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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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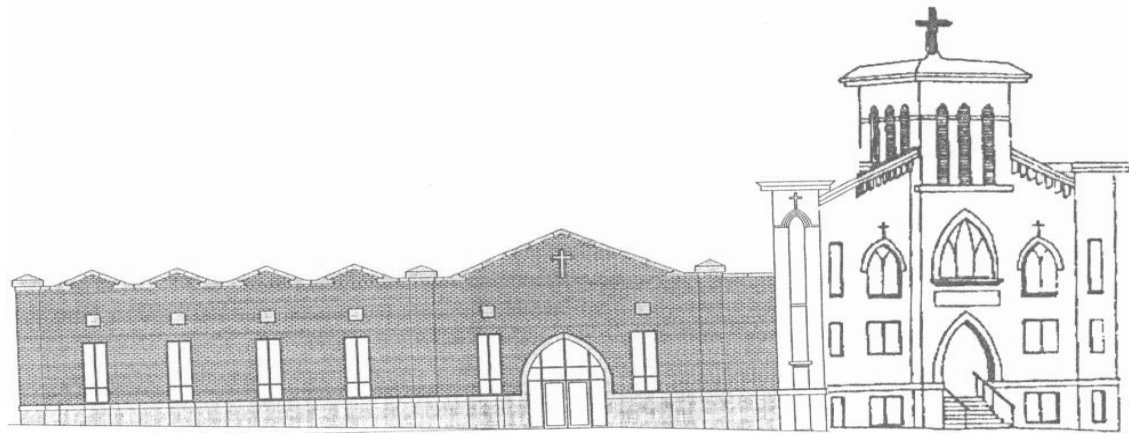
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Week of the Faithful Departed



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.

Gospel Reflection: Week of the Faithful Departed

Readings: 1Thes 5:1-11 & Lk 16:19-31

It's sometimes difficult in our hurried world to feel connected to those we know and love. How can we be expected to care about those we don't even know? Nonetheless, God calls us to care for all of our brothers and sisters whether they be friend or foe, near or far, rich or poor. "How?" you might ask. The ways are numerous: By praying. Through simple acts of kindness; by caring; by being informed; by learning about different cultures and ideas; by being open to unexpected opportunities to serve; by being concerned about events and happenings around us.

This week's message of unity is tied very closely to our call to discipleship. We are called in baptism to be one with each other; to love our neighbor as ourselves; to care, as Christ cares, for all people, especially the poor, the weak, those who have no power. We may find ourselves among the poor, weary, and powerless. When we do, we can look with hope and faithfulness to God: "Come to me all who are weary and I will give you rest."

Discipleship is not one-sided. At times we may be on the receiving end. We can look to our brothers and sisters in Christ for help, consolation, and support. We might look to our children for models of how to seek help. Youngsters are not hesitant to seek assistance: They need to be fed, clothed, cuddled, nurtured. But adults sometimes fear reaching out for help. We must be as little children, trusting and open, to enter God's reign. We need to be present for one another -to serve and to be served.

Mass Intentions

THIS WEEKEND and following weekdays, Saturday, Feb. 6th thru Friday, February 12th

Week of the Faithful Departed

Saturday, February 6, at 3:30 pm: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, February 7, after 10:30 Mass: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & 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 & sons Steve & Mike

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Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart

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

Anne Elias by Joe Elias

Lou Elias by Joe Elias

Helen Bauerle & John Olako by Bernard & Elizabeth Olako

Sophie & Steve Olako by Bernard & Elizabeth Olako

Deceased members of the Nimon & Mariam Joseph family by children & grandchildren

Frank & Margaret Depto by Al Depto

Thomas & Virginia Thomas by Al Depto

John & Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

Ray, Sara, Mickey & Gary McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

<p>NEXT WEEKEND, February 13-14: Miracle of Cana at Galilee</p>
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Saturday, February 13 at 4:00 p.m.:

Steve & Margaret Schlog (Birthday) by Bob & Fran Saseen

Dale Seidler Sr. (on his Birthday) by his wife Nettie & Family

Sunday, February 14 at 10:30 a.m.:

