

**October 18, 2009**  
**Bulletin # 42**

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

*(Maronite Catholic Rite)*

*Faith ☩ Family ☩ Friends*

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**Rev. Bakhos Chidiac (Pastor)**

Evelyn Ghaphery (Organist)

Charlotte Khourey & Thomasina Geimer (Secretaries)

### ***5<sup>th</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: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross*

*Readings: Phil 2:12-18 and Mt 25:1-13*

Like the bride in the parable of the ten virgins, we know that the bridegroom is coming, but we do not know when: none of us can tell when Christ is coming to take him away in death, no generation of men knows when Christ will return to make the Church triumphant. But because our whole mind and our whole action must be concentrated on that longed-for hour of lodgment, we must always be ready. Lamps are not enough: there must be oil as well. This means that it is not enough to belong outwardly to the Church. We must have a living faith, grace and real love. All equipment and costume are meaningless without them. Only men whose minds are alive with the riches God has given them are ready. Health and beauty, cleverness, energy and courage are of no use if God's grace is not there. Golden lamps of good design are of no use in the dark if they have no oil. **"I never knew you,"** is the answer which Christ will give to those who put their trust in strength, beauty, intelligence or personality, yet had no care for God's word, his grace or love: their lamps were without oil.

Our readiness must be continual. We are not just friends of the bridegroom or the bride, but living members of the Lord's mystical body, living members of the Church, sharing in the betrothal and the marriage. We are not just spectators looking on nearby, not even mere friends invited to the feast. Thus every soul, and the whole Church, should be full of joyful expectancy at Christ's coming. It is natural for us to fear death and try to avoid it, but faith gives us an entirely different view of death. To our naive view of things, death is the end: to faith it is the beginning of great joy. The Christian looks to the future with a restlessness founded in this joy. What Christ has told us, **"keep watch, therefore, as you do not know the day or the hour,"** does not mean a fearful expectancy like that of Noah before the flood, or of the householder who feared the coming of the thief. This waiting of ours is joy. What we are expecting is the fulfillment of the good news, the revelation of God's mystery, the ecstatic happiness of complete communion between God and men. Here will be the fulfillment of all foreshadowing, wishes and longings of ancient myth and Christian mysticism, summed up in the cry of the Apocalypse when the bride says: "Come," and the heavenly Bridegroom answers: "I come quickly."

### *Reflection: Prayer to a Friend*

Not often do we find a friend  
In whom we can confide.  
One who seems to understand  
And will stay by your side.  
One who you can laugh with  
And enjoy the fun of life.  
One who you can paint with,  
And create a picture bright.  
This friend of mine has cried with me,  
She made me welcome in her home.  
There were times she prayed with me,  
And listened to all my poems.  
Dear Father, God, I need this friend,  
She's a real treasure in my life.  
We share our innermost thoughts, dear Lord,  
And at times I need her advice.  
We often discuss the Bible,  
And talk about our faith.  
We talk of love, war, sin, and hate,  
Recipes, clothes and past dates.  
Lord, not often do we find a friend  
To whom we can relate.  
To her, good health will you please send?  
Help her illness, put her on the mend.  
Thank you, Lord, her life to preserve,  
And You we will praise and always serve.

--Irene Chapple, MN

### *Famous Quotes: Single Lineers*

- The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.
- When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.
- People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.
- Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.
- Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
- If the church wants a better preacher, it only needs to pray for the one it has.

## *Mass Intentions*

### THIS WEEKEND, October 17-18: Fifth Sunday after the Holy Cross

#### **Saturday, October 17 at 4:00 p.m.**

Charles, Jimmy & Sophie Amien by Rev. Richard & Lourice Tinker (NY)

Martha Ruggiero by Joe & Ethel Joseph

#### **Sunday, October 18 at 10:30 a.m.:**

Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family

Juline DeMuth (on her 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by her Family

### Weekday Masses

**Monday, October 19:** No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

**Tuesday, October 20:** No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

**Wednesday, October 21:** No Mass. Pastor's vacation day

#### **Thursday, October 22 at Noon:**

Arthur Long (on his Birthday) by his wife Sylvia Long

M/M Thomas Ryncarz by Rich & Mary Ryncarz

Good health of Richard Shiben by his brother John & Family

#### **Friday, October 23 at Noon:**

M/M Mat Simonetti by Rich & Mary Ryncarz

Martha Ruggiero by Ron & Nina Zacchini

Good health of Richard Shiben by his brother John & Family

### NEXT WEEKEND, October 24-25: Sixth Sunday after the Holy Cross

#### **Saturday, October 24 at 4:00 p.m.**

Betty Joseph (on her 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) by her daughter & Family

