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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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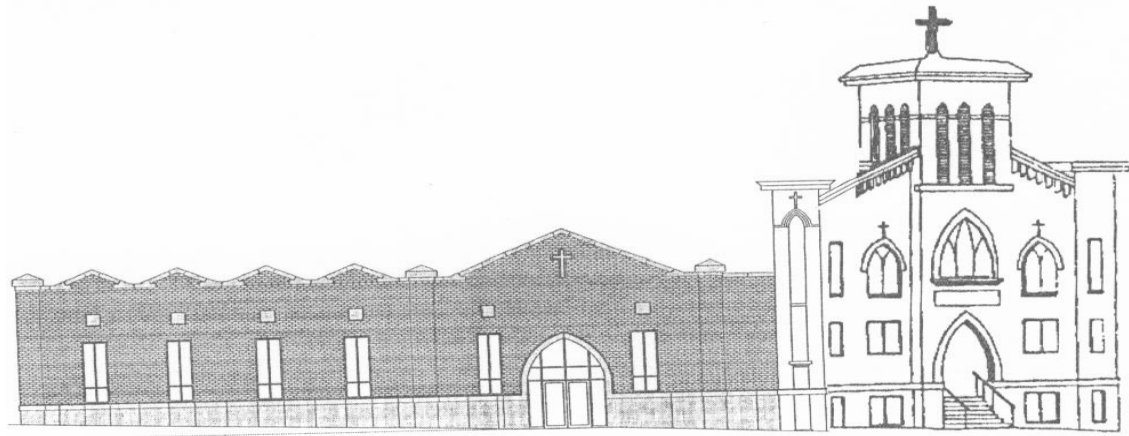
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Great Lent Season ***Sunday of the Paralytic***



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
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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 Paralytic

Readings: 1Tim 5:24-6:5 and Mk 2:1-12

“Who can forgive sins but God?”

How can sins be rightly remitted unless the very One against whom one has sinned grants the pardon? If Christ forgives sins, Christ must be truly God because no one can forgive sins but God alone. In their ministry of the forgiveness of sin, pastors do not exercise the right of some independent power. For not in their own name but in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit do they forgive sins. They ask, the Godhead forgives. The service is enabled by humans, but the gift comes from the Power on high.

“Which is easier to say?”

The physician’s art, according to Democritus, heals the diseases of the body; wisdom frees the soul from its obsessions. But the good Instructor, Wisdom, who is the Word of the Father who assumed human flesh, cares for the whole nature of his creature. The all-sufficient Physician of humanity, the Savior, heals both body and soul conjointly. “Stand up,” he commanded the paralytic; “take the bed on which you lie, and go home”; and immediately the paralytic received strength.

Easter Meditation: Look No Further

“**I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope...**” (Psalm 130:5)

Aren’t you, like me, hoping that some person, thing or event will come along to give you that final feeling of inner well-being you desire? Don’t you often hope: “May this book, idea, course, trip, job, country or relationship fulfill my deepest desire.” But as long as you are waiting for that mysterious moment you will go on running helter-skelter, always anxious and restless, always lustful and angry, never fully satisfied. You know that this is the compulsiveness that keeps us going and busy, but at the same time makes us wonder whether we are getting anywhere in the long run. This is the way to spiritual exhaustion and burnout. This is the way to spiritual death.

Well, you and I don’t have to kill ourselves. We are the Beloved. We are intimately loved long before our parents, teachers, spouses, children and friends loved us or wounded us. That’s the truth of our lives. *Lord, I have often thought that imitation of Christ was impossible because it meant living a life like Christ. But doesn’t it mean living my own life as your beloved child? Yes, I want to do that, and with your grace, I can.*

When the Priest Moves into a New Parish

When the pastor of the church moves into a new assignment, he takes with him his personal belongings only. Usually every priest carries with him from church to church his personal vestment and chalice -where his name and the date of his ordination are engraved- as a remembrance of his ordination. All other items that belong to the church remain in the church because they are the property of the church and no priest is allowed to take them with him.

