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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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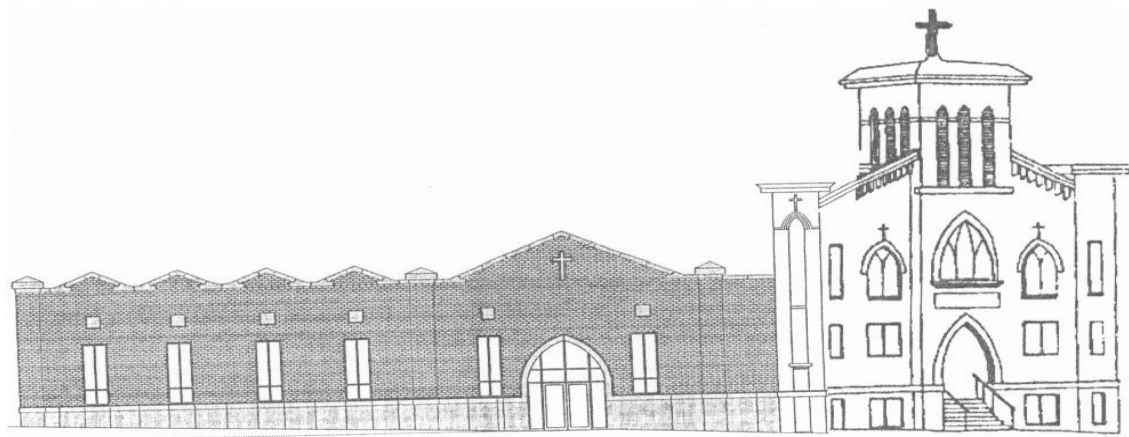
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Announcement to Zechariah



Schedule of Divine Liturgies

- ***Weekend Masses:** Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. [Rosary & Litany start at 10:10 a.m.]
- ***Weekday Masses:** **At Noon.** Please refer to the Mass schedule on page 3 of this bulletin for Mass times and changes due to special events. Thank you for your cooperation.
- ***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every 1st Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m. & 1st Sunday after Communion
- ***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



- *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
- ***Hall Rental Fees:** Call the Church Office 304-233-1688
- ***Parking:** Saturday & Sunday – both parking lots are for parishioners; Monday through Friday – park ONLY in the 3 ALLEY spaces

Start of: Season of the Glorious Birth of the Lord

How hard it is to wait. We wait for birth; we wait for death. We wait for the end of war and the establishment of God's reign of peace and justice. In these waiting days of Advent, we have guides who can assist us. The prophets John the Baptist, Paul and Mary show us how to wait in patience and hope. They give us courage to be ready for Christ's coming now and at the end of the age. Let us learn from them so that we can announce his coming with love and joy. Let us be glad that through Jesus, the world is freed from the power of evil. Let us rejoice that with Jesus, we will reign forever. Let us exult that in Jesus, God is with us to save us.

The Maronite Church remembers and celebrates the saving deeds and events of Christ's life through the entire year. Through this process of remembrance and celebration the people of God encounter the Lover of humankind and experience the ongoing mystery of God's transformative love. The Church year has two main parts:

A- The Sanctoral Cycle:

That is the calendar of feasts honoring and remembering the exemplary lives of: Jesus, Son of the Living God; Presentation in the Temple; Transfiguration; Ascension; Mary, Mother of the Light; Presentation of Mary in the Temple; Praises of Mother of God; Annunciation to Mary; Our Lady of Lebanon; Our Lady of the Seeds; Dormition (Assumption of Mary); Birth of the Virgin Mary; Saints of the Maronite Calendar: John the Baptizer; Anthony the Great; Saint Maron; St. Michael; Saints Peter and Paul; St. John and other Apostles; St. Sharbel; St. Elias; St. Rafka and saint Hardini.

