

**March 7, 2010**  
**Bulletin # 10**

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

*(Maronite Catholic Rite)*

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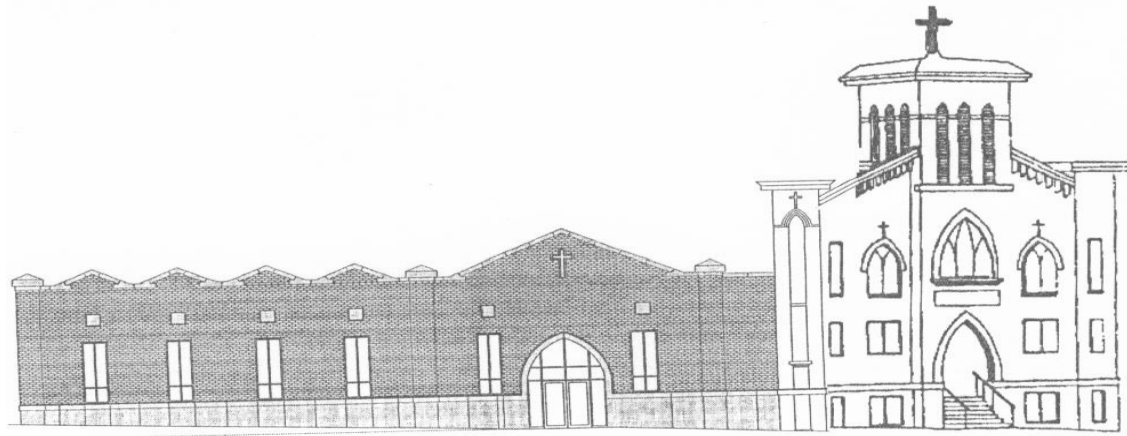
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### ***Great Lent Season*** ***Sunday of the Prodigal Son***



### ***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
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- \***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 Prodigal Son***

*Readings: 2Cor 13:5-13 & Lk 15:11-32*

A preacher showed his congregation a crisp \$20 bill and asked who wants it. All hands went up. Then he crumpled it in his palms and asked who still wanted it. Again all hands went up. Lastly he threw it on the ground, marched on it and repeated his question. Still the hands went up. Then he explained to them that the difference between a new, crisp \$20 bill and a rumpled and soiled \$20 in our eyes is the difference between a good person and a bad person in the sight of God. Both are equally acceptable. Basically both stand equal before God.

In the story that we heard today, both sons were equal in the eye of the loving father. Although the younger one transgressed his rules and went away to live a filthy life. His father never stopped loving him. His older brother was not much better than him and that was revealed when he raged his anger and refused to come into the house and celebrate the return of his brother who was dead and is back to life now

A teacher was going through the story of the Prodigal Son with the young children. At the end of the story she asked, "Who do you think is the one that ended up in the worst situation?" One of the kids shot up her hands and answered, "The fatted cow." The animal-loving child was certainly correct, but the answer the teacher properly expected was "The elder son." He was the loser.

We don't know what happened to the older son, but he was not in the best positions. Instead of rejoicing that his brother who was presumed dead has come back to life, he is angered by the fact that their father has received him back with a celebration.

We so often act like the elder son. We say "this is unfair, we need justice. He or she is a sinner and deserves punishment." We act as if we were gods or superior to others. Jesus told the hypocrites in the Gospel, "*Whoever of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw the stone.*"

We are all sinners my brothers and sisters and need constantly God's mercy and love. If you are a saint, please don't come to church next week, or better yet come and show us the way to heaven.

Whether your sins are more visible like those of the younger son or more hidden like those of the elder son, the message of the Gospel today is that we all need to repent and return to the father's house.

God's love is far greater than our capacity to love. We often want to punish, God wishes to reconcile, we want to hurt others, God wishes to heal, we want to retaliate, God wishes to forgive. God can forgive what we refuse to forgive. He will always welcome back and rejoices with his angels at the repentance and return of any sinner. Yes, God patiently seeks and awaits the conversion of every person. God will do everything that He can do to save us. He loved us even to the point of dying for us.

There are two things I want you to take as a lesson from today's Gospel:

- 1- The First is that we have a Sacrament in the Church that we call "Reconciliation, or Penance or Confession," that has been forgotten by so many. I urge you to approach it, especially during this season of Holy Lent. As we humbly kneel and recognize our sins, God celebrates our repentance and dresses us with the finest robe, a beautiful ring, and lovely sandals. It is through our union with God, that we experience true joy and peace.
- 2- The second thing that I want you to learn and remember from today's Gospel is that we are all called to act like the father in today's Gospel. We are called to forgive and create peace with everyone around us. To love our neighbor as Jesus loved us and even to love our enemies and pray for them.

