

**January 31, 2010**  
**Bulletin # 5**

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

*(Maronite Catholic Rite)*

*Faith ☩ Family ☩ Friends*

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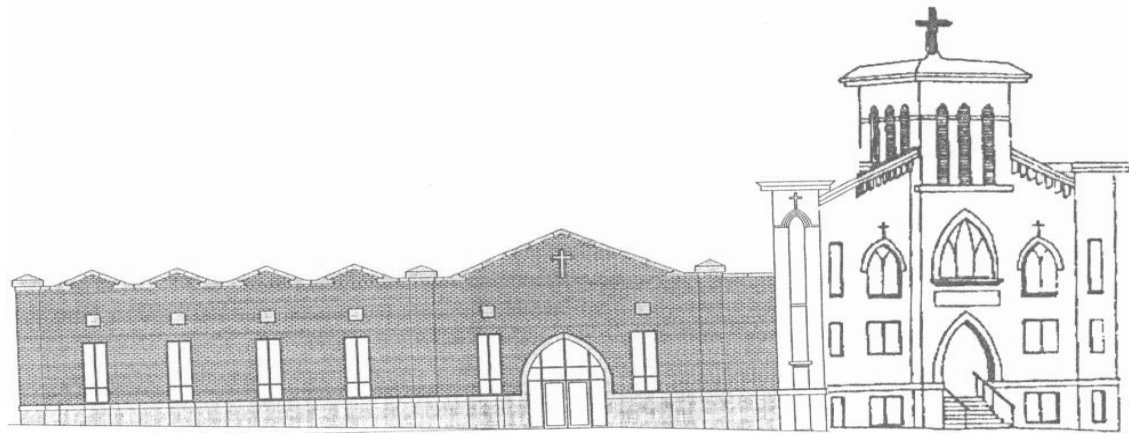
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## ***Sunday of the Righteous & Just***



### ***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, 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.

## ***Gospel Reflection: Sunday of the Righteous & Just***

*Readings: Heb 12:18-24 & Mt 25:31-46*

Today's Gospel stresses once again the need for constant vigilance and courageous initiative on the part of these who, in their day, welcome the word of salvation. There are overtones of controversy here: Matthew is obviously thinking about a community which lacks enthusiasm and rests on its laurels. The servant who is satisfied with burying his talent and carrying out in servile fashion what he considers to be the minimum required as "Wicked and Lazy" and "Good-for-Nothing." Matthew's gospel is so anxious to urge the faithful to go beyond themselves when they enter upon the life of the Beatitudes, that what awaits such a servant is not surprising.

Matthew is not tender, and he is right: we are dealing with the relationship for eternity between Christ and the Christian, with that "MASTER'S HAPPINESS" to which we have been called. One could almost say that on the last day the judge we have to face will be the judge we deserve. There is nothing of the hard and demanding master in Jesus; what he expects of us is as much as his love for us which could not be stinted; he asks us for everything so that he can give us everything. There is much more than a question of developing the gifts we have received. The wealth entrusted to us by the Lord is, above all, his word; and this opens limitless horizons in our life. It goes so far as the task of spreading the gospel and involves the future of the Church and of the kingdom.

Let us ask ourselves: have we Christians tended to become custodians of the word -afraid to take risk, lacking imagination and initiative when faced with the needs of the world? Let us no longer miss our appointment with history through an excess of that caution which has imprisoned us for so long!

### ***Mass Intentions***

**THIS 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

**Weekday Masses**

**Monday, February 1:** No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

**Tuesday, February 2:** No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

**Wednesday, February 3 at Noon:**

Lottie Elwartoski by Marcia & Dave Laughlin

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

**Thursday, February 4 at Noon:**

Frances Linton (on her 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) by her husband Joseph Linton & sons Steve & Mike

Lottie Elwartoski by John Dalek

**Friday, February 5 at Noon:**

Lottie Elwartoski by Barb & Fred Mellize

Frances Linton (on her 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) by her husband Joseph Linton

**NEXT WEEKEND and following weekdays, Saturday, Feb. 6 thru Fri. Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>**

### ***Week of the Faithful Departed*** (Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, to Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>)

Necessity to Pray for the Dead:

Judas rallied his army and went to the city of Adullam. As the week was ending, they purified themselves according to custom and kept the sabbath there. On the following day, since the task had now become urgent, Judas and his men went to gather up the bodies of the slain and bury them with their kinsmen in their ancestral tombs. But under the tunic of each of the dead they found amulets sacred to the idols of Jamnia, which the law forbids the Jews to wear. So it was clear to all that this was why these men had been slain? They

all therefore praised the ways of the lord, the just judge who brings to light the things that are hidden. Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out.

