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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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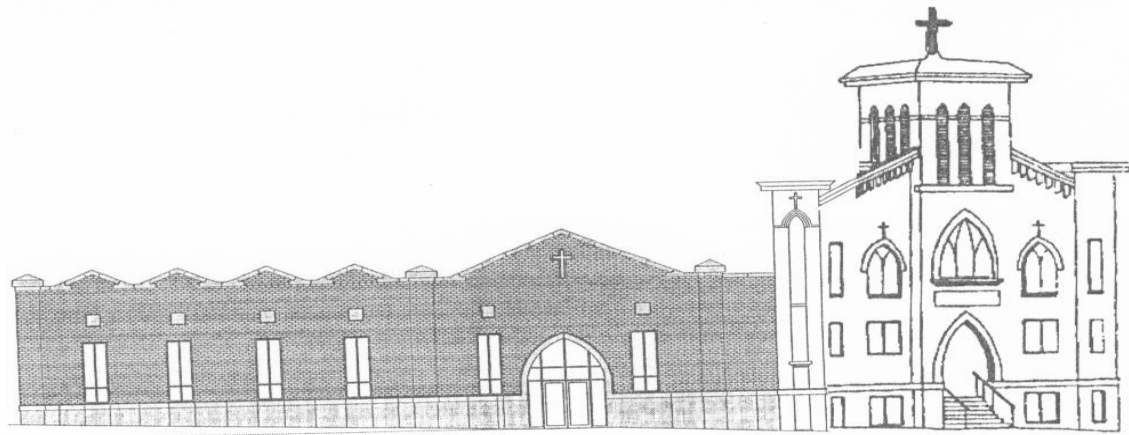
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Sunday of the Priests



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, Carol Dougherty 740-782-0146, Rita Strawn 304-547-1692, Mike Linton 304-242-6969
- ***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



- ***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.
- ***Cedar 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.
- *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.

Special Collection to Help Haiti: Catholic Institutions in Haiti in Ruins

Archbishop Bernardito Auza, apostolic nuncio in Haiti, has offered a first-hand account of the devastation caused by the earthquake that shook Port-au-Prince on January 12.

"Port-au-Prince is completely devastated," he said. "The cathedral, the archbishop's residence, all the great churches, all the seminaries are reduced to rubble. The pastor of the cathedral, who survived the earthquake, told me that the archbishop of Port-au-Prince perished under the rubble, along with hundreds of seminarians and priests who are under the rubble."

He continued: I found priests and nuns in the streets, without homes. The rector of the seminary survived, as did the dean of studies, but the seminarians are under the rubble. Everywhere, you can hear cries from under the rubble. The CIFOR –Institute of Studies for the Men and Women Religious– has collapsed with the students inside, participating in a conference. The nunciature building has withstood the earthquake, without any injuries, but we are all amazed! So many things are broken, including the tabernacle, but we are more fortunate than others. Many family members of the staff were killed, their homes destroyed. Everyone is calling for help. We will have problems of water and food before long. We cannot enter or stay inside the house much, as the earth continues to shake, so we are camped in the garden.

The nation of 8.8 million is 80% Catholic; the Church in Haiti has ten dioceses, 338 parishes, 791 priests, 1,851 sisters, and 421 seminarians.

Our Bishop Robert Shaheen Wrote:

We are all aware of the devastation that the people of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, is going through since the earthquake.

We are asking that each parish take up a special collection for the people of Port au Prince. If possible this Sunday, January 23, or at the latest next Sunday, January 31st.

Our Diocesan contribution will be published, by individual parishes, in the Maronite Voice Newsletter. Once the Chancery receives the funds they will be forwarded to the proper agency.

--Bishop Robert Shaheen, St. Louis

Gospel Reflection: Sunday of the Priests

Readings: 1Tim 4:6-16 and Lk 12:42-48

The Year of the Priest and the Response of the Laity

People's Prayer for Priests

By Fr. George Faour

On March 25, 1992: Pope John Paul published his Apostolic Exhortation on the priesthood "I Will Give You Shepherds."