Also the pastor takes with him his personal car, computer, clothes and notebooks –if any. Besides the material belongings, the pastor carries in his heart the good memories of the best time he spent in the State. Usually the priest remembers the generous and big-hearted parishioners and friends and keeps them in his prayers wherever he goes. He keeps in touch with them as long as the relationship goes.

When the new pastor comes into the church, he is in total darkness. He doesn’t know the parishioners and who is good and who is best. He is blind. There is a good feeling here when the new pastor assumes the goodness in every one and treat all people without discrimination. Until the mask falls and the real personality of everyone get uncovered, the pastor is at peace. With time, many personal interests intersect with the church policy; and the priest finds himself between the rules of the church and the directives of his bishop on one side and the people who want him to go their way on the other side. Most of the time, wise pastors like to find a compromise that pleases everyone because pastors are called to make peace with everyone.

I will take each and every one of you my dear parishioners and friends in my heart and I will cherish the good times we had together in the beautiful West Virginia. Indeed it was almost heaven for me. –Fr. Bakhos

Mass Intentions

THIS WEEKEND, March 13-14: Sunday of the Paralytic

Saturday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m.:

Special Intention

Good health of Louis & 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

Weekday Masses

Monday, March 15: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, March 16: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Wednesday, March 17 at Noon:

Lou Elias (on his Anniversary) by his Family

Louis John by M/M Ralph Barone

Mike & Sadie Thomas and Deceased Relatives (MN) by Ervin & Rosemary Splatt (WI)

Thursday, March 18 at Noon:

Louis John by Michael Caruso MD

Rosaline Saseen by Rich & Susan Brooks

Friday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross, Benediction & Light Dinner:

Mark Long (on his Birthday) by Sylvia Long

Louis John by Melo & Laura Wakim

NEXT WEEKEND, March 20-21: Sunday of the Blind

Saturday, March 20 at 4:00 p.m.:

Ferris Shia by Betty Shia

Louis John by Michael Rouhana

Sunday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m.:

Michael & Annette Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie and Family

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.

--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
Tuesday-Saturday, March 16-20	Work Days for St. Maron Dinner (<i>see work schedule below</i>)
Thursday, March 18	Bible Study Class – <i>from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.</i> Lebanese Language Class – <i>from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.</i>
Fridays during Lent: March 19, 26 & April 2	Mass, Stations of the Cross, Benediction, Light Dinner — <i>begins at 5:30 pm</i>
Sunday, March 21	Women's Society Gift Basket Drawing – <i>at the St. Maron Dinner</i>
Sunday, March 21	St. Maron Lebanese Dinner – <i>11:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.</i>

Sunday, March 28	Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 28	Easter Flowers: Donation Deadline
Thursday, April 1	Holy Thursday
Friday, April 2	Good Friday
Sunday, April 4	Easter
Sunday, April 4	Lenten Diocesan Appeal: Donation Deadline
Friday, April 9	Fr. Bakhos' Farewell Dinner – 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.
<i>Orders Due: Sunday, April 11</i> Work Begins: Sunday, April 18	Lebanese Bake Sale – Work Days: Sunday after Mass & Mon.-Thur., April 19-22, at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 18	Work Concession Stand at Wheeling Airport – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday, April 25	Women's Society Next Meeting – after 10:30 Mass – In Conference Room
Sunday, May 23	Spring Spaghetti Dinner – 11:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 5	Rummage Sale
Sunday, August 15	Mahrajan – at Oglebay Park

Bible Study and Lebanese Language Classes (Thursday, March 18th)

--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 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 for sponsoring the last Lenten meal on Good Friday, April 2nd, and many thanks to the generous families who sponsored the other light meals during the Fridays of Lent.

Date:	Volunteers:
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

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 14th

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

Regular Ticket Price if PAID: Monday, March 15th through Sunday, March 21st

\$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 15th through Sunday, March 21st, 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		No work
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: 3:00 p.m. 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 Khourey

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: Janet Shutler? Cheryl Tucker (2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.) ?

