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## Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross



### 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
  - \*Confession: 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross*

*Readings: 1Cor 15:19-34 & Mt 24:1-14*

*“When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.” (Luke 21:9)*

In August 1982, 20,000 people gathered at Kibeho in Rwanda as seven local teenagers experienced apparitions of the Virgin Mary. A French priest, Fr. Gabriel Maindron, was among the crowd. “The visionaries sometimes cried,” he writes. “Their teeth chattered, they trembled. They collapsed several times during the apparitions.” Afterwards the visionaries reported seeing images of people killing one another, headless corpses floating in a river. In chapter 23 of his gospel, Luke lays out side by side two prophecies of Jesus: one concerning the end of the world, and a second about a massacre which, in retrospect, we can see refers to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in AD 70. In August 1995 there was a massacre at Kibeho. Three of the visionaries were killed, and the rest fled to the Congo. For them, it had truly been the last days. At Fatima in 1917 Mary foretold: “The war is going to end, but if people do not stop offending God, another and worse one will begin in the reign of Pius XI.” as it did. Some suggest that the recent burgeoning of apparitions points to a heating up of the battle between good and evil, the approach of the final apocalypse. Who can tell? It is impossible from within history to gain a perspective on what is happening: that can only come in retrospect. There have been times before – the Fall of Rome, the Reformation – when wars have been so terrible that it seemed as if history were drawing to a close. What matters about Jesus’ prophecies –and Mary’s– is our response. As John Paul II said when speaking about Fatima: “If the Church has accepted the message, it is above all because [it is] the call of the Gospel itself: Repent, and believe the good news.”

## *Spirituality: Sanctity*

Sanctity is not a question of relinquishing or abandoning or giving up something for Christ; it is a question of exchange. Our Lord never said it was wrong to love the world. He said only that it was a loss, for **“what shall a person give in exchange for his soul?”** Exchange is founded on the fact that there are two classes of goods: first, things that we can get along without; second, things we cannot get along without. I can very well get along without dime, but I cannot get along without the bread that it will buy, and so I exchange one for the other. So, too, in the spiritual world, I soon learn that there are many things I can get along without, and as I grow in acquaintance with Christ, I find that I can get along without sin, but I cannot get along without his peace of conscience, and so I exchange one for the other. Later on, as I get to know him better, I find that I can get along without an innocent pleasure, but I cannot get along without the pleasure of daily communion with him, and so I exchange one for the other. I find, by a still deeper acquaintance, that I can get along without the world’s good, but not without the wealth of Christ’s grace, and so I exchange one for the other, and that is the vow of poverty. I find that I can get along very well without the pleasures of Christ’s spirit, and I exchange the one for the other, and that is the vow of chastity. I find that I can get along very well without my own will, but I cannot get along without his, and so I exchange the one for the other, and that is the vow of obedience.

Thus the saint goes on exchanging one thing for another. And thus it is that in making himself poor, he became rich, and in making himself a slave, he became free. The gravitation of the earth grows weaker, and the gravitation of the stars grows stronger, until finally, when there is nothing left to exchange, like Paul he cries out: **“For me to die is gain,”** because by that last exchange his gain is Christ in everlasting life.

Sanctity, then, is not giving up the world. It is exchanging the world. It is a continuation of that sublime transaction of the Incarnation in which Christ said to humanity:

“You give Me your humanity, I will give you My Divinity.

You give Me your time, I will give you My eternity.

You give Me your bonds, I will give you My omnipotence.

You give Me your slavery, I will give you My freedom.

You give Me your death, I will give you My life.

You give Me your nothingness, I will give you My all.

And the consoling thought throughout this whole transforming process is that it does not require much time; it requires only much love.