Jesus said that before you approach the Altar and present your offering, you must reconcile yourself first with anyone that has a problem with you or you have a problem with them. When time comes for Holy Communion, everyone lines up in the aisle, but are we ready to receive the Eucharist worthily? Do we have any grudges, hatred or sinfulness toward anyone? If yes, I should go and reconcile myself with them first and then come and offer my sacrifice and receive Christ into my heart.

If you have a problem with a sibling or an old friend or any person, I urge you to reconcile with them today. Go knock at their doors, pick up the phone and call them, write them a letter of peace and love. Do whatever you have in your power. The choice is yours! Do it today, for tomorrow may be too late for you or them.

The power of Christianity is in love and forgiveness. Even if you do not like someone or get along with them, you must love them.

This is the heart of our Lenten journey, to be forgiven and to forgive. However, if we do not forgive others, we will not be forgiven. Our Father who are in heaven... Forgive us as we forgive those who trespass...

I hope and pray that this Holy Season will bring a deeper love and appreciation of the gift of forgiveness that God bought for us with the blood of His Son, and I hope that we will all make true peace with everyone around us.

It is at that time that Easter would mean anything to me. It is at that time that I am a child of a Loving Father who loves me and calls me to love so that His kingdom may come and His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

--Msgr. Sharbel Maroun, Minneapolis

## ***Easter Meditation: Listening To The Voice Of Love***

*"O that today you would listen to his voice! Do not harden your hearts . . . (Psalm 95:7-8)*

Prayer is the discipline of the moment. When we pray, we enter into the presence of God whose name is God-with-us. To pray is to listen attentively to the One who addresses us here and now. When we dare to trust that we are never alone but that God is always with us, always cares for us, and always speaks to us, then we can gradually detach ourselves from the voices that make us guilty or anxious and thus allow ourselves to dwell in the present moment. This is a very hard challenge because radical trust in God is not obvious. Most of us distrust God. Most of us think of God as a fearful, punitive authority or as an empty, powerless nothing. Jesus' core message was that God is neither a powerless weakling nor a powerful boss, but a lover, whose only desire is to give us what our hearts most desire.

*Lord, to make sure I am not using my solitude as an escape, I resolve anew to live patiently and kindly with those around me. This Lent I will seek out at least one person with whom I can share your healing presence.*

## ***Mass Intentions***

### **THIS WEEKEND, March 6-7: Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

#### **Saturday, March 6:**

**At 3:30 p.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

**At 4:00 p.m.:** Good health and long life of Margaret Glasser (on her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday) by Julia Gotses  
Ferris Shia (40-Day) by Frank & Mary Lish and Family

#### **Sunday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m. Mass will be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:**

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

-Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoon Ghaphery Family & the David  
Abraham Ghaphery Family by the Ghaphery Family

-William Breit by the Ghaphery Family

-Tom Jalad by his wife Anna Jalad

#### **Weekday Masses**

**Monday, March 8:** No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

**Tuesday, March 9:** No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

**Wednesday, March 10 at Noon:** No Mass. Fr Bakhos is out of town

#### **Thursday, March 11 at Noon:**

Ferris Shia by Philip & Vivian Pata

Louis John by Kathie Hoffman

#### **Friday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross, Benediction & Light Dinner:**

Ferris Shia by the Cave Club

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

**NEXT WEEKEND, March 13-14: Sunday of the Paralytic****Saturday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m.:**