Rosaline Saseen by Earl & Linda Duffy

Chuck Ferrell (friend of Fr. Bakhos) by the Parish of Our Lady of Lebanon

Make Your Charitable Contributions Via the Church:

Please keep in mind that you can donate, at any time, to your choice of the following two funds:

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

50/50 Women Society Fundraising \$53.00

Mary Custer donation of \$52.00

--The "**Poor Families of our Parish**" which will be used in case of emergency to support exclusively the poor active parishioners who belong to our church. Those who don't have offering envelopes and don't attend our church on a regular basis could not benefit from this fund.

Our Lady of Lebanon Community Calendar

Date	Event
Sat. & Sun, February 6 & 7	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, February 7	Fr. Bakhos 59th Birthday Celebration sponsored by the Cedar Club – <i>after Mass</i>
Monday, February 8	Cedar Club Meeting – 7:00 p.m. in old Basement Hall
Tuesday, February 9 th	Feast of St. Maron, Patron Saint of Our Maronite Church – <i>Mass at noon</i>
<u>Wednesday, February 10</u>	Bible Study – from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Lebanese Language – from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Thurs., February 11	Reverse Raffle & Dinner – <i>cocktails & hors d'oeuvres at 6 & Dinner at 7 p.m.</i>
Mon. & Wed., Feb. 15 & 17	Ash Monday – 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. <i>Mass & Blessing with Ashes</i>
Wed. & Thur., Feb. 24 & 25	Soup & Hoagie Sale – 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 28	Women's Society Meeting – <i>following Sunday Mass</i>
Sunday, February 28	Women's Society 50/50 Monthly Raffle – <i>drawing following Sunday Mass</i>
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 – <i>at the St. Maron Dinner</i>
Sunday, March 21	St. Maron Lebanese Dinner – 11:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 15	Mahrajan – <i>at Oglebay Park</i>



Community Events

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (Saturday & Sunday, February 6 & 7)

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

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

Cedar Club Meeting (Monday, February 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Basement Hall)

The next Cedar Club Meeting will be held in our old Basement Hall at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses for the evening will be Susan & Cecilia John.

Saint Maron Feast Day (Tuesday, February 9th – *Mass at noon*)

St. Maron, born in the middle of the 4th century was a priest who latter became a hermit, retiring to a mountain of Taurus near Antioch. His holiness and miracles attracted many followers, and drew attention throughout the empire. St. John Chrysostom sent him a letter around 405 AD expressing his great love and respect asking St. Maron to pray for him.

The Maronite Movement

St. Maron is considered the Father of the spiritual and monastic movement now called the Maronite Church. This movement had a profound influence on Northern Syria and Lebanon. St. Maron spent all of his life on a mountain in the region of Cyrrhus in Syria. It is believed that the place was called "Kefar-Nabo" on the mountain of Ol-Yambos, making it the cradle of the Maronite movement.

The Maronite movement reached Lebanon when St. Maron's first disciple Abraham of Cyrrhus who was called the Apostle of Lebanon, realized that paganism was thriving in Lebanon, so he set out to convert the pagans to Christians by introducing them to the way of St. Maron. The followers of St. Maron, both monks and laity, always remained faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Spirituality

St. Maron's way was deeply monastic with emphasis on the spiritual and ascetic aspects of living. For St. Maron, all was connected to God and God was connected to all. He did not separate the physical and

spiritual world and actually used the physical world to deepen his faith and spiritual experience with God. St. Maron embraced the quiet solitude of the mountain life. He lived his life in open air exposed to the forces of nature such as sun, rain, hail and snow. His extraordinary desire to come to know God's presence in all things, allowed St. Maron to transcend such forces and discover that intimate union with God. He was able to free himself from the physical world by his passion and fervor for prayer and enter into a mystical relationship of love with God.