--Bishop Fulton Sheen

## *Mass Intentions*

**THIS WEEKEND, September 26-27: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross**

**Saturday, September 26 at 4:00 p.m.:**

Sue Linton by her husband Mike Linton

Martha Ruggiero by Pamela Bowman

**Sunday, September 27 at 10:30 a.m.:**

John Jacobs & Family by Sandra Dusick

Nancepe Saseen (on his Birthday) by his daughter Rosella Saseen

**Weekday Masses**

**Monday, September 28:** No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

**Tuesday, September 29:** No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

**Wednesday, September 30 at Noon:**

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

Mary Piko by her sister Lottie Elwartoski & nephew Richard

**Thursday, October 1 at Noon:**

Mary Piko by her sister Lottie Elwartoski & nephew Richard

Martha Ruggiero by Linda & John Marinacci

**Friday, October 2:** No Mass. Pastor's vacation day

**NEXT WEEKEND, October 3-4: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross**

**Saturday, October 3**

**At 3:30 p.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

At 4:00 p.m.: Mass

Mary Piko by the Kowalzik Family

Special Intention

**Sunday, October 4 at 10:30 a.m.:** No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Today

Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham

Ghaphery Family by the Ghaphery Family

Camille & Louis Rohanna by Mary & Frank Lish & Family

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

**Help with the Endowment Fund to Keep Our Church Open and Active (Total Raised: \$1,415.00)**

Please donate toward the Endowment Fund CD account that is meant exclusively for our church maintenance for the years to come. Only the yearly interest will be withdrawn and spent to pay for church utilities and general maintenance. 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 (\$325), Sylvia Long (\$100), Catherine Arthur (Memorial) (\$100), Women's Society Fundraising total (\$690),*

## **Donate to 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 located at the back of the church 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 deductible. May God reward those who share their blessings with the brothers and sisters of the Lord.

### *Our Lady of Lebanon Community Calendar*

Date	Event
Sunday, September 27	<b>Women’s Society Meeting &amp; 50/50 Raffle Drawing</b> – after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Thursday, October 1	<b>First Communion</b> – from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. <b>Arabic Language Classes</b> – from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 3	<b>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</b> – at 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 4	<b>No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament because of the Spaghetti Dinner</b> <i>Benediction will take place next Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup></i>
Sunday, October 4	<b>Spaghetti Dinner</b> – 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 4	<b>Women’s Society Gift Basket Drawing</b> – at Spaghetti Dinner
Thursday, October 8	<b>Confirmation</b> – from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. <b>Bible Study</b> – from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 11	<b>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after 10:30 Mass</b>
Fri., Oct. 31,-Fri., Nov. 6	<b>Week of All Souls Masses</b>
Sunday, November 29	<b>Parish Christmas Party</b> – 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. – see note below



### *Community Events*

#### ***Lebanese Folklore Dance Troupe “Dabke” Classes Forming***

Our Lady of Lebanon Church is willing to establish a Lebanese Folkloric Dance Troupe under the guidance of trainer, Natalie Committee. The troupe will be able to perform at our 2010 Mahrajan and at local events in the greater Wheeling area. Fr. Bakhos is willing to order a traditional folkloric costume from Lebanon for each age. Please register first by calling Fr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Training day (either Saturday or Sunday) and time will be decided when 6 or more candidates have expressed interest. **Please encourage your children or grandchildren, nieces and nephews to participate.** Call Fr. today and sign up so we can begin.

Dance Troupe students: *Emmalena & Louie Khourey, ??*

#### ***Women’s Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle*** (after Mass: Sunday's, Sept 27 & Oct 25)

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 September 50/50 Raffle Tickets**, which will be provided at the church entrance, will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, September 27.**

The drawing from entries received **for the October 50/50 Raffle Tickets**, which will be provided at the church entrance and in the weekly Church Bulletins, will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, October 25.**

**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 August 50/50 winner of \$80.00: Latif Thomas (PA).

## **First Communion & Arabic Classes** (Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>)

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.: First Communion (??)

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.: Arabic Language (Lou, Emmalena & Louie Khourey, Kim & Kaitlyn Gibbons, Dalton Haas, Linda Duffy, Luane Frazier, Thomasina Geimer, Mike Linton, Carol Dougherty, Ted Olinski, Cindy & Adam Ruggiero, Jeremy Siebieda, ??)

