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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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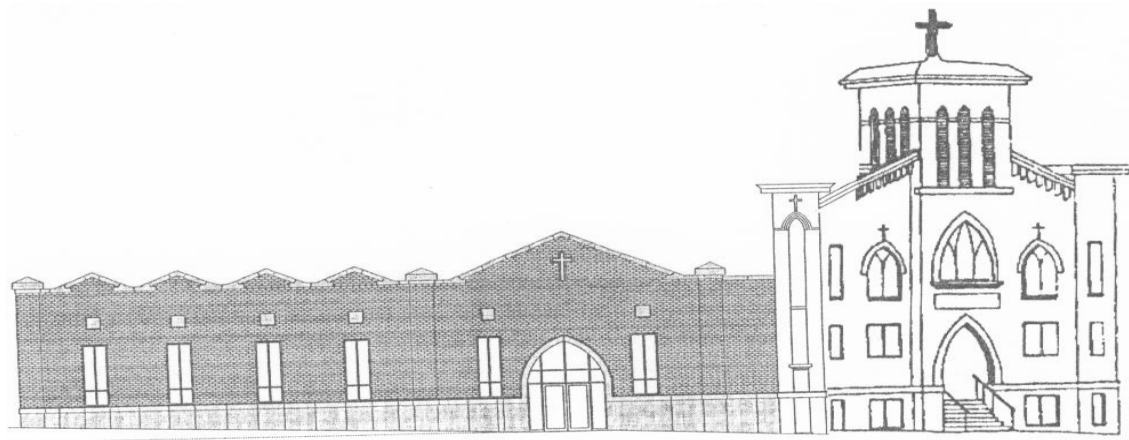
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Rev. Bakhos Chidiac (Pastor)

Evelyn Ghaphery (Organist)

Charlotte Khourey & Thomasina Geimer (Secretaries)

9th Sunday of Pentecost



Schedule of Divine Liturgies

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



- *Remember the Church in your Last Will – Her prayers will accompany you to heaven
- *Please support Our Lady of Lebanon Church by patronizing our Advertisers
- *If you support the Church and need a Bulletin mailed to you, please call the Rectory
- ***Bulletin Announcements:** Submit all Bulletin Information to Fr. Bakhos. Deadline is: Every Tuesday by Noon
- ***New Parishioners:** We welcome you with great joy and invite you to be officially listed as one of our parishioners
- ***Parking:** Saturday & Sunday – both parking lots are for parishioners; Monday through Friday – park ONLY in the 3 ALLEY spaces

Gospel Reflection: 9th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: 2Cor 5:20-6:10 & Lk 4:14-21

In the ancient world, anointing with oil was linked with the notion of well-being and prosperity, and so with health and happiness. Under the old covenant, the anointing of a person with oil had a further, religious significance: it sets him apart for God and gave him extra powers, either as priest or king.

In the eyes of his fellows, the anointed one belonged to God in a special way. With time, this anointing was seen in a more spiritual light: when the Lord gave his Spirit to a person, he could say: “*the Lord has anointed me.*”

When Jesus read this text at Nazareth, he claimed that it was fulfilled in himself. It was an anointing with the Spirit which constituted him the Messiah (Hebrew *Mashiah*), literally the “*anointed one*” – the Christ. In that same passage from Isaiah, the purpose of anointing is outlined: it is to make peace between earth and heaven and to turn the established order upside-down. Ultimately this was to be achieved by Jesus’ sacrificial death on the cross, completed by his resurrection, and then by the gift of the Spirit to his followers. In his own person, Jesus was the Christ, the Suffering Servant, the Victor King, and Lord of Death and Life... . The world revolution had begun, not by the sword, but by a change in men’s hearts and lives and so in society.

All Christ’s followers are to be other christs. They share in the priesthood. They are a people set apart, holy to the Lord; not for their own sake, but to serve our God and Father on behalf of all mankind. From among this priestly people, some are chosen to minister to the rest, to serve them in love, nourishing them with God’s word and through the life-giving and healing sacraments.

Historically the oils were blessed because they were needed for the initiation rites during the Easter celebration. Surely it is fitting though, that as we reflect on the priesthood of Jesus, the Christ, the “*Anointed,*” the oils should be blessed which make us and ours his and, too, make us whole.

From the Desk of the Pastor

To whom we built the church?

A hospital is built to cure the physical sickness of people. If people don’t get sick, they would not need a doctor or a hospital. In this case doctors have to change their courier and hospitals have to close their doors.