Mission

St. Maron was a mystic who started this new ascetic-spiritual method that attracted many people in Syria and Lebanon to become his disciples. Accompanying his deeply spiritual and ascetic life, he was a zealous missionary with a passion to spread the message of Christ by preaching it to all he met. He sought not only to cure the physical ailments that people suffered, but had a great quest for nurturing and healing the "lost souls" of both pagans and Christians of his time.

This missionary work came to fruition when, in the mountains of Syria, St. Maron was able to convert a pagan temple into a Christian Church. This was to be the beginning of the conversion of Paganism to Christianity in Syria which would then influence and spread to Lebanon. After his death in the year 410 AD, his spirit and teachings lived on through his disciples.

Bible Study and Lebanese Language Classes (Wednesday, February 10th)

Bible Study and Lebanese Language classes **will take place on Wednesday, February 10th**, instead of Thursday the 11th **because of the Reverse Raffle Dinner**. Bible Study class will be from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Lebanese Language class will be from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

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

Our 2nd Maronite Reverse Raffle and Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 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

Masses & Blessing with Ashes

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 Fri., Feb. 19 after 5:30 p.m. Mass)

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.

Many thanks to the Cedar Club members who will sponsor the first Lenten Meal on Friday, February 19, and on Good Friday, April 2nd, following the Friday prayers.

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

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 Church have scheduled their third annual **Soup and Hoagie Sale** on Wednesday and Thursday, February 24th and 25th, 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: *Broccoli & Cheese Soup, 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, Charlotte Khourey, 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 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 **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 s include:*** Judy Bedway, Carol & Bill Dougherty, Sandra Dusick, Kay Garvey, Don & Roberta Henning, Anna Jalad, Nancy Joseph, Charlotte Khourey, Mike Linton, Mary Lish, Jill Magers, Nettie Seidler, Rita Strawn, Julia Tappe, Mary Thomas, and ???

Women's Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle (Drawing: Sunday, February 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 **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 Mary Custer who won the January \$52 prize. She donated it toward the Endowment Fund. Many Thanks, Mary!

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 Chardonay, 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: Our next basket for the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner Is Italian-themed. If any of you ladies have an item to donate for that basket please bring it to church or give it to Carol as soon as possible so the basket can be assembled and readied 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 st
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 15th)

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

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 four 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,

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

Joan Betras, 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 9: Fr. Bakhos Chidiac
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
February 17: Rebecca DiFabrizio
February 18: Barb McLaughlin
February 21: Louie Khourey
February 27: MaryAnn Carl

Your Church Support Last Week

1,213	Collection
53	Candles
431	Utilities
100	Parking
200	Hall Rental
2,925	Reverse Raffle
240	Ads
210	Reimbursement
50	Donation for the Church
25	Donation (Endowment Fund)
\$5,447.00	Total. <i>May God reward you many fold</i>

What's New?

Congratulations to Parishioner Nick Bedway

Nick Bedway, retired Wheeling Newspapers Executive Sports Editor, and former Thunderbirds coach Doug Sauter were inducted into the second class of the Wheeling Hockey Hall of Fame last Saturday evening before the Wheeling Nailers hockey game. Congratulations!

Parishioner Profile: Anna Jalad

“Parishioner Profile,” written by Carol Dougherty, is a feature in our Weekly Bulletin planned for publication approximately once-a-month. It will introduce one or more of our parishioners and include their life’s reflections, memories, etc. – each as unique as the individual. Please allow yourself to be interviewed when called upon by Carol so others may get to know you better.

At this time we are happy to profile our wonderful Anna Jalad – known by most of us as simply Ann.

Ann was born in Beech Bottom, West Virginia, to Simon and Elsie DiDomenico. She is one of four children. Her siblings include her brother Simon, her sister, Sister Mary D. of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and her sister Vivian. Sister Mary D. is principal of Fairmont Catholic Grade School and her sister Vivian lives in New York. She has four nephews and four nieces. Ann attended Beech Bottom grade schools and then went on to graduate from St. Joseph's Academy in Wheeling.

