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**Bulletin # 33**

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

*(Maronite Catholic Rite)*

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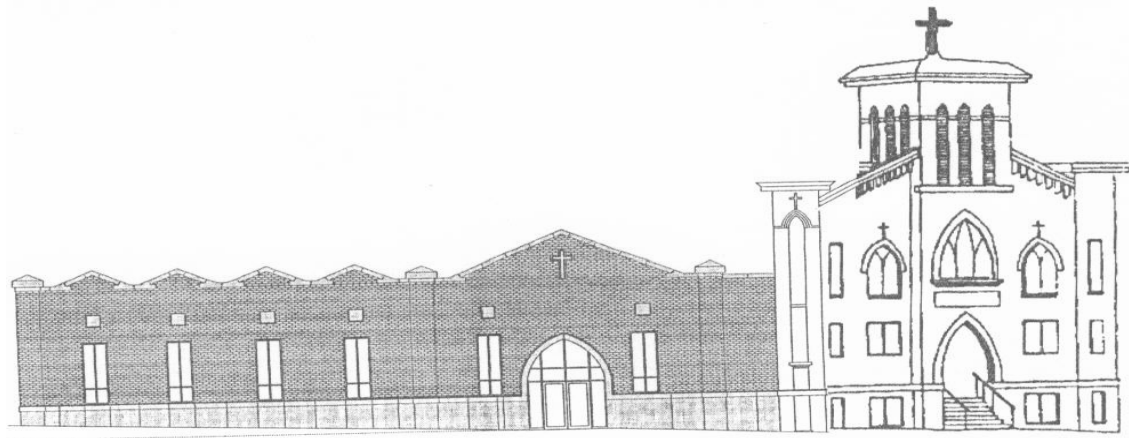
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## ***Assumption of the Blessed Mother***



### ***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
- \***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 304-277-3230, Linda Duffy 304-242-6853, Tom George 304-336-7142, P.J. Lenz 304-242-5606 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 304-242-6853
- \***Women's Society:** Sandra Dusick, President 304-232-7395

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- \*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: Assumption of the Blessed Mother***

*Readings: Eph 3:1-13 and Mt 15:21-28*

The third of the great feasts of the summer is the commemoration of the death of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, which, in liturgical language is called **“Dormition of Our Lady.”** This, from the liturgical point of view, is the most important feast dedicated to the Virgin.

To whomever reads this, sacred Tradition has given us the following account of the death of the Theotokos (Greek word for Mother of God):

“As the time drew near for the Lord to draw unto himself his earthly mother, he sent the Archangel Gabriel to Gethsemane to tell her that it is within her power to ascend to heaven whenever she wills. The Archangel, therefore, comes to Gethsemane and enters the house of the Godmother, he stands in front of her, and with all reverence and piety says to her: *“My mistress and my lady, Queen of heaven, and the Creator’s most Immaculate Mother; your only-begotten Son and God sent me to tell you that he called you unto him, to his Kingdom, to his ineffable glory, that you might sit upon his throne at his right hand. He awaited you.”* And this was in the 44<sup>th</sup> year AD and on her 59<sup>th</sup> year, also it was eleven years following our Lord Jesus Christ’s Ascension.

Upon the Archangel Gabriel’s departure, the Theotokos went up to the Mount of Olives and prayed and blessed God, and thereafter returned to her house and prepared herself for burial.

Meanwhile, as though by a miracle, all the Apostles left off preaching wherever they were and gathered at once at Gethsemane where Mary lived. Having revealed to them the reason for their strange meeting, she then consoled them in their sorrow. After this, the Theotokos called the devout widows and distributed to them her garments, and prayed for the salvation of the world, and for the faithful Christians who seek her help and protection, and then blessed the Apostles, and bade farewell unto all those about her, then finally she did lay herself upon her bed and fell asleep. And following her words: *“You my Son and my God, receive my spirit,”* the Son of God did immediately receive his Mother’s most holy soul, and translated it to her throne, at his right side, as the perpetual queen of the angels and all the saints.

*“Angelic hosts stood at Zion guarding their master directing a female soul for he cried out sacredly unto her, which begot immaculately; come you venerable one, and glorify yourself together with your Son and your God.”* Now the earthly grave is preparing to receive the body of the most holy of all. The most holy one is sleeping, and the funeral burial at the Vessel of choice is followed by the Apostles.