A casino is built to fulfill the dream of the easy-money-fortune-seekers. They are those who “think” they are winners while –in the long run– they are losers. If people don’t believe in fortune-seeking and in easy-money-piling dreams, they would not go to casinos and then there would not be any need for casinos.

A church is built for people to thank God for their blessings and for the sinners to be forgiven. Holy people who live a saintly life don’t need to go to church. They are holy enough so that others need to come to them seeking blessing. But behold! Only two people walked on this earth without sin: Jesus and the Blessed Mother. All others –including myself– are sinners and in need of forgiveness of sins.

Jesus told a story about a man who prepared a wedding reception for his son and invited many guests. Most of them asked to be excused because they have other things to do. The man got upset and he ordered his servants to invite all the poor and homeless to fill his house. He said, “Those guests will not taste my food.” In this story, God is the host and the food served at table is the “Lamb,” the Body and Blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, served to us Christians in Communion during Mass. Those who asked to be excused are like most of modern people who find the smallest excuse not to attend the church on Saturdays and Sundays. Excuses, excuses, excuses! Sport, vacation trips, BBQ’s, morning spent asleep after a long night gambling, ... and they forget that God is waiting impatiently for them at the church, his house, that he doesn’t like to see it empty.

When I was a child, my mom had a strict policy: “on Sunday, we have to go first to church and then we can do whatever we like.” She believed that God is watching us and she doesn’t like him to get upset with us and withheld his blessings and graces from us.

My friends, no matter how important are our appointments and commitments on Sundays, they are not more important than God himself who set up a wedding feast for us. God comes first and then everything else.

As God shut his door against the guests who rejected his invitation, pray that He doesn’t shut the door of heaven when those with “excuses” knock.

–Fr. Bakhos

Mass Intentions

THIS WEEKEND, July 25-26: 9th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 25 at 4:00 p.m.:

Special Intention
Shipley Shipley by Rose Vargo
Peggy Emmerth by her sisters Mary & Helen

Sunday, July 26 at 10:30 a.m.:

Shipley Shipley by Tom & Kathleen George
Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

Weekday Masses

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

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

Wednesday, July 29 at Noon:

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

Thursday, July 30 at noon:

Shipley Shipley by OLOL Women Society
Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

Friday, July 31 at Noon:

Shipley Shipley by Jim & Shirley George
Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

NEXT WEEKEND, August 1-2: 10th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, August 1:

At 3:30 p.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
At 4:00 p.m.: Shipley Shipley by M/M Fred Shia
Vincent Steven Kloss by his brother Chester Kloss

Sunday, August 2 at 10:30 a.m.: (Mass followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoon Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family by the Ghaphery Family.
Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

Donations to the Parking Paving Lot (Total Raised: \$20,684.00)

Many Thanks to the generous benefactors who have donated toward the Church Parking Lot Paving Fund (Total cost: \$25,000). We are still a little short; please help if you can.

...John & Dee Shiben (\$100), Bob & Lois Hammond (\$78),

Donate to the Church Maintenance Fund

Help with the Endowment Fund to Keep Our Church Open and Active (Total Raised: \$1,085.00)

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, Phone (304) 233-1688. 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. They will be remembered in every Mass:

Bill & Mary Stees (\$200), Tom Ferris (\$225), Sylvia Long (\$100), Catherine Arthur (Memorial) (\$100), Women's Society Fundraising (\$460),

Our Lady of Lebanon Community Calendar

Date	Event
Sunday, July 26	Women's Society 50/50 Raffle Drawing – after 10:30 a.m. Mass Mahrajan Early Bird Drawing – after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday, August 9	2009 Mahrajan – at Oglebay Park, Site One
Tuesday, August 11	Mahrajan Chairperson & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 30	Women's Society Meeting – after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday, August 30	Women's Society Gift Basket & 50/50 Raffle Drawing – after 10:30 a.m. Mass



2009 Mahrajan Update

Mahrajan Raffle Tickets & Early Bird Drawing (Sun., July 26, at 11:30 a.m.)

One Raffle Ticket will be drawn on Sunday, July 26th, after Mass for the \$100 Early Bird Winner. Be sure to return your ticket stubs and payment before Sunday, July 26th. Last chance entries are possible immediately before the drawing at the Cedar Hall on that day. The winning ticket will be re-entered in the drawing and will retain their same odds of being drawn for the Grand Cash Prize and the other prizes at the Mahrajan on Sunday, August 9th. If you are able to sell tickets to your friends and family members to help maintaining the church please call the church at (304) 233-1688.

