

**April 26, 2009**  
**Bulletin # 17**

## *Our Lady of Lebanon Church*

*(Maronite Catholic Rite)*

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## *Jesus Appears to the Disciples at Emmaus*



### *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 at Emmaus***

*Readings: 2Tim 2:8-13 & Lk 24:13-35*

The great danger of a pilgrimage like this is that it may lead some to spend a lot of time wishing they could be back there listening and talking to Jesus. Or, it could lead to dreaming about visiting the holy places today. There is a truth there: to be with Jesus, to walk in his steps would be great opportunities.

Luke, who recounts this story, is like ourselves. He had never seen Jesus, but got his material from those who had. He recalls this event to prevent daydreaming that may hinder us from recognizing a presence of Jesus that is available to us.

We are those two disciples, living in the past, reminiscing over the "good old days." They grieve that Jesus is not with them anymore. He appears, almost playing a game with them, trying to get them to stop taking themselves so seriously.

He shows them how He is still with them. They can find him in the Scriptures. He is always present in the Word. If, instead of dreaming about what might have been, they had gone to God's Word, they would have found him. Even Jesus tells them their problem was not his absence from them, but that they were foolish and slow of heart. When He led them through the Scriptures which revealed him, He caused their hearts to burn within them. He still does. He still can be found there.

Later, they recognized him in the breaking of the bread. It is the same today. We need not yearn for a presence that is past or faraway. We can hear him in the Word and find him in the Breaking of the Bread each time we gather in His Name.

## ***Reflection: Instructions for Life***

1. Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.
2. Memorize your favorite poem.
3. Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you want.
4. When you say, "I love you", mean it.
5. When you say, "I'm sorry", look the person in the eye.
6. Be engaged at least six months before you get married.
7. Believe in love at first sight.
8. Never laugh at anyone's dreams.
9. Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely.
10. In disagreements, fight fairly. No name calling.
11. Don't judge people by their relatives.
12. Talk slow but think quick.
13. When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, "Why do you want to know?".
14. Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
15. Call your mom.
16. Say "bless you" when you hear someone sneeze.
17. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
18. Remember the three R's: Respect for self, Respect for others, Responsibility for all your actions.
19. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
20. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
21. Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.
22. Marry a man you love to talk to; as you get older, his conversational skills will be as important as any other.
23. Spend some time alone.
24. Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.
25. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
26. Read more books and watch less TV.
27. Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll get to enjoy it a second time.
28. Trust in God but lock your car.
29. A loving atmosphere in your home is so important. Do all you can to create a tranquil harmonious home.

30. In disagreements with loved ones, deal with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.
31. Read between the lines.
32. Share your knowledge. It's a way to achieve immortality.
33. Be gentle with the earth.
34. Pray – there's immeasurable power in it.
35. Never interrupt when you are being flattered.
36. Mind your own business.
37. Don't trust a man who doesn't close his eyes when you kiss him.
38. Once a year, go someplace you've never been before.
39. If you make a lot of money, use it to help others while you are alive. It's wealth's greatest satisfaction.
40. Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a stroke of luck.
41. Learn the rules then break some.
42. Remember that the best relationship is one where your love for each other is greater than your need for each other.
43. Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it.
44. Remember that your character is your destiny.
45. Approach love and cooking with reckless abandon.

## *Mass 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

**Weekday Masses**

**Monday, April 27:** No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

**Tuesday, April 28:** No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

**Wednesday, April 29 at Noon:**

Adib & Sadie & Mona Chidiac by Fr. Bakhos  
Intentions of the Parish Council members & their families by Fr. Bakhos

**Thursday, April 30 at Noon:**

Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions  
Good health of Kay Garvey's niece (FL) by Kay Garvey

**Friday, May 1 at Noon:**

Adib & Sadie & Mona Chidiac by Fr. Bakhos  
Anne Holub by Roberta & Don Henning

**NEXT WEEKEND, May 2-3: May Crowning**

**Saturday, May 2 at 4:00 p.m.:**

Intentions & good health of our parishioners  
Good health of Kay Garvey's niece (FL) by Kay Garvey

**Sunday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m.:**

Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family by the Ghaphery Family  
Joe Bittengle by Bill & Carol Dougherty