The noble Judas warned the soldiers to keep themselves free from sin, for they had seen with their own eyes what had happened because of the sin of those who had fallen. He then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed this sin. (2 Maccabees 38-46)

**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:**

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

*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*

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

*Suzanne Linton by her husband Mike Linton*

*Frances Linton by her husband Joseph and sons Steve & Mike*

*Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhardt*

*Earl & Sarah Magruder by Denny & Barbara Magruder*

*Harry & Janet Voitle by Denny & Barbara Magruder*

*Andrew & Mary Demsko by daughter Rosemary Cornish*

*Ronald Canestraro, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Franko, Mr. & Mrs. Bart Canestraro by Charlotte Canestraro*

*Matt & Margaret Simonetti by M/M Richard Ryncarz*

*Thomas & Stella Ryncarz by M/M Richard Ryncarz*

*Roland Tappe (husband) & all members of the John Family by Julia Tappe*

*Charles & Anna Przelenski by Irene Schuler*

*Adelaide Schuler & Daniel Schuler by Paul Schuler*

*Ed Shia by Betty Shia*

*Helen Mattes by Betty Shia*

*Deceased members of the Duffy & Fadoul Families by Earl & Linda Duffy*

*Deceased of the DiDomenico Family & Jalad Family by Anna Jalad*

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

*My son, Larry Gibbons by Lucille Coury Gibbons*

*Tom & Virginia Thomas by Joe & Mary Thomas*

*Charles Edwards by Joe & Mary Thomas*

*Deceased members of the Shutler & Nolte Families by Janet D. Shutler*

*Helen Fielding & Augie Montalbano by daughter Nikki & Joe Popovich*

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

*Deceased members of Joseph Linton Family by Joseph Linton*

## ***Make Your Charitable Contributions Via the Church:***

You can donate to your choice of the following two funds:

--The "**Endowment Fund**" which will help with our church maintenance for years to come.

\$50 donated by Fran & Bob Saseen in Memory of Rosaline Saseen

\$25 donated by Emily Saseen in Memory of Rosaline Saseen

--The "**Parish Families Assistance Fund**" which will be used to help the poor families of our parish.

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sunday, January 31	<b>50/50 Monthly Raffle Drawing</b> – following Sunday Mass
Thursday, February 4	<b>Bible Study</b> – from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. <b>Lebanese Language</b> – from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 6–Fri., Feb. 12	<b>Week of Faithful Departed Masses</b>
Sunday, February 7	<b>Fr. Bakhos Birthday Celebration</b> sponsored by the Cedar Club –11:30 a.m.
Sat-Sun, Feb. 6-7	<b>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Thurs., February 11	<b>Reverse Raffle &amp; Dinner</b> – cocktails & hors d'oeuvres at 6 & Dinner at 7 p.m.
Monday, February 15	<b>Ash Monday</b>
Wed. & Thur., Feb. 24 & 25	<b>Soup &amp; Hoagie Sale</b> – 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 28	<b>Women's Society Meeting</b> – following Sunday Mass
Sunday, March 7	<b>Bingo Night with the Cedar Club</b> – 6:00 p.m. in the Old Basement Hall
Sunday, March 21	<b>Women's Society Gift Basket Drawing</b> – at the St. Maron Dinner
Sunday, August 15	<b>Mahrajan</b>



## ***Community Events***

### ***Women's Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle*** (Drawing: Sunday, Jan.31 & Feb.28)

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, will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, January 31**. The next drawing from entries received for the **February 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, February 28**.

**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.

## ***Bible Study and Lebanese Language Classes*** (Thursday, February 4)

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

## ***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*** (Sat-Sun. Feb. 6-7)

## ***Fr. Bakhos Birthday Celebration*** (Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 2<sup>st</sup> 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 <b>only</b>
\$ 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**

## ***Beginning of Lent Season***

### ***Blessing with Ashes and Masses:***

**Ash Monday, February 15:** 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Mass & Blessing with Ashes

**Ash Wednesday, February 17:** 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Mass & Blessing with Ashes

## ***Stations of the Cross & Light Dinner*** (Starting Friday, February 19)

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:30 p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., followed by Benediction of the Cross. The "Stations of the Cross" is a devotion which consists of following the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by recalling the fourteen prominent events that took place from the time of the trial under Pontius Pilate until his death and burial on Mount Calvary.