Mahrajan Food Preparation (Monday, August 3rd, to Thursday, August 6th)

Monday, August 3	9 a.m. to ???	make meat pies & zattar bread
Tuesday, August 4	9 a.m. to ???	finish meat pies & prepare onions for kibbee
Wednesday, August 5	9 a.m. to ???	make kibbee, pick up parsley & green onions, clean vegetables
Thursday, August 6	9 a.m. to ???	finish kibbee, cut green onions & parsley finish cutting vegetable, wash tomatoes & pack cucumber

Mahrajan Set-Up Volunteers are Needed (Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, Aug 6,8,9)

Friday, August 7	5:30 pm	Move items from the church to Oglebay (need 8-10 strong volunteers) ???
Saturday, August 8	10:00 am	Set-Up Booths at Oglebay: <u>Lou Khourey & Tom George</u> (need 4-5 volunteers) ???
Sunday, August 9	8:00 am	Set-Up Booths at Oglebay: <u>Lou Khourey & Tom George</u> (need 7-8 volunteers) ???

Mahrajan Outdoor Mass (Sunday, August 9, at 10:30 a.m.)

Please remember that on Sunday, August 9th, there will be no Mass at our church. The Sunday Mass will only be celebrated at the beautiful outdoors setting at Oglebay Park – Site 1 at 10:30 a.m. Many thanks go to Dr. Al Ghaphery for sponsoring the Maronite Antonine nuns of Youngstown, Ohio, who will sing – along with our choir – at the Mahrajan Mass.

Mahrajan Entertainment Schedule (Sunday, August 9)

Our musical entertainer this year is Ghada Haddad, the wife of our previous years' singer Kamil, of Illinois. She will stimulate the audience and the dance floor will be filled with enthusiastic dancers. Sets of her performances will alternate with sets of the Alhambra Troupe of Cincinnati, which will perform Dance Shows according to the time schedule listed below. The seven dancers will perform their best and most memorable "Wings" show at 5:00 p.m. Don't miss that show. It is phenomenal and fantastic.

<i>Time</i>	Entertainment
Noon – 1:00	Entertainer Ghada: Lebanese Songs & Dabke
1:00 – 1:30	Alhambra Troupe Dance Show # 1
1:30 – 2:30	Entertainer Ghada: Lebanese Songs & Dabke
2:30 – 3:00	Alhambra Troupe Dance Show # 2
3:00 – 4:00	Entertainer Ghada: Lebanese Songs & Dabke
4:00 – 4:30	Alhambra Troupe Dance Show # 3
4:30 – 5:00	Intermission (Recorded Music)
5:00 – 5:30	Alhambra Troupe Final Dance Show # 4
5:30 – 7:00	Entertainer Ghada: Lebanese Songs & Dabke

Mahrajan Volunteers Sign-Up List (Sunday, August 9)

Attention Chairpersons: Please print a list of your workers (with work times if known) and give it to the church office as soon as possible. Chairperson names are underlined below. (Note: Volunteers for the 2008 year were printed in the July 12, 2009, Bulletin for your information)

All parishioners are each asked to volunteer at least 2 hours to work some area at the Mahrajan. Please complete the "Volunteer Form" below & return it to the Church Office ASAP.

2009 Mahrajan Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet

Date: Sunday, August 9th, from Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Place: Oglebay Park, Site 1

Please offer 2 hours minimum of your precious time to honor the Blessed Mother and to help the parishioners and volunteers at the Festival. Your participation makes the difference.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I am volunteering to help from _____ a.m./p.m. until _____ p.m.

Note: Please complete this form and return it in the collection basket A.S.A.P.

The following people have confirmed that they will volunteer for the 2009 Mahrajan:

Saturday, August 8, 2009 at Oglebay Park:

Noon **Hummus** (to fill cups): Linda & Allison Duffy, Luane Frazier, Loretta Roman

Sunday, August 9, 2009 at Oglebay Park:

Camp Russell: **Carol Dougherty** (all day); Bill Dougherty (until 2:30 p.m.); Jim Brubach (2:30-5:00 p.m.); Janet Shutler (2:30 to closing)

Ticket Trailer: **Charlotte Kourey** (all day); Thomasina Geimer (9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.); Jean Weisner (all day); Sue Brubach (2:30-5:00 p.m.); Andrea Frenn (as Runner and as needed) and at **Ticket Table** – Kay Garvey (all day); Emmalena Kourey (all day)

Shwarma & Falafel: Pitaland Employees, **Adel & Diane Frenn and Don & Roberta Henning;** Andrea Frenn, and Mitchell & Priscilla Farrah (2:00-3:00 p.m.)