Ann met her husband Tom on a blind date. A friend of hers used to frequent Cater's Restaurant in downtown Wheeling and said that she had just the person for her. The friend turned out to be right as Ann and Tom were married in 1960 at Holy Family Church in Beech Bottom. The Mass was concelebrated by Father Steven of Holy Family Church and Father Hitti of Our Lady of Lebanon Church.

Tom was born in Wellsburg, West Virginia, but moved to Roumie, Lebanon, when he was seven years old. As a young adult, he operated a grocery store with his brother. He was then drafted by the United States Army. However, due to circumstances making it difficult for him to return to the United States, he was given permission to serve his time with the British Army.

When things started to grow difficult in Lebanon, he was able to return to the U.S. He found employment at Blaw Knox in Wheeling. He then met his Ann. After their marriage, he was laid off from Blaw Knox and they moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where they stayed for two years. When work again picked up in Wheeling, they returned. Ann went to work for Uwanta Linen and worked there for twenty years. Prior to her employment with Uwanta, she worked at Etna Insurance for six years.

Ann has been a parishioner here at Our Lady of Lebanon since she married Tom and has been an active participant in all of our events since that time. She served on the Parish Council and also was president of Our Lady of Lebanon Women's Society. The Parish Council was in charge of the St. Maron Dinner; and Ann remembers thinking that she had never cooked for 400 or 500 people before. Together with Rita Strawn, who was also serving on the Parish Council at that time, they received information from some of the older ladies of the parish as to the preparation of the food and it turned out to be a very good dinner. "Not bad for a couple of Italians."

Next came the Mahrajan. The stove that she had to use surely must have come out of the dark ages; but at least they were out of the sun and the rain. Prior to helping cook at our church, she cooked in the field on Army cook stoves. She said there were always good helpers available.

Mike Joseph was president of the Parish Council at that time and teamed up with Ann, Rita and their spouses for some remodeling. They bought the first dough maker, cleaned and painted it and George Thomas had a stand made for it. The mixer was put to very good use over the years. Ann says the work is easier now with the bright new, well-equipped kitchen.

Ann loves to travel and has been to Lebanon five times. The first time she went with her friend Rosella Saseen. They had quite an experience when, on a side trip to Egypt, they cruised down the Nile with the Mayor of the Gaza Strip.

Ann lost her beloved Tom in 2004. We also feel his loss. He was a terrific person.

Ann still helps at our events and we look to her as our anchor. She keeps us focused and her experience is invaluable. She said that Tom always reminded her that we have to work for "Our Lady; she needs our help."

Thank you Ann for all that you do and all that you have done.

New Lebanese Cookbook Available

“Addie’s Way – Lessons in Cooking and Life as Learned from My Lebanese Mother” by Michael J. Shaheen (of St. Clairsville) has been printed and is available for sale. (Shaheen is the son of the late William and Addie Bedway Shaheen. This book is a beautiful, hard-cover book, preserves Addie’s countless memories, stories and recipes. Copies are available for \$25.00 (shipping is extra). Checks should be made payable to: *Shaheen Enterprises LLC*. If you would like to purchase a copy, please see Fr. Bakhos or call the church office at 304-233-1688.

Reflection: Funeral in Tennessee

In Tennessee we really do pull off the road and stop for funerals. Nobody moves until the last car has gone by.

What follows is a message from Vicki Pierce about her nephew James' funeral, who was killed while serving his country in Iraq!

However, the most incredible thing was what happened following the service on the way to the cemetery. We went to our cars and drove to the cemetery escorted by at least 10 police cars with lights flashing and some other emergency vehicles, with Tennessee police handling traffic. Everyone on the road who was not in the procession, pulled over, got out of their cars, and stood silently and respectfully, some put their hands over their hearts.

When we turned off the highway suddenly there were teenage boys along both sides of the street about every 20 feet or so, all holding large American flags on long flag poles, and again with their hands on their hearts. We thought at first it was the Boy Scouts or 4 H club or something, but it continued for two and a half miles. Hundreds of young people, standing silently on the side of the road with flags. At one point we passed an elementary school, and all the children were outside, shoulder to shoulder holding flags kindergartners, handicapped, teachers, staff, everyone. Some held signs of love and support. Then came teenage girls, and younger boys, all holding flags. Then adults, then families, all standing silently on the side of the road. No one spoke, not even the very young children.