Legend has it that Thomas the Apostle did not arrive in time for the burial. As the others led him to Mary’s tomb to view the remains of the beloved Virgin, they discovered, to their astonishment, that the body was gone. Thus did the belief in her bodily Assumption originate.”

Like her Son, Mary underwent physical death, but her body, like his was afterwards raised from the dead and she was taken up into heaven in her body as well as in her soul. The resurrection of the body, which all Christians await, has in her case been anticipated and is already an accomplished fact.

### ***From the Desk of the Pastor***

This year’s Mahrajan was very hot (91 degrees) but thank God there was no rain. All my prayers and deep thanks go to all the chairpersons and volunteer parishioners and friends who love the Blessed Mother and dedicate their talents and time to prepare the food and serve the many visitors at our Mahrajan. Many thanks to all those who donated food, supplies or made a cash donation to defray the expenses of the Mahrajan. Your generosity is obvious and highly appreciated. The Mahrajan is indeed a great task and needs a huge amount of manpower; but the Blessed Mother makes it easy on everyone and, in the blink of an eye, the job is done. During the last 76 years, you have astonished all who attend our Mahrajan at Oglebay Park with your smile, hospitality and goodness. You are the backbone of the church and the life of the Mahrajan. Without you everything would die and wither. Keep the good work up my dear friends and the Lord and the Blessed Mother will reward you in good health and protect you..

–Fr. Bakhos

## *Mass Intentions*

### THIS WEEKEND, August 15-16: Assumption of the Blessed Mother

#### **Saturday, August 15 At 4:00 p.m.:**

Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family by the Ghaphery Family  
Shipleigh Shipleigh by Emily Vince

#### **Sunday, August 16 at 10:30 a.m.:**

Dale Seidler, Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family  
Deceased members of Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by children & grandchildren

### Weekday Masses

**Monday, August 17:** No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

**Tuesday, August 18:** No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

#### **Wednesday, August 19 at Noon:**

Sue Linton by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey  
Mike & Sadie Thomas and Deceased Relatives (MN) by Ervin & Rosemary Splatt (WI)

#### **Thursday, August 20 at Noon:**

Marion Wellman by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

#### **Friday, August 21 at Noon:**

Special prayers for the intentions of Don Fielding (FL)

### NEXT WEEKEND, August 22-23: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

#### **Saturday, August 22 At 4:00 p.m.:**

Andrew Demsko (on his 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by his daughter Rosemary Cormich  
Joseph Lavoie & Sue Kerry by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

#### **Sunday, August 23 at 10:30 a.m.:**

Shipleigh Shipleigh by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

## **Donate to the Church Maintenance Fund**

### **Help with the Endowment Fund to Keep Our Church Open and Active (Total Raised: \$1,189.00)**

An Endowment Fund CD account meant exclusively for our church maintenance for the years to come has been opened. 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 the following 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 (\$275), Sylvia Long (\$100), Catherine Arthur (Memorial) (\$100), Women's Society total Fundraising (\$514),*

## ***Donate toward Our Parish Families Assistance Fund***

A special account called “**Parish Families Assistance Fund**” had been opened to help exclusively the families of our parish who are in dire need. You can make a donation to the church earmarked toward the “Poor of the Parish” or drop your donation in the Poor Box located at the back of the church. The Poor Box money will be divided between the poor of our parish and the “Poor of Wheeling” through cooperative effort with the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Catholic Neighborhood Charity center. All donations are tax exempt and if you wish to include your name with your payment, it can be added to your annual contributions for a deduction on your income taxes. May God reward those who share their blessings with the brothers and sisters of the Lord.

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday, August 17	<b>Mahrajan Evaluating Meeting at 6:30 .pm. (Cedar Hall)</b>
Sunday, August 30	<b>Women’s Society Meeting – after 10:30 a.m. Mass</b>
Sunday, August 30	<b>Women’s Society Gift Basket &amp; 50/50 Raffle Drawing – after 10:30 a.m. Mass</b>
October 4	<b>Spaghetti Dinner</b>
<b>Future 4 Mahrajan Dates</b>	<b>August 15, 2010; August 14, 2011; August 12, 2012; August 11, 2013</b>



### ***Other Church Events***

#### ***Mahrajan Evaluation Meeting*** (Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.)

All booth chairpersons of the Mahrajan are asked to attend the evaluating meeting on Monday, August 17, at 6:30 p.m. to evaluate this year's festival and submit comments, suggestions and remarks for entry in our computer so that we can to improve next year's event. Please bring written (or typed) notes about your booth to the meeting. Thank you for your dedication and for offering your best work to the Blessed Mother.