Children's Food: Peggy Justice, Ann Lee Bauduin, Justin & Elia Frenn

Pop & Water: Mike Linton & Cathy Male, Steve Linton, & Bruce Maguire

Souvenirs: Nikki Popovich, Nikki Lenz, Lisa & Dalton Haas

Raffles/Culture: Bassam Deeb, & Emily Deeb (maybe), Kim Gibbons & Gary Dietz

Table Reservations: Fr. Bakhos & Janet Shutler

Pastry & Coffee – Kathleen George, Nini Miller, Beth George, Marge Saseen, Pauline Krempasky & Bernadine Elias

Beer – Barry Carter: Bill Committee, Cathy Goodson, Christian & Danny Carter, Bill Stees, Maria Rayl

Cashiers – Randy Weisner Gary Weisner, John & Tina Weisner

Food Lines – P.J. Lenz & Al Depto, Julia Tappe, Nettie Seidler, Mary Thomas, Kenny & Nancy Joseph, Cheryl Tucker and her son Nathan, Evelyn Goodson, Mary Beth Weisner, George & Patty Fahey, Emily Saseen, Linda Hostutler (*or cashier if needed*), ...??

Inside Kitchen at Site 1 – Linda Duffy (7:15-closing)

Rice	8:00 – 2:30 2:30 – 6:30	Anna Jalad ?? (<i>need at least 1-2 volunteers</i>)
Oven & Steamer	8:00 – 2:30 3:00 – 6:00 3:30 – 6:30	Bob & Fran Saseen Mary Stees Loretta Roman
Cutters	7:15-closing 8:00 – 10:00	Sandra Dusick (<i>cutter & kitchen helper</i>) Rita Strawn, Julia Tappe, Shirley George, Tom Ferris, Mike Voellinger
Tabouli	9:00 – 2:00 2:00 – 6:00	Maryann Carl Tricia Committee
Salad & Fruit	11:00 – 1:00 11:00 – 1:00 1:00 – 3:00 1:00 – 3:00 1:00 – 3:00 3:00 – 5:00 3:00 – 5:00 3:00 – 5:00 5:00 – 8:00 5:00 – 8:00 5:00 – 8:00	Debbie Thomas & Patricia Weiss ?? (<i>need at least 1 more volunteer</i>) Danielle Lavoie ?? (<i>need at least 1-2 volunteers</i>) ?? (<i>need at least 1-2 volunteers</i>) Henry Koussa Jack Koussa ?? (<i>need at least 1 more volunteer</i>) ?? (<i>need at least 1-2 volunteers</i>) ?? (<i>need at least 1-2 volunteers</i>) ?? (<i>need at least 1-2 volunteers</i>)
Kitchen Helpers	during the day	Sandra Dusick, Ted & Dustin Olinski

Grill & Shish Kebab – Tom John (*need 8-9 volunteers*) ???

Children's Activities – Christine Faulkner Gina Stees, Louie Khourey, (*need 6-8 more volunteers*) ???

Instant Bingo – Millet Fadoul

12-2 (*Need 2 volunteers*) ???

2-4 (*Need 2 volunteers*) ???

4-6 Rose Vargo, (*Need 1 more volunteer*) ???

Hi-Lo – Mickey Duffy, Chris T. George, Paul George, (*Need 2-3 more volunteers*) ???

Sunday Evening – Break-Down of Booths: Booth Chairpersons, CCHS Football Team & (*need 10-12 additional volunteers*)

Other Helpers (where ever needed): (*need 2-4 volunteers*) ??

Mahrajan Sponsorships Encouraged

Read the list below of some of the items needed to run the Mahrajan. We know that you don't have the time to shop for the Festival and it is easier for you to send a donation of money to help us defray the expenses.

Please remember, any donation great or small is deeply appreciated and the names of all the festival benefactors will be printed in our weekly bulletins.

Here are some of our major expenses if you can contribute: Tables Rental, Tents & Chair Rental (\$3,700), Site Rental at Oglebay Park (\$2,446), Ad Book Printing (\$1,100), Raffle Cash Prizes (\$1,100), Lebanese Singer (\$1,000), Alhambra Dance Troup (\$600), Licenses (\$500), , Instant Bingo Tickets (\$75), Children's Prizes (\$200) ...