## *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>th</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>
Sunday, April 26	<b>Clearing the Church for Painting</b> – Noon to 3 p.m.
Sunday, April 26	<b>Women’s Society 50/50 Maintenance Fund Raffle Drawing</b> –after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Saturday, May 2	<b>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</b> – at 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 3	<b>May Crowning &amp; May Procession</b> – <i>No Benediction after Mass</i>
Sunday, May 3	<b>Wear a Hat to Church Day</b>
Saturday, May 9	<b>Cedar Club Spring Dinner</b> (at 5:30 p.m. – following Mass)
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>
Monday, May 11	<b>Cedar Club Meeting</b> (at 7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, June 6	<b>Parish Rummage Sale</b> – from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – <i>In Old Basement Hall</i> <i>Drop Off Days:</i> Sunday, May 31, from after Mass to 5 p.m. Monday & Tuesday, June 1 & 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday, June 3 & 4, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 7	<b>Spring Spaghetti Dinner</b> – 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. – <i>In New Cedar Hall</i>
Sunday, June 7	<b>Women’s Society Gift Basket Raffle Drawing</b> – <i>at the Spaghetti Dinner</i>
Sunday, August 9	<b>2009 Mahrajan</b>
Sunday, August 30	<b>Women’s Society Meeting</b> – <i>after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>

### ***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. Your time helping us with this move will be greatly appreciated.

### ***Women’s Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle*** (Drawings: Sun., April 26 & May 31)

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 **for the April tickets** are provided at the church entrance will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on this **Sunday, April 26.**

The drawing from entries received **for the May 50/50 Raffle Tickets** are provided at the church entrance and in the upcoming Weekly Church Bulletins will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, May 31.**

**Please check the ticket sheets carefully to be sure you are completing the correct ticket stubs. All raffle tickets are now printed on white paper only.** Buy or sell the tickets, and return the completed stubs as soon as possible in the collection or mail to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Please write as "Memo: 50/50 Raffle."

For more information or additional tickets, contact the church office at (304) 233-1688. May the Blessed Mother reward you manifold and we ask for your continued support. Congratulations to the March 50/50 winner of \$85: Virginia Porchiran, a monthly participant. May the Blessed Mother grant you a long life filled with good health.

### ***May Crowning*** (Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, during Mass)

2009 May Queen is Shelby Imer. Those who have confirmed that they can participate in the procession include: Mariana Al Khouri, Ava DeMuth, Kenley George, Chloe Imer, Aundrea Spain, and Lyceum Preparatory Academy girls: ...

### ***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 Khourey & 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, to Friday, May 15)

#### ***Mother as First Home***

The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is this the long way?" she asked. And the guide said: "Yes, and the way is hard. You will be old before you reach the end of it; but the end will be better than the beginning." The young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, bathed them in the clear streams, the sun shone on them, and the young Mother said, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

Then the night came, and the storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come." And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary. But at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there." So the children climbed, and when they reached the top they said, "Mother, we would not have done it without you." The mother, when she lay down at night looked up at the stars and said,

"This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today, I have given them strength."

The next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth, clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said: "Look up. Lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an everlasting glory, and it guided them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God." And the days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the mother grew old and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide.

And mother said: "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them." And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates." And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence."

Your Mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she's the smell of bleach in your freshly laundered socks, she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not well. Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every teardrop. She's the place you came from, your first home; and she's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love and your first heartbreak, and nothing on earth can separate you. Not time, not space...not even death!

MAY WE NEVER TAKE OUR MOTHERS FOR GRANTED.

### **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*

*Margaret Schlog & Helen Saseen by Bob & Fran Saseen*

*Mother Grace & grandmother Mary DeLeonardis by Sylvia Long*

*Rose Fadoul & Nell Duffy by Earl, Linda & Allison Duffy*

### **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*

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*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*

## ***Cedar Club Meeting*** (Monday, May 11, 7:00 p.m.)

The next Cedar Club meeting will be **in the Old Basement Hall** on Monday, May 11, at 7 p.m.. Hostess for the evening will be Danielle Lavoie.

## ***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. *If you have any questions, call Linda at 304-242-6853 or Luane at 304-242-7437.* Drop off dates are as follows:

Sunday, May 31, from after Mass until 5 p.m.