## **Fall Spaghetti Dinner** (Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Save Sunday, October 4, on your calendar so you can come to enjoy the Fall Spaghetti Dinner at our beautiful Cedar Hall. 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. **Please note that this fall the dinner will end at 5:00 p.m.**

**Menu:** spaghetti & meatballs or marinara sauce, salad, roll, dessert & coffee, ice tea or lemonade.

**Tickets:** Parish Council has decided that because of the current economic situation, our church is not in a position to lose by preparing too much food for an uncertain number of people attending the dinner. We encourage you to buy your tickets in advance and help us to have a more accurate count of meals for which we will place our food orders and prepare food. Therefore, prices are as follows:

**\$7.00 Adults; \$4.00 Children (under 12) for Advance Ticket Sales – if PAID by September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**\$8.00 Adults; \$5.00 Children (under 12) for Late Ticket Sales – if PAID October 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup>**

*(Late ticket sales includes ALL at-the-door payments)*

To purchase tickets in advance, contact one of our parishioners or mail your payment and ticket(s) request to the church. Only a limited number of tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

**Advance Ticket Sales by Parishioners:** If you are able & willing to help sell tickets to make our dinner a success, please pick up a packet of tickets from our Church office.

**Parishioners must be return all Unsold tickets & payments by Sunday, September 27.**

**Baked Goods Needed for Sale:** Parishioners are 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, Lebanese specialty, etc.

**Desserts Needed for Eat-In Dinners:** Parishioners are being asked to also bake and donate a dessert for use at the dinner so that we may offer a variety of choices to go with the meal (*take-out desserts are already arranged*).

**Drop off of Baked Goods and Eat-In Desserts:** Saturday, October 3<sup>th</sup>, before 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, after 10:00 a.m.

**Workers and Volunteers:**

### **Kitchen Staff Assignments:**

**Kitchen:** Tom George, Lou Khourey, Linda Duffy, Ann Jalad, Rita Strawn, Fran & Bob Saseen

**Salad:** David John & Maryann Carl

**Eat-In Dinners:** Mary Lish (11:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m.) & Linda Duffy (2:30- 6:00 p.m.)

**Take-Out Dinners:** Sandra Dusick & Rex Strawn

**Silverware & Set up:** Jean Weisner & Evelyn Goodson

**Kitchen Aides:** Mary Stees & Nini Miller (3:00 p.m. – closing)

### **Church Hall Staff Assignments:**

**Entrance Greeter:** Emmalena Khourey

**Hostess:** Luane Frazier

**Floor Coordinator:** Carol Dougherty

**Dinner Tickets Sales:** Charlotte Khourey & Thomasina Geimer

**Take Out Runners:** Nettie Seidler (& Jody Seabright ??)

**Gift Basket Raffle:** Kim Gibbons

**50/50 Raffle:** Jim (& Shirley ??) George

**Servers:** Bill Dougherty, Nancy & Kenny Joseph, Cheryl Tucker, George Thomas, Gary Weisner, Mike Linton (for relief) Luke Seidler ??

**Beverages:** Julia Tappe & Kay Garvey

**Desserts:** Lindsey & Natalie & (11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.), Roberta Henning (2:00-5:00 p.m.)

**Bussing & Resetting Tables:** Al Depto & Gina Haas, Chris & Jonas George ??

**Late Day Clean up:** Carol Burkhart

**Back up:** Sue Brubach

**Bake Sales:** Mary Thomas (all day), Ann Lee Bauduin from (11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.), Peggy Justice (11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.), Virginia Pockl (3:00-5:00 p.m.), & ?? *1 person needed* (2:00-5:00 p.m.)

## **Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle** (*Drawing: Sunday, October 4*)

The Women's Society's next Gift Basket Raffle – held on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Spaghetti Dinner. It will featuring many items to help you create your own “Kitchen Magic.” This Gift Basket contains: *a beautiful, idea-filled “Bake Sale” Cookbook, Chef Mate mini food processor, tri-color pasta, a grater, pasta sauce, kitchen shears, a spoon rest, soup mix, a bread platter, wooden spoons, spatula, measuring cups, kitchen towels, stainless steel tongs, an ice cream scoop, and a bottle of Sangria and more.*

The Gift Basket Raffle proceeds benefit the maintenance of our church through the “Endowment Fund.” **Won't you take a chance ... or two ... or eighteen!** 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 “Memo” line of your check and on the front of the envelope) or 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. Congratulations to Mary Custer who won the August basket.

## **Confirmation & Bible Study Classes** (*Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>*)

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.: Confirmation (??)

Please note: Young adults between 13 and 15 years of age should be prepared for Confirmation by the pastor. At this age young adults are mature enough to understand their faith. At baptism, when babies are baptized and confirmed, they were unable to understand what is going on in their life. Parents should consider having their children participate in Confirmation classes even if they were baptized in our Maronite church.