Donations of any amount will be genuinely appreciated and will contribute to the success of our great festival. Gifts-In-Kind and Cash Donations will be recognized. Gifts of \$100 or more will be recognized at the **Diamond** Level. Gifts of \$26 to \$99 will be recognized at the **Gold** Level. Gifts up to \$25 will be recognized at the **Silver** Level.

Items Needed for the Festival
<i>Children's Activities</i> – Candy, Lollipops, Tootsie Rolls, lg, med, sm Stuffed Animals, Small Toys, Games, Dolls, Trucks, Puzzles, Toy Soldiers, Hair Decorations, New T-Shirts (with various designs), Posters, Pictures, Mirrors, Colored Sand, etc.
<i>Beverages</i> – Coffee, Creamers
<i>Condiments</i> – Catsup, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Relish
<i>Food (Children's Booth)</i> – Ice Cream Sandwiches, Drumsticks, Push-Up Pops – 24/pkg. of each Jumbo Beef Hot Dogs, Hot Dog Buns, Hot Dog Chili Sauce
<i>Food Ingredients</i> – Chick Peas, Cream of Wheat/Farina, Flour Robin Hood, Meat (Ground Beef and Lamb), Milk, Evaporated Milk, Canola/Olive Oil Blend, Extra Virgin Olive Oil, ReaLemon Juice, Rice, Orzo, Sugar (Granulated, Individual Packets, Powdered), Sweetener (Equal, Splenda, Sweet & Low), Tahini, Tomato Sauce, Unsalted Butter, Cabbage Rolls, Grape Leaves, Pita Bread
<i>Food (Produce)</i> – Parsley, Salad Mix, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Onions (chopped and sliced), Green Onions, Watermelons,
<i>Pastries:</i> Baklawa, Mamoul, Twisty Cookies, Fenike Cookies, Lemon Butter Cookies, Bird Nests, Burma, Ghouribeh, Namoura, Zattar Bread, Meat Pies, Spinach Pies
<i>Spices/Seasoning</i> – Garlic Powder, Paprika, Salt, Pepper, Baking Powder, Baking Soda, Cinnamon, Mint (crushed and fresh), Lemon Flavoring, Vanilla, Orange Blossom Water, Rose Water
<i>Supplies</i> – Aluminum Foil, Aluminum Foil Sheets, Aluminum Disposable Baking Pans, Plastic Wrap, Wax Paper Sheets, Plastic Bags, Zip (snack size, sandwich size and gallon size), Napkins, Plastic Cutlery Sets (with napkins and salt & pepper), Paper Towels, Bleach, Dawn Dish Detergent, Cupcake Papers (large and medium), Plastic Gloves (small, medium, large and extra large), Plastic Table Cover, Plastic Table Skirts, Sterno, Styrofoam Serving Dishes (Bowls, large and small Plates, large and small Take-Out Containers, Hummus Cups and Lids, Various-size Trays for Cookies)

Generous Mahrajan Benefactors & Supporters

- 1- **Dr. Al Ghaphery** for sponsoring the **Maronite Antonine Nuns** from Youngstown, Ohio, so they may join with our choir at the Outdoor Mass at Oglebay Park
- 2- **Janet Shutler** for the **Mahrajan Ad Book design and Art work**
- 3- **Tom George of Sledd Co.** for sponsoring the **Refrigerated Truck**
- 4- **McKeen Security** for sponsoring the **Security Guards**
- 5- **Chamse Rahi** for sponsoring some **Rice & Lemon Juice**
- 6- **The Nagem Family** for donating the **Altar Flowers** in Memory of Dr. Tom Nagem
- 7- **Gold Khourey & Turak** for sponsoring the **\$1,000 Cash Grand Prize Raffle Tickets** and the **Billboard** (just North of Moundsville),
- 8- **Anonymous friend** for donating 2 cans of coffee
- 9- Cash Donors:
 - Diamond Sponsors** (\$100 & over): Donald Fielding, Sylvia Long, John & Dee Shiben, Earl & Linda Duffy, Lou & Marge John, Mike Linton (In Memory of Suzanne Linton), Kenny & Nancy Joseph, Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Lois & Bob Hammond

- Gold Sponsors** (\$26-\$99): Julia Tappe, Debbie Elias Kull, Larry & Lillian Siebieda,
--**Silver Sponsors** (up to \$25): Cecilia Ammar, Gary Lewis, Chamse Rahi, Bob & Fran Saseen,
Anonymous Friend, Emily Vince,

Mahrajan Table Reservations

All 24 tables under the tent have been rented as of this date. Only a few open-air picnic tables (at \$30 each) are still available. Call the church at (304) 233-1688 for your reservation as soon as you can.