Special Intention

Good health of Richard Shiben by his brother John & Family

#### **Sunday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m.:**

40-Day Mass for Teresa Joseph Shea by Mary & Frank Lish & Family

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

Good health of Richard Shiben by his brother John & Family

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

### **Help with the Endowment Fund to Keep Our Church Open and Active (Total Raised: \$1,708.00)**

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 (\$916), Donation (\$67),*

## ***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***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sunday, October 18	<b>Fall Harvest Picnic</b> – <i>from 1:30 to 6 p.m. – now to be held at the Duffy Home</i>
Wednesday, October 21	<b>No Mass. Fr. Bakhos day of vacation</b>
Thursday, October 22	<b>Bible Study</b> – <i>from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.</i> <b>Lebanese Language</b> – <i>from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.</i>
Sunday, October 25	<b>Women’s Society Meeting &amp; 50/50 Monthly Raffle Drawing</b> – <i>after Sunday Mass</i>
Fri., Oct. 31,-Fri., Nov. 6	<b>Week of All Souls Masses</b>
Saturday, November 14	<b>Movie Night: “Mama Mia”</b> – <i>at 5:45 p.m. – following Saturday Mass</i>
Sunday, November 29	<b>Parish Christmas Party</b> – <i>5:30 to 9:30 p.m. – see note below</i>
Sat. & Sun., Dec. 12-13	<b>Christmas Cookie, Candy, etc., Exchange &amp; Sale</b>
Sunday, December 13	<b>Parish Children’s Christmas Party</b> – <i>following Sunday Mass</i>
Sunday, December 20	<b>Fr. Bakhos’ Anniversary to the Priesthood Luncheon</b> – <i>following Sunday Mass</i>



### ***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. Bakhos today and sign up so we can begin.

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

#### ***Fall Harvest Picnic*** *(Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 to 6:00 p.m.)*

The Fall Harvest Picnic hosted by the Cedar Club on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 to 6 p.m. **is now scheduled to be held at the Duffy Home at 43 Garland Avenue (off of Valley View), not at Oglebay.** Bring a covered dish to share and a beverage of your choice. For more information or directions, call Allison at 304-243-6853 or Nini at 304-243-0057.

#### ***One Day Vacation for Fr. Bakhos*** *(Wednesday, October 21<sup>th</sup>, No Mass)*

#### ***Bible Study & Lebanese Language Classes*** *(Thursday, October 22nd)*

**Bible Study** – *from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.*

**Lebanese Language** – *from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.*

#### ***40-Day Mass for Teresa Joseph Shea*** *(Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.)*

## **Women's Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle Drawing** *(Sunday, October 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 **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. The anonymous winner of the September 50/50 drawing donated the prize of \$67 back to Our Lady of Lebanon Church. May they be blessed many fold.

## **Women's Society Meeting** *(Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, after Mass)*

Plan to join the Women's Society for their next meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, after Mass. We will complete our plans for the upcoming events.

## **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*

*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*

*Deceased of the Huffman & Oser Families by Mark & Debbie Huffman*

*Suzanne Linton by her husband Mike Linton*

*Frances Linton by her son Mike Linton*

*Mary & Keith Linton by their grandson Mike Linton*

*Joanne & Tony Male by their son-in-law Mike Linton*

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*Robert L. Rose by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt & Family*

*Cathy Sharp Howard by the Sengewalt Family*

*Simon & Fannie DiDomenico & Thomas Jalad by Anna Jalad*

*Joe & Nell Duffy & George & Rose Fadoul by Earl & Linda & Allison Duffy*

*Jim Garvey by Kay Garvey*

*Deceased of the Kay Garvey Family by Kay Garvey*

*Deceased Family Members of Albert & Anita Weisner by George & Jean Weisner & Family*

*Deceased Family Members of Nimon & Mariam Joseph by their children & grandchildren*

*George & Mary & Mike Elias by Joe Elias*

*Bessie & Ann & Lou Elias by Joe Elias*

*Abdo Habita & Mary Zaid Ferris by Tom & Denise Ferris*

*Teresa Joseph Shea (Austin, TX) by Frank & Mary Lish & Family*

*Our deceased dear ones of the Camille & MiMi Rohanna Families by Frank & Mary Lish & Family*