The priest, according to the Holy Father, is to be a man whose "gift of self has no limits" for whom "souls become his first interest." The priest will experience loneliness in his ministry, but this is good provided that by a deep interior prayer life, he will constantly be aware of the presence of the Holy Trinity. If so, this time of solitude will be a healthy experience in prayerful silence. The holier the priest, the more effective his ministry. The holier the priest, the more he will work: more confessions, more appointments, increasing demands to see him, to interrupt him, etc. He is but one, carrying the burden of the hundreds and often thousands of souls entrusted to him. If he is a pastor: add to this administration of a parish which carries with it many burdens and pressures.

Day after day, year after year... five years, ten years, twenty years, fifty years, after ordination can begin to take its toll. Though filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, if he is striving for holiness, the people entrusted to him have sometimes physically and mentally been a crushing burden.

He deeply loves them and longs for their salvation. There have been many days with two or more appointments at night. People come to him for spiritual direction, to get married, couples with difficulties in

their marriage. Then there are meetings with parish groups and committees, sick calls, funerals, baptisms, weddings, confessions.

Through all this, he must prepare the Sunday homily well, and give sufficient time to study. All this with a telephone that constantly bears messages of various types and different degrees of urgency. He must return all his phone calls and prudently decide which ones to return first. People who have a returned call two or three days later often are so loving. They understand that there were other matters which prevented him from returning their call.

If he is a pastor, there are many "ideas" and "suggestions" that come to him from his spiritual sons and daughters. He first must pray and then give a response. Sometimes, he suffers when he must say no, either because the suggestions are not according to the Will of God or contrary to the teaching of the Church, or it is a good idea but the time is not right to implement it. Some criticize him and others understand. He asks Jesus to give him the grace to bear the misunderstandings with charity and patience and to pray with all his heart and soul for those who are cause of moral suffering for him.

Often he arrives in his room at night after an intense or difficult appointment and he is unable to sleep right away. Some nights he gets little sleep.

Yes, Jesus called him and he heard his voice so many years ago. Yes, he loves his priesthood – a gift to him by his Lord and Savior, but, how he needs prayers.

You see, the priest was called by Our Lord to spend and consume himself to save your soul, to inspire you to be a saint, to plead with you not to be "lukewarm" or "mediocre" in your faith. Yes, the priest was called to serve you, to love you, to pray for you, to suffer for you... Yes, he is a man, he is weak, he is a sinner burdened by his own misery and defects ... How he needs your prayers and understanding. In fact the more you pray for your priests, the more you will understand their heart, and for him, your spiritual father and brother: the crown of thorns will at times seem like a bouquet of roses ... They will be your prayers rising up like incense to the Eternal High Priest Jesus Christ: who will then lighten and sweeten the Cross of the priest and encourage and strengthen him.

Do You Remember the 11 Living & Deceased Priests Who Served Our Parish from 1906 until Now?

1	Msgr. Paul Abraham	1906 – April 1959	53 years
2	Fr. Michael Hitti	April 1959 – December 1967	7 years + 8 months
3	Fr. Nehmatallah El-Hayek	December 1967 – July 1973	5 years + 7 months
4	Fr. Hares Zougheib (1)	July 1973 – November 1974	1 year + 4 months
5	Fr. Vladimir Akekee	November 1974 – September 1977	2 years + 10 months
6	Fr. Joseph Shaheen	September 1977 – April 1986	8 years + 7 months
7	Fr. Hares Zougheib (2)	April 1986 – May 1988	2 years + 1 month
8	Fr. Louis Baz	May 1988 – September 1989	1 year + 4 months
9	Fr. Paul Bouackl	Mar. 1990 – Jun. 1990	4 months
10	Fr. Ghattas Khoury	Sep. 1990 – Nov. 1997	7 years + 2 months
11	Fr. George Chaanine	Nov. 1997 – June 2001	3 year + 7 months
12	Fr. Bakhos Chidiac	June 2001 – present	8 years + 8 months

Notice that I have served this parish for the longest period of time after the founder Msgr. Abraham.