B- The Temporal Cycle:

That is the weekly calendar of Christ's saving deeds commemorated in six Seasons: *Season of Announcement*. It contains seven Sundays preceded by one or two Sundays in November recalling the Consecration of the Church and the Dedication of the Temple. Zechariah's announcement of the Baptizer's birth; Mary's announcement of the Messiah's birth; Elizabeth's visit by Mary; John the Baptizer's birth; Joseph's announcement of the Messiah's birth; Genealogy, announcements to Old Testament prophets; Christmas – announcement of the Angels. Each of these Sundays consecutively announces and prepares for the Birth of Jesus, the Savior. From the Announcement to Zachariah to the Genealogy Sunday news of the Lord's Incarnation is given to various individuals who had been awaiting the Messiah's coming. The final announcement is made by the "*Watchers in Glory*" to all of creation of the Feast of the birth of our Lord: "Glory to God on high and peace and good hope to all people. Today the Church rejoices as she hears the announcement of the birth of the Anointed One. Today, the Creator returns to make the land a palace and of the seas a Kingdom. How happy is this day forever."

Gospel Reflection: Announcement to Zechariah

Readings: Rom 4:13-25 and Lk 1:1-25

The prophet Isaiah tells it thus: "A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord." (11:1-2).

Thoughts of Jesus fill our minds when we hear these beautiful words, for Jesus truly is descended from the root of Jesse and has been raised up as a sign to all generations of his kingship.

Many of us have Jesse trees in our churches or homes, onto or under which we remember others – often expectant parents – with prayers and gifts. The Old Testament told us about other special births, but even as we listen to stories about Samson and John the Baptizer, our minds are on the growing Christ-Child. Our time of waiting grows both short and heavy.

Will we be like the unnamed mother of Samson, who "did not ask (the man of God) where he came from" but was faithfully obeyed? Will we be like Zechariah, who "was terrified; and fear overshadowed him" so that he became speechless? Will we be like the psalmist, whose "mouth is filled with... praise... all day long?"

Prayer: Answer to Prayer

Years ago an old lady down south had no money to buy food. But with complete trust in God, she got down on her knees and prayed aloud: "Dear Lord, please send me a side of bacon and a sack of cornmeal."

Over and over again the old lady repeated the same plea in a loud voice. Now, one of the town's most detestable characters, overhearing her supplication, decided to play a trick on her. Hurrying to the nearest store, he bought a side of bacon and a sack of corn-meal. Upon his return to the cabin, he dropped the food down the chimney. It landed right in front of the hungry woman as she knelt in prayer.

Jumping to her feet, she exclaimed jubilantly, "O Lord, you've answered my prayer!" Then she ran all around the neighborhood telling everyone the good news.

This was too much for the scoundrel. He ridiculed her before the whole town by telling how he had dropped the food down the chimney himself. The wise old woman quickly replied, "Well, the devil may have brought it, but it was the Lord who sent it!"

Wisdom: Consider the Walnut!

If you compare a walnut with some of the beautiful and exciting things that grow on our planet, it does not seem to be a marvelous act of creation. It is common looking, rough, not particularly attractive, and certainly not monetarily valuable.

Besides, it is small. Its growth is limited by the hard shell that surrounds it, the shell from which it never escapes on its own.

Of course, though, that's the wrong way to judge a walnut. Break a walnut open and look inside. See how the walnut has grown to fill every nook and cranny available to it. It had no say in the size or shape of that shell, but, given those limitations, it achieved its full potential of growth.

How lucky we will be if, like the walnut, we blossom and bloom in every space of life that is given to us. Take heart! If one nut can do it, so can you.

Reflection: Forgiveness

The Power of Attitude

Our emotions are powerful motivators, and more than almost anything else in our lives they will drive our behavior. Sometimes our greatest challenge is to get inside our own heads to understand what makes us tick. Why do we feel and behave the way we do?

Highly motivated, positive people are focused. The mind is clear, and energy levels are high. Also, many things can hold you back and prevent you from becoming all you can be. One of those things is ... Emotional Baggage.

I know two family members who were best friends, but several years ago, one reminded the other of something that had happened thirty years earlier. One thing led to another and, you know what, they haven't spoken since.