Mahrajan Dinner for Chairpersons & Volunteers (Tue., Aug. 11, 6 p.m.)

We deeply appreciate all the sacrifices of time, talent and treasure that each person who helps us with the mountain of work involved with the Mahrajan each year – both in advance of the event and on the day of the festival. This year, for the first time, all Mahrajan Chairpersons and volunteers are invited to attend an Appreciation Dinner at the Cedar Hall on Tuesday, August 11th, at 6:00 p.m.

Other Church Events

Women's Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle (Drawings: Sundays, July 26 & August 30)

The Women's Society continues to sponsor the Monthly 50/50 Raffle. Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Proceeds now will benefit the maintenance of our church through the "Endowment Fund."

The drawing from entries received **for the July 50/50 Raffle Tickets**, which are provided at the church entrance, will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, July 26**.

The drawing from entries received **for the August 50/50 Raffle Tickets**, which are provided at the church entrance and in the Weekly Church Bulletins, will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, August 30**.

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 June 50/50 winner of \$78: our parishioners Mr. & Mrs. Hammond of Wheeling donated back their prize to be used toward the parking lot paving. It is highly appreciated.

Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle (Drawing: After Mass on Sunday, August 30)

The Women's Society's next Raffle will feature a "Gardner's" Gift Basket contains: *a gift certificate from Klug's Greenhouse, a watering hose extender attachment, a frog statue, a bear statue, 2 gardening books, 2 sets of gardening gloves, a bulb planter, shears, a kneeling pad, a note pad, a garden marker and various other items.* **Won't you take a chance ... or two ... or eighteen!**

The Gift Basket Raffle proceeds benefit the maintenance of our church through the "Endowment Fund." 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.**

All Gift Basket and 50/50 Raffle Tickets are now printed on white paper in the bulletins so please check the ticket sheets carefully to be sure you are completing the correct ticket stubs. 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 Gift Basket Raffle on the "Memo" line of your check when you mail it to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Tickets are available now at the church entrance and in our weekly Bulletins or call Kay at 304-232-0492.

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently In Your Prayers:

Joseph Gonot, Peggy Justice, Nancy Shalvey, Josephine Joseph, Anna Jalad, Mary Piko, Pat McNeil (FL, niece of Kay Garvey), Donald Gibbons,

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

Rosella Saseen, Barb Sobota, Laura Wellman, 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)

<i>Happy Birthday</i>

July 26:	Mary Daniel
July 30:	Dee Shiben, Susan John
August 2:	Douglas Bratton
August 3:	Jim George, Sr.
August 5:	Mary Piko
August 7:	Rita Thomas
August 10:	Kory Douglas Bratton, Thomasina Geimer

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
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\$784	Collection
49	Candles
15	Utilities
100	Parking
15	Reimbursement
6	Fundraising
550	Mahrajan (Ad Book)
995	Mahrajan (Donations)
542	Mahrajan (Raffle Tickets)
\$3,056	Total. May God reward you many fold

What's New?

Congratulations: A New Baby Girl

Our warmest wishes and congratulations go out to Mr. And Mrs. Klein on the birth of their daughter Gracy Marie. Gracy is the daughter of parishioner Jack and Jennifer George Klein and the granddaughter of Rita George. May the Lord God and his Blessed Mother bless her and grant her a healthy life and bright future.

Many Thanks...

- To Al Depto for helping Fr. Bakhos bring a warmer from Bridgeport to the church.
- To Bob & Fran Saseen for cleaning the warmer donated to the church. May your hands be blessed.
- To Mike & Mary Ann Carl for donating 2 new commercial fryers to the church for the use at our Mahrajan and our other events.

Use Both Parking Lots on Saturdays and Sundays

Both parking lots are available for our parishioners who attend Mass on Saturdays and Sundays. They are rented during weekdays but not on weekends. Please fill them up.