–Fr. Bakhos

Fr. Bakhos: “Say Your Word and Walk Away”

Who belongs to the church?

Similarity between belonging to a bar and belonging to a church!

If you go regularly to a bar, dig in your pocket, and buy beer, whisky, snacks, lotto tickets, ... or play the slot machines or gamble, ... the owner of the bar and most of his customers come to know your face and

they love you because you belong there. They love you because you are helping the owner make a living and you are contributing to the maintenance of that bar and helping to keep its doors open. But if you don't go to that bar, it means that you don't belong there, and you don't care about its owner or about its maintenance; and consequently, you don't care if that bar looks mediocre nor if it closes down and moves somewhere else.

I often receive calls from area hospitals and nursing homes telling me about a sick person who has told them, "I belong to Our Lady of Lebanon Church and I need to have the priest visit me." I ask their telephone operator, "Are you sure of this name? I have never heard of this person? Are you sure that he belongs to our church or maybe to a different one?" "Yes, Fr. He is in room 763-B." So I drive to visit that person – sometimes in Wheeling, Morgantown, Columbus, Pittsburgh, Martins Ferry, ... and I feel embarrassed before entering the room because I do not know that person; and I am surprised by a face that I never saw in our church. Then I greet him and ask him, "Are you Mr. X? This is the first time I have meet you. How are you connected to our church?" And he starts telling me his story: "Fr., my grandparents came to this country 100 years ago. They used to take us every Sunday to your church; then after Mass, all the family used to go to their house for breakfast. Then we got married and sent our children to different schools. We drifted away from all churches. We have not gone to your church for more than 60 years; we did not donate a penny in your collection, schedule masses for our parents or grandparents, aunts, uncles,...but we still consider ourselves members of your church. We need you to visit us when we are sick and burry us when we die."

What a blunt story?! Priests have to keep their mouth shut, be polite, swallow the bullet, pay for their gas, ask their regular parishioners to pay the bills and maintain the church to serve this kind of self-centered, nonchalant, irresponsible people.

If you parishioners were a grand jury, would you consider people like these parishioners?

My friends, if you did not attend our church for the last two, five or ten years and have not continued to support her how can you honestly say, "I belong?"

Mass Intentions

THIS WEEKEND, January 23-24: Third Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday, January 23 at 4:00 p.m.:

Ida Lewis by her husband George Lewis

Jean Bentz (on her 2nd Anniversary) by Susie & Millet Fadoul

Sunday, January 24 at 10:30 a.m.:

Jose` Saludes by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

Sally, Patty, Don, John and the Deceased of the Dusick Family by Sandra Dusick

Weekday Masses

Monday, January 25: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, January 26: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Wednesday, January 27 at Noon:

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

Adib & Sadie Chidiac (parents) & Mona Chidiac (sister) by Fr. Bakhos

Thursday, January 28 at Noon:

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

Adib & Sadie Chidiac (parents) & Mona Chidiac (sister) by Fr. Bakhos

Friday, January 29 at Noon:

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

Adib & Sadie Chidiac (parents) & Mona Chidiac (sister) by Fr. Bakhos

NEXT WEEKEND, January 30-31: Sunday of the Righteous and Just

Saturday, January 30 at 4:00 p.m.:

Blake Halverson by Lucille Gibbons

Larry Gibbons by Eva Lee Powell

Sunday, January 31 at 10:30 a.m.:

Deceased of Joseph & Philips Families by Joan Hill

Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family

Make Your Charitable Contributions Via the Church:You can donate to the “**Endowment Fund**” and help with our church maintenance for years to come.You can donate to the “**Parish Families Assistance Fund**” to help the poor families of our parish.***Our Lady of Lebanon Community Calendar***