Floor Coordinator: Carol Dougherty

Servers: Cheryl Tucker, Kenny & Nancy Joseph, Lou Khourey, 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

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

Table Busing: Al Depto & Judy Bedway

Table Bussing Helpers – Kory & Garrett Bratton

Resetting Tables: Judy Bedway & Al Depto

Late Day Clean-Up: Carol Burkhart &?

Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle (Sunday, March 21st, 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 28th)

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 28th.

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 & 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 & Laverne Thomas & Evelyn Hall by the Frenn Family
- \$25 Mike Sobota by his wife Barb Sobota
- \$25 For all deceased members of the Constantine Shia Family by Family
- \$25 Helen Bauerle, son John Olako and mother-in-law and father-in-law Sophie and Steve Olako by Bernard & Elizabeth Olako
- \$25 John F. Kukula by Mary Rose Kukula & Family

\$25 *George & Rose Fadoul by the Family*

\$25 *Deceased of the Hebdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty*

Palm Sunday (Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28th)

On Palm Sunday, we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem where people came out to meet Him and shout, "Hosanna," "Save us, O Lord." On that day, we bless olive branches (symbol of peace) and palm branches (symbol of victory), and we process inside the church with candles to welcome Christ as the King of our life.

Processions: On Saturday and Sunday, March 27th & 28th, the palms will be blessed during both Masses and distributed. We will have a procession with the children inside the church in every Mass. Please bring your children and grandchildren and let us welcome Christ the King in our hearts with the shouts of "Hosannas." Sunday, March 28th after the children luncheon: **Rehearsal for the Washing of the Feet.** Following the rehearsal, all candidates and their brothers and sisters are invited to enjoy an egg coloring party. Parents are invited to help supervising the children. All supplies are provided by the Church.

Women's Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle (Drawing: Sunday, March 28th, 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 4th)

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, Rose Mary Royball, John & Dee Shiben, Joseph & Tatla Dager, Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Donald Fielding (FL), Paul & Irene Schuler, Carol Burkhart, Dolores and Virginia Joseph, Nick and Evelyn Ghaphery, Joe Elias, Dr. Al & Judy Ghaphery, Dr Joe Palmer, NiNi Miller, Bassam & Jodi Deeb,

Update about Fr. Bakhos' Farewell Dinner (Friday and Sunday, April 9th and 11th)

Due the capacity of the Cedar Hall that fits only 200 guests:

The first 200 guests will be served on Friday, April 9th from 5:30 until 9:30 pm

All additional guests will be contacted and then served on Sunday, April 11th from 5:30 until 9:30 pm.

Menu: *steamship round of beef, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad, roll & butter, dessert, and coffee or iced tea.*

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.**

RSVP is required by April 4th.

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. For this to be successful, we will need donations of one case Diet Pepsi, one case Diet Coke and one case of Regular Coke. We also will need three bottles of catsup, three bottles of mustard, three jars of relish and three bottles of dry coffee creamer. This will be greatly appreciated. (If you are unable to shop for a donation, monetary donations will be accepted).

We are also asking all bakers of the parish to prepare some pastries or other baked goods for the concession stand. Your donations and baked goods can be brought to the Church Hall on Saturday, April 17 before or after 4:00 p.m. Mass. Remember this is for the parish and all funds raised will be designated for the New Heating System. 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 25th, **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 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 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

The work began last Thursday on the installation of the central air heating and cooling system for the rectory. Currently there is no air conditioning in the rectory and no priest can live and function without it. We need your help and donations to finish this job. 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.