Special Intention

Good health of Louis &amp; Charles Coury by their Family members

**Sunday, March 14 at 10:30 a.m.:**

Helen Saseen (on her Anniversary) by her daughter Rosella Saseen

Clara Joseph Carter (on her Anniversary) by her nieces and nephews

***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.

\$40 donated by Our Lady of Lebanon Women's Society

--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***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sunday, March 7	<b>Bingo Night with the Cedar Club – 6:00 p.m. in the Old Basement Hall</b>
Monday, March 8	<b>Cedar Club Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in Old Basement Hall</b>
Thursday, March 11	<b>Bible Study Class – from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.</b> <b>Lebanese Language Class – from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.</b>
Fridays during Lent: March 12, 19, 26 & April 2	<b>Mass, Stations of the Cross, Benediction, Light Dinner – begins at 5:30 pm</b>
Tuesday-Saturday, March 16-20	<b>Work Days for St. Maron Dinner (see work schedule below)</b>
Sunday, March 21	<b>Women's Society Gift Basket Drawing – at the St. Maron Dinner</b>
Sunday, March 21	<b>St. Maron Lebanese Dinner – 11:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.</b>
Sunday, March 28	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
Sunday, March 28	<b>Easter Flowers: Donation Deadline</b>
Thursday, April 1	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
Friday, April 2	<b>Good Friday</b>
Sunday, April 4	<b>Easter</b>
Sunday, April 4	<b>Lenten Diocesan Appeal: Donation Deadline</b>
Friday, April 9	<b>Fr. Bakhos' Farewell Dinner – 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.</b>
<i>Orders Due: Sunday, April 11</i> Work Begins: Sunday, April 18	<b>Lebanese Bake Sale – Work Days: Sunday after Mass</b> <i>&amp; Mon.-Thur., April 19-22, at 9:00 a.m.</i>
Sunday, April 18	<b>Work Concession Stand at Wheeling Airport – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.</b>
Sunday, April 25	<b>Women's Society Next Meeting – after 10:30 Mass – In Conference Room</b>
Sunday, May 23	<b>Spring Spaghetti Dinner – 11:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.</b>
Saturday, June 5	<b>Rummage Sale</b>
Sunday, August 15	<b>Mahrajan – at Oglebay Park</b>

## **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.

## **Cedar Club Meeting** (Monday, March 8, 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 will be Nini Miller and Allison Duffy. **Members:** Please remember we are hosting the **Sunday Night Bingo Game** on March 7, starting at 6:00 p.m.

## **Bible Study and Lebanese Language Classes** (Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>)

--Bible Study class will be from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

--Lebanese Language class will be from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

## **Stations of the Cross & Light Dinner** (Friday, March 12, 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 for sponsoring the last Lenten meal on Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and many thanks to the generous families who sponsored the other light meals during the Fridays of Lent.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Volunteers:</b>
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: MaryAnn Cater
7 <sup>th</sup> Friday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Light Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club

## **St. Maron Lebanese Dinner** (Sunday, March 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

Mark your calendar with the date for our St. Maron Lebanese Dinner. Help is needed in many areas to make this Dinner a success. Please volunteer to work by calling either Linda at 304-242-6853 or Carol at 740-782-0146 or call the church office at 304-233-1688. Proceeds will benefit the New Heating System Fund. Tickets are now available.

Attention Parishioners Who Help Sell Tickets: Please note that the Adult tickets are printed on white; Children tickets are printed on yellow. Also, DO NOT remove the "Door Prize Stubs" from the tickets you sell. They are to be completed by those who buy the tickets and will be removed when they arrive at the event.

**Menu:** baked kibbee, stuffed grape leaves, luban, fasolia, chicken & rice, hummus, salad, pita bread, dessert and beverage (Beer & pop are available a la carte.)

### **Discounted Advance Ticket Price if PAID by: Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

\$15.00 ea. Adult Ticket; \$7.00 ea. Child Ticket (children under 12 only)

### **Regular Ticket Price if PAID: Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

\$17.00 ea. Adult Ticket; \$8.00 ea. Child Ticket (children under 12 only)

**For Tickets ask one of our parishioners or call 304-233-1688. Buy your tickets in Advance and save!** Only a very limited number of tickets will be available at the door – **Remember: All Tickets Sold Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, INCLUDING ALL "At-The-Door" Tickets will cost: \$17.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children.** Bring your completed Ticket Stub with you to be eligible for **Door Prizes** – drawings will be held throughout the dinner.

**Take-Out Dinners** will be available. **Gift Basket and 50/50 Raffle** drawings will be held at 5:15 p.m.

**St. Maron Dinner Baked Goods Sale:** A Special Baked Goods Sale will also be held featuring a variety of delicious homemade pastries and other baked goods (cakes, cookies, pies, candy, breads, Lebanese

specialties, etc.) made by our parishioners. After you have enjoyed a wonderful meal, please plan to stop by our table at the Baked Goods Sale and purchase some fabulous treats to take home!

**Donations for the St. Maron Baked Goods Sale:** We are asking all our generous parishioners to help make this a successful dinner by preparing and donating one (or even two) of your favorite homemade pastries for our St. Maron Lebanese Dinner Baked Goods Sale (especially if you are talented with making Lebanese treats). With your help, we will have another great bake sale this year! Thank you in advance for your generosity, effort and time! Please plan to drop-off your donation between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 20, or between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 21. If you would like to schedule an alternative drop-off time, please call the church at 304-233-1688.

**St. Maron Dinner Food Preparation:** Please plan to share your time and talent in service to our church the week beginning Tuesday, March 16. Please volunteer to work by calling Carol Dougherty at 740-782-0146 or Linda Duffy at 304-242-6853 or call the Church Office at 304-233-1688. We welcome everyone who is available to help.