Monday & Tuesday, June 1 & 2, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday, June 3 & 4 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## ***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.**

**Please check the ticket sheets carefully to be sure you are completing the correct ticket stubs. All raffle tickets will now be printed on white paper only.** 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 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 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*

789	Collection
46	Candles
117	Reimbursement
400	Donation to the Church
220	Parking
650	Mahrajan (Ad Book)
200	Mahrajan (Table reservations)
\$2,422	Total. May God reward you many fold

## *What's New?*

### *Congratulations on Your Wedding (Palmer-Zitzelsberger)*

Caroline Rose Palmer, daughter of our beloved friends Jack and Rose Palmer, and Robert Joseph Zitzelsberger were united in marriage Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael Church, Wheeling. Congratulations and we wish the couple a happy and successful life together.

### *Extra Lebanese Bake Sale Items Available*

See any of the Women's Society members to purchase any of the following extra items baked from our sale this past week:

Meat or Spinach Pies	\$2.25 each
Zattar or Sesame Bread	\$1.25 each

## ***Thanks to...***

All who supported the Ohio County Airport concession stand fundraiser in giving of their time – talent – treasure. We made a profit of \$418. Thanks to you again. --Linda & Luane

## ***Thanks also to...***

All the hard-working, generous hearted people who helped take orders, deliver orders and make all the items sold for our Lebanese Bake Sale. Your help is greatly appreciated. May the fruit of your hands be blessed and may the Blessed Mother grant you a long life filled with 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.

## ***In Our Mailbox***

“Father Bakhos Chidiac Our Lady of Lebanon Church 2216 Eoff Street Wheeling, WV 26003 April 16, 2009  
Dear Father Chidiac,

Each year, Friends of Wheeling honors property owners who have made positive impact on the architectural heritage of Wheeling. For 2009, three winners were chosen. Your church will be honored in the category "Outstanding Sympathetic Addition."

The awards ceremony will take place at the group's annual Preservation Dinner, to be held Wednesday, May 6, at the First State Capitol Building, 1413 Eoff Street. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. – a dinner announcement is enclosed. Patrick Cassidy will be the guest speaker, speaking on the History and Renovation of the First Capitol Building.

We invite you and one additional person to be our guests at this event. **(Additional tickets are available at \$25 per person.)** Please let us know if you can attend by calling the church 304-233-1688 by Tuesday, April 28.

Congratulations on winning this award! We are pleased to honor your work.

Sincerely,

--Jeanne Finstein, President, Friends of Wheeling.”

[Note: Fr. Bakhos, the architect and his wife, the parish council and their wives and husbands will attend the dinner to receive the award and present it to the Blessed Mother. If anyone else wishes to purchase tickets for this event, please call Fr. Bakhos by Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> to arrange payment.]

## ***Around Us***

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

When & Where: Sunday, May 3, at 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; 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.; call for information: 304-233-1766  
Menu: Gyro, Calamari, Tavern Fries, Salad, Pastries, Soft Drink.

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

Where: St. Michael Church, Wheeling; call for information: 304-232-1949 or 304-242-4245 or 304-242-0479  
When: Saturday & Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

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

### THE EXPANSION OF THE MARONITE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The identity of the Maronite Church has, for centuries, been identified with the land of Lebanon. One cannot separate or ignore the symbiotic relationship between the land and faith. From the time of Saint Maron this identity has remained strong and has been strengthened by the political, social, cultural and religious situations and turmoil which have been so much a part of the Middle East for years.

In the face of unimaginable difficulties the Maronites have been tenacious in their faith and the loyalty of the Maronites to the church and to Lebanon is without a question. It is upon this faith, which is loyal to the church and to the land, that the Maronites of the modern world can draw strength.

Throughout the centuries the Maronites remained primarily in Lebanon and the regions of the Middle East. The nineteenth century and the emigration, which resulted from the difficulties experienced in many parts of the world, began to effect the Maronites. The Lebanese who lived and died for their land were looking to different parts of the world for a new and better life for themselves and future generations. The United States, which was in the midst of the Industrial Revolution and expanding, became a land of emigration for the Lebanese. The faith of Saint Maron was to begin a new chapter in a land called America.

The Maronites began to arrive in relatively small numbers in the nineteenth century and the settlements were mostly on the eastern coast of the United States. As time went on more and more ventured into far reaching parts of the United States as far as the west coast and the deep south. Their numbers were few compared to the larger numbers in the east. The Maronites were not the only Catholics of the Eastern Churches to come. Virtually every other Eastern Church saw a growth in numbers and parishes throughout the United States.

The early twentieth century saw a great influx of immigrants to America and the Maronites were included. The numbers began to swell and the number of Maronite Churches grew under the jurisdiction of Latin Bishops. While some of the Byzantine Churches were granted their own jurisdiction, the Maronites remained under Latin jurisdiction for the better part of the twentieth century. This did not change until the Maronite Exarchate was established in 1966.