<i>First Station:</i>	<i>Jesus is condemned to death.</i>
<i>Second Station:</i>	<i>Jesus carries his cross.</i>
<i>Third Station:</i>	<i>Jesus falls the first time.</i>
<i>Fourth Station:</i>	<i>Jesus meets his afflicted mother.</i>
<i>Fifth Station:</i>	<i>Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross.</i>
<i>Sixth Station:</i>	<i>Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.</i>
<i>Seventh Station:</i>	<i>Jesus falls the second time.</i>
<i>Eighth Station:</i>	<i>The daughters of Jerusalem weep over Jesus.</i>
<i>Ninth Station:</i>	<i>Jesus falls the third time.</i>
<i>Tenth Station:</i>	<i>Jesus is stripped of his garments.</i>

*Eleventh Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross.*

*Twelfth Station: Jesus dies on the cross.*

*Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the cross.*

*Fourteenth Station: Jesus is buried in the tomb.*

Many thanks to the Cedar Club members who will sponsor the first Lenten Meal on Friday, February 19, and on Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, following the Friday prayers. We encourage other generous families, to host one Friday light following the Friday prayers. Please call 304-233-1688 to sponsor.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Volunteers:</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Friday, February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Light Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club
2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday, February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Light Meal Family Sponsor: ???
3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Light Meal Family Sponsor: Carol Dougherty, Charlotte Khourey, Fran Saseen, Jean Weisner
4 <sup>th</sup> Friday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Light Meal Family Sponsor: Anna Jalad, Rita Strawn, Mary Thomas
5 <sup>th</sup> Friday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Light Meal Family Sponsor: Sandra Dusick, Kay Garvey, Julia Tappe
6 <sup>th</sup> Friday, March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Light Meal Family Sponsor: ???
7 <sup>th</sup> Friday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Light Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club

## ***Soup & Hoagie Sale*** (Wed. & Thur., Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 Church have scheduled their third annual **Soup and Hoagie Sale** on Wednesday and Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

You can purchase assortment of delicious hoagie sandwiches and homemade soups to eat at home or freeze to enjoy another day and pick them up from our Cedar Hall. 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, Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, Carol Dougherty, Linda Duffy, Sandra Dusick, Diane Frenn, Kathleen George, 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, Kathleen George, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, between 9:00 a.m. and Noon or on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 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. 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>**, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; (5) **Purchase some** of Don's delicious **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. **Volunteers include:** Judy Bedway, Carol & Bill Dougherty, Sandra Dusick, Kay Garvey, Don & Roberta Henning, Anna Jalad, Charlotte Khourey, Mike Linton, Mary Lish, Jill Magers, Nettie Seidler, Rita Strawn, Julia Tappe, Mary Thomas, and ???

## **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 including: Oak Lake Merlot, chateau Ste. Michelle Chardonnay, Oak Lake Cabernet Sauvignon, Ruinite Raspberry, two wine goblets, one long stem chocolate rose, Chocolate Delight Cookies with Carmel Cream, Chocolate Dipped Brownie Delights, White Chocolate Lindor Truffles and Dark Chocolate Lindor Truffles.

**NOTE:** Ladies, Our next basket for the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner Is Italian-themed. If you have an item to donate for please bring it to Carol as soon as possible so the basket can be assembled and for display.

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 <sup>st</sup>
Lebanese Bake Sale	Sunday, April 18 ( <i>Orders Due April 11</i> )
Spring Spaghetti Dinner	Sunday, May 23 ( <i>Please note new date</i> )
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 15<sup>th</sup>)

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

**Mass:** Outdoor Mass at 10:30 a.m.

**Entertainment:** this year we will have 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*). Also we will have again the Alhambra Dance Troupe of Cincinnati to perform dance shows.

**Sponsors:** Generous Mahrajan sponsors and supporters will be listed in the weekly bulletin and in the Mahrajan Souvenir Ad Book as follows: Diamond (\$100 & over); Gold (\$50-\$99); Silver (under \$50).

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

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

Louis John, Sam Elias, Joan Betras

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

Frank Lish, Larry Breiding, Barb Sobota, Josephine Joseph, Theresa Snedeker, Dolores Palotay, Mary Custer, Bob Dougherty (brother of Bill), Edith Fahey, Dolores Oser, Rosella Saseen, Gary West, 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), Andy Kaminski

## *Happy Birthday*

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  
 February 11: Charlotte Khourey  
 February 14: Diane Frenn  
 February 15: Nettie Seidler, Monica Burns  
 February 16: Josephine Joseph, Dave Sengewalt

## *Your Church Support Last Week*

\$1,259	Collection
1,322	Special Collection for Haiti
77	Candles
825	Donation for the Church
50	Donation (Poor Families)
50	Donation (Endowment Fund)
150	Hall Rental
10	Utilities
260	Parking
460	Reimbursement
1,950	Fundraising (Reverse Raffle)
\$6,413	Total. <i>May God reward you many fold</i>

## *What's New?*

### *Parish Condolences: Ferris Shia*

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the **Shia** family on the loss of their beloved **Ferris** who passed away in Wheeling, last week.

Fr. Bakhos celebrated the Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Church on **Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.** The Women's Society served the Mercy Meal at the Cedar Hall of the church after the interment.

May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His servant **Ferris** and we extend the parish's condolences to *his* Family in their time of sorrow.