Anger or resentment is like a cancer, and when you let it go untreated, it will put an invisible ceiling on your future. You don't know it ... but it does.

William Ward identified the cure when he said, "Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the handcuffs of hate."

Those are powerful words, and I know from personal experience ... forgiveness works. A few times in my life I've been greatly wronged and taken advantage of. My first reaction, of course, was anger and resentment. I held it for awhile and felt my stomach tie up in knots, my appetite wane, and the joy slip out of my life. The quote from Ward provided the wake-up call I needed to forgive the person who had wronged me. It was like I had been playing the first half of a basketball game with three-pound steel shoes, and in the locker room the coach said, "Mac, try these new Nikes in the second half." Multiply that by ten and you'll understand how great it feels to unload your "emotional baggage" through the power of forgiveness.

--By Mac Anderson

Wisdom: Cure Flu with Onion

In 1919 when the flu killed 40 million people there was this Doctor that visited the many farmers to see if he could help them combat the flu. Many of the farmers and their family had contracted it and many died.

The doctor came upon this one farmer and to his surprise, everyone was very healthy. When the doctor asked what the farmer was doing that was different the wife replied that she had placed an unpeeled onion in a dish in the rooms of the home, (probably only two rooms back then). The doctor couldn't believe it and asked if he could have one of the onions and place it under the microscope. She gave him one and when he did this, he did find the flu virus in the onion. It obviously absorbed the bacteria, therefore, keeping the family healthy.

Now, I heard this story from my hairdresser in AZ. She said that several years ago many of her employees were coming down with the flu and so were many of her customers. The next year she placed several bowls with onions around in her shop. To her surprise, none of her staff got sick. It must work. (And no, she is not in the onion business.)

The moral of the story is, buy some onions and place them in bowls around your home. If you work at a desk, place one or two in your office or under your desk or even on top somewhere. Try it and see what happens. We did it last year and we never got the flu.

If this helps you and your loved ones from getting sick, all the better. If you do get the flu, it just might be a mild case. Whatever, what have you to lose? Just a few bucks on onions!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I don't know about the farmers' story but, I do know that I contacted pneumonia and needless to say I was very ill. I came across an article that said to cut both ends off an onion put one end on a fork and then place the forked end into an empty jar ... placing the jar next to the sick patient at night. It said the onion would be black in the morning from the germs ... sure enough it happened just like that ... the onion was a mess and I began to feel better. Another thing I read in the article was that onions and garlic placed around the room saved many from the black plague years ago because their powerful antibacterial, antiseptic properties.

Mass Intentions

THIS WEEKEND, November 14-15: Announcement to Zechariah

Saturday, November 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Gloria and John J. John by Marge & Louis John
Good health of Richard Shibben by his brother John & Family

Sunday, November 15 at 10:30 a.m.:

Mark Long (on his Birthday) by his mother Sylvia Long
Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

Weekday Masses

Monday, November 16: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, November 17: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Wednesday, November 18: No Mass. Pastor's vacation day

Thursday, November 19 at Noon:

Lou Elias by his daughter Debbie Kull & Family
Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions
Good health & speedy recovery of all those on our prayer list

Friday, November 20 at Noon:

Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions
Mike & Sadie Thomas and Deceased Relatives (MN) by Ervin & Rosemary Splatt (WI)
Good health & speedy recovery of all those on our prayer list

NEXT WEEKEND, November 21-22: Announcement to the Virgin Mary

Saturday, November 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Mariam & John Keegan by Marge & Louis John
Martha Ruggiero by Agnes DiChianzza
Good health & speedy recovery of all those on our prayer list

Sunday, November 22 at 10:30 a.m.:

Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family

Harry Seabright, Ernie Truelove & Edwin Sinila by the Family

Good health & speedy recovery of all those on our prayer list

Donate to the Church Maintenance Fund**Help with the Endowment Fund to Keep Our Church Open and Active (Total Raised: \$1,854.00)**

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. Deposit my donation in the Endowment Fund account designated to maintain and support the church. Also, I wish to be enrolled in the daily Mass intentions as a benefactor.)