#### ***Women’s Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle*** (Drawing after Mass: Sunday, 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 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 July 50/50 winner of \$54: Anthony Lallone of Wellsburg (ticket was purchased by Mary Lish).

#### ***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.

## ***Fall Spaghetti Dinner*** (Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>)

Save Sunday, October 4, on your calendar so you can come to the Fall Spaghetti Dinner at our Cedar Hall. Look for more information in next week's Bulletin.

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

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

Frank Lish, Millie Hoskinson, Larry Gibbons, Peggy Justice, Mary Piko, Pat McNeil (FL) niece of Kay Garvey

#### **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)

### ***Happy Birthday***

August 16: Tara George-Musilli  
August 20: Tricia Committee, Irene Schuler  
August 22: Kathleen George  
August 23: Georgene Weisner Manning, Emily John, Bill Daniel  
August 26: Phillip Geimer  
August 27: LuAnn Truelove, Mike Voellinger  
August 29: Debbie Elias Davis  
August 31: Martha Ruggiero, Joseph Simon

### ***Your Church Support Last Week***

\$2,183	Collection
45	Utilities
100	Parking
3,175	Reimbursement
1,445	Donations to Church (Poor of the Parish)
150	Mahrajan (Rental of Booth Space)
90	Mahrajan (Tables)
195	Mahrajan (Raffle Tickets)
25	Mahrajan (Ad Book)
250	Mahrajan (Donations)
128	Mahrajan (Souvenirs)
181	Mahrajan (Pastry)
500	Mahrajan (Kibbee)
150	Mahrajan (Hummus)
\$8,617	Total. May God reward you many fold

### ***What's New?***

## ***Lamb Shish Kebob and Other Mahrajan Food for Sale***

**Shish Kebob** is available for sale at **\$17 for a package of 5 skewers** – each with 1/3 pound of delicious, tender Lamb. The Shish Kebob was prepared onto skewers a couple weeks before the Mahrajan and

immediately frozen. It was never thawed at the festival. If you would like to purchase some and at the same time help our church recover the expense for this food item, please ask Fr. after Mass or call the church office at 304-233-1688.

Other items available for sale include: **Cabbage Rolls** (extra lg.): \$8.00 pkg. of 6 or \$15.00 a dozen; **Spinach Pies**: \$2.00 each or \$7.00 pkg. of 4; **Meat Pies**: \$2.00 each or \$7.00 pkg. of 4; **Zattar Bread**: \$1.50 pkg. of 2; **Pita Bread**: \$3.00 pkg. of 10 lg.; a few **Assorted Pastries** \$2.00 pkg.

## ***Special Thanks to Bill & Marianne Blair***

Bill & Marianne Blair who won the \$1,000 Grand Prize for the Mahrajan Raffle donated \$500 back to our church. We are so grateful for their tremendous generosity. May the Blessed Mother reward them many fold.

## ***Mahrajan Winners***

Congratulations to the following people who were drawn as winners of the Mahrajan Raffle prizes: **\$1,000 Cash – Bill & Marianne Blair**; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize the **I-Pod – Frances Parrarvani**; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize the **Camera – Tony Bedway** all of Wheeling and 4<sup>th</sup> Prize the **Religious Statue – Dolores Oser** of McMechen