Around Us

Assumption Pilgrimage to the National Shrine

When: Friday - Sunday: from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. August, 13 thru 16, 2009
Where: Shrine of our Lady of Lebanon, North Jackson, Ohio. Phone 330-538-3351
Program: 7:00 p.m. daily – Divine Liturgy followed by candle light procession

St. Alphonsus Trash and Treasure Sale

When: Saturday, August 8, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Where: In old school building, 2111 Market St. Wheeling – NO EARLY SALES

Reflection: Iraq in the Bible

- 1- The Garden of Eden was in Iraq
- 2- Mesopotamia, which is now Iraq, was the cradle of civilization!
- 3- Noah built the ark in Iraq
- 4- The Tower of Babel was in Iraq
- 5- Abraham was from Ur, which is in Southern Iraq
- 6- Isaac's wife Rebekah is from Nahor, which is in Iraq
- 7- Jacob met Rachel in Iraq
- 8- Jonah preached in Nineveh - which is in Iraq
- 9- Assyria, which is in Iraq, conquered the ten tribes of Israel
- 10- Amos cried out in Iraq
- 11- Babylon, which is in Iraq, destroyed Jerusalem
- 12- Daniel was in the lion's den in Iraq
- 13- The three Hebrew children were in the fire in Iraq
- 14- Belshazzar, the King of Babylon saw the 'writing on the wall' in Iraq
- 15- Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, carried the Jews captive into Iraq
- 16- Ezekiel preached in Iraq
- 17- The 'Empire of Man' described in Revelation is called Babylon --which was a city in Iraq
- 18- Israel is the nation most often mentioned in the Bible and Iraq comes second.
- 19- Iraq is not the name that is used in the Bible. The names used in the Bible are Babylon, Land of Shinar, and Mesopotamia. The word Mesopotamia means between the two rivers, more exactly between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.
- 20- The name Iraq means country with deep roots.

Wisdom: What is Life?

Life is a gift. . . accept it
 Life is an adventure. . . dare it
 Life is a mystery. . . unfold it
 Life is a game. . . play it
 Life is a struggle. . . face it
 Life is beauty. . . praise it
 Life is a puzzle. . . solve it
 Life is opportunity. . . take it
 Life is sorrowful. . . experience it
 Life is a song. . . sing it
 Life is a goal. . . achieve it
 Life is a mission. . . fulfill it

Prayers: Time to pray

The Difference

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;
 I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.
 Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task.
 "Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered. He answered, "YOU didn't ask."
 I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on gray and bleak;
 I wondered why God didn't show me. He said, "But you didn't seek."
 I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock.
 God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock."
 I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day;
 I had so much to accomplish, that I had to take time to pray.

Author unknown

Maronites = Catholics of the East

Lebanese Americans and Canadians: Making a Difference (2)

For example, the Heisman Trophy-winner who threw the "miracle touchdown" pass for Boston College some years back was Doug Flutie and his brother Dareen (both played for the CFL). He was the first American college quarterback to pass for 10,000 yards. Today, after years as a superstar in the Canadian Football League, Doug is back in the NFL, quarterbacking the Buffalo Bills. There's also NFL quarterback Jeff George and former NFL coach Rich Kotite.

Don't forget former Chicago Bears linebacker and NFL Hall of Famer Bill George, or former Cleveland Brown Abe Gibran. The former owner of the Miami Dolphins was Joe Robbie.

In basketball, there's NBA pro center Rony Seikaly. UCLA's fiery coach, Jim Harrick, took his team to the NCAA playoffs eight years in a row, winning the national championship in 1995; he's now coaching the University of Georgia. The late George Maloof Sr., owned the NBA's Houston Rockets; today, Joe and Gavin Maloof own the Sacramento Kings.

Major League baseball player Joe LeHoud played with the Boston Red Sox. And Fred Saigh once owned baseball's St. Louis Cardinals.

In auto racing, Bobby Rahal won the Indy 500 in 1986, later becoming the all-time earnings champ among Indy car racers. The founder of the Professional Bowlers Association was the late Eddie Elias.

In the ring, Petey Sarron won the world featherweight championship in 1936-1937; while Zuhair "Steve" Mansour was weightlifting's Grandmaster of the World in 1990. And a three-time U.S. National Chess Champion is Seattle's Yasser Seirawan.

Singing stars like Lebanese Canadian Paul Anka of "Vegas" throat. Today, he's Chairman of the Nevada Athletic Commission.

Among America's activists, can you think of two people who have saved more lives than the founder of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), Candy Lightner, and America's –and probably the world's– foremost consumer advocate, Ralph Nader?