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.: Bible Study, (*Nikki Popovich, Mike Linton, Gary Weisner, and ??*)

## **Commemoration of All Souls (November 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

Please Remember Your Parents & Beloved Ones during the Week of All Souls: *All Masses from Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, until Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009, will be offered for the repose of their souls.* Forgotten souls are those parents and grandparents whose un-grateful children and grandchildren chose not to offer at least a yearly Mass for the repose of their souls. The church is reminding you to bring happiness to the souls of your parents who carried you in their arms and loved you unconditionally. Please complete the attached Form.

**All Masses will be offered for the Repose of the Souls of:**

*Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family by the Ghaphery Family*

*Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL)*

*Deceased of the Chidiac Family by Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, Pastor*

*Deceased of the Habib & Nabiha Khourey Family by Virginia Khourey Bryan*

*Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Emmalena & Louie*

*Deceased members of the Jacobs & Dusick Families by Sandra Dusick*

*Siham Frenn & LaVerne Thomas (mothers of Adel & Diane Frenn) by Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn*

*Deceased grandparents of the Frenn & Thomas Families by Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn*

*Deceased family members of Thomasina Geimer*

*Deceased members of the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Carol & Bill Dougherty*

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*Charles & Anna Przelenski & Daniel & Adelaide Schuler by Irene & Paul Schuler*

*Deceased of the Schlog & Saseen Families by Bob & Fran Saseen*

*John F. Kukula by his wife Mary Rose Kukula*

*Sarah & Earl Magruder by Denny & Barbara Magruder*

*Janet & Harry Voitle by Denny & Barbara Magruder*

*Joseph A. Saseen by Joe & Susie Saseen*

*Elmer & Virginia Blust by Joe & Susie Saseen*

## **Christmas Party** (Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 until 9:30 p.m.)

Singer George Suhon is booked to entertain our parishioners on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 until 9:30 p.m. in the Cedar Hall. Read more details in upcoming bulletins.

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

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

Tammy, Ferris Shia, Kathleen George, Richard Ryncarz, Joe Gonot, Edith Fahey, Frank Lish, Millie Hoskinson, 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 & Pat (brother & mother of Dr. Rob Vawter)

### *Happy Birthday*

September 27: Chester Kloss  
 October 6: Joe Popovich  
 October 7: Emily Saseen  
 October 9: Susie Fadoul  
 October 10: Linda Duffy  
 October 12: Gina Haas  
 October 15: Nini Miller

### *Your Church Support Last Week*

1,112	Collection
43	Candles
200	Parking
140	Donation to church
336	Spaghetti Dinner
90	Mahrajan (shish kebab)
50	Endowment fund from Tom Ferris
1,971.00	Total. May God reward you many fold

### *What's New?*

## **Thank You**

--Many thanks to the three loving sisters: Barbara Sobota, Ann Bauduin and Peggy Justice for sponsoring two new chafing dishes to be used for mercy meals and dinners at our church. Cost: \$140.

--And thanks from the Women's Society to Sue for the three bottles of wine for use in our gift baskets.

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

If you would like to purchase some frozen food items, and at the same time help our church recover the expense for these items, please ask Fr. after Mass or call the church office at 304-233-1688. Items available for sale include: **Shish Kebab**: \$17 pkg. of 5 skewers; **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; **Zattar Bread**: \$1.50 pkg. of 2; **Wheat** (#1 fine and #2 medium): \$3.50 pkg. of 2 lb. and once again we have **Pita Bread**: \$3.00 pkg. of 10 large.

## ***Generous Sponsor Needed***

At Mercy Meals and other events at our church usually we use 3 chafing dishes. One more chafing dish has been ordered and we are in deed of one more generous person to sponsor it for \$70. Please call: 233-1688.