The military presence, at least two generals, a fist full of colonels, and representatives from every branch of the service, plus the color guard who attended James, and some who served with him, was very impressive and respectful, but the love and pride from this community who had lost one of their own was the most amazing thing I've ever been privileged to witness!

Wisdom: God Is Love

The Maronite theology is incarnational. God judges no one, but calls all in Christ to the communion of his Life and Love. God offers his love to every human, but because it is a loving relationship, each human must freely accept God’s love. Some, who have not learned to live in relationship with God and others, who have not learned to love, will be afraid and selfishly refuse communion in God. They will freely and justly condemn themselves. There is no contradiction between Divine Justice and Divine Mercy, nor does God’s gracious gift of salvation diminish our freewill, because God gives his love to everyone, which is all merciful, and everyone is free to accept or reject that gift for themselves, which is all just.

From the first moment of our existence our being is grounded in this relationship of love. We all may have different experiences of love, and too many deprived of it, but all of us are born needing love. By instinct we know what love is and by the yearnings of our own heart how to give it. “*O Lord... You have made us for Yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in You*” (St. Augustine).

Maronites = Catholic of the East

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V. Lebanon in Apocryphal Books

While the following passages are taken from books that, according to some Christian communities, do not belong to the recognized inspired writings of the scriptures, they nevertheless provide evidence that at the time of the Maccabees' lively interaction was taking place between the cities of Phoenicia and regions to the south, regions around Jerusalem and along the coast.

1 Macc 5:14-15 "While they were reading this letter, suddenly other messengers, in torn clothes, arrived from Galilee to deliver a similar message: that the inhabitants of Ptolemais, Tyre, and Sidon, and the whole of Gentile Galilee had joined forces to destroy them."

2 Macc 3:5 "Since he could not prevail against Onias, he went to Apollonius of Tarsus, who at that time was governor of Coelesyria and Phoenicia."

2 Macc 4:4 "Onias saw that the opposition was serious and that Apollonius, son of Menestheus, the governor of Coelesyria and Phoenicia, was abetting Simon's wickedness."

2 Mac 4:22 "After going to Joppa, he proceeded to Jerusalem. There he was received with great pomp by Jason and the people of the city, who escorted him with torchlights and acclamations; following this, he led his army into Phoenicia."

2 Macc 4:32 "Then Menelaus, thinking this a good opportunity, stole some gold vessels from the temple and presented them to Andronicus; he had already sold some other vessels in Tyre and in the neighboring cities."

2 Macc 4:44 "When the king came to Tyre, three men sent by the senate presented to him the justice of their cause."

2 Macc 4:49 "For this reason, even some Tyrians were indignant over the crime and provided sumptuously for their burial."

2 Macc 8:8 "When Philip saw that Judas was gaining ground little by little and that his successful advances were becoming more frequent, he wrote to Ptolemy, governor of Coelesyria and Phoenicia, to come to the aid of the king's government."

2 Macc 10:11 "When Eupator succeeded to the kingdom, he put a certain Lysias in charge of the government as commander in chief of Coelesyria and Phoenicia."

2 Macc 14:1-2 "Three years later, Judas and his men learned that Demetrius, son of Seleucus, had sailed into the port of Tripolis with a powerful army and a fleet, and that he had occupied the country, after doing away with Antiochus and his guardian Lysias."

VI. Conclusion

As attested by Old and New Testament scriptures, Lebanon was a precious country, chosen and blessed with natural beauty and resources as well as being distinguished by the presence of the Lord Jesus on its soil.

"Holy" for a Christian describes anyone or anything filled with the presence of God. Two thousand years ago, God became man and lived on this earth among us as our brother. When multitudes of pilgrims travel to Israel this year to visit the very sites where Jesus lived and walked, to touch the ground that His feet touched, they express that, for them, Israel is a "holy land." In the same sense, Lebanon, Egypt and Jordan are "holy lands" for a Christian. Egypt is a "holy land" because it has experienced the physical presence of Jesus when the Holy Family fled there to protect baby Jesus from the persecution of King Herod. Lebanon is a "holy land" since it has a special function in God's plan for His people.