We thank the following individuals for their generous contribution to this Endowment Fund. They will be remembered in every Mass: *Bill & Mary Stees (\$250), Tom Ferris (\$325), Sylvia Long (\$100), Catherine Arthur (Memorial) (\$100), Women's Society Fundraising total (\$964), Donation (\$67), Mary Custer (48),*

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 18th 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
Saturday, November 14	Movie Night: "Mama Mia" – at 5:45 p.m. (following Saturday Mass)
Thursday, November 19	Bible Study – from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Lebanese Language – from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, November 22	Women's Society Meeting – following Sunday Mass
Saturday, November 28	Decorate Hall for Christmas Party – beginning at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 29	50/50 Monthly Raffle – <u>Please Note Change:</u> Drawing will be at Christmas Party
Sunday, November 29	Parish Christmas Party – 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. – <u>Deadline:</u> Monday, November 23
Monday, November 30	Bulletin Ad Page – <u>Payment Due</u>
Monday, November 30	Bulletin Mailing Subscription – <u>Payment Due</u>
Sat. & Sun., Dec. 12-13	Christmas Cookie, Candy, etc., Exchange & Sale
Sunday, December 13	Parish Children's Christmas Party – following Sunday Mass
Sunday, December 13	Christmas Poinsettia – <u>Deadline</u>
Sunday, December 20	Donation of Non-Perishable Food – <u>Deadline</u>
Sunday, December 20	Women's Society Gift Basket Drawing – at Fr. Bakhos' Anniversary Luncheon
Sunday, December 20	Fr. Bakhos' Anniversary to the Priesthood Luncheon – following Sunday Mass



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, ??*

Movie Night (Saturday, November 14th, at 5:45 p.m.)

Movie Night scheduled for Saturday, November 14th, 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.

One Day Vacation for Fr. Bakhos (Wednesday, November 18th, No Mass)

Bible Study & Lebanese Language Classes (Thursday, November 19th)

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

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

Parish Christmas Party (Sunday, November 29th, from 5:30 until 9:30 p.m.)

Singer George Suhon is booked to provide the entertainment for our parishioners at our Parish Christmas Party sponsored by our Women’s Society members on Sunday, November 29th, from 5:30 until 9:30 p.m. Come celebrate this year of blessings in our Cedar Hall. 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. Everyone who attends is eligible for Door Prizes. (*Women’s Society members may bring door prizes anytime – they can be stored in the church office.*)

Reservations are required and must be made by Sunday, November 23rd, to guarantee that enough food may be ordered. (No tickets will be available to be sold after November 23rd; none available at the door.) To be included in the fun and festivities, call the church office at 304-233-1688. Remember to bring your ticket with the attached, completed Door Prize Stub to the Dinner so that you can be entered for the Door Prizes (or to avoid forgetting them and let us hold your ticket(s) at the door). **Advance Payment is requested. Tickets are \$10.00 each.** Write checks to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church & mark the Memo line: “Christmas Party.”

Women’s Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle (Drawing: Sunday, November 29th)

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.”

November 50/50 Raffle Tickets can be found at the church entrance and in the Weekly Church Bulletins. Please Note: The drawing from entries received will take place in the Cedar Hall at the Parish Christmas Party on **Sunday, November 29.**

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 Mary Custer who won the November prize of \$48. She donated her prize toward the Church Endowment Fund. Many Thanks to you Mary.

2010 Ad in Bulletin Now Due (Monday, November 30th)

If you wish to purchase an ad on the back of our popular weekly bulletin, please contact the church office at 304-233-1688 to see if any space is still available. Your payment should be received by Monday, November 30th.

2010 Bulletin Mail Subscription Now Due (Monday, November 30th)

If you are unable to attend the church and wish to receive the Weekly Bulletin by mail, please send your subscription payment of \$50 to cover the cost of mailing it to your home throughout the year 2010.