Now the time had come for the Maronites to determine their own future in the United States. Much progress was made in the years to follow with the increase of Maronite parishes and many parts of the United States that never saw a Maronite priest were now centers of vibrant communities of Maronites, sometimes small, but always vibrant.

However, the establishment of a Maronite jurisdiction in the United States came rather late. The result was and still is that many of the previous and subsequent generations of Maronites lost their religious identity. They remained Maronites, but lost their awareness of who they were spiritually. Many became comfortable with the Latin churches because too often there was little effort to establish Maronite Churches for them. The loss of Maronite identity was also because some Latin Bishops were not in favor of what they wrongly termed ethnic Eastern Churches. The objective of some Latin Bishops was that everyone should be Latin Rite and that Eastern and ethnic churches would not longer be necessary once immigration ceased and immigrants became Americanized. This was a tragic attitude.

One need only look at the Latin Dioceses to realize that there are countless numbers of Maronites in Latin parishes who know little or nothing about their Maronite heritage because of the absence of Maronite churches which could have been established years ago if there had been a Maronite jurisdiction which could have provided pastoral care for the early immigrants and the following generations.

Many Maronite men and women pursued vocations in Latin Dioceses and religious communities because there was no place in the United States for a Maronite man or woman to follow a religious vocation until 1963 when the Maronite Seminary was established in Washington, D.C.

The establishment of the Maronite Hierarchy in the United States brought a much needed change, and the growth of the Maronite communities in the United States resulted in the establishment of a second Eparchy in the 1994. Many years ago the faith of the Maronites was confined to one place. Now it extends from mountain to mountain, sea to sea and continent to continent. How proud Saint Maron would be today to know

that his small company of friends is now comprised of a very large and universal family faithful to Jesus Christ and His Gospel and who preserve a wonderful treasury of spirituality and traditions.

But this challenge is not just for the United States. One can see that the Maronites have emigrated to every continent in the world and that Lebanon is not the only place for Maronites in the twenty first century. While Lebanon must always remain the motherland of the Maronites, the children of the modern world have taken the faith of Saint Maron to every part of the world.

It is now the challenge of the Maronite church to examine herself and recognize that the faith of Saint Maron is as important today as it has ever been. We must also ask ourselves how we as a church will address the multitude of difficulties that face us today not only in Lebanon, but throughout the entire world. Our faith and our mission are universal.

## *Saint Story: Saint Roch*

### **‘Where Are the Sick?’**

When St. Roch (1295-1378) was born in the French town of Montpellier, his parents were amazed to discover a mark in the form of a cross on his chest, and they saw in it the sign of a great and holy life.

*How right the years would prove them to be! St. Roch -also known as Rock, Roque, or Rocco- left his home to travel in Italy, and while there, in the town of Aquapendente, healed several victims of the plague. He went on doing the same thing in one city after another, always seeking out the sick and working his miracle cures. He devoted himself to them to such an extent that he constantly endangered his own health -until finally he fell ill himself. The years of unhappiness that followed would have tested the faith of lesser men, but St. Roch bore his trials with patience, humility, and -recognizing it all as God’s will- a vow of silence. The people of Italy and France revere him to this day, and his name continues to be invoked to help those threatened with serious illness.*

St. Roch spent many years traveling from one place to the other, wherever he heard of any dreadful disease that left people suffering. He constantly prayed that God might one day find him worthy to die as a martyr to this care for others.

At length he himself was struck down -in the town of Piacenza, where an epidemic of some unknown disease was raging. It happened after he fell asleep in a hospital, where he was weary after tending to the sick both night and day. When he awoke, he found himself with a horrible ulcer, the mark of the plague, on his thigh. Its pain was so severe that he shrieked out loud.

Rather than disturb others Roch crawled into the street, but because of his condition was not permitted to remain there. At that point he dragged himself to a wooded area outside the city, and lay down to die. But his time had not yet come. The same little dog that traveled with him in all his wanderings stayed by his side to care for him, bringing him a loaf of bread each day. Before long Roch was well enough to travel again, and this time he set out for home.

As fate would have it, he had been away so long and was so changed in appearance that no one from his old hometown had any idea who he was. There was definitely something about the stranger that was suspicious, the people agreed, so they eventually brought him before the judge as a spy. Even the judge, who was Roch’s uncle, failed to recognize him, and wound up condemning him to prison. St. Roch, regarding it all as the will of God, said nothing, and was cast into a dungeon. No one took up his case, and Roch himself kept to his vow of silence. He remained in the lonely dungeon for five years.