Some aspects of the Lord's loving and tender care for Lebanon and its people were already revealed when the Lord healed the young girl in Tyre. May Lebanon and its people follow the example of their ancestors, the young girl and her mother and stretch out to the Lord in a desire for His healing presence. *(End)*

Story: Daniel's Gloves

I sat, with two friends, in the picture window of a quaint restaurant just off the corner of the town-square. The food and the company were both especially good that day. As we talked, my attention was drawn outside, across the street.

There, walking into town, was a man who appeared to be carrying all his worldly goods on his back. He was carrying, a well-worn sign that read, 'I will work for food.' My heart sank.

I brought him to the attention of my friends and noticed that others around us had stopped eating to focus on him. Heads moved in a mixture of sadness and disbelief. We continued with our meal, but his image lingered in my mind. We finished our meal and went our separate ways. I had errands to do and quickly set out to accomplish them. I glanced toward the town square, looking somewhat halfheartedly for the strange visitor. I was fearful, knowing that seeing him again would call some response. I drove through town and saw nothing of him. I made some purchases at a store and got back in my car.

Deep within me, the Spirit of God kept speaking to me: 'Don't go back to the office until you've at least driven once more around the square.' Then with some hesitancy, I headed back into town. As I turned the square's third corner, I saw him. He was standing on the steps of the store front church, going through his sack. I stopped and looked; feeling both compelled to speak to him, yet wanting to drive on. The empty parking space on the corner seemed to be a sign from God: an invitation to park. I pulled in, got out and approached the town's newest visitor.

'Looking for the pastor?' I asked. 'Not really,' he replied, 'just resting.' 'Have you eaten today?' 'Oh, I ate something early this morning.' 'Would you like to have lunch with me?' 'Do you have some work I could do for you?' 'No work,' I replied 'I commute here to work from the city, but I would like to take you to lunch.' 'Sure,' he replied with a smile.

As he began to gather his things, I asked some surface questions. 'Where you headed?' 'St. Louis.' 'Where you from?'

'Oh, all over; mostly Florida.' 'How long you been walking?' 'Fourteen years,' came the reply. I knew I had met someone unusual. We sat across from each other in the same restaurant I had left earlier. His face was weathered slightly beyond his 38 years. His eyes were dark yet clear, and he spoke with an eloquence and articulation that was startling. He removed his jacket to reveal a bright red T-shirt that said, 'Jesus is The Never Ending Story.'

Then Daniel's story began to unfold. He had seen rough times early in life. He'd made some wrong choices and reaped the consequences. Fourteen years earlier, while backpacking across the country, he had stopped on the beach in Daytona. He tried to hire on with some men who were putting up a large tent and some equipment. A concert, he thought. He was hired, but the tent would not house a concert but revival services, and in those services he saw life more clearly. He gave his life over to God 'Nothing's been the same since,' he said, 'I felt the Lord telling me to keep walking, and so I did, some 14 years now.' 'Ever think of stopping?' I asked. 'Oh, once in a while, when it seems to get the best of me But God has given me this calling. I give out Bibles. That's what's in my sack. I work to buy food and Bibles, and I give them out when His Spirit leads.'

I sat amazed. My homeless friend was not homeless. He was on a mission and lived this way by choice. The question burned inside for a moment and then I asked: 'What's it like?' 'What?' 'To walk into a town carrying all your things on your back and to show your sign?' 'Oh, it was humiliating at first. People would stare and make comments. Once someone tossed a piece of half-eaten bread and made a gesture that certainly didn't make me feel welcome. But then it became humbling to realize that God was using me to touch lives and change people's concepts of other folks like me.'

My concept was changing, too. We finished our dessert and gathered his things. Just outside the door, he paused He turned to me and said, 'Come Ye blessed of my Father and inherit the kingdom I've prepared for you. For when I was hungry you gave me food, when I was thirsty you gave me drink, a stranger and you took me in.'