**Attention – Volunteers Are Needed:** Three people are needed **to volunteer to make and donate 2 gallons of luban each** for our St. Maron Lebanese Dinner. Contact Linda at 304-242-6853.

Work Days are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, March 16	9:00 a.m.	make cookies
Wednesday, March 17	10:30 a.m.	clean, cook & shred chicken, brown orzo, brown 10 lb. sausage, puree onions, & brown chopped onions for vegetable
Thursday, March 18	9:00 a.m.	prepare & bake kibbee
	1:30 p.m.	pick up & clean salad vegetables
Friday, March 19		<b>No work</b>
Saturday, March 20	10:00 a.m.	fill luban & hummus cups, bag bread, cook grape leaves & set up Cedar Hall

**St. Maron Dinner Workers are as follows:**

**Kitchen:** Salads: Starting at 9:00 a.m. David John & Nini Miller  
Hot Vegetable: 9:00 a.m. Rita Strawn  
Kibbee: 8:00 a.m. Fran Saseen  
Chicken & Rice and Grape Leaves: 8:00 a.m. Anna Jalad, Tom George, Linda Duffy  
Kitchen Helpers: 3:00 Mickey Duffy, ?? at 12:30 p.m. ??  
Stove Relief: Maryann Carl  
Kitchen Coordinator and Floater: Linda Duffy

**Tickets at Kitchen Window for Eat-In Dinners:** Mary Lish (11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.); & ?? (2:30-5:30)

**Tickets at Entrance:** Thomasina Geimer & Charlotte Kourey

**Tickets for Take Out:** Sandra Dusick, & Rex Strawn

**Take Out Runner – at Hall Entrance:** Nettie Seidler

**50/50 Raffle Tickets:** Jim & Shirley George

**Gift Basket Tickets:** Kim Gibbons

**Bake Sale:** Kathleen George, Patty Fahey, Mary Thomas

**Greeter:** George Fahey (11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) & Nick Bedway (from 2-4 p.m.)

**Hostess:** Luane Frazier & ??

**Floor Coordinator:** Carol Dougherty

**Servers:** Cheryl Tucker, Kenny & Nancy Joseph, Lou Kourey, Gary Weisner, George Thomas,

Bill Dougherty (11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.); Mike Linton (2:00-5:30)

**Complimentary Beverage Servers:** Kay Garvey, Julia Tappe

**Beverage Sales Bar:** ??

**Set Up (Silverware, Bread & Cookie):** Linda Hostutler, Evelyn Goodson

**Table Busing:** Al Depto & Judy Bedway

**Table Bussing Helpers – ??**

**Resetting Tables: ??****Late Day Clean-Up: ??****Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle** (Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at the St. Maron Dinner)

The Women's Society's next Gift Basket Raffle drawing will be held at our 2010 St. Maron Dinner scheduled for Sunday, March 21. 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: Our next basket for the upcoming May 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 will 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.

**Easter Lilies** (Deadline: Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>)

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Blessed Mother,

Every Easter the church looks beautiful decorated with the flowers donated from your hearts to the Blessed Mother in Memory of your beloved family members. Please be generous as usual and sponsor an Easter Flower for \$25.00 by Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**The following Easter Flowers are donated in Memory of:**

- \$25 Gladys Howard & Louise N. & Louis H. Khourey Sr., by Lou, Charlotte Khourey, Emmalena & Louie
- \$25 Helen Fielding, a loving mother, by her husband Don Fielding (FL)
- \$25 Suzanne Linton by her husband Mike Linton
- \$25 Frances Linton by her husband Joseph Linton & sons Steve & Mike
- \$25 For a Special Intention by a Friend
- \$25 the Deceased of the Schlog and Saseen Families by Bob & Fran Saseen
- \$25 Ralph & Mary Joseph Shipley & Robby Hunter by Thomasina Geimer
- \$25 Nimon & Miriam Joseph Family by the Family
- \$25 Mary K. Ferris by Tom Ferris
- \$25 Siham Frenn and Laverne Thomas and Evelyn Hall by the Frenn Family

**Women's Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle** (Drawing: Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, after Mass)

The Women's Society continues to sponsor the **Monthly 50/50 Raffle**. Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Proceeds now will benefit the maintenance of our church through the "Endowment Fund."

The drawing from entries received for the **March 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, March 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 Nesrin AlKhouri who won the February of \$40 prize. She donated it and an additional \$10 (making a total of \$50) toward the New Heating Fund. Many Thanks Nesrin!

### ***Women's Society Members to Bring Decorated Eggs*** (Sunday, March 28)

The members of our Women's Society are asked to bring one dozen hard-boiled eggs – already decorated – for use at the Palm Sunday luncheon following Mass. More information will be printed in future bulletins.