*Roland Tappe & members of the John Family by Julia Tappe*

*Living & Deceased Members of Joseph Linton Family by Joseph Linton*

*George & Mary Popovich by son Joe and Nikki Popovich*

*Helen Fielding and Augie Montelbano by daughter Nikki & Joe Popovich*

*Deceased of Don Fielding (FL) by Fr. Bakhos*

*Louis & Mary Elias by their Family*

*Deceased Members of the Long & Condelli Families by Sylvia Long*

*Peggy Emmerth by sisters Mary & Helen*

*Judy Custer by mother Mary & husband Rick*

*Chas Custer by mother Mary, brother Rick & daughter Candi*

*Deceased of the Coury, Aowad & Gibbons Families by Lucille Gibbons*

*Barkett & Sadie Coury by their children*

*Andrew & Mary Demsko by daughter Rosemary Cornish*

*Deceased of the Demsko and Cornish Families by Rosemary Cornish*

*Catherine Arthur by daughter Carol Burkhart*

*Deceased members of the Shiben & McFarland Families by John & Dee Shiben*

*Mr. & Mrs. Ira Sengewalt by the Sengewalt Family*

## **Movie Night** (Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:45 p.m.)

Movie Night scheduled for Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, will feature "Mama Mia" on the big screen in our Cedar Hall at 5:45 p.m. (after the Saturday Mass). The Cedar Club is sponsoring the movie and will provide soft drinks and popcorn. If you wish, bring an appetizer to share before the movie.

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

Singer George Suhon is booked to provide the entertainment for our parishioners on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 until 9:30 p.m. in our new Cedar Hall. Join us to celebrate this year of blessings in our new Cedar Hall. Everyone in attendance will be entered for Door Prizes. (*Women's Society members may bring the door prizes anytime – they can be stored in the church office.*)

All parishioners and their guests are welcome to attend and join together for a great time! The menu will be: *Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Almandine, Mixed Greens Salad, Rolls & Butter, a choice of Pies for Dessert and Coffee, Iced Tea or Lemonade.* Pop, beer and wine will be available a la carte.

**Reservations are required and should be made by Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, to guarantee that enough food may be ordered. If you have not paid or made a reservation to be included in the fun and festivities yet, call the church office at 304-233-1688. Please remember to bring your ticket with the attached, completed Door Prize Stub to the Dinner so that you can be entered for the Door Prize drawings.

**Tickets are \$10.00 each** for the complete meal, entertainment and door prizes. **Advance Payment is requested.** Make checks payable to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church & mark the Memo line: "Christmas Party."

***Christmas Cookie, Candy, etc., Sale & Exchange*** (Sat.-Sun., Dec. 12-13)

***Children's Christmas Party*** (following Mass on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>)

***Lunch to Honor Fr. Bakhos' Priesthood Anniversary*** (Sun, December 20)

***Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle*** (Drawing, Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>)

The Women's Society's next Gift Basket Raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at the luncheon to honor Fr. Bakhos' anniversary to the priesthood. The "Wine & More for the Holidays" Gift Basket will include several bottles of wine and other items and may help make your Christmas and New Year's holidays merrier. Look for more information in future bulletins.

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. Tickets are available in our weekly bulletin and at the entrance to the church at that time also.

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. Congratulations to Richard Ryncartz who won the October Gift Basket.

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

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

Philip Ruggiero, Dick Shibben (brother of John Shibben), Bob Dougherty (brother of Bill), Alice Holmes (sister of Eva Powell), Tammy, 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), Mary Ryncarz (Shadyside, OH), Manell Brice (Arlington, VA), Rose Mary Bris-Roybal (Albuquerque, NM), Pat & John Vawter (mother & brother of Dr. Rob Vawter)

### *Happy Birthday*

October 18: Bobbie Kupchak  
October 16: Natalie DeMuth, Karen John  
October 20: Sylvia Long, Courtney Sengewalt  
October 24: Jonathan D. Fadoul  
October 26: Joe Linton, Jared Voellinger  
October 29: George Thomas, John Wurtzbacher  
October 30: Michael Duffy, Andreah Frenn

### *Your Church Support Last Week*

\$ 918	Collection
47	Candles
180	Parking
95	Donation to Church
104	Spaghetti Dinner
\$1,344.00	Total. <i>May God reward you many fold</i>

## *What's New?*

### ***Congratulations on Your Baptism***

Abby Jo Ruggiero granted to her daughter Miracle Lynn the honor to be the adopted daughter of God through the sacrament of Baptism, last Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at Our Lady of Lebanon Church. Godparents were: Robert & Paula Gibbons. After the Baptism, a reception was held at the house of great grandma Lucille Gibbons for the family and friends. May Saint Sadie, the patron saint of Miracle Lynn, protect her and grant her along with her mom, godparents, and grandparents, good health and bright future.