Date	Event
Sunday, January 24	Women’s Society Meeting – following Sunday Mass
Thursday, January 28	Bible Study – from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Lebanese Language – from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, January 31	50/50 Monthly Raffle Drawing – following Sunday Mass
Sat., Feb. 6–Fri., Feb. 12	Week of Faithful Departed Masses
Sunday, February 7	Fr. Bakhos Birthday Celebration sponsored by the Cedar Club –11:30 a.m.
Thurs., February 11	Reverse Raffle & Dinner – cocktails & hors d’oeuvres at 6 & Dinner at 7 p.m.
Monday, February 15	Ash Monday
Wed. & Thur., Feb. 24 & 25	Soup & Hoagie Sale – 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 7	Bingo Night with the Cedar Club – 6:00 p.m. in the Old Basement Hall
Sunday, March 21	Women’s Society Gift Basket Drawing – at the St. Maron Dinner
Sunday, August 15	Mahrajan

***Community Events******Women’s Society Meeting*** (Sunday, January 24th, after Mass)

Plan to join the Women's Society for their next meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 24th, after Mass. We will complete our plans for the upcoming events.

Bible Study and Lebanese Language Classes (Thursday, January 28st)

Bible Study – from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Lebanese Language – from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Women’s Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle (Drawing: Sunday, January 31)

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 next drawing from entries received for the **January 50/50 Raffle Tickets**, which can be found at the church entrance and in the Weekly Church Bulletins, will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, January 31**.

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 L.B. Thomas who won the December prize.

Week of the Faithful Departed (Saturday, February 6th, to Friday, February 12th)

Prayer for Our Departed Loved Ones

O Almighty God, Who by the love which You have for men, have willed to take our humanity, to live a life of hard work, to suffer a most cruel Passion, and finally to die on the Cross, I beseech You, by the infinite merits purchased for us with Your precious Blood, look mercifully on the suffering which is endured by the holy souls in Purgatory. Accept, O merciful God, the prayers which I offer for them, and call them to the glory of heaven. I recommend to You the souls of my relatives, friends and benefactors, and in a special manner of those to whom I may have been an occasion of sin by my bad example.

Most Holy Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Comforter of the Afflicted, intercede for those souls, that, by your powerful intercession, they may be admitted to enjoy that kingdom which is prepared for them. Amen.

Please send your Mass offering along with the completed, attached Mass Form and return it via the collection basket or mail the form (or a note listing the name(s) of those you request a mass for and the name(s) that it is to be offered by) to Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Attention: Mass Request, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003.

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

Deceased family members of Fr. Bakhos Chidiac

Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL)

Deceased members of the Habib Khourey family by Virginia Khourey Bryan

Deceased of the Nader, Khourey & Howard families by Lou & Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

Deceased members of Kay Garvey Family by Kay Garvey

Deceased family members of Thomasina Geimer

Chuck Ferrell by Fr. Bakhos & his brother Garry & Pauline Ferrell

Deceased members of the Habdo & Dougherty families by Bill & Carol Dougherty

Deceased of the Bentz, Sengewalt & Werner families by Millet & Susie Fadoul

Deceased of the Fadoul, Cybulski & Bentz families by Millet & Susie Fadoul

Siham Frenn, LaVerne Thomas & Evelyn Hall by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn

Robert & Myrtle Beiswenger by Rudolph & Joan Zinka

Rudolph & Ann Zinka by Rudolph & Joan Zinka

Robert L. Rose by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt & family

John F. Kukula by Mary Rose Kukula & children

Deceased members of the Jacobs & Dusick families by Sandra Dusick

Cathy Sharp Howard by the Sengewalt Family

Deceased of the A.H Ferris & John Kurko Families by Tom & Denise Ferris

Fr. Bakhos Birthday Celebration (Sunday, February 7th, at 11:30 a.m.)

Sunday after mass join the Cedar Club and celebrate Fr. Bakhos' birthday with a treat of birthday cake and ice cream.

Second Maronite Reverse Raffle Dinner (Thursday, February 11, 2010)

Our 2st Maronite Reverse Raffle and Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2010, at the Wheeling Country Club. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres begin at 6:00 p.m.; a sit-down dinner at 7:00 p.m. (each dinner purchase includes 2 drink coupons). Come and experience the excitement of the night. Everyone who attended last year really enjoyed the event – especially those who always work at our events. They were able to enjoy the event while being waited upon by the courteous, efficient staff at the Wheeling Country Club. Winners need not be present. Plan now to attend.