Silver (\$100-\$199)	<i>Mary Rose Kukula, Jonathan Turak, Jim & Rose Marie Carroll, Bill & Mary Daniel Jr., Salem J. David In memory of Sadie & Joseph Simon, Al Depto, Bob & Fran Saseen, Tom Ferris, Paul & Irene Schuler, Ferris Shia, Peggy Justice, Joseph & Carol Abraham, Elizabeth Abraham, Pagendarm & Moore Families, Chamse Rahi, Anna Jalad, Mark & Barb McLaughlin, Robert & Carolyn David, Barb Sobota, David Frey, Cecilia John, Donald Fielding (FL), Barb Sobota,</i>
Gold (\$200-\$499)	<i>Dr. Jack & Rose Palmer, Sylvia Long, Rosella Saseen, Altmeyer Funeral Home, Holly & Shirley Bine, Gary Weisner, Rex & Rita Strawn, Michael J. David, Earl & Linda Duffy,</i>
Diamond (\$500 & over)	<i>Gary & Flip West, Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, Lou & Charlotte Kourey, Larry Breiding, Mark Alan Schroeder, Kenny & Nancy Joseph, Nick Ghaphery Jr., Louis & Marge John, John & Dee Shiben,</i>

Donations received under \$100.00. **The following donors names will NOT appear on the plaque:**

Peggy Palmer, Michael Caruso, Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Al & Annette Togliatti, Michael & Vicky Joseph, Anonymous, Dr. Nabil & Nesrin AlKhouri, Bassam & Jodi Deeb,

Total Raised so far: \$11,155.00 out of \$33,000.00

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers:

Zachary McKim, 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 Khourey Bryan (aunt of Lou Khourey in Toledo, OH), Manell Brice (Arlington, VA), Rose Mary Bris-Roybal (Albuquerque, NM), Pat & John Vawter (mother & brother of Dr. Rob Vawter)

Happy Birthday

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

1215	Collection
530	Diocesan Appeal
193	2 nd collection Caritas Lebanon
235	Candles
52	Utilities
260	parking
150	Hall rental
200	Easter Flowers
120	Spaghetti dinner
225	St. Maron dinner
216	Soup & Hoagies Sale Fundraising
1700	Special Event (Farewell Dinner for Fr. Bakhos)
2975	Fundraising (New Church High-Efficiency Heat System)
1810	Donations to New Church High-Efficiency Heat System in Memory of Louis John
362	Reimbursement
1375	Donation to Church
40	Donation to Endowment Fund
\$11,658.00	Total. <i>May God reward you many fold</i>

Around Us

Novena of Jesus, Infant of Prague (March 22nd, at 7:00 p.m.)

Where: Our Lady of Peace, Mount Olivet

When: Every Monday from March 22nd through May 17th 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: 18th Street Catholic Charity Neighborhood Center Wheeling, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wisdom: Dust if you must

Dust if you must but wouldn't it be better
To paint a picture or write a letter,
Bake a cake or plant a seed.
Ponder the difference between want and need.
Dust if you must but there's not much time,
With rivers to swim and mountains to climb!
Music to hear and books to read,
Friends to cherish and life to lead.
Dust if you must but the world's out there
With the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair,
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain.
This day will not come around again.
Dust if you must but bear in mind,
Old age will come and it's not kind.
And when you go and go you must,
You, yourself, will make more dust.
Remember, a house becomes a home when
you can write, "I love you" on the furniture....

Meditation for Lent: Your Easter

A college girl was on a plane flying from Pittsburgh to her home. As she stared out of the plane window down at the green countryside below, her heart was heavy and tears were in her eyes.

She was a student returning home for the Easter holidays. Her first year of college was nearly over and it was a disaster. She was convinced that life no longer held any real meaning for her. Her only ray of happiness lay in the fact that she would soon see the ocean, which she loved dearly.

As the plane touched down on the runway, the girl wondered what kind of Easter vacation was possible after having such a difficult time in college. Her grandmother met her at the gate, and the two of them drove to her home in complete silence. As they pulled into the driveway the girl's only thought was getting to the ocean. It was well after midnight when she arrived at the beach. What happened next is best described in her own words. She says, "I just sat there in the moonlight watching the waves roll up on the beach. Slowly my disastrous first year passed before my eyes, day by day, week by week, month by month. Then, suddenly, the whole experience fell into place. It was over and past. I could forget about it forever; but at the same time, I didn't want to forget it. "The next thing I knew, the sun was rising in the east. As it did I sensed my feelings starting to peak, just as a wave starts to peak before it breaks. That morning I, too, arose!