### ***2010 Diocesan Appeal – Easter Obligation*** (Due by Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>)

Many Thanks for all the following faithful parishioners and good Christians who contributed \$50.00 each (unless otherwise marked) toward their Easter Obligation for the 2010 Diocesan Appeal. May your Easter bring more blessings to you and to your family members.

*Lou & Charlotte Khourey (\$100), Mike Linton, Anna Jalad, Earl & Linda Duffy, Larry Breiding, Kenny & Nancy Joseph, Jean Weisner, Sylvia Long, A Friend, Cecilia John, Cecilia Ammar, Joe & Karen John, Patricia Smith, Michael & Maryann Carl, the Palmers at Columbia Sales, Bill & Carol Dougherty, Mark & Barb McLaughlin, Dr. Adel & Diane Frenn, Dr. Rajai & Nahla Khoury, Bill & Tricia Committee, Elizabeth Abraham, Betty Shia, Barb Sobota, Mark Schroeder, Julia Tappe, Mary Rose Kukula, Millet & Susie Fadoul, Bob & Fran Saseen, Tom Ferris, Gary Weisner, Thomasina Geimer, Bob & Lois Hammond, Mary Beth Weisner, James & Lynn Comerci, Evelyn Goodson, Ron & Kim Gibbons, Randy Weisner, Cecilia Maroon, Rex & Rita Strawn, Louis & Joan Betras,*

### ***Fr. Bakhos' Farewell Dinner*** (Friday, April 9, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.)

Plan to join the Parish Council and parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church for a catered, Farewell Sit-Down Dinner honoring our pastor, Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, who has served our parish since June of 2001. He has been assigned to serve St. Sharbel Church, the largest Maronite Parish in the United States, located at 31601 Schoenherr Road, Warren, Michigan 48093. He will also minister to the St. Rafka Mission which is near there.

We wish each of you can make time in your busy lives to join us for this evening event. The catered, dinner menu includes: *steamship round of beef, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad, roll & butter, dessert, and coffee or iced tea.* **The event is scheduled for Friday, April 9, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are available for \$25.00 each and may be obtained by mailing your check (with the Memo: Farewell Dinner) to Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003.**

Our Cedar Hall can only accommodate a maximum of 200 people so please do not delay! RSVP is required by April 4. Send in your payment to guarantee your reservation. Seating is filled on a first paid, first come basis.

### ***Wheeling Airport Concession Stand*** (Sunday, April 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

The Cedar Club will again have a Concession Stand at the Wheeling Ohio County Airport on Sunday, April 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Anyone willing to donate items such as cases of water, Diet Pepsi, Coke, etc. will be greatly appreciated. (If you are unable to shop for a donation, monetary donations will be accepted). We also will need a few baked goods for that day. More information will be coming in future Bulletins. If you have any questions in the meantime, please call Linda at (304) 242-6853)

### ***Women's Society Next to Meet in April*** (Sunday, April 25, after 10:30 a.m. Mass)

Plan to join the Women's Society at our next meeting which is scheduled for Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, **in the Conference Room** after Mass. Remember the March meeting was cancelled. We will discuss plans for our upcoming spring events. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### ***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 a band playing many musical instruments: *derbake*, *ood*, and drum 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).

## ***Heat System Fundraising to Replace Old Church Furnace***

A plaque will be installed in the church commemorating **ONLY** the donors **at the levels listed below**. Please be a part of the generous and proud flock of our church.

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**Total Raised so far: \$8,365.00 out of \$33,000.00**

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

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

Naji Abboud, Joan Betras, Sue Brubach, Pearl Shutler (mother of Janet), Dave Sengewalt, Charles Coury and Louis Coury (brothers of Lucille Gibbons),

#### **Also Please Pray for Those Who Asked Us to Pray for Them:**

Donald Gibbons (son of Lucille), Eileen Foster and her mom Barb Sobota, Andy Kaminski, Sam Elias, Frank Lish, Josephine Joseph, Theresa Snedeker, Dolores Palotay, Bob Dougherty (brother of Bill), Edith Fahey, Rosella Saseen, Gary West, Laura Wellman, Virginia Kourey Bryan (aunt of Lou Kourey in Toledo, OH), Manell Brice (Arlington, VA), Rose Mary Bris-Roybal (Albuquerque, NM), Pat & John Vawter (mother & brother of Dr. Rob Vawter)