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

Our parish's third Christmas Cookie, Candy, etc., Sale & Exchange has been scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, December 12 & 13. Here's how it works:

--Make and bring extras of your favorite Christmas treats so that plenty will be available for sale.

--You may then buy goodies that another person brings **OR**

--You may choose to "exchange" half your treats for an equal amount that another person brings. (If you wish to take home 2 dozen treats, please bring 4 dozen – half for you to exchange and half for others to buy; if you want to take home 3 dozen, bring 6 dozen, etc.)

Donated cookies or other treats may be dropped off beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 12th; however, those who wish to "exchange" half their cookies donated should plan to come between 10 and 11 a.m.

Goodies remaining after the "exchange" are available for sale by the half dozen. Anyone can buy our treats (you do not have to bring anything to exchange). Just remember to come during the sale hours:

Saturday, December 12, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. and immediately following the 4 p.m. Mass; and Sunday, December 13, following 10:30 Mass.

Please make some goodies – any holiday treat will be welcomed: Lebanese specialty (Baklava, Mamouls, Sesame Twist Cookies, Namoura, Makaroons, Ghroubeh), Biscotti, Pizzelles, Nut Horns, Pecan Sandies, Thumbprint Cookies, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Peanut Butter Blossoms, Oatmeal Cookies, Raisin Cookies, Chocolate Peanut Butter Cookies, Shortbread Cookies, Russian Tea Cookies, Snicker Doodle Cookies, 7 Layer Bar Cookies, Anise Cookies, Feniki Cookies, Coconut Bon Bons, Truffles, Hard Tack Candy, Buckeyes, Fudge (chocolate, peanut butter, maple, vanilla, brown sugar, etc.), Nut Rolls, regular or mini-size quick breads with or without nuts (pumpkin, zucchini, banana, blueberry, cranberry, lemon, poppy seed), etc.

If you plan to participate by preparing your favorite goodies for this fundraiser, please let us know what you might make so we can tempt people by printing a list of items. *So far, donations this year will include: Buckeyes, Pecan Tassies*, Call the Church office at 304-233-1688 or Charlotte at 304-277-2320.

Children's Christmas Party (following Mass on Sunday, December 13th)

The Women's Society invites all who attend Our Lady of Lebanon Church to bring their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to the Children's Christmas Party planned for Sunday, December 13th, following 10:30 a.m. Mass. Santa will come to the party to visit with each child.

Christmas Poinsettias (Deadline: Sunday, December 13th)

Every Christmas our church looks beautiful when decorated with poinsettias grown by Nikki's Garden Center, \$25.00 each. Your generosity contributes to the beauty of the church.

2009 Christmas Poinsettias are offered in Memory of:

\$25 Louise N. & Louis H. Khourey Sr. & Gladys Howard by Lou, Charlotte Khourey & family

\$25 Fred Oser by Dolores Oser

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\$25 Ron Canestraro by the Oser family

\$25 The deceased members of the Oser & Gongola families

\$25 In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Dolores Oser

\$30 For a Special Intention by "a Friend"

\$25 John F. Kukula by his wife Mary Rose Kukula & family

\$25 *Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL)*

\$25 *Joseph, Victoria & Minnie John by Marge & Lou John*

\$25 *Gloria & John J. John by Marge & Lou John*

\$25 *Marian & John Keegan by Marge & Lou John*

\$25 *Mary K. Ferris by her husband Tom & her daughter Denise*

Christmas Barrel of Non-perishable Food (Deadline: December 20th)

A barrel has been placed at the upper lobby where we enter the Church for non-perishable food items to be given to those who are in need this Christmas Season. Our church will give a monetary gift from the “poor box” donations along with the food items to families with children. Please be generous if you can share your blessings.