### ***Congratulations on Your Wedding***

Randa & Adam Zavadil who were united in marriage Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox church. Randa is the daughter of our friend and benefactors Drs. Rajai & Nahla Khoury. Shireen Khoury, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and Ryan Leeson served as Best Man. A luxurious reception was held at the Glessner ballroom at Oglebay Park. We wish the bride and groom a happy and successful life together.

### ***New Residence for Betty Shia***

Betty Shia has moved from Eoff Street into Apt. 404 in Montani Towers at 940 Market Street. We wish her a happy new life filled with enjoyment and the company of fellow residents.

### ***To the Spaghetti Dinner Workers ... You are so Appreciated***

A heartfelt thank you from Linda and Carol goes out to all of the wonderful kitchen workers, the cooks, those who made the salad, to the take-out staff, to the front window workers, to the floor workers, to the dedicated servers, to the front desk ladies, to the raffle ticket sellers, to both the hostess and greeter, to the bake sale ladies, to the desserts crew, to the beverage servers, to the bussing and resetting crews, to the Saturday set-up workers and – last but not least – especially to the clean-up crew and anyone else who put their hearts and hands together for our church. You all helped to make this a very successful and beautiful event. People were praising the food and the service. Be proud of yourselves for you so very much deserve it. P.S. The cork candles were a nice touch.

### ***Spaghetti Dinner Update of Profit***

\$3,807.00	Income
<u>\$ 761.27</u>	Expenses
<b>\$3,045.73</b>	<b>Net Profit</b>

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

...Lou & Charlotte Khourey for sponsoring the Bronze Plaque located at the entrance to our church which was unveiled this past weekend. It states:

***In Memory of Our Beloved Founder  
Monsignor Paul K. Abraham  
Who came to serve the Maronite Catholics of Wheeling in 1906,  
And whose vision and dedication built and sustained  
Our Lady of Lebanon church for over 50 years***

The plaque is offered in gratitude to the founder of our Church. As Lou stated in his remarks, "Although the council was very busy over the past several years with the work on the new building addition, a number of parishioners had suggested that we do something special to honor Monsignor Abraham. Everyone agreed it was a good idea. And although it was important for us to look toward the future through the construction project, everyone agreed it was also important to remember our past."

...and thanks to Randy Weisner for the plaque's artistic wooden frame which he designed and made.

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

...Anna Jalad for donating a table for use in the Cedar Hall during our events.

## ***Generous Sponsor Needed: Baby Changing Station***

A baby changing station had been mounted between the men's and women's restroom. If any generous, big hearted benefactor is willing to donate \$225.00 to cover its cost it will be highly appreciated. Please contact Fr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688.

## ***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; **Zattar Bread**: \$1.50 pkg. of 2; **Wheat** (#1 fine and #2 medium): \$3.50 pkg. of 2 lb. and once again we now have more **Pita Bread**: \$3.00 pkg. of 10 large.

## ***Around Us***

### ***St. Alphonsus Ladies Guild Card Party*** (Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, from 1-4 p.m.)

What: Annual Card Party at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, October 25

Cost: \$6.00 includes light lunch and great prizes; for reservations call: 304-232-9810

### ***Wheeling Symphony Auxiliary Steak Fry*** (Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-10:30 p.m.)

What: Steak Fry sponsored by the Wheeling Symphony Auxiliary; bring your own place setting and utensils

When: Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-10:30 p.m.; delicious homemade desserts, beer & pop are included

Features: DJ – Joey Allen; Themed Gift Baskets, a Chinese Auction, Texas Poker, a 50/50 Raffle & Door Prizes

Reservations: Call 304-242-7015 or contact Charlotte at 304-277-3230

Send Payment to: Anita Carenbauer, 3 Evergreen Drive, Wheeling, WV 26003

### ***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

## ***Wisdom: Still Rope, Still Hope***

A story is told about an oilman who started to drill a new well on his land. In oil field jargon, the drilling pipe is called a "rope."