Also, congratulations go out to the following winners of the Children's Booth Chinese Auction items: **Acapulco \$20 Gift Certificate – Taleb** of Pittsburgh; **Bob Evans Restaurant \$10 Gift Card – Teresa Nedeff** of Parkersburg; **Dairy Queen Free Dilly Bar Coupons – Joe Lucki** of Wheeling 20 coupons, **Lisa Reilly** of Bethany 10 coupons and **C. Crowder** of Wheeling 10 coupons; **DeFelice Bros. Pizza \$15 Gift Card – C. Kosem** of Triadelphia; **Eat N Park \$10 Gift Card – C. Crowder** of Wheeling; **Fiesta Hair & Tanning Salon 20 tanning sessions – Emmalena Khourey** of Wheeling; **Foggy Bottom & Elm Grove Lanes \$10 Gift Card – Kayla Britton** of Wheeling; **Generations Restaurant \$20 of Gift Certificates – Judy Bedway** of Warwood; **Huddle House \$10 gift card – Darrel DeVore** of Ohio; **Ponderosa Steakhouse 4 free buffet coupons – Norma Meyer** of Moundsville; **Ye Olde Alpha \$25 Gift Certificate – Erin Bowers** of Wheeling

## ***Reminder***

## ***Additional Mahrajan Generous Supporters***

We appreciate the generosity of the following supporters of the Mahrajan:

- **Ron Burns, Susan John & Ceil John** for donating **\$150** toward the **Hummus Supplies**
- **Bassam & Jodi Deeb** of Buffalo, NY, for donating the **25 Lebanese Flags** to be sold at the Souvenir Booth
- **Christine Faulkner** for donating the **Lollipops** for the Children's Games
- **Peggy Justice & Ann Lee Bauduin** for donating **\$22** toward the cost **Hot Dogs** for the Children's Food
- **Cracker Barrel** at the Highlands for donating **bottles for the Sand Art** in the Children's Games
- **DiCarlos Pizza** in Elm Grove for **donating half the pizza** to feed the football players from Wheeling Central who helped move and set up festival supplies

May your good deeds shine like the sun in the kingdom of God.

## ***A Simple Thank You Is Not Enough!***

To all of the wonderful dedicated people who helped in the Cedar Hall the week prior to the Mahrajan in preparing for the BIG DAY: Sandra, Nettie, Julia, Rita, Anne, Maryann, Lindsey, Cecilia, Mary, Fran, Bobby, George, Tricia, Marge, Rosie, David, Mike, Nesrin and her two beautiful children (especially to Christopher AlKhouri and his tomato eating incident – you provided us with the much needed laugh of the day), to Judy and Jill – the two newcomers – how great to have you join us, and especially Linda who had everything ready for us to start work. Linda and Mickey did a great job with the delicious Kibbee.

A special thank you to Dalton, who did everything that was asked of him, and did it well. He was the young man of the hour.

At Camp Russell, to Bill, who faithfully lifted the heavy trays every half hour to make sure that the food was cooking properly – you always do a good job. To Janet and Jim who gave us relief in the afternoon – what a blessing! May God bless all your hands and your hearts, you are so appreciated. --Carol Dougherty

If you volunteered at the Mahrajan and took home a blue apron with the cedar tree on it to wash, please return it to the church ASAP for future event use.

## ***Mahrajan Financial Report***

"Fr., How did we do on the Mahrajan?" It is a question that is impossible to answer before we pay all the bills. A detailed financial report will be published in our bulletin as soon as we receive and pay all the bills. Any other answer would be misleading. Please be patient. --Fr. Bakhos

## ***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.

## ***Devotion to Mary***

Saint Paul says: "There is one Mediator, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (1 Tim 2:5). What then is the place of Mary in the Universal Church, in the Maronite Church and in our lives? Is devotion to Mary simply a sentiment that can be put aside without hurting our faith, or is she an essential part of the life of the Church and our Creed?

God has linked Mary to all of the Mystery of the Incarnation: the Redemption, the Eucharist, the distribution of graces, intercession and mediation. The Church of Christ is linked to all these mysteries and so, too, is Mary, Mother of the Church. To remove her would erase the Mystery of the Incarnation itself and go against the will of God and Christ Himself, who not only associated Mary with His plan of salvation but made her the prototype of the redeemed Christian and an example for the whole Church, of which she is mother. Through her role representing humanity, God took flesh and became man, like one of us.

To put Mary aside is anti-theological and anti-historical. By giving God flesh from her flesh, and bone from her bone, she made the Divinity appear and shine to mankind: "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that nursed you" (Lk 11:27). But more blessed is she, because in an eminent way she "heard the Word of God and kept it" (Lk 11:28). The sympathy of God toward mankind is incomplete without the incomparable figure of Mary "who, like Jesus, is a dwelling place of the divine revelation" (Louis Bouyer - *Le Throne de la Sagesse*).