Fr. Bakhos’ 18th Anniversary to Priesthood Luncheon (Sun., Dec. 20th)

Plan to join the members of the Women’s Society at a luncheon to honor Fr. Bakhos’ 18th Anniversary to the Priesthood on Sunday, December 20, after Mass. (*He was ordained on December 21, 1991.*) May we continue to be blessed with many more years of his leadership as our pastor. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

Women’s Society Gift Basket Raffle (Drawing, Sunday, December 20th)

The Women’s Society’s next Gift Basket Raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, December 20th, at the luncheon to honor Fr. Bakhos’ anniversary to the priesthood. The “Wine & More for the Holidays” Gift Basket includes one bottle of the following wines: Bolla Chianti and Valpolicello; Oak Leaf Shiraz and Merlot; Lindemans Cabernet Sauvignon; Sutter Home White Zinfandel; one four-bottle wine rack; two Italian-made wine goblets; and a cheese cutting board, with a cleaver, knife, and cheese plane – all to help make your Christmas and New Year’s holidays merrier.

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 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:

Sam Elias, Justin Frenn, Gary West, Louis John, Dick Shiben (brother of John), Bob Dougherty (brother of Bill), Bart Ciofani, Alice Holmes (sister of Eva Powell), Tammy, Richard Ryncarz, Edith Fahey, Frank Lish,

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

Christine Solberg (MN), Rosella Saseen, Barb Sobota, Laura Wellman, Virginia Khourey Bryan (aunt of Lou Khourey in Toledo, OH), Manell Brice (Arlington, VA), Rose Mary Bris-Roybal (Albuquerque, NM), Pat & John Vawter (mother & brother of Dr. Rob Vawter)

Happy Birthday

November 15:	Rena Bratton
November 18:	Emily Vince, Rose Vargo
November 19:	Elizabeth Olako
November 20:	Larry Breiding
November 22:	Cecilia John
November 24:	Jim Brubach, Mick Kukula
November 26:	Mary Lish

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,119	Collection
73	Candles
10	Utilities
380	Parking
125	Christmas Flowers
150	Reimbursement
310	Christmas Dinner Party
50	Endowment Fund
100	Donation to Church
480	Bulletin Ads
100	Donation to Poor Parish Families
\$2,897	Total. <i>May God reward you many fold</i>

What's New?

New Article for Bulletin

If you come across an interesting or beneficial article which is appropriate for our church bulletin and parishioners interest, please submit a copy to Fr. Bakhos (or Charlotte) or email it to: ololwv@comcast.net. Thank you.

New Parking Lot

Dear Parishioners,

On Saturday or Sunday if you are the first to arrive at the entrance to the parking lot which you enter off of 22nd Street and you find the yellow chain across the entrance, please open it so you and others can park inside. (Fr. Bakhos might be busy preparing for the Mass at that time.) Both parking lots are for use by our parishioners on the weekends.

Congratulations: A New Baby Girl

Our warmest wishes and congratulations go out to Sam & Elizabeth Zinn on the birth of their daughter Abigail Elizabeth. Abigail was born on Sunday, November 8, and is the granddaughter of Rick & Debbie (Elias) Davis and the great granddaughter of our beloved parishioners Sam and Bernadine Elias. May the Lord God and his Blessed Mother bless her and grant her a healthy life and bright future.

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.

Poor Box

Please consider sharing your blessings with the brothers and sisters of Christ. Some are in dire need some are not, but God alone knows what's in each one's heart. The Poor Box is located at the rear of the church near the Holy Water Font. Half of the money from that box is deposited in our "Parish Families Assistance Fund" and the other half is given to the nun at the Catholic Charity on 18th Street, Wheeling to be used for the poor and homeless. May your good deeds toward the brothers and sisters of Christ shine in the kingdom of God.