After drilling a deep hole, there was no oil to be found. The owner decided that it was a dead hole, and told the crew boss to cap the well. He would write it off as a complete loss.

Meanwhile, the foreman called to the driller and asked how much "rope" was left on the rig. "About six to eight feet," replied the driller. "Then keep on drilling deeper," shouted the foreman.

After drilling only two feet more, the well struck oil, and was one of the most productive wells in the entire oil field.

We can learn a lot about life from the drilling of an oil well; while there is still rope, there is still room for hope.

## ***Reflections: Those Who Love***

Who has learned to truly love has eyes that are not blind,  
and lips forever slow to say a word that is unkind,  
Turns sadness into sweetness, with fingers that can blend,  
A shadow into sunlight, and a song into the wind.  
Who has learned to truly love keeps Summer in his heart,  
Can meet with truth and counterfeit,  
And tell every precious hour, worth all its weight in gold,  
into a lasting arc that makes a rainbow in his soul.  
Who has learned to truly love can bend and never break,  
Give everything within him and never wish to take,  
Can see a silver lining in every cloud above,  
Blaze trails through stars to light the years  
....The hearts that truly love.

## *2009 Mahrajan Financial Report*

This report is sorted and listed with the most profitable booths listed first

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Net Profit</b>
Ad Book	10,525.00	993.26	9,531.74
Raffle Tickets	5,787.00	1,433.42	4,353.58
Food (Pastry)	4,259.00	1,495.71	2,763.29
Food Line (Kibbee)	3,416.00	657.39	2,758.61
Donations	1,705.00	11.80	1,693.20
Pop & Water	2,824.50	1,438.50	1,386.00
Beer	2,641.00	1,296.05	1,344.95
Food Line (Meat Pies)	1,430.50	326.74	1,103.76
Food Line (Tabouli)	1,158.00	280.92	877.08
Games (Hi-Lo)	924.00	116.20	807.80
Tents, Tables & Chairs	1,650.00	1,025.89	624.11
Food Line (Grape Leaves)	1,633.00	1,015.80	617.20
Food Line (Shish Kebab)	2,713.00	2,105.95	607.05
Food Line (Hummus)	690.00	132.21	557.79
Food (Shawarma)	803.00	353.60	449.40
Food Line (Rice)	497.00	83.54	413.46
Games (Children)	489.00	116.37	372.63
Food (Children)	528.00	156.00	372.00
Food Line (Pita Bread)	506.50	184.50	322.00
Food Line (Spinach Pies)	1,022.00	750.00	272.00
Food Line (Salad)	508.00	273.80	234.20
Games (Instant Bingo)	265.00	36.29	228.71
Souvenirs	892.00	677.20	214.80
Food Line (Cabbage Rolls)	939.50	744.60	194.90
Food (Falafel)	232.50	39.60	192.90
Food Line (Watermelon)	253.00	140.30	112.70
Face Painting & Clown	186.00	130.00	56.00
Publicity	0	638.00	-638.00
Entertainment (Dancers)	0	720.00	-720.00
Entertainment (Singer)	0	940.00	-940.00
Oglebay Cash Income Paid	1,500.00	0	-1,500.00
Oglebay Rental Spaces	800.00	3,564.00	-2,764.00
General Operation Supplies	85.00	3,073.92	-2,988.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,862.50</b>	<b>24,951.56</b>	<b>25,910.94</b>

### Previous years Mahrajan Financial Reports

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>Net Profit</b>
2006	\$57,596.00	\$35,791.00	\$19,805.00
2007	\$52,379.00	\$25,435.00	\$26,944.00
2008	\$49,631.00	\$21,958.00	\$27,673.00

2009	\$50,862.50	\$24,951.56	\$25,910.94
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## ***Maronites = Catholics of the East***

### ***Lebanon in the Holy Scriptures***

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#### ***III. Lebanon in the Old Testament***

Joshua 13:6 "At the advance of the Israelites I will drive out all the Sidonian inhabitants of the mountain regions between Lebanon and Misrephoth-maim; at least include these areas in the division of the Israelite heritage, just as I have commanded you."

Judges 3:1 "The following are the nations which the Lord allowed to remain, . . . the five lords of the Philistines; and all the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites who dwell in the mountain region of Lebanon between Baal-hermon and the entrance to Hamath."

1 Kings 9:17 "Solomon then rebuilt Gezer, . . . all his cities for supplies, cities for chariots and for horses, and whatever else Solomon decided should be built in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in the entire land under his dominion."

