

**May 3, 2009**  
**Bulletin # 18**

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

*(Maronite Catholic Rite)*

*Faith † Family † Friends*

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## ***May Crowning***



## ***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: May Crowning***

*Readings: Heb 7:1-10 & Mt 12:46-50*

Tradition has it that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was born of parents named Joachim and Ann in Jerusalem at the end of the first century BC. In fact, all that we know for certain is that Mary was born.

The names of Joachim and Ann first appeared in a legend dating from the turn of the third century. In the story the wealthy Joachim, ridiculed in his old age for having no children, turned to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The despairing Ann, at prayer in her sorrow, beheld an angel who promised she would conceive. The story bears similarities to the birth of Samuel (1 Sam 1), whose mother had a similar name (Hannah) and sang a prayer resembling Mary's Magnificat. However, because this legend is so late, the truthfulness of the story is doubtful, as are the traditional names of Mary's parents.

The strongest tradition places the birth of Mary in Jerusalem near the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus would later heal a cripple on the Sabbath. A church dedicated to St. Ann stands near the pool today. Beneath the church lie remains of a house where our ancestors believed that Mary was born. The place has witnessed Christian worship since the third century. Other traditions place the birth of Mary at Nazareth or Bethlehem, but in each case the evidence is too slight to be certain.

The date of Mary's birth has similarly been lost. Because the church of St. Ann in Jerusalem was dedicated on September 8 in the fifth century, that day entered the calendar as the celebration of Mary's birth.

We honor the birth of Mary every year on September 8 as a feast day. The Mass has its own special prayers and readings and calls for singing the Glory to God.

### ***Mary Welcomed the Savior in Joyful Confidence***

*"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High."*

(Luke 1:30-32)

Mary was conceived without sin to fulfill her twofold vocation: first to bring the Messiah into the world; and secondly to give that Messiah away to the world. In Mary we find the supernatural gift of joy from the first moment of her existence. As have many other Church fathers and mothers, Pope John Paul II sees Mary as a model for all: "In her, the joy of ancient Israel is concentrated and reaches its fullness, and the happiness of the messianic times bursts forth unrestrainedly. The Virgin's joy is particularly the joy of the 'remnant' of Israel, the poor who await God's salvation, and experience his fidelity. To share in this feast it is necessary to await the Savior with humility and to welcome him with confidence... The faithful are invited to take the Virgin Mother as a model, and to prepare themselves to meet the Savior. They must be vigilant in prayer and joyful in praise."

### ***Mary as God's Ideal Woman***

God has two pictures of us: one is what we are, and the other is what we ought to be. He has the model and He has the reality: the blueprint and the edifice, the score of music and the way we play it. God has to have these two pictures because in each and every one of us there is some disproportion and want of conformity between the original plan and the way we worked it out. The image is often blurred, the print is faded. Like unhatched eggs some of us refuse to be warmed by the Divine Love which is so necessary for the incubation to a higher level. We all fall short of what God wants us to be.

There is actually only one person in all humanity of whom God has one picture, and in whom there is a perfect conformity between what He wanted her to be and what she is –and that is Mary, the Mother of Our Lord. But Mary is the equal sign, the Ideal that God has of her, what she is and in the flesh. The Model and the copy are perfect; she is all that was foreseen, planned and dreamed. The melody of her life is played, just as it was written.

--Bishop Fulton Sheen, *That Tremendous Love*, p. 23

## *Mass Intentions*

### THIS 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

### Weekday Masses

**Monday, May 4:** No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

**Tuesday, May 5:** No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

#### **Wednesday, May 6 at Noon:**

Walter Elwartoski by his wife Lottie & his son Rick  
Adib & Sadie & Mona Chidiac by Fr. Bakhos

#### **Thursday, May 7 at Noon:**

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

#### **Friday, May 8 at Noon:**

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

### NEXT WEEKEND and following weekdays, May 9-15: Mother Week Masses

#### **Requested Special Masses this weekend:**

**Saturday, May 9:** Fred & Freddie Oser by Bob Oser

**Sunday, May 10:** Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie & her Family

Blessed is the Mother who lets the Lord be her guiding hand, whose faith brings her family courage, whose wisdom comes from God, and whose children still stand and honor her. (From Proverb 31)

May our Divine Lord and His Blessed Mother reward you with the love, joy and contentment you so richly deserve. Happy Mother's Day.

