*** (Sundays, May 3 through 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 & Anna Jalad
Sunday, May 24	Fran Saseen, Marge Saseen, Rosella Saseen
Sunday, May 31	Charlotte Kourey & Mary Stees

## ***Cedar Club Spring Dinner*** (Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m.)

Please join the Cedar Club at their Spring Dinner to be held at Abbey's Restaurant at 5:30 p.m. – after Mass on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. Please call Nini Miller at 304-243-0057 for details.

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

### ***Mother's Day: Roses for Mama***

Years ago there was a country-western song titled, "Roses for Mama." It's Mother's Day, and a man goes to the florist shop to buy his mother a bouquet. He knows he should visit his mother, but he has more exciting plans so he decides to send her flowers instead. At the florist shop the man encounters a little boy who wants to buy some roses for his mother, but he doesn't have enough money. The man gives the boy some money, then buys his mother's bouquet.

As the man drives away from the florist shop, he happens to pass by a cemetery. Glancing in the cemetery he sees the little boy kneeling at a grave, a bouquet of roses in his hand. The man pulls into the cemetery and asks the boy what he's doing. The boy explains that his mother has been dead a year, and that he comes there all the time to talk to her and, on this special day, to give her flowers.

The man turns around and drives back to the florist. There he asks the florist if his mother's flowers have been delivered yet. When the florist tells him no, the man tells him to cancel the delivery. He wants to deliver them himself.

#### **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 & 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*

*Mary K. Ferris by Tom & Denise Ferris*

*Catherine Yost & Elizabeth Garvey by Kay Garvey*

*My mother Sadie Coury by Lucille Gibbons*

*Idamae Hoit & Stella Olinski by Patty & Ted Olinski*

*Peggy Emmerth by sisters Mary & Helen*

*Anna O'Niell Emmerth by daughters Mary & Helen*

*Our mothers & grandmothers by Bill & Carol Dougherty*

*Sally Malatinski by Sandra Dusick*

*Mary Joseph Shipley by daughter Thomasina*

#### **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, Lorrie, Lisa*

*Marjorie C. John by her husband Lou John & children*

*Kay Garvey by her daughter Sue & Mike Flading*

*My 2 daughters & 5 daughters-in-law by Lucille Gibbons*

*Judy Custer by mother (Mary) & husband Rich*

## **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 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 20:	Angela Petros
April 28:	Ann Marie Weisner Serafin
April 30:	Cecilia Ammar
May 1:	Kathleen Garvey, Ashley Musilli
May 3:	Nicholas John
May 4:	John Weisner, Susan George
May 6:	Nikki Lenz
May 7:	Laura Lee Hunter
May 8:	Tom George
May 9:	Debra Laughlin
May 10:	Frank Lish
May 15:	Austin Musilli

## Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

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

Sue Linton, Rosella Saseen,

### 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

2,175	Collection
150	Diocesan Appeal
290	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Holy Land
90	Candles
35	Utilities
100	Hall Rental
1,300	Painting Fund
212	Reimbursement
100	Endowment Fund
200	Donation to the Church
100	Parking
4,752.00	Total. May God reward you many fold

## What's New?

### Many Thanks

- 1- To Julia Tappe and Charlotte Kourey for helping Fr. Bakhos preparing the church for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Job well done.
- 2- To the Cedar Club for preparing the delicious meatless dinner on Good Friday. We appreciate all their food and pastry donors. May the Risen Lord reward you in good health and happiness.

### 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.

## *Around Us*

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

Where: Wheeling Park High School, Wheeling  
When: April 30 and May 1, 2, 6, 7 & 8 at 7:00 p.m.  
Tickets: \$7.00 in advance; \$8.00 at the door  
Information: Call 304-243-0417 between 8 a.m. & 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 - 52-7<sup>th</sup> Street, Benwood  
Menu: Homemade Cabbage Rolls, Pork & Kraut, Cabbage & Noodles, Pierogies, Sliced Cucumbers 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

### ***Mini Food Festival*** (May 21-22)

Where: Greek Church, Chapline Street from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Menu: Gyro, Calamari, Tavern Fries, Salad, Pastries, Soft Drink.  
Information: 304-233-1766

### ***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

## ***Reflection: Where is God?***

He was just a little boy, on a week's first day,  
wandering home from Bible school and dawdling on the way.

He scuffed his shoes into the grass; he even found a caterpillar;  
he found a fluffy milkweed pod and blew out all the 'filler'.

A bird's nest in a tree overhead, so wisely placed up high,  
Was just another wonder that caught his eager eye.

A neighbor watching his zig zag course hailed him from the lawn  
and asked him where he'd been that day and what was going on.

'I've been to Bible School', he said and turned a piece of sod.  
He picked up a wiggly worm replying, 'I've learned a lot about God.'

'M'm very fine way,' the neighbor said, 'for a boy to spend his time'.  
'If you'll tell me where God is, I'll give you a brand new dime.'

Quick as a flash the answer came nor were his accents faint;  
'I'll give you a dollar, Mister, if you can tell me where God ain't.'

## *Maronites = Catholics of the East*

### *Maronite Immigration (Immigration 1)*

The long tradition of living between two worlds prepared more than 475,000 Maronites to live far from their country and holy sites, between the culture of their adopted country and their own tradition. In the 19th century, the Maronites found their way to the United States. It is interesting to note that the first Maronite to come to Boston in 1854, Youssef Daher Beshaleine from Salima (Metn, Lebanon) did not come for financial reasons. By his contact with Americans in Lebanon, he became more and more eager simply to discover the United States. He died at the age of 19, two years after coming to Boston.