## ***Around Us***

### ***Whose Cuisine Will Reign Supreme?*** (Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.)

**What:** Steel Chef VI sponsored by the Wheeling Symphony Auxiliary pits Mike Pickens (Belmont Hills Country Club chef) against David Wohlfeil (Metropolitan Citi Grill). Enjoy light refreshments, door prizes and cash bar. Begins at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, Cost: \$25.00 each

**Contact:** Wheeling Symphony Office at 304-232-6191 or 800-395-9241 for tickets or more information

### ***Shopping and a Show in New York City*** (October 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>)

**What:** Join Wheeling Symphony Auxiliary members on a Bus Trip to NYC to eat, drink and shop 'til-you-drop or take in a Broadway Show

**When:** Bus leaves the First State Capitol building 10 p.m. Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, arrives NYC about 7 a.m. Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>; returns to Wheeling about 6 a.m. Sunday morning, October 11<sup>th</sup>

**Cost:** \$99 person covers bus trip, snacks and drinks. Make reservations now. Payment due ASAP. ("Jersey Boys" 2 p.m. show tickets available for our group for additional \$106 discount price)

**Contact:** Barbara Knutsen at 304-215-0522; 304-242-3133 or email: barbaraknutsen@hotmail.com

### ***Boatsie's Stockings for Soldiers*** (Due by Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>)

**What:** Make a donation or make or buy a Christmas Stocking; list items and value; fill stocking and slip stitch top or secure it to prevent items from "spilling out." (Suggestions: variety of candy, gum, hot chocolate, DVD's, cards, travel toiletries, athletic socks, phone cards, black watch caps, etc. (Suggested value of stocking contents is \$20-25; checks or money is gratefully accepted).

**When:** Stockings or donations are due by Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. (See flyer at church entrance)

**Contact:** Janell 'Zoomie' Loh, Special Project Coordinator for Boatsie's Boxes at (304) 243-0675

## ***Story: Believe It, Achieve It***

In the "Star Wars" movie, The Empire Strikes Back, Luke Skywalker flies his X-wing ship to a swamp planet on a personal quest. There he seeks out a Jedi master named Yoda to teach him the ways of becoming a Jedi warrior. Luke wants to free the galaxy from the oppression of the evil tyrant, Darth Vader.

Yoda reluctantly agrees to help Luke and begins by teaching him how to lift rocks with his mental powers.

Then, one day, Yoda tells Luke to lift his ship out from the swamp where it sank after a crash landing. Luke complains that lifting rocks is one thing, but lifting a star-fighter is quite another matter. Yoda insists. Luke manages a valiant effort but fails in his attempt.

Yoda then focuses his mind, and lifts out the ship with ease. Luke, dismayed, exclaims, "I don't believe it!" "That's why you couldn't lift it," Yoda replied. "You didn't believe you could."

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

### ***Who Are the Lebanese?***

**By Cornelia B. Horn**

Ph. D. candidate in the Early Christian Studies Program at The Catholic University of America.

#### ***I - Introduction***

Lebanon, named "the white one" by the prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 18:14) because snow covered it most of the year, is a long mountain range extending over a distance of about 160 km from southwest to northeast along the Mediterranean coast, from Nahr el-Litani to Nahr el-Kebir. It comprises two parallel mountain ranges, the Lebanon as the western mountain range and the Anti-Lebanon as the eastern mountain range. Enclosed between the two mountain ranges lies the Beqa' Valley, which the Old Testament author of the Book of Joshua simply called "the Lebanon Valley" (Joshua 11:17, 12:7). The same author named the southern part of the Anti-Lebanon Mount Hermon (Joshua 11:17).

Lebanon's roots go far beyond those of a country whose borders were defined as a result of the divisions of the Ottoman Empire after World War II. Being home to the Phoenicians for thousands of years, Lebanon was the cradle of a great civilization. The fact that its name, landscapes and inhabitants are mentioned several times in the Old Testament and the New Testament emphasizes its character as a sacred land, a holy ground in the sight of God.

Lebanon's name was mentioned 71 times in the Old Testament, its regions are referred to several times in the New Testament, and extra-canonical literature speaks about it in ten cases. The Old Testament is full of praise for Lebanon's natural beauty and resources. The cedars of Lebanon were the most precious and costly wood desired by rulers of the surrounding countries. In images of Lebanon's imposing heights, the wealth and variety of plants, and the sweet odor of its perfumes and fragrances, God's love for men and women is celebrated. Lebanon's role in the history of salvation becomes even more evident in the writings of New Testament authors. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, visited the Phoenician cities along Lebanon's coast, preached to the people there and healed the sick.

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## ***Story: Become What You Want to Be***

A little girl was born into a very poor family in a shack in the backwoods of Tennessee. She was the 20<sup>th</sup> of 22 children, prematurely born and frail. Her survival was doubtful. When she was four years old she had double pneumonia and scarlet fever – a deadly combination that left her with a paralyzed and useless left leg. She had to wear an iron leg brace. Yet she was fortunate in having a mother who encouraged her.