Back in 1960, Ralph Johns, a key white participant in the civil rights movement, encouraged the famous Woolworth sit-in at a lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Getting down to business, the founder of an international, billion-dollar engineering firm, Jacobs Engineering Group, is Dr. Joseph Jacobs. A former chemist with dozens of patents became Armand Hammer's successor as chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of Occidental Petroleum –Dr. Ray Irani. Lebanese Najeeb Halaby, former head of the Federal Aeronautics Authority, was CEO of Pan-American Airlines. His daughter, Lisa, married King Hussein of Jordan and became the first Arab-American to be queen of a foreign country, Queen Noor.

After trotting the globe for years, solving problems and directing new ventures for the Ford Motor Company, Lebanese Jacques Nasser is now its president and CEO. Stephen Yokich served five terms as vice-president of the national United Auto Workers union, then became its president. In 1999, Mattel, Inc., makers of Barbie dolls, etc., named as its president Ned Mansour. *(To be continued)*

Story: The Diamond

Once upon a time there was a king who ruled a small kingdom. It wasn't great, and it wasn't really known for any of its resources or people. But the king did have a diamond, a great perfect diamond that had been in his family for generations. He kept it on display for all to see and appreciate. People came from all over the country to admire it and gaze at it.

Word of it spread to neighboring countries, and more people came to look at it. Soon the people felt that the diamond was theirs; somehow it gave them a sense of pride, of dignity, of worth. Then one day a soldier came to the king with the news that, although no one had touched the diamond, for it was guarded night and day, the diamond was cracked.

The king ran to see, and sure enough there was a crack right through the middle of the diamond.

Immediately he summoned all the jewelers of the land and had them look at the diamond. One after another they examined the diamond and gave the bad news to the king: the diamond was useless; it was irredeemably flawed. The king was crushed, and so were the people. Somehow they felt they had lost everything.

Then out of nowhere came an old man who claimed to be a jeweler. He asked to see the diamond. After examining it, he looked up and confidently told the king, *"I can fix it. In fact, I can make it better than it was before."* The king was shocked and a bit leery. The old man said, *"Give me the jewel, and in a week I'll bring it back fixed."*

Now the king was not about to let the stone out of his sight, even if it was ruined, so he gave the old man a room, all the tools and food and drink he needed, and he waited. The whole kingdom waited. It was a long week.

At the end of the week the old man appeared with the stone in his hand and gave it to the king. The king couldn't believe his eyes. It was magnificent. The old man had fixed it, and he had made it even better than it was before! He had used the crack that ran through the middle of the stone as a stem and carved an intricate, full-blown rose, leaves, and thorns into the diamond. It was exquisite.

The king was overjoyed and offered the old man half his kingdom. He had taken something beautiful and perfect and improved upon it!

But the old man refused in front of everyone, saying, *"I didn't do that at all. What I did was to take something flawed and cracked at its heart and turn it into something beautiful."*

Joke (551)

Husband Role

A little girl and a little boy were at day care one day. The girl approached the boy and said, "Hey, Stevie, wanna play house?" "Sure! What do you want me to do?" "I want you to communicate," replied the girl.

"That word is too big," said the boy. "I have no idea what it means."

The little girl smirked and said, "Perfect. You can be the husband."

Hypocrite

A hypocrite is a man who writes a book praising atheism and then prays that it will sell. --*Leighton Ford*

Old Sherman

A young father and his boy who lived in New York regularly jogged together through the city early in the morning. Their normal course took them by a statue of General William Tecumseh Sherman seated on a horse. One of their regular rituals was to pause for a breather at the foot of familiar old Sherman. Then the father took a job on the West Coast and the day came for their last jog and their last rest at the foot of the famous Civil War general. The father pointed out the significance of this last stop before Sherman. The next day they would be gone. "Take one good long last look at old Sherman," he said to his son. Then, as they stood and were about to resume their morning run, the boy said, "By the way, Dad, who is that fellow sitting up on the back of old Sherman?"

Obvious Clues

A French taxicab driver once played a joke on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The man had driven Sir Arthur from the station to a hotel, and when he received his fare, he said, "Merci, Monsieur Conan Doyle."

"Why, how do you know my name?" asked Sir Arthur.

"Well, sir," replied the taxi driver, "I read in the papers that you were coming from the south of France to Paris. Your general appearance told me that you were English. Your hair has been clearly last cut by a barber in the south of France. I put these indications together and guessed at once that it was you."

"That is very remarkable," replied Sir Arthur. "You have no other evidence to go on?"

"Well," hesitated the man, "there was also the fact that your name was on your luggage."