Our Lady of Lebanon church is so grateful to **Shia** family for directing all memorial contributions toward the maintenance of the church. May *his* Memory be eternal. AMEN

## ***Maronites = Catholic of the East***

### ***Lebanon in The Holy Scriptures 18***

**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*

Mark 7:24-31 "From that place he went off to the district of Tyre. He entered a house and wanted no one to know about it, but he could not escape notice. Soon a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him. She came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by birth, and she begged him to drive the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first. For it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She replied and said to him, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's scraps." Then he said to her, "For saying this, you may go. The demon has gone out of your daughter." When the woman went home, she found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. Again he left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis.

Mark 9:2-9 "After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead."

Luke 9:28-37 "About eight days after he said this, [Jesus] took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

On the next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. *--(To be continued)*

### ***Story: Loving Your Enemies***

Abraham Lincoln tried to love, and he left for all history a magnificent drama of reconciliation. When he was campaigning for the presidency, one of his arch-enemies was a man named Edwin McMasters Stanton. For some reason Stanton hated Lincoln. He used every ounce of his energy to degrade Lincoln in the eyes of the public. So deep-rooted was Stanton's hate for Lincoln that he uttered unkind words about his physical appearance, and sought to embarrass him at every point with the bitterest diatribes. But in spite of this, Lincoln was elected the sixteenth president of the United States of America.

Then came the period when Lincoln had to select his cabinet, which would consist of the persons who would be his most intimate associates in implementing his programs. He started choosing men here and there for the various positions.

The day finally came for Lincoln to select the all-important post of Secretary of War. Can you imagine whom Lincoln chose to fill this post? None other than the man named Stanton. There was an immediate uproar in the president's inner circle when the news began to spread. Advisor after advisor was heard saying, "Mr. President, you are making a mistake. Do you know this man Stanton? Are you familiar with all the ugly

things he said about you? He is your enemy. He will seek to sabotage your programs. Have you thought this through, Mr. President?"

Mr. Lincoln's answer was terse and to the point: "Yes, I know Mr. Stanton. I am aware of all the terrible things he has said about me. But after looking over the nation, I find he is the best man for the job." So Stanton became Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of War and rendered an invaluable service to his nation and his president.

Not many years later Lincoln was assassinated. Many laudable things were said about him. But of all the great statements made about Abraham Lincoln, the words of Stanton remain among the greatest. Standing near the dead body of the man he once hated, Stanton referred to him as one of the greatest men who ever lived and said, "He now belongs to the ages."

If Lincoln had hated Stanton both men would have gone to their graves as bitter enemies. But through the power of love Lincoln transformed an enemy into a friend. This is the power of redemptive love.

## *Joke (578)*

### *Ole & Sven*

Ole and Sven die in a snowmobiling accident, drunker than skunks, and go to Hell. The Devil observes that they are really enjoying themselves. He says to them 'Doesn't the heat and smoke bother you?'

Ole replies, 'Vell, ya know, ve're from norderen Minnesoota, da land of snow an ice, an ve're yust happy fer a chance ta varm up a little bit, ya know.'

The devil decides that these two aren't miserable enough and turns up the heat even more.

When he returns to the room of the two guys from Minnesota, the devil finds them in light jackets and hats, grilling Walleye and drinking beer.

The devil is astonished and exclaims, 'Everyone down here is in abject misery, and you two seem to be enjoying yourselves?'

Sven replies, 'Vell, ya know, ve don't git too much varm veather up dere at da Falls, so ve've yust got ta haff a fish fry vhen da veather's dis nice.'

The devil is absolutely furious. He can hardly see straight. Finally he comes up with the answer. The two guys love the heat because they have been cold all their lives. The devil decides to turn all the heat off in Hell. The next morning, the temperature is 60 below zero, icicles are hanging everywhere, and people are shivering so bad that they are unable to wail, moan or gnash their teeth.

The devil smiles and heads for the room with Ole and Sven. He gets there and finds them back in their parkas, bomber hats, and mittens. They are jumping up and down, cheering, yelling and screaming like mad men.

The devil is dumbfounded, 'I don't understand, when I turn up the heat you're happy. Now its freezing cold and you're still happy. What is wrong with you two?'

They both look at the devil in surprise and say, 'Vell, don't ya know, if hell iss froze over, dat must mean da Vikings von da Super Bowl'

### *Lawyer Laws*

Having lawyers create laws is like having doctors create diseases.

### *Decalogue-Bargaining*

There is a cartoon in the *Hong Kong Teller* that shows Moses as he comes down from the top of the mountain with the tablets in his hand. He's reporting to the children of Israel and says, "It was hard bargaining-we get the milk and honey, but the anti-adultery clause stays in."

### *Theater Etiquette*

--Movie theater rules that should not be broken: Please take crying babies to the lobby. Pick them up immediately after the movie has ended.

--Please refrain from talking to characters on the screen. Tests have shown they cannot hear you.