Song of Songs 4:8 "Come from Lebanon, my bride, come from Lebanon, come! Descend from the top of Amana, from the top of Senir and Hermon, from the haunts of lions, from the leopards' mountains."

Zechariah 10:10 "I will bring them back from the land of Egypt, and gather them from Assyria. I will bring them into Gilead and into Lebanon, but these shall not suffice them."

These passages illustrate that in Old Testament times, Lebanon functioned as the northern border for the tribes of Israel. When Joshua occupied the land east and west of the Jordan to gain it for the Israelite tribes, his expansion stretched north up to Lebanon. Yet even when he was older and advanced in years, the territory of the Israelites extended only to that border. It was God's explicit promise to the people dwelling in these northern regions that they should remain there.

#### ***B. Praise for Lebanon's Wealth of Natural Resources***

In antiquity, Mount Lebanon was especially famous for its cedars, other coniferous trees, and plane trees (2 Kings 19:23, Isaiah 14:8, 37:24, 60:13; Zechariah 11:2, Ezekiel 31). The prophet Isaiah was full of praise for Lebanon's cypresses, plane trees and larches (Isaiah 60:13). The cedars of Lebanon are exalted as the finest of trees (1 Kings 5:13). In the parable of Jotham, these cedars are compared to bramble bushes (Judges 9:15).

(To be continued)

## ***Story: Telling One's Own Story***

When the great Rabbi Israel Baal Shem-Tov saw misfortune threatening the Jews, it was his custom to go into a certain part of the forest to meditate. There he would light a fire, say a prayer, and a miracle would be accomplished and the misfortune averted.

Later, when his disciple, the celebrated Magid of Mezritch, had occasion, for the same reason, to say the prayer, he would go to the same place in the forest and say: "Master of the Universe, listen! I do not know how to light the fire, but I am still able to say the prayer." And, again, a miracle would be accomplished.

Still later, Rabbi Moshe-Leib of Sasov, in order to save his people once more, would go into the forest and say: "I do not know how to light the fire, I do not know the prayer, but I know the place, and this must be sufficient." Once again, a miracle.

Then it fell to Rabbi Israel of Rizhyn to overcome misfortune. Sitting in his armchair, his head in his hands, he spoke to God: "I am unable to light the fire and I do not know the prayer; I cannot even find the place in the forest. All I can do is to tell the story, and this must be sufficient." And it was sufficient.

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***Lot's Flea***

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt."

His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

***Wine Versus Grape Juice***

A teetotalling mother was very vocal from time to time about her theory that only grape juice-not wine-was served at the Last Supper. During one of these discussions her daughter said

"But, Mother, don't you remember that at Cana Jesus turned the water into wine?"

The mother, eyes blazing, said, "Yes! And he never should have done it, either!"

***Out of the Mouths of Babes***

My sister and her children moved to my city not long ago and began attending church for the first time in their lives. They particularly loved the singing and the Communion service. One day while babysitting, I fixed the children their favorite lunch of bur-ritos and apple juice.

As I left the room, I heard four-year-old Alisha begin to celebrate Communion with her lunch items. She seemed to have memorized the words of Consecration quite well, except when it came to the cup.

I heard her say, "And Jesus took the cup, and he blessed it, and he gave God thanks for it, and he said, 'Fill it with Folgers and wake 'em up!'" What wonderful theology!

***Matzo Braille***

A Jewish man took his Passover lunch to eat outside in the park. He sat down on a bench and began eating. A blind man came by and sat down next to him. Feeling neighborly, the Jew passed a sheet of matzo to the blind man.

The blind man handled the matzo for a few minutes, looked puzzled, and finally exclaimed, "Who wrote this nonsense?"

***Wrong First Lady***

A teacher was discussing a news item about the president and the first lady with her class. The teacher asked the class if anyone knew who the "first lady" was.

One student hesitantly answered, "Eve?"

***Lopsided Tale of Two Cities***

A Minneapolis man told his pastor that he was leaving the church because he finally looked into that book the pastor was always citing, and he noted, "It has all that stuff about St. Paul and not a word about Minneapolis!"

***How to Call the Police When You're Old***

George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" He said "No." Then they said "All patrols are busy. You should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available." George said, "Okay" He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot them." and hung up.

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Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic, and an Ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence, and caught the burglars red-handed. One of the Policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"