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

*Mimi Rohanna, Clara, Edwina & Yvonne by Mary & Frank Lish & Families*

*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*

*Helen Fielding a Loving Mother by Don Fielding (FL)*

*Nasima Elias, Barbara George, Sadie Nassif, Takla Wakim by Rick and Debbie Davis & Family*

*Mariam Joseph & Mary Catherine Habeb by the Abraham, Joseph, Weisner & Goodson Families*

*Anita Weisner & Louise Bishop by George & Jean Weisner & Family*

*Sadie John (mother) and Katherine Tappe by Julia Tappe*

### **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*

*Bernadine Elias, Terri Golebiewski, Barbara Joseph, Rita Masslander, Leighann Zinn, Elizabeth Zinn, Anita Pisano by Rick & Debbie Davis*

*Pearl Shutler by her daughter Janet Shutler*

*Janet Shutler by her family and friends*

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

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

**Painting of the church is in progress now. It 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: \$28,949.00). 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), Adele & Bill Storm (\$25), Joe & Frances Linton (\$50),

### **Help with the Endowment Fund to Keep Our Church Open and Active (Total Raised: \$625)**

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 (\$225), Sylvia Long (\$100), Catherine Arthur (Memorial) (\$100),*

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</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>
Monday, May 11	<b>Cedar Club Meeting (at 7:00 p.m.)</b>
Sunday, May 31	<b>Women's Society 50/50 Maintenance Fund Raffle – Drawing after 10:30 a.m. Mass</b>
Saturday, June 6	<b>Parish Rummage Sale – from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – In Old Basement Hall</b> <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 – 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>

## **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, Mariah Hunter, Chloe Imer, Aundrea Spain, and Lyceum Preparatory Academy girls: Lexi Baranik, Skylar Carrington, Morgan Harris, Anne Marie Krall, Emily Salvatori, Shyann Smith. Please join the May Queen and her attendants after Mass in the **Old Basement Hall** for a cake and punch reception.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Women's Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle** (Drawing: Sunday, 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 May 50/50 Raffle Tickets** are provided at the church entrance and in the 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 April 50/50 winner of \$77: Virginia Porchiran, who participates monthly and now has won for the second month in a row. May the Blessed Mother continue to grant you a long life filled with good health.

## **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.

**Menu:** Spaghetti and meatballs or marinara sauce, salad, roll, dessert with 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.**

### **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.

## **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.

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

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

Donald Gibbons, 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)

## *Happy Birthday*

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

## *Your Church Support Last Week*

1,201	Collection
47	Candles
343	Utilities
375	Donation to the Church
418	Fundraising
2,000	Mahrajan (Ad Book)
130	Mahrajan (Table reservations)
100	Endowment Fund
75	Painting Fund
\$4,689	Total. May God reward you many fold

## *What's New?*

### *Many Thanks*

To the parishioners last Sunday afternoon –teenagers through adult– who help Fr. Bakhos clear the church for the Painting Project and to those who prepared the Cedar Hall for our temporary place of worship. It was a job well done and in a record time. All enjoyed the BBQ luncheon afterward and had good time. God bless you all and grant you good health and happy life.

### *Congratulations on Your Wedding*

On Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Jim George, Jr. (*son of our beloved parishioners Jim & Shirley George, Sr.*) and Jessica Bock of Saint Clairsville were united in the bond of Holy Matrimony at our Church by Fr. Bakhos. A great number of friends and guests of honor attended the beautiful wedding and shared the luxurious reception that followed it at our new Cedar Hall. The prayers of the community is for the young couple to have a happy and long life together.