Well, this mother told her little girl, who was very bright, that despite the brace and leg, she could do whatever she wanted to do with her life. She told her that all she needed to do was to have faith, persistence, courage and an indomitable spirit.

So at nine years of age, the little girl removed the leg brace, and she took the step the doctors told her she would never take normally. In four years, she developed a rhythmic stride, which was a medical wonder. Then this girl got the notion, the incredible notion, that she would like to be the world's greatest woman runner. Now, what could she mean – be a runner with a leg like that?

At age 13, she entered a race. She came in last-way, way last. She entered every race in high school, and in every race she came in last. Everyone begged her to quit! However, one day, she came in next to last. And then there came a day when she won a race. From then on, Wilma Rudolph won every race that she entered.

Wilma went to Tennessee State University, where she met a coach named Ed Temple. Coach Temple saw the indomitable spirit of the girl, that she was a believer and that she had great natural talent. He trained her so well that she went to the Olympic Games.

There she was pitted against the greatest woman runner of the day, a German girl named Jutta Heine. Nobody had ever beaten Jutta. But in the 100-meter dash, Wilma Rudolph won. She beat Jutta again in the 200-meters. Now Wilma had two Olympic gold medals.

Finally came the 400-meter relay. It would be Wilma against Jutta once again. The first two runners on Wilma's team made perfect handoffs with the baton. But when the third runner handed the baton to Wilma, she was so excited she dropped it, and Wilma saw Jutta taking off down the track. It was impossible that anybody could catch this fleet and nimble girl. But Wilma did just that! Wilma Rudolph had earned three Olympic gold medals.

## *Joke (560)*

### *Forrest Gump Goes to Heaven*

The day finally arrived. Forrest Gump dies and goes to Heaven.

He is at the Pearly Gates, met by St. Peter himself. However, the gates are closed, and Forrest approaches the gatekeeper.

St. Peter said, 'Well, Forrest, it is certainly good to see you. We have heard a lot about you. I must tell you, though, that the place is filling up fast, and we have been administering an entrance examination for everyone. The test is short, but you have to pass it before you can get into Heaven.'

Forrest responds, 'It sure is good to be here, St. Peter, sir. But nobody ever told me about any entrance exam. I sure hope that the test ain't too hard.

Life was a big enough test as it was.' St. Peter continued, 'Yes, I know, Forrest, but the test is only three questions.

First: What two days of the week begin with the letter T?

Second: How many seconds are there in a year?

Third: What is God's first name?'

Forrest leaves to think the questions over. He returns the next day and sees St. Peter, who waves him up, and says, 'Now that you have had a chance to think the questions over, tell me your answers.'

Forrest replied, 'Well, the first one -- which two days in the week begins with the letter "T"? Shucks, that one is easy. That would be, "Today and Tomorrow.'" The Saint's eyes opened wide and he exclaimed, 'Forrest, that is not what I was thinking, but you do have a point, and I guess I did not specify, so I will give you credit for that answer. How about the next one?' asked St. Peter.

'How many seconds in a year?'

Now that one is harder,' replied Forrest, 'but I think and think about that, and I guess the only answer can be twelve.'

Astounded, St. Peter said, 'Twelve?'

Twelve? Forrest, how in Heaven's name could you come up with twelve seconds in a year?'

Forrest replied, 'Shucks, there's got to be twelve: January 2<sup>nd</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>... 'Hold it,' interrupts St. Peter. 'I see where you are going with this, and I see your point, though that was not quite what I had in mind....but I will have to give you credit for that one, too. Let us go on with the third and final question.

Can you tell me God's first name?'

'Sure,' Forrest replied, 'it's Andy.'

'Andy?' exclaimed an exasperated and frustrated St Peter. 'Ok, I can understand how you came up with your answers to my first two questions, but just how in the world did you come up with the name Andy as the first name of God?'

'Shucks, that was the easiest one of all,' Forrest replied. 'I learnt it from the song,

“ANDY WALKS WITH ME, ANDY TALKS WITH ME, ANDY TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN.”

St. Peter opened the Pearly Gates, and said: 'Run, Forrest, run.'

Lord, give me a sense of humor. Give me the ability to understand a clean joke. To get some humor out of life, and to pass it on to other folks!