Around Us

St. John the Divine Church Bake Sale (Order Deadline: Sunday, November 15)

What & When: Holiday Bake Sale; Order/Payment by Sun., Nov. 15; Pick-up Wed., Dec. 9, 11 am-3 pm
 Items Available: "Yia Yia Cooks"; Koulourakia, Kourambethes, Finikia, Baklava, Spanakopita, etc.
 Info & Costs: Elizabeth 304-233-5674 or Goldie 304-394-5861

Boatsie's Stockings for Soldiers (Due by Monday, November 16th)

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 16th. (See flyer at church entrance)
 Contact: Janell 'Zoomie' Loh, Special Project Coordinator for Boatsie's Boxes at (304) 243-0675

Wheeling Park Presents Play (Sunday-Tuesday, November 22-24, at 7 p.m.)

What: Park Players present – *The Butler Did It* Sunday-Tuesday, November 22, 23 & 24, at 7 p.m.
 Tickets: \$7.00 in advance; \$8.00 at the door; \$6.00 for groups of 10 or more if attending on same night
 Information: 304-243-0417 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays or wphsparkplayers@yahoo.com

Pierogi Sale (Orders accepted until December 6)

What: Precooked Homemade Potato & Cheese Pierogi
 Where: St. John Church, Benwood
 Cost: \$6.00 per dozen. Information: 304-232-7558

Reflection: The Meaning of Love

Love is the only way to grasp another human being in the innermost core of his personality. No one can become fully aware of the very essence of another human being unless he loves him. By his love he is enabled to see the essential traits and features in the beloved person; and even more, he sees that which is potential in him, which is not yet actualized but yet ought to be actualized.

Furthermore, by his love, the loving person enables the beloved person to actualize these potentialities. By making him aware of the what he can be and of what he should become, he makes these potentialities come true.
 --Viktor Frankl

Story: Little Stories

Who Really Loves God

An angel was walking down the street of a nearby town. In the angel's right hand was a torch and in the left was a bucket of water. "What are you going to do with that fire and water?" a passerby inquired.

The angel replied, "With the torch, I'm going to burn down the mansions of heaven, and with the bucket of water, I'm going to put out the fires of hell. Then we'll see who really loves God."

Alphabet Prayer

One night while babysitting, a grandfather passed his granddaughter's room and overheard her repeating the alphabet in an oddly reverent fashion. "What on earth are you up to?" he asked.

"I'm saying my prayers," explained the little girl. "But I can't think of exactly the right words tonight, so I'm just saying all the letters. God will put them together for me, because he knows what I'm thinking."

Maronites = Catholics of the East

Lebanon in the Holy Scriptures (8)

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C. Exploitation of Lebanon's Wood Resources by Egyptians and Assyrians.

From 2700 BC on, overseas trade in wood between Lebanon and Egypt was in full bloom. Egyptian texts often characterized the famous wood imported from Lebanon using the adjectives "true" and "new." Byblos functioned as one of the most important seaports of Lebanon.

Because of its wealth in cedars and other valuable trees, Lebanon was soon the object of desire and the goal of several expeditions of the rulers of Egypt and Mesopotamia. Assyrians and Babylonians (Habakkuk 2:17), Alexander the Great, the Seleucids as well as the Romans exploited Lebanon's abundance and wealth in wood (cf. 2 Kings 19:23, Jeremiah 37:24).

In recent years, scholars have conducted archeological-botanical surveys at various sites in Israel and they were able to point out the use of wood from the cedars of Lebanon (*cedrus Libani*) for special construction purposes and objects throughout different historical periods and in a variety of regions of the country.

While in the earlier times the wood of the cedars from Lebanon was mostly used as building material for palaces and temples, during the Hellenistic and Roman times it seems to have been used almost exclusively for constructing ships. As of the twelfth century, real competition arose between the Egyptians and the Assyrians over the wood resources of Lebanon.

In the response of the Lord God to the prayer of the Jewish King Hezekiah, the scriptures describe the devastation of the cedars and firs caused by the Assyrian King Sennacherib.