### *Extra Lebanese Bake Sale Items Available*

See any of the Women's Society members to purchase the following extra items – which were frozen – from our recent sale:

Spinach Pies at \$2.25 each     or     Sesame Bread at \$1.25 each

### *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*

### **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; for info call: 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.

### **Boatsie's Boxes Raffles** (Drawing, Wed., August 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m. Moundsville Dollar Tree)

Check out the web site at [www.boatsie.com/homepage/news&events.PDF](http://www.boatsie.com/homepage/news&events.PDF). Send requests for raffle tickets with, your name, address and phone number along with the payment by July 31<sup>st</sup> to: Boatsie's Boxes, Inc., 33 Forest Hills Drive, Wheeling, WV 26003.

Raffle #1: Sony 52" LCD-HDTV (value \$2,400) \$2.00 ea.

Raffle #2: \$1,000 Gift Card for Kroger's \$2.00 ea.

Raffle #3: 50/50 Drawing \$1.00 ea.

Fundraiser is held at the Moundsville Dollar Tree Store on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## **Reflection: Love of God**

### THE ANGLE OF LOVE

There are situations in which a man's capacity for indignation is a test of his love. There are enormities against which love cannot help standing out with all its potencies, and some which only love has the courage to challenge. To the Pharisees Jesus brought not peace, but a sword, knowing that in the end He would be worsted on the gallows; but the future weal of mankind mattered more to His love than the vested interest of the Pharisees or His own skin. He would love everybody, but how could love show only its gentler side to those who not only rejected Him but tried by every device of hate to put obstacles between him and everybody else?

The one thing the love of mankind, for all its preference for gentleness, cannot tolerate is the hate, contempt, or exploitation of mankind. Before this it will erupt like a volcano. The very reason is that it is the love of mankind. (T.E. Jessop)

### THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Some people learn to love the whole world through the love of God; for them the way of sacrifice is direct and informed with joy. Others learn to love God through loving one another.... The heart that has been exchanged for Christ's Heart radiates from the love of its own children to all of the children of God, because now it cannot fail to love the Heavenly Father Himself as Christ loves Him. (Caryll Houselander)

## **Wisdom: Positioning**

Heron stands in the blue estuary, Solitary, white, unmoving for hours. A fish! Quick avian darting; The prey is captured. People always ask how to follow Tao. It is as easy and natural as the heron standing in the water. The bird moves when it must; it does not move when stillness is appropriate. The secret of its serenity is a type of vigilance, a contemplative state. The heron is not in mere dumbness or sleep. It knows a lucid stillness. It stands unmoving in the flow of the water. It gazes unperturbed and is aware. When Tao brings it something that it needs, it seizes the opportunity without hesitation or deliberation. Then it goes back to its quiescence without disturbing itself or its surroundings. Unless it found the right position in the water's flow and remained patient, it would not have succeeded. Actions in life can be reduced to two factors; positioning and timing. If we are not in the right place at the right time, we cannot possibly take advantage of what life has to offer us. Almost anything is appropriate if an action is in accord with the time and place. But we must be vigilant and prepared. Even if the time and the place are right, we can still miss our chance if we do not notice the moment, if we act inadequately, or if we hamper ourselves with doubts and second thoughts. When life presents an opportunity, we must be ready to seize it without hesitation or inhibition. Position is useless without awareness. If we have both, we make no mistakes. --Deng Ming-Dao

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

### ***International Maronite Foundation***

The International Maronite Foundation represents the feelings and opinions of Maronites around the world concerned with issues and actions that impact the Maronite Church. The seat of the Maronite Church, a fully recognized church within the Catholic Church and in union with the Pope in Rome, resides in Bkerke, Lebanon.

Any actions undertaken by the United States government or any other government concerning the disposition of issues pertaining to Lebanon and the rights of its people to self-governance and self-determination are of great concern to us. We believe it to be in the best self-interest of the United States and all other nations to ensure that Lebanon remains a sovereign and effective politically independent, western-style democracy in the region.