### ***Happy Birthday***

March 6: Karen Shipley, Kristen McLaughlin  
 March 15: Shelby Imer  
 March 18: John Shibben, Kenny Imer, Bill Stees, Patrick Petros  
 March 21: Caroline Stees McDowell  
 March 22: Jennifer Imer  
 March 26: Joseph John  
 March 27: Tommy Zinn  
 March 28: Virginia Porchiran  
 March 30: Gregory John  
 March 31: George Lewis, Jonas George

## *Your Church Support Last Week*

956	Collection
300	Diocesan Appeal
56	Candles
409	Utilities
50	Easter Flowers
1,586	Soup & Hoagies Sale Fundraising
450	Special Event (Farewell Party for Fr. Bakhos)
300	Fundraising (New Church High-Efficiency Heat System)
25	Donation to Church
\$4,132.00	Total. <i>May God reward you many fold</i>

## *What's New?*

### *Parish Condolences: Louis John*

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

Fr. Bakhos celebrated the Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Church on Tuesday, March 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. The choir of the church served the Mass and the Women's Society served the Mercy Meal in the Cedar Hall of the church.

May the Blessed Mother intercede for him and lead him to the light of Christ. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His servant **Louis** and we extend the parish's condolences to *his* family in their time of sorrow.

Our Lady of Lebanon church is so grateful to the **John** family for directing all memorial contributions toward the New Heating System of the church. May *his* Memory be eternal. Amen.

### *To My Dear Friend Louis John,*

*God saw you were getting tired; and a cure was not to be.*

*So He put His arms around you, and whispered, "Come to me!"*

*A golden heart stopped beating; hard working hands now rest.*

*God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.*

*Dear Lord,*

*We seem to give back to You, O God, who gave them to us.*

*You did not lose them, when You gave them to us.*

*And we do not lose them, by their return to You.*

*Your dear Son has taught us; that life is eternal and love cannot die.*

*So death is only a horizon, and a horizon is only the limit of our sight.*

*Open our eyes to see more clearly, and draw us closer to You;*

*that we may know that we are nearer to our loved ones, who are with You.*

*You have told us*

*that You are preparing a place for us;*

*prepare us also for that happy place,*

*that where You are we may also be always,*

*O dear Lord of life and death.*

*-- chosen by Fr. Bakhos*

### *Parish Condolences: Wilbur Breiding*

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the **Breiding** family on the loss of their beloved **Wilbur** who died in the Lord in Wheeling, last Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Wilbur is survived by his son, Deacon Doug Breiding who assists with our web site and his brother, our parishioner Larry Breiding, and he was the uncle of Roxanne Wurtzbacher. May the Blessed Mother intercede for him and lead him to the light of Christ. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His servant **Wilbur** and we extend the parish's condolences to *his* family in their time of sorrow. May *his* Memory be eternal. AMEN

## ***Many Thanks...***

-To Main Street Bank for sponsoring the printing of our St. Maron Lebanese Dinner tickets.

-To Dr. Nabil & Nesrin AlKhouri for donating their 50/50 Monthly Raffle prize of \$40 and an additional \$10 (making a total of \$50) toward the new Heating System Fundraising for the church.

-To the Women Society for their fundraising of \$40 from the 50/50 Monthly Raffle toward the Endowment Fund.

-To all the ladies and gentlemen who tirelessly worked at home preparing the homemade soup and donated it for the Soup and Hoagie Sale; to Don & Roberta Henning who coordinated the purchase of buns, meat and cheese for the hoagies; to Nettie Seidler who coordinated the bake sale (which alone raised over \$350 at the Soup and Hoagie Sale); to all of the ladies and gentlemen who assisted Don & Roberta with the hoagie preparation; to the indispensable ladies who helped pack the Soup and Hoagie orders for our enthusiastic, hungry customers.

## ***Soup & Hoagie Sale Profit***

Income	\$3,854.00
Expenses	\$ 686.00
<b>Profit</b>	<b>\$3,168.00</b>

Approximately 380 Hoagies were made for sale, approximately 290 quarts along with approximately 110 pints were donated for the sale. The Bake Sale at the Soup and Hoagie earned over \$350 toward our total income. Thanks to everyone who purchased our soup and hoagies, who donated items for our bake sale or toward our expenses and especially to all those who helped to make it such a tremendous success!

## ***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.

## ***Around Us***

### ***An "Irish Evening"*** (March 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6-9 p.m.)

Where: St. Michael's New Angelus Center, Wheeling

Menu: Irish Stew, Cabbage & Noodles, Irish Soda Bread, Desserts.