Mary gave birth to Jesus our Savior and was proclaimed at the Council of Ephesus (431) Theotokos (God bearer). However, sometimes we do not look deep enough to see that the Lord associated her, by the fact of her maternity, and in His great wisdom and mercy, to be a participant in an eminent way in His life, passion, death, resurrection and in the distribution of all graces.

**--by Archbishop Francis M. Zayek**

## ***Apparitions of the B.V.M***

Apparition Sites:

- 1- Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531 Approved)
- 2- Rue de Bac, Paris, France (1830 Approved)
- 3- Las Salette, France (1864 Approved)
- 4- Lourdes, France (1858 Approved)
- 5- Pontmain, France (1871 Approved)
- 6- Fatima, Portugal (1917 Approved)
- 7- Beauraging, Belgium (1932-1933 Approved)
- 8- Banneux, Belgium (1933 Approved)
- 9- Amsterdam, The Netherlands (1945-1984 Under investigation)
- 10- Garabandal, Spain (1961 Under investigation)
- 11- Akita, Japan (1973 Approved by Local Bishop)
- 12- Medjugorje, Yugoslavia (1981 Still going under investigation)
- 13- Kibeho, Rwanda (1981 Approved by local bishop)
- 14- San Nicholas, Argentina (1983 Under investigation).

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

### ***Lebanese Americans and Canadians: Making a Difference***

One of show business's legendary talent managers was the late George "Bullets" Durgom, who, through the years, managed Jackie Gleason, Sammy Davis Jr., and Marilyn Monroe, to mention a few. Two of today's top recording stars' husband-managers have been of Syrian descent: Rene Angelil, discoverer and manager of wife Celine Dion, and Cuban-born Emilio Estefan, manager and producer of wife Gloria Estefan.

Emmy Award-winning cinematographer-director George S. Dibie is president of the International Photographers Guild. The cinematographer who designed Cinemobile -- the first customized van for filming on location -- while working on the TV series "I Spy," was Fouad Said. For this achievement, he received a Technical Academy Award in 1970.

Among other Oscar winners. Best Actor for the movie "Amadeus" -- F. Murray Abraham. Winner for Best Screenplay Adapted from Another Medium -- his novel, "The Exorcist" -- William Peter Blatty. The first woman to receive an Oscar for Best Original Screenplay -- for "Thelma and Louise" -- Callie Khouri. For Best Song -- "Last Dance" from "Thank God It's Friday" -- the late composer Paul Jabara. And set decorator Emile Kuri, nominated eight times for films like Mary Poppins, won the Oscar twice -- for "The Heiress" and Disney's "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea."

Arab Americans also have made significant contributions to the art world. Woodworker Sam Maloof, whose quality work is in demand, has had creations appear in the White House, Smithsonian Institution, the Vatican and other renowned exhibit halls. Retired heart surgeon Dr. Hussam A. Fadhli is an award-winning sculptor whose work is displayed around the world, including the Bush Presidential Library.

In the world of fashion, the prestigious CFDA Menswear Designer of the Year Award for 1990 and 1991 went to Arab American Joseph Abboud of New York. He's the only designer to win the award two years in a row. Staying with apparel a moment, J.M. Haggard of Haggard Slacks manufactures more men's slacks than anyone in the world. In addition, Farah Brothers manufactures men's and women's slacks; and Maloof Brothers manufactured Mod-O-Day women's dresses. For an inspiring success story, try that of writer-lecturer on business and success, Nido Oubein! When he came to the United States as a teenager, he could barely speak English. He went on to become president of the National Speakers' Association and the youngest member inducted into the International Speakers' Hall of Fame.

In education, Jack Shaheen, emeritus professor of Mass Communications at Southern Illinois University and author of books like *The TV and The Movie*, has also been CBS News' consultant for the Middle East. Columbia professor Edward Said is a well-known literary and social critic, as well as a respected music reviewer, whose column appears in *The Nation*. Recently retired, David Adamany was the longest-serving president of Wayne State University in Detroit.