Deadline to purchase tickets is: Sunday, February 7, 2010. Costs are:

\$ 50.00	1 Raffle Ticket only
\$ 75.00	1 Raffle Ticket & 1 Dinner (with 2 drink coupons)
\$100.00	1 Raffle Ticket & 2 Dinners (with 2 drink coupons for each dinner)

For tickets call Mickey (Joseph) Morgan at 304-277-1642; Lois Rutter at 304-242-3922; Luane (Murad) Frazier at 304-242-7437; Linda Fadoul Duffy at 304-242-6853 or

- 1) complete the order form attached in this bulletin
- 2) Make your check payable to: **Our Lady of Lebanon Church** with "Memo Line:?" **Reverse Raffle**
- 3) Mail both the form and the check to:

Our Lady of Lebanon Church, "Attention: Reverse Raffle"
2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

Soup & Hoagie Sale (*Wed. & Thur., Feb. 24th & 25th, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.*)

Chase away the winter blues and take a break from cooking! The ladies of Our Lady of Lebanon have scheduled a **Soup and Hoagie Sale** on Wednesday and Thursday, February 24th and 25th, from 10:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

You will be able to purchase and pick up from our church hall an assortment of delicious hoagie sandwiches and homemade soups to eat at home or freeze to enjoy another day. We will also have an assortment of desserts (*cake, pie, brownies, cookies, Texas sheet cake, Lebanese pastries, etc.*) available from our **Bake Sale Table** for you to take home to enjoy them with your soup and hoagies.

Soups will be available by the quart (32 oz. container) or by the pint (16 oz. container). You may choose from the following soups: *Chicken Noodle Soup, Chicken & Rice Soup, Fasolia (Lebanese Bean Soup – meatless), Ham & Bean Soup, Italian Wedding Soup, Lentil Soup (meatless), Maghrabeyah (Lebanese Chicken Soup), Maryland Crab Soup (spicy), Potato Soup, Stuffed Pepper Soup, Vegetable Beef Soup, Vegetarian Vegetable Soup, and ???* Please call the church office if you can volunteer to prepare and donate Broccoli & Cheese Soup, Chili or New England Clam Chowder.

Soup donors include: *Sue Brubach, Carol Dougherty, Linda Duffy, Sandra Dusick, Diane Frenn, Don & Roberta Henning, Anna Jalad, Nancy Joseph, Jill Magers, Fran Saseen, Nettie Seidler, Mary Stees, Rita Strawn, Julia Tappe, Mary Thomas, Jean Weisner.*

Dessert donors include: *Nesrine AlKhouri, Sue Brubach, Kay Garvey, Lucille Gibbons, Roberta Henning, Emmalena & Charlotte Khourey, Mary Stees, Rita Strawn, Mary Thomas, ??* Please call if you can donate a dessert.

Soup and dessert donors are asked to bring in their items on Tuesday, February 23rd, between 9:00 a.m. and Noon or on Wednesday, February 24th, between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.

The famous hoagie sandwiches made by Don Henning, retired owner of Don's Corner Market, will include (1) *Ham & Swiss Hoagie*, (2) *Italian Hoagie* and (3) *Turkey & Cheese Hoagie*

Please call if you can help. Men and women of the parish are asked to call the church office at 304-233-1688 (or call Charlotte at 304-277-3230) volunteer to help make this sale a success by sharing your time, talents and treasure for any of the following:

(1) **Volunteer Tuesday, February 23, to prep ingredients for the hoagies** from 9 a.m. to Noon; (2) **Volunteer to cook and donate your favorite soup;** (3) **Volunteer to make and donate a dessert** for our **Bake Sale Table;** (4) **Volunteer** to help during the sale on **Wednesday or Thursday, Feb. 24th or 25th**, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; (5) **Purchase some** of Don's delicious, famous Hoagies, some of our scrumptious homemade soups and/or some of our mouth-watering desserts from our Bake Sale Table; (6) **Distribute or post flyers** announcing our event; (7) **Get orders** from your friends, neighbors and co-workers.