Cost: \$3.00 and donations accepted. Tickets available at Parish Office: 304-242-1560

### ***Novena of Jesus, Infant of Prague*** (March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.)

Where: Our Lady of Peace, Mount Olivet

When: Every Monday from March 22<sup>nd</sup> through May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Information: Call 304-242-6579

### ***Spaghetti Dinner*** (Sunday, April 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Where & When: 18<sup>th</sup> Street Catholic Charity Neighborhood Center Wheeling, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## ***Parishioner Profile: Robert & Frances Saseen***

*“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.*

We are happy to profile a terrific couple this month. What can you say about two people who bring so much joy and love along with them? All you have to say is: “It’s Bobby and Fran Saseen,” and people will know what to expect.

They have two sons, Philip, a fireman, was the youngest person to join the fire department. Their other son Robert works at the Center Foundry in Warwood. They have six grandchildren: Aden and Alex who attend West Liberty University. Alex is on the “gold team” there. Their grandson Jeremy works for Federal Housing and Jordan attends Wheeling Jesuit University. Granddaughter Vanessa is a student at Corpus Christi Grade School and is a captain of the cheerleading team. They have seven nephews and eight nieces.

Let’s start with Bobby first. Robert Joseph Saseen was born in Wheeling to Shikery and Helen Saseen. He was one in a family that included nine other boys and one girl: Nancepe, Abby, Joe, George, John, Philip, Louis, Jerry and Mable. Jerry is the only one of his siblings still surviving and he lives in Bethlehem with his wife Marge.

Bobby attended grade school at Our Lady of Lebanon, graduated from Wheeling Central and attended West Liberty State College.

While at Wheeling Central, Bobby was the first male cheerleader for the school. He was voted the best cheerleader in the State Tournament and awarded a trophy. (This doesn’t surprise me a bit.)

Bobby was drafted into the Army to serve in World War II while still a junior at Wheeling Central. During the war he was stationed in the Far East. After serving his tour of duty, he returned to Wheeling Central to complete his high school education.

He worked at Saseen’s, the family restaurant, and was also a housing inspector for the City of Wheeling. He can presently be seen – still working – at the Civic Center for many of the events scheduled there.

Bobby likes to golf and enjoys vacationing at the beach with family and friends. He loved the many trips enjoyed with Tom and Ann Jalad.

Mary Frances (Fran or Frannie to most of us) was born in Martins Ferry, Ohio, to Steve and Margaret Schlog. She was one of three children; she has two brothers: Tom and Jim, and one niece.

Frannie attended St. Mary’s grade school and St. Joseph’s grade school in Wolfhurst. She graduated from St. John’s High School in Bellaire, Ohio. Frannie then went to B.M. Spurr School of Practical Nursing and worked at Ohio Valley General Hospital and also at Peterson. Frannie also did private duty nursing. She worked as a nurse before, after and during marriage.

Bobby and Frannie met on a blind date arranged by a school girlfriend. This turned out to be another success story. They fell in love and were married in 1956 at St. Joseph’s Church in Wolfhurst by Monsignor Metzger.

Frannie enjoys baking and she and Bobby are always first to volunteer their help for every event. They pitch in to help anywhere they are needed. When they walk in, you know that all is right with the world. They are so loved and appreciated by all our parishioners and they are definitely “keepers!”

### ***Wisdom: Laugh***

-Don’t spend your time evaluating humor, asking yourself, “Is it really funny?” or “Do others think it’s funny?” Just react and enjoy it. A group called the American Association for Therapy and Humor believes that one of the things too often missing from our days is a good laugh. The message is being heard by an increasing number of business consultants, who find that a little laughter makes for a better employee.

Businesses across the country have Dress Like Elvis Days, clown squads that roam the halls sharing mirth, and silly contests like seeing who can throw a paper airplane the farthest. Why?

Shaking us out of our routine increases creativity, productivity, and job satisfaction. But whether at work or at home, the Therapy and Humor group says, “Happiness is a laughing matter.”

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

### ***The Maronite Liturgy (5)***

#### **Introduction**

The word “liturgy” is of Greek origin, meaning among other things, the prayer of the people, the Christian community, or the Church. Applied to the Maronites, this general meaning reminds one of the history of a people who came into existence, expanded, and survived thanks to prayer, faith, and holiness of life. In this article, we will focus on the liturgical prayer of the community, as such. We shall divide our topic into the following parts:

#### **The Identity of the Maronite Liturgy:**

First of all, we must reinsert the Maronite rite into its genuine framework and base it firmly on its own ecclesial as well as historical foundations. The Christian East is traditionally divided into two great liturgical families: the family of Antioch and the family of Alexandria. From each there emerged various rites. The Maronite rite belongs to the Western Antiochian family. This identification of the Maronite rite as a Western Antiochian rite signifies three things:

The Maronite rite has a close kinship with the Syriac Antiochian tradition, which embodies, to a great extent, the tradition of Jerusalem, “the Mother of Churches.” Both the traditions of Antioch and Jerusalem are bound together into a rather solid liturgical unity. The Maronite rite is open to the Eastern Antiochian rite, that is, the Chaldean rite. In fact, in both of them we find many similarities. We may even affirm that these similarities are made up precisely of the most ancient elements within the two rites.