*(To be continued)*

## ***Story: King Arthur and the Witch***

Young King Arthur was ambushed and imprisoned by the monarch of a neighboring kingdom. The monarch could have killed him, but was moved by Arthur's youth and ideals. So, the monarch offered him his freedom, as long as he could answer a very difficult question. Arthur would have a year to figure out the answer and, if after a year, he still had no answer, he would be put to death. The question? What do women really want?

Such a question would perplex even the most knowledgeable man, and to young Arthur, it seemed an impossible query. But, since it was better than death, he accepted the monarch's proposition to have an answer by year's end. He returned to his kingdom and began to poll everyone: the princess, the priests, the wise men and even the court jester. He spoke with everyone, but no one could give him a satisfactory answer. Many people advised him to consult the old witch, for only she would have the answer. But the price would be high; as the witch was famous throughout the kingdom for the exorbitant prices she charged. The last day of the year arrived and Arthur had no choice but to talk to the witch. She agreed to answer the question, but he would have to agree to her price first.

The old witch wanted to marry Sir Lancelot, the most noble of the Knights of the Round Table and Arthur's closest friend! Young Arthur was horrified. She was hunchbacked and hideous, had only one tooth, and smelled like sewage. He had never encountered such a repugnant creature in all his life. He refused to force his friend to marry her and endure such a terrible burden; but Lancelot, learning of the proposal, spoke with Arthur. He said nothing was too big of a sacrifice compared to Arthur's life and the preservation of the Round Table. Hence, a wedding was proclaimed and the witch answered Arthur's question thus: What a woman really wants, she answered ... is to be in charge of her own life.

Everyone in the kingdom instantly knew that the witch had uttered a great truth and that Arthur's life would be spared. And so it was, the neighboring monarch granted Arthur his freedom and Lancelot and the witch had a wonderful wedding. The honeymoon hour approached and Lancelot, steeling himself for a horrific experience, entered the house. But, what a sight awaited him. The most beautiful woman he had ever seen was before in the living room. The astounded Lancelot asked what had happened. The beauty replied that since he had been so kind to her when she appeared as a witch, she would henceforth, be her horrible deformed self only half the time and the beautiful maiden the other half. Which would he prefer? Beautiful during the day ... or night? Lancelot pondered the predicament. During the day, a beautiful woman to show off to his friends, but at night, an old witch? Or, would he prefer having a hideous witch during the day, but by night, a beautiful woman? What would YOU do?

Noble Lancelot said that he would allow HER to make the choice herself. Upon hearing this, she announced that she would be beautiful all the time because he had respected her enough to let her be in charge of her own life.

Now ... what is the moral to this story? The moral is ... If you don't let a woman have her own way ... Things are going to get ugly!

## *Joke (554)*

### *Spell Checker*

I halve a spelling checker, It came with mu pea see.  
It plainly marks four my revue, Mistakes I dew knot sea.  
Eye strike a key and type a word, And weight four it two say  
Weather eye am wrong oar write, It shows me strait aweigh.  
As soon as a mist ache is maid, It nose bee fore two long,  
And eye can put the era rite, Its rarely ever wrong.  
I've scent this massage threw it, And I'm shore your pleased too no  
Its letter prefect in every weigh: My checker tolled me sew.

### *Paternal Payback*

On the day I received my learner's permit, my father agreed to take me out for a driving lesson. With a big grin, he hopped in behind the driver's seat. "Why aren't you sitting up front on the passenger's side?" I asked.

"Kirsten, I've been waiting for this ever since you were a little girl," Dad replied. "Now it's my turn to sit back here and kick the seat."

### *Product Replacement*

On Father's Day, a little boy decides to make his dad breakfast in bed. He makes scrambled eggs, toast and coffee. He brings it into his dad, hands him the cup of coffee and says, "Try it dad." The dad takes a sip and nearly passes out because it is so strong. The little boy asks, "How do you like it Dad? The dad doesn't want to hurt the little boy's feelings so he says, "This is ... something else, I've never tasted coffee quite like this before, Son."

The little boy smiles from ear to ear. And says, "Drink some more Pops." As the dad is drinking, he notices two army men in the bottom of the cup, and says, "Hey! Why did you put army men in here?" The little boy again smiles and sings, "The Best Part Of Waking Up, Is SOLDIERS In Your cup."