To this end, and based on the following document “A Maronite Role in Lebanon”, the International Maronite Foundation does hereby proclaim its positions that:

- 1- No person or nation, other than the Lebanese government, can truly represent the people of Lebanon.
  - a- Lebanon is a nation of highly visible confession-based groups. Only the properly elected government can protect the sovereign rights of the nation and give proper consideration to issues relating to its citizens and the nation’s future.
  - b- Without Lebanon’s direct participation in the peace process a lasting peace may never occur and the short-term promise of peace may be in jeopardy.
- 2- Only the Lebanese, free from foreign occupation, can fully guarantee its borders.
  - a- The only way to protect the Lebanese way of life is to ensure there are no non-Lebanese forces remaining in Lebanon, and to turn over the affairs of state to the Lebanese government.
  - b- The Maronites of Lebanon and the international community fear for the church and its communicants as well as for the religious freedom of all Lebanese if the nation remains, de facto, under foreign occupation and domination.
- 3- We support the consensus among all Lebanese that no consideration be given to permanent Lebanese citizenship of Palestinians living in Lebanon today. The economic and religious balance extant today would be seriously jeopardized.
- 4- We strongly support active and effective Lebanese participation in all discussions and talks involving issues relating to its future.
- 5- We insist on the implementation of the United Nations Resolutions 425 and 520.

The sovereignty and de facto independence of Lebanon is a moral commitment the United States must undertake and ensure.

- 6- The International Maronite Foundation recognizes the Patriarch of the Antiochan Maronite Catholic Church as the father and head of the Church, and pledges to him loyalty and commitment to his guidance while supporting his efforts on behalf of people of all faiths, especially the Lebanese of all faiths, and his concern for peace, justice and the safeguard of freedom and human rights.
- 7- The Foundation strongly supports the concept of unity among all Maronites in support of a free and sovereign Lebanon.

*(To be continued in the next bulletin)*

### ***Famous Quotes***

God judges what we give by what we keep

--George Mueller

When it is sunny we want to run off and play. It is when it is darkest that we hold Father’s hand the tightest.

Been taken for granted? Imagine how God feels.

A Christian is the keyhole through which other folks see God

--Robert Gibson

## *Saint Story: The Seven Sleepers*

*Here's a fascinating story that's all but unknown to Catholics today – a shame, since it combines all the dramatic elements any listener might want. Take the old Rip Van Winkle legend, make it seven men instead of one, have them fall asleep nearly two hundred years instead of twenty, add a powerful Christian message – and you begin to get the idea.*

*The tale of the Seven Sleepers of Ephesus was widely known and enormously popular during the Middle Ages. It's about seven young Christians who were sealed up, supposedly as martyrs, during the persecutions of the Emperor Decius (c. 230), and miraculously were found alive during the reign of Emperor Theodosius (408-450).*

The story of the Seven Sleepers of Ephesus belongs to antiquity. It was being circulated within fifty years of the events described, and it spread rapidly through the civilized world, in a variety of languages.

It all began in the city of Ephesus during the reign of Decius, around the year 230. Seven young men – named Maximian, Malchus, Marcian, Dionysius, John, Serapion, and Constantine – found themselves on trial simply for being Christians, and when they refused to worship pagan gods were quickly condemned. They were able to flee to Mount Caelian, where they hid in a cave, but their Roman pursuers had seen them enter it. Rather than search the cave to capture them, they simply rolled great stones in front of the mouth of the cave, leaving the Christian youths inside to die of starvation.

Seeing what had happened, the brave young men resigned themselves to their fate. Looking forward to their new life in the Lord, they prayed, embraced each other, and went to sleep.

Time rolled on until one hundred ninety-six years had passed – to the reign of Theodosius, a period in which a heresy had arisen that denied the resurrection of the dead. The emperor, grieving to see how rapidly the heresy had spread, retired to his palace to do penance. And it was just at this time that the Lord, in his wisdom, restored the seven sleepers to life.

A man from Ephesus, intending to build a stable, went to Mount Caelian and found some large stones in front of what appeared to be a cave. When he rolled the stones away and light entered the cave, the sleepers awoke – but thought they had slept for only a night! They determined that among the seven Malchus should venture into town to try to find some food, and off he went – with fear and trepidation.