I felt as if we were on holy ground. 'Could you use another Bible?' I asked. He said he preferred a certain translation. It traveled well and was not too heavy. It was also his personal favorite. 'I've read through it 14 times,' he said.

'I'm not sure we've got one of those, but let's stop by our church and see' I was able to find my new friend a Bible that would do well, and he seemed very grateful. 'Where are you headed from here?' I asked. 'Well, I found this little map on the back of this amusement park coupon.' 'Are you hoping to hire on there for awhile?' 'No, I just figure I should go there. I figure someone under that star right there needs a Bible, so that's where I'm going next.' He smiled, and the warmth of his spirit radiated the sincerity of his mission. I drove him back to the town-square where we'd met two hours earlier, and as we drove, it started raining. We parked and unloaded his things. 'Would you sign my autograph book?' he asked. 'I like to keep messages from folks I meet.'

I wrote in his little book that his commitment to his calling had touched my life. I encouraged him to stay strong. And I left him with a verse of scripture from Jeremiah, 'I know the plans I have for you, declared the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you a future and a hope.'

'Thanks, man,' he said. 'I know we just met and we're really just strangers, but I love you.' 'I know,' I said, 'I love you, too.' 'The Lord is good!' 'Yes, He is. How long has it been since someone hugged you?' I asked. A long time,' he replied. And so on the busy street corner in the drizzling rain, my new friend and I embraced, and I felt deep inside that I had been changed. He put his things on his back, smiled his winning smile and said, 'See you in the New Jerusalem.' 'I'll be there!' was my reply.

He began his journey again. He headed away with his sign dangling from his bedroll and pack of Bibles. He stopped, turned and said, 'When you see something that makes you think of me, will you pray for me?' 'You bet,' I shouted back, 'God bless.' 'God bless.' And that was the last I saw of him.

Late that evening as I left my office, the wind blew strong. The cold front had settled hard upon the town. I bundled up and hurried to my car. As I sat back and reached for the emergency brake, I saw them..... a pair of well-worn brown work gloves neatly laid over the length of the handle. I picked them up and thought of my friend and wondered if his hands would stay warm that night without them. Then I remembered his words: 'If you see something that makes you think of me, will you pray for me?'

Today his gloves lie on my desk in my office. They help me to see the world and its people in a new way, and they help me remember those two hours with my unique friend and to pray for his ministry. 'See you in the New Jerusalem,' he said. Yes, Daniel, I know I will.... 'I shall pass this way but once. Therefore, any good that I can do or any kindness that I can show, let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again.'

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My Bible Doesn't Say That!

My boys were fighting again. If there hadn't been something called "sibling rivalry," Philip (age five) and David (age three) would have invented it. This time, however, the fighting had been going on most of the day. The yelling, the name calling, the tears, and the occasional punches had become almost intolerable.

My wife had tried every trick she knew. She threatened them, she reasoned with them, she tried to distract them, she sent them to bed, and she even applied an occasional swat to their bottoms, but nothing worked for long.

Late in the afternoon Philip initiated another skirmish. This time my wife took a desperate measure – she tried theology. "Philip," she said, "the Bible says, 'Be kind to one another.'" Philip stood up, put his hands on his hips, and said, "My Bible doesn't say that!"

Likewise, there are people in every church who will listen to exhortation, instruction, warnings, and challenges only to reply, by action and attitude, "My Bible doesn't say that."

No Voodoo Curse

There's an old *Leave It to Beaver* rerun in which Wally, Eddie Haskell, and the Beaver are going to a movie. Mrs. Cleaver tells them to go see *Pinocchio*, not the other movie in town, *Voodoo Curse*. As they approach the theater, Eddie suggests a way around the problem. He says, "Your mom told you not to take the Beaver to *Voodoo Curse*, but what if the Beaver took you?" With that rationalization, they were convinced they had done nothing wrong. They obeyed the letter of the law but not the intent. Sometimes we do the same thing.