Years later, groups of Maronites found their way to Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and the Mid-West. They had hardly settled in Boston when, in 1893, they built their first church in the United States. Because their common personality was not so much based on a political or national foundation, but on long religious tradition, they became indisputably attached to the values of the American heritage, which enlarged their vision and, at the same time, strengthened their religious fidelity to the church of Saint Maron. The Maronite church in the United States is neither a national church nor a territorial church. It is the implantation of a venerable old Christian tradition in the New World.

Maronite saints, like Maron himself and his recently canonized disciples: Saint Sharbel, blessed Kafka, blessed Hardini were always silent saints. We may wish that the Maronites spoke loudly about their theological and liturgical treasures, not only to preserve the future of their own church in the United States, but also to encourage and enrich the whole Catholic Church in America in its growth and fulfillment.

### *Saint Story: Sainte Helena*

Though she was nearly 80 years of age, she made the pilgrimage to the Holy Places, and was inspired to search for and discover the True Cross on which Christ had suffered and died for our sins.

This was Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor, Constantine the Great. She was born about 248 A.D. in Bithynia, Asia Minor, and died about 329 in Nicomedia.

Helena was married to the Roman Emperor Constantius I Chlorus. When her son Constantine became Emperor at York in 306, he made her Empress dowager with the title Helena Augusta. Under the strong pro-Christian policy of Constantine, she became a Christian and in 326 she was inspired and encouraged by her son to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Places in Palestine, where she discovered the True Cross on which Christ suffered the last agony before He died.

When Helena found the True Cross, full of joy and thanksgiving, she supervised personally the building of a church on the site where the cross was discovered, and part of the True Cross was placed there as a relic for adoration by Christians. Another part of the cross was brought to her son Constantine in Byzantium, while still a third part was carried to Rome where she placed it in a church she built there — the Church of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem.

In Medieval Europe Helena, who became St. Helena, was widely revered as the finder of the True Cross, and worship of the Cross spread over all Europe as well as the Near East.

The story of St. Helena is not complete until we clarify and stress the tremendous impact her conversion to Christianity must have had on her son Constantine, and his influence in turn of the course and spread of Christianity in the Roman world.

It will be recalled that Helena became a Christian late in life, and it was with her son's strong encouragement that she made the pilgrimage to the Holy Places in Palestine to search for the True Cross on which Christ died. It is quite likely too that Constantine's mother Helena influenced his pro-Christian leanings that eventually resulted in the supremacy of Christianity in the Greco-Roman world.

The swift course of events under Constantine's rule led to the complete victory of the Western church in the Mediterranean world by the end of the third decade of the Fourth Century after Christ. In 312 AD, as Constantine faced four surviving Augusti for the supremacy of the empire, he swooped down through the Alps,

shattered two other opposing armies at Turin and Verona, and then finally annihilated Maxentius under the walls of Rome at the decisive battle of the Mulvian Bridge. Constantine himself affirms that he had seen a vision of the Cross displayed in the sky, with the inscription "In hoc signo vinces." "By this standard you shall conquer."

From this battle Constantine emerged as the sole supreme ruler of the Roman Empire, and the Church emerged as a religion sanctioned by the state and no longer officially proscribed. This gave the church a tremendous advantage in becoming the leading religious institution in the ancient civilized world.

Shortly after his final victory in battle, Constantine issued his famous "Edict of Milan" whereby Christianity was given its charter and ceased to be a proscribed religion. In 324 Constantine confirmed and extended the Edict of Milan by a final Edict of Toleration – a kind of informal concordat with the Christian Church, and in 325 he presided as arbiter at the historic Council of Nicaea, where the General Council of the Christian Church repudiated the Arian doctrine concerning the Mystery of the Holy Trinity, and henceforth condemned it as "heresy."

In 330 A.D. Constantine completed the building of his new capital at Byzantium on the Bosphorus and gave it his own name, Constantinople, the City of Constantine. From that time on, though Romans lent lip service to the city on the Tiber, the City of Constantine on the Bosphorus was actually the New Rome, and it lasted for more than another 1,000 years until its capture by the Turks in 1453.

St. Helena died in 329 A.D. but her work and influence have survived widely to this day and age. Today's St. Helena is esteemed highly as a major saint of the Greek Church and many Eastern Christian churches. Also, as a further mark of wide esteem for St. Helena, Greek, Roman Catholic, Coptic and Armenian clergy jointly occupy the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem today.

## *Time to Laugh (538)*

### *Getting Off the Tiger*

He who rides a tiger must make plans for dismounting.

--William R. Inge

### *Owning a Man's Company*

She is the kind of girl who does not care for a man's company – unless he owns it.

### *Source Not Important*

The grandfather of William Jackson III died and left him twenty million dollars. A few days later William's girlfriend Roxanne suggested that they get married.

After just a few weeks of marriage, William felt that Roxanne was growing more and more distant and less affectionate. After a few months of marriage, William wondered if Roxanne cared about him at all. She seemed completely indifferent toward him. He felt that he needed to confront her.

When William finally got Roxanne to agree to speak with him, he said, "I'm beginning to think that the only reason you married me is that I inherited twenty million dollars from my grandfather."

Roxanne was slightly amused at William and assured him that this was not the case at all. "That's a ridiculous notion," she told him. "It would not have mattered to me who gave you the money!"

### *Not Dead Yet*

A man's plane crashed in the heart of the darkest jungle of Africa. He pried himself from the wreckage and began to work his way through the dense jungle. As he entered a clearing, he found himself face-to-face with what looked like a hunting party of cannibals. His response was immediate: "I'm a dead man now!"

And then he heard a voice saying, "You're not a dead man; there is a spear at your feet. Pick it up and thrust it through the heart of the chief."

The man did as he was told. He looked down at the ground, and indeed, there was a spear. He picked it up and thrust it through the heart of the chief.

The voice spoke to him once more: "Now you're a dead man!"