In spite of the marginal Latin influences on our rite, caused by the binding doctrinal links between the Maronite Church and the Church of Rome, the Maronite rite did, however, keep its distinctive liturgical personality. It is a great mistake to consider the Maronite rite as totally reduced to Latin influences. In fact, its liturgical texts have always borne a genuine Antiochian and Syriac theology, while, at the same time, the structure of its prayers and offices have shown true and unquestionable characteristics stemming directly from Antioch and Jerusalem.

The Maronite liturgical identity is, therefore, before anything else, Antiochian, Aramaic (Syriac), and from Jerusalem. In spite of the various elements shared with the Latins, the Maronite rite has retained its own distinctive personality and firmly adhered to its proper basic components. This is why we believe that this rite was able to stay alive over the course of time and was never assimilated by one of the other Antiochian rites.

### ***Story: God Works in Mysterious Ways***

Isn't it amazing how God works in our lives! On a Saturday night several weeks ago, this pastor was working late, and decided to call his wife before he left for home. It was about 10:00 p.m. but his wife didn't answer the phone.

The pastor let the phone ring many times. He thought it was odd that she didn't answer, but decided to wrap up a few things and try again in a few minutes. When he tried again she answered right away. He asked her why she hadn't answered before, and she said that it hadn't rung at their house. They brushed it off as a fluke and went on their merry ways.

The following Monday, the pastor received a call at the church office, which was the phone that he'd used that Saturday night. The man that he spoke with wanted to know why he'd called on Saturday night.

The pastor couldn't figure out what the man was talking about. Then the man said, “It rang and rang, but I didn't answer.” The pastor remembered the mishap and apologized for disturbing him, explaining that he'd intended to call his wife. The man said, “That's, OK. Let me tell you my story.”

“You see, I was planning to commit suicide on Saturday night, but before I did, I prayed, “God if you're there, and you don't want me to do this, give me a sign now.” At that point my phone started to ring. I looked at the caller ID, and it said, ‘Almighty God,’ I was afraid to answer!”

The reason why it showed on the man's caller ID that the call came from “Almighty God” is because the church that the pastor attends is called Almighty God Tabernacle!!!

## *Joke (583)*

### *Marvelous Discovery*

The story is going around that up in the Stanford Research Laboratories they have made an important change in procedure recently. Instead of using rats in their experiments, they are now using attorneys. When asked why this change was initiated, the head of the lab said, "Well, there are two reasons: there are more of them available, and we find that students don't get as emotionally attached to them."

### *Truth and Compliments*

"You appear to be a man of intelligence," the opposing lawyer said during a trial as he cross-examined a witness.

The witness replied, "I would be glad to say the same of you, but I just swore to tell the truth."

### *Baseball Managers*

Billy Martin, former manager of the New York Yankees, once said, "The key to effective management is to keep the five guys who hate you from the five guys who are undecided."

### *Anatomy of a Committee*

A committee has six or more legs and no brain.

### *Leaders and Followers*

Why is the leader the last to know where the followers want to go? The leader looks to check the flock, and finds that they are down the block.

### *To Feed a Dog*

A woman read that dogs were healthier when fed a tablespoon of cod liver oil each day. She wanted the healthiest dog possible, so she resolved to feed her dog a tablespoon of cod liver oil every day. But every day, it was the same routine - she would chase her dog around the house and force feed it a spoon full of cod liver oil.

One day while chasing down her dog, the woman knocked over the bottle of cod liver oil. Much to her surprise, her dog ran over to the puddle of oil and lapped it right up.

The dog loved cod liver oil-just not from the spoon. Perhaps there are times when our message is much more palatable than our method of presentation.

### *Jack Benny on Scouting*

A scout troop consists of twelve little kids dressed like shmucks followed by a big schmuck dressed like a kid.  
--Jack Benny

### *Mark 17*

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark chapter 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark chapter 17. Every hand went up.

The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

### *Not Drunk*

A man came home drunk after a night of carousing in a number of neighborhood bars. His wife helped him up to the bedroom and tucked him into bed. Then she knelt at his bedside and whispered, "John, do you want me to pray for you?"

He agreed, and she began to pray, "Dear Lord, I pray for my husband who lies here before you drunk ..." Before she could finish, he interrupted, "Don't tell him I'm drunk; just tell him I'm sick."