More info and order forms will be coming in future bulletins.

Bingo Night (*Sunday, March 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the Old Basement Hall*)

The men and women of the Cedar Club will entertain a Bingo date Sunday, March 7, in the Old Basement Hall. Bingo cards are three for 25 cents. Hot dogs, snacks and treats will be available. Plan to come and bring a friend for an evening of fun.

Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle (*Next Drawing at our 2010 St. Maron Dinner*)

The Women's Society's next Gift Basket Raffle drawing will be held at our 2010 St. Maron Dinner which has yet to be scheduled. The "Wine and Chocolate" Gift Basket will include various wine and

chocolates. (NOTE: Ladies, if you have an item to donate, please bring it to Carol as soon as possible so the basket can be displayed as soon as she can assemble it.)

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 (note Gift Basket Raffle on "Memo" line of your check and front of envelope) or mail to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Congratulations to December's winner – Peggy Justice.

Upcoming Events

Attention Chairpersons and volunteers, please study this table and call if you have any concerns about the dates listed below. Also, please call to schedule yourself to volunteer at these Parish events. Call the church office: 304-233-1688

St. Maron Lebanese Dinner	Sunday, March 21 st
Lebanese Bake Sale	Sunday, April 18 (Orders Due April 11)
Spring Spaghetti Dinner	Sunday, May 16
Rummage Sale	Saturday, June 5
Mahrajan	Sunday, August 15
Fall Spaghetti Dinner	Sunday, October 3
Parish Christmas Party	Sunday, December 5
Cookie Sale & Exchange	Saturday & Sunday, December 11 & 12
Children's Christmas Party	Sunday, December 12

Mahrajan Update *(Sunday, August 15th)*

Our Mahrajan this year will be held at Oglebay Park on Sunday, August 15th.

-Outdoor Mass at 10:30 a.m.

-Entertainment: this year we will have the Alhambra Dance Troupe of Cincinnati and singer Chris Aceto of Ohio with his band called "Al Layali Band" (The Night Band). They will bring many musical instruments: *derbake, ood, drum, violin...* for songs and dance (*dabke*).

-Generous Mahrajan sponsors and donors will be listed in the bulletin and in the Souvenir Ad Book as follows: Bronze (15 to \$24), Silver (\$25-\$49), Gold (\$50-\$99) and Diamond (\$100 and over).

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently In Your Prayers:

Joan Betras

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

Larry Breiding, Barb Sobota, Josephine Joseph, Theresa Snedeker, Dolores Palotay, Mary Custer, Bob Dougherty (brother of Bill), Edith Fahey, Frank Lish, Dolores Oser, Rosella Saseen, Sam Elias, Justin Frenn, Gary West, Louis John, 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

January 26 Chris DeMuth
January 28: Nikki Popovich
January 29: Sandra Dusick
February 1: Sam Elias, Clara Morris
February 2: David John
February 4: Lindsay Carl

February 6: Debbie Shia

February 9: Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, Michael Difabrizio

February 10: Sandra DeMuth, Angela Schultz, Betty Shia

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,125	Collection
60	Candles
900	Donation to the Church
20	Utilities
120	Ads
150	Hall Rental (Reservation Deposit)
640	Parking
50	Reimbursement
150	Fundraising (Heating System)
1,250	Fundraising (Reverse Raffle)
\$4,465.00	Total. <i>May God reward you many fold</i>

What's New?

Congratulations to New Council Members!!!

After consultations, Fr. Bakhos appointed two additional members to the Parish Council: Mrs. Rita Strawn and Mr. Mike Linton. Congratulation!

Parish Condolences: Rosaline Saseen

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the **Saseen** family on the loss of their beloved **Rosaline** who passed away in Wheeling, this week. Rosalyn was the mother of our beloved Joe Saseen DDS. Fr. Bakhos con-celebrated the Funeral Mass at St. Michael's Church on Saturday, January 23rd. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid Rosaline and we extend the parish's condolences to *her* Family in their time of sorrow.