King Sennacherib had boasted, "With my many chariots I climbed the mountain heights, the recesses of Lebanon; I cut down its lofty cedars, its choice cypresses; I reached the remotest heights, its forest park" (2 Kings 19:23). In a satire of the Assyrian King Sapor, whom Isaiah called "the morning star" who had "fallen down from the heavens" (Isaiah 14:12) – a title which the Vulgate translated as "Lucifer" and the fathers of the Church understood as a reference to Satan – the prophet Isaiah let the cypresses rejoice and the cedars of Lebanon say to the violent Assyrian King, "Now that you are laid to rest, there will be none to cut us down" (Isaiah 14:8).

In the Old Testament, the trees of Mount Lebanon are often used as an image for man's hubris, against which God will step in (Isaiah 2:13, 10:34, 37:24; Jeremiah 22:6,20,23).

Unfortunately, today there are not many of the rich, ancient cedar groves left. Sporadic remnants can be found in Bcharre, on Arz Tamurin, on Jebel al-Qaraqif and on Jebel al-Baruk. --(To be continued)

Story: *Work with Flaws*

There is a story about two men, both Italian sculptors and contemporaries, named Donatello and Michelangelo. One day Donatello received delivery of a huge block of marble. After examining it carefully, Donatello rejected the marble because it was too flawed and cracked for him to use.

Now this was long before forklifts and hydraulic lifts, so the workmen moved the heavy load by using a series of log rollers. Rather than struggle back to the quarry, the quick-thinking haulers decided to deliver it down the street to Michelangelo. After all, he was known to be a little absent-minded. He might not realize that he had not ordered a three-ton block of marble.

When Michelangelo inspected the marble, he saw the same cracks and flaws, as did Donatello. But he also saw the block as a challenge to his artistic skills. It became a personal challenge he could not pass up. So Michelangelo accepted the block of marble that Donatello had already rejected as too flawed and too cracked to be of any use.

Michelangelo proceeded to carve from that seemingly useless block of marble what is considered to be one of the world's greatest art treasures – the statue "David."

<i>Joke (567)</i>

The South - You Gotta Love It**Alabama**

A group of Alabama friends went deer hunting and paired off in twos for the day. That night, one of the hunters returned alone, staggering under the weight of an eight-point buck. 'Where's Henry?' the others asked. 'Henry had a stroke of some kind. He's a couple of miles back up the trail,' the successful hunter replied.

'You left Henry laying out there and carried the deer back?' they inquired. 'A tough call,' nodded the hunter. 'But I figured no one is going to steal Henry.'

Texas

The Sheriff pulled up next to the guy unloading garbage out of his pick-up into the ditch. The Sheriff asked, 'Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don't you see that sign right over your head?'

'Yep', he replied. That's why I'm dumpin' it here, cause it says: "Fine For Dumping Garbage."

Louisiana

A senior at LSU was overheard saying, 'When the end of the world comes, I hope to be in Louisiana.'

When asked why, he replied, "Because everything happens in Louisiana 20 years later than in the rest of the civilized world."

Mississippi

The young man from Mississippi came running into the store and said to his buddy; 'Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!'

Bubba replied, 'Did you see who it was?' The young man answered, 'I couldn't tell, but I got his license number.'

Georgia

A Georgia State trooper pulled over a pickup on I-75. The trooper asked, "Got any I. D.?"

The driver replied, "Bout whut?"

North Carolina

A man in North Carolina had a flat tire, pulled off on the side of the road, and proceeded to put a bouquet of flowers in front of the car and one behind it. Then he got back in the car to wait.

A passerby studied the scene as he drove by and was so curious he turned around and went back. He asked the fellow what the problem was. The man replied, 'I have a flat tire.' The passerby asked, 'But what's with the flowers?'

The man responded, 'When you break down they tell you to put flares in the front and flares in the back. Hey, it don't make no sense to me neither.'

Tennessee

The owner of a golf course was confused about paying an invoice. So he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help.

He called her into his office and said, 'You graduated from the University of Tennessee and I need some help. If I were to give you \$20,000, minus 14%, how much would you take off?'

The secretary thought a moment, and then replied, 'Everything but my earrings.'

South Carolina

You can say what you want about the South, but I ain't never heard of anyone wanting to retire to the North.'