One morning when the jailer went to his cell it was filled with a glory of light, and there on the cold floor lay Roch’s body. Next to it was a paper on which he had written his name along with these words: “All those who are stricken by the plague, and who pray for aid through the merits and intercession of St. Roch, the servant of God, shall be healed.” When the judge was shown the paper, he wept and was filled with remorse, as were many townspeople. The saint was honorably buried with the prayers of the whole city.

Nearly a hundred years later a severe plague broke out in Constance, where a great church council was taking place. A monk who recalled the promise of St. Roch suggested that his name be invoked to rid the city of plague, and indeed an image of the saint was carried through the streets in solemn procession, accompanied by prayers and litanies. The plague ceased; before long the name of St. Roch was being venerated in many lands.

## *Time to Laugh (539)*

### *Kirk and His Boss*

I once was pretty popular and I was bragging to my boss one day... "You know, I know everyone there is to know. Just name someone, anyone, and I know them." Tired of my boasting, my boss called my bluff, "Okay. Kirk, how about Tom Cruise?" "Sure, yes, Tom and I are old friends, and I can prove it." So, my boss and I fly out to Hollywood and knock on Tom Cruise's door and sure enough. Tom Cruise shouts, "Kirk! Great to see You! You and your friend come right in and join me for lunch!"

Although impressed, my boss was still skeptical. After we leave Cruse's house, he tells me that he thinks my knowing Cruse was just lucky. 'No. Just name anyone else.' I said. "President Bush, my Boss quickly retorts. 'Yep', I said. 'I know him. Let's fly out to Washington.' So, off we go. At the White House, Bush spots me on the tour and motions me and my boss over, saying, "Kirk, what a surprise. I was just on my way to a meeting, but you and your friend come on in and let's have a cup of coffee first and we'll catch up.

Well, my boss is very shaken by now, but still not totally convinced. After we leave the White House grounds, he expresses his doubts to me, and I again implore him to name anyone else. "The new Pope." my boss replies. "Sure!" I say, 'I've known the Pope a long time.' So, off we fly to Rome. My boss and I are assembled with the masses in Vatican Square when I said, "this will never work. I can't catch the Pope's eye among all these people. Tell you what, I know all the guards, so let me just go upstairs and I'll come out on the balcony with the Pope." I disappeared into the crowd headed toward St. Peter's. Sure enough, half an hour later, I emerged with the Pope on the balcony. But by the time I returned. I found that my Boss has had a heart attack, and is surrounded by paramedics! Working my way to my boss' side, I asked him, "What happened?"

My boss looks up and says. 'I was doing fine until you and the Pope came out on the balcony and the Japanese tourist next to me asked, 'Who's that on the balcony with Kirk?'"

### *Maternal Guilt*

God invented guilt so mothers could be everywhere at once.

### *We're in the Money*

A couple had installed a fancy horn system on their car that played various tunes. This unfortunate couple had the embarrassment of having their fancy horn system get stuck at a most inopportune time, while in a procession of cars that had come to a stop all at the same time. Their horn inadvertently began to play the tune "We're in the Money." The circumstance was the graveside service of their grandmother. The crowd was not amused.

### *The Voice from Above*

Two big city coaches from the University of Washington were snooping around in Washington State country. It was winter, and they heard that one of the specialties of the area was ice fishing, so they decided to try their hand at it. They went to a sporting goods store and bought all the necessary paraphernalia-lines, poles, lures, bait, a small power saw, a tent, a camp stove-the whole bit-and then they found some ice, pitched their tent, and started to cut a hole in the ice. Just as they got into the spirit of the thing, a loud, awesome voice from above proclaimed, "There's no fish under the ice."

Well, that stopped them for a minute, and they looked quizzically at each other; but then, embarrassed to acknowledge this eerie voice to each other, they turned back to their saw and the ice. Just as they got going again they heard the voice again: "There's no fish under the ice."

They stole embarrassed looks at each other but kept on sawing. Now, a third time, even louder than before, the booming voice thundered at them: "There's no fish under the ice."

Finally, one of them could stand it no longer, stood up, and cried out, "Is that you, Lord?"

And the voice boomed out, "No, this is the manager of the ice skating rink."