Extra Offering Envelopes

There are still a few extra Offering Envelopes available for any of you who wish to support our church by using them. Please be sure to complete the GREEN form inserted in each box and return it to the church or drop it in the Collection basket. Or, you may simply write your name on the outside of the first 2 or 3 envelopes that you use so we can credit you for those income tax-deductible donations.

We still need to know which of you have already taken home and are using **Boxes No. 83 through 91** as soon as possible.

Tax Deduction Statements Have Been Mailed

Statements to be used for your 2009 Income Tax deductions have been mailed to those who have donated money to the church throughout the year 2009 totaling \$250 or greater. Only cash or checks used in the offering envelopes or sent to the church identifying the individual will be shown on these tax statements. Loose cash thrown in the collection basket or checks used to purchase food, advertising, dinners, souvenirs or other items purchased from the church are not tax deductible – according to the IRS regulations. We try to be very accurate with our financial records; however, if you find any discrepancy or have not yet received your statement, please feel free to call the rectory at 304-233-1688.

Maronites = Catholic of the East

Lebanon in The Holy Scriptures 17

by Cornelia B. Horn

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

IV. Lebanon in the New Testament and the Acts of the Apostles

The following passages gathered from the New Testament scriptures will provide the supporting material for what has been indicated, namely that Jesus himself visited areas that are part of modern-day Lebanon.

Matt 15:21-29 "Then Jesus went from that place and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not say a word in answer to her. His disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour. Moving on from there Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, went up on the mountain, and sat down there.

Matt 16:13 "When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

Matt 17:1-9 "After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone."

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." *(To be continued)*

Story: Heroes

Babe Ruth had hit 714 home runs during his baseball career and was playing one of his last full major league games. It was the Braves vs. the Reds in Cincinnati. But, the great Bambino was no longer as agile as he had been. He fumbled the ball and threw badly, and in one inning alone his errors were responsible for most of the five runs scored by Cincinnati.

As the Babe walked off the field and headed toward the dugout after the third out, a crescendo of yelling and booing reached his ears. Just then a boy jumped over the railing onto the playing field. With tears streaming down his face, he threw his arms around the legs of his hero.

Ruth didn't hesitate for a second. He picked up the boy, hugged him and set him down on his feet, patting his head gently. The noise from the stands came to an abrupt halt. Suddenly there was no more booing. In fact, a hush fell over the entire park. In those brief moments, the fans saw two heroes: Ruth, who, in spite of his dismal day on the field, could still care about a little boy; and the small lad, who cared about the feelings of another human being. Both had melted the hearts of the crowd.

<i>Joke (577)</i>

In an Emergency

A mother mouse felt that the time had come to introduce her baby mice to the larger world. So having cautioned them that they must pay strict attention to what she did, she proceeded to lead them out of their mouse hole. Upon leaving the hole and entering the living room, she suddenly saw a big cat sleeping a few yards away in the midst of her intended path. Frightened at what lay ahead but not wanting to appear cowardly to her children, the mouse led her family silently forward. Just as she was creeping past the cat, the cat's eyes popped open and she raised her paw. What was Mother Mouse to do to save her children from peril? As the paw began its downward descent, the mouse turned to the cat and barked like a dog. The cat was so frightened she turned and ran, whereupon the mother mouse turned to her baby mice and said, "In an emergency, it's always good to know a second language!"

It may be that the most important thing the church has to offer people in our world is the knowledge of a "second language"!

Sunday Humor

"Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember, Moses started out as a basket case"

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited – until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes and sand gnats 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.

God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

Peace starts with a smile.

I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?

A lot of church members who are singing "Standing on the Promises" are just sitting on the premises.

We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

Be ye fishers of men. You catch them – He'll clean them.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

God grades on the cross, not the curve

God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!"

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

He who angers you, controls you!

If God is your Co-pilot, swap seats!

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

We don't change the message, the message changes us.

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You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given

Prayer: Don't give God instructions -- just report for duty!