Malchus was amazed to discover the changes that had taken place. First of all, the gates of the city were surmounted by crosses. Within the city walls the name of Christ, once only whispered among Jesus' followers, was heard everywhere. Malchus wondered if he might be dreaming.

He asked for a loaf of bread in a baker's shop, and offered in payment a coin from his pocket – a coin that dated from the time of Decius. The shopkeeper and other customers regarded the stranger with astonishment, wondering if he had robbed some secret treasure. He was taken off to appear before the bishop. It was there that Malchus was able to tell what had really happened, and how his six companions still awaited him in the cave. Off to the mountain to see this miracle went an entourage – Malchus, the bishop, the governor, the shopkeeper, and hordes of people, even the Emperor Theodosius himself. One of the seven spoke directly to Theodosius: "Believe in us, O Emperor! We have been raised before the Day of Judgment, that you might trust in the resurrection of the dead!"

Then all seven bowed their heads, lay down, and finally went home to the Lord and to eternal glory.

### *Famous Quotes: Adversity*

Man needs difficulties; they are necessary for health.

--Carl Jung

In prosperity our friends know us; in adversity we know our friends.

--J. Churton Collins

Misery acquaints a man with strange bedfellows.

--William Shakespeare

Night brings our troubles to the light rather than banishes them.

--Seneca

Trouble is only opportunity in work clothes.

--Henry Kaiser

The man who is swimming against the stream knows the strength of it.

--Woodrow Wilson

## *Time to Laugh (539)*

### *Golfing Tips*

As the golfer approached the first tee, a hazardous hole with a green surrounded by water, he debated whether he should use his new golf ball. Deciding that the hole was too treacherous, he pulled out an old ball and placed it on the tee. Just then he heard a voice from above say loudly, "Use the new ball!"

Frightened, he replaced the old ball with the new one and approached the tee. Now the voice from above shouted, "Take a practice swing!"

With this, the golfer stepped backward and took a swing. Again he approached the tee, only to hear the voice shout, "Use the old ball!"

### *Principal's Daughter*

"Isn't the principal a dummy!" said a boy to a girl.

"Say, do you know who I am?" asked the girl.

"No."

"I'm the principal's daughter." "

And do you know who I am?" asked the boy.

"No," she replied.

"Good, let's keep it that way!"

### *Due Process*

A thief picked a man's pocket on a crowded elevator. As the result of quick police action, he was arrested and brought before the local magistrate. "You are charged with stealing another person's wallet," said the magistrate. "How do you plead: guilty or not guilty?"

The pickpocket replied, "How can I tell, Your Honor, until I have heard the evidence?"

### *Overactive Fork*

"What are you planning to do about that excess weight you're carrying around?" the doctor asked the patient.

"I just can't seem to lose the weight," the patient said. "Must be an overactive thyroid."

"The tests show your thyroid is perfectly normal," the doctor said. "If anything is overactive, it's your fork."

### *Just One Drink*

A man went into the same bar every day and ordered two drinks. He'd drink one, then slide to the other side of the table and drink the other.

When asked about this, the man told the bartender, "One drink is for me; the other I drink for my friend who lives in Texas."

One day the man came into the bar but only ordered one drink.

"Oh," asked the bartender, "did your friend in Texas pass away?"

"No," the man responded, "I'm just on the wagon."

### *Addictions and Stopping Them*

One day a mechanic was working late under a car and some brake fluid dripped into his mouth. *Wow! That stuff isn't too bad tasting*, he thought.

The next day he told his buddy about tasting the brake fluid. "Not bad," he said. "Think I'll have a little more today." His friend got a little concerned but didn't say anything.

The next day he told about drinking a cupful of the brake fluid. "Great stuff. Think I'll have some more today." And so he did.

A few days later he was up to a bottle a day, and his friend was now very worried. "You know that brake fluid is poisonous and really bad for you. You had better stop drinking it."

"Hey, no problem," he said. "I can stop anytime."