"It was as though my mind, heart and body were drawing strength from the ocean. All my old goals, dreams and enthusiasm came rushing back stronger than ever. I rose with the sun, got into my car, and headed for home."

After her Easter vacation that girl returned to college, picked up the broken pieces of her year, and fitted them back together again. In the short span of an Easter vacation, that girl died and rose again. For the first time in her life she understood the practical meaning of Easter.

Maronites = Catholic of the East

The Maronite Liturgy (7)

The Maronite Mass (Quddas) or The Divine Service of the Holy Mysteries

The various libraries of the East and the West have preserved about thirty manuscripts of the Maronite Mass (The Quddas). These manuscripts date from the middle of the 15th to the end of the 16th century. The earliest manuscript containing the Maronite Quddas in its entirety belongs to the National Library of Paris in 1454. It is worthwhile to mention an important Eucharistic Prayer (Anaphora) proper to the Maronites, i.e., the anaphora of Sharar (Syriac word meaning “confirm”). This anaphora means a great deal to Maronites who call it “the Anaphora of the Apostles”. The liturgist Louis BOUYER find in it, “the most ancient Christian eucharistic composition to which we can have access today. It is modeled after the pattern of the Jewish prayers for the last cup of the meal.” This Eucharistic Prayer dates to the last years of the 2nd century is still used by the Maronite Church on Great Friday of Passion Week in the Service of the Signing of the Chalice.

The Maronite Funeral Services

The oldest Maronite manuscripts that include the funeral services are found in the Vatican Library in 1266. A. BAUMSTARK says that it is: “The first edition of a Maronite liturgical text and, indeed, the first edition of a liturgical text in the Syriac language.”

It focuses mostly on what was called the “Hymns of the Road”, that is, the hymns the community of the faithful used to chant when accompanying the departed one from home to the cemetery, if one of the faithful, or from the church to the cemetery, if a cleric. In the old manuscripts, the prayers of the funeral services were called, in fact, “Prayers of Accompaniment” to indicate the passage from this world to the next, and to stress the paschal aspect of the Maronite funeral services.

The Maronite tradition is Semitic. Its liturgy is among the most ancient, having Jewish roots. It is highly influenced by Monasticism in its simplicity. Some churches have a veil separating the inner sanctuary as in the ancient temple. This veil opens during the celebration of the Eucharist. Although various icons are used these are not elaborate but simple. There are processions, chants, and songs. Eucharist is given by intinction. The prayers are poetic and scriptural. They make use of much imagery showing the fulfillment of the Old Testament in Christ.

Maronite spirituality emphasizes paradox in order to depict the essence of God. Though unknowable he has made Himself known to the simple and pure of heart. Thus, Mary held in her arms the one who holds the whole universe. In the early church, Antioch competed with Alexandria as a spiritual center. But its emphasis was on the humanity of Christ. God became “one of us” that we may be as he is.

Story: Dear World

The principal of my son Scott’s school called to say he had something important he wished to share with me and asked when he might be able to come over and visit. With Scott’s graduation only a few weeks away, I presumed the principal’s call must have something to do with that event, though the announcement of a teenager’s prank crossed my mind. I awaited his arrival and assumed the news was good.

The news was very good indeed: Scott was to graduate valedictorian. In honor of my son’s achievement, the principal asked me to write something for the occasion. I said I would be delighted. I was so proud of Scott and his accomplishments.

Sitting at my typewriter. I mulled over the events of Scott’s life. Then I realized the true significance of his graduation. It meant he and his classmates would be entering a world of unknowns. We would no longer be there on a daily basis to guide him, advise him or care for him. And so, I wrote the following letter to the world: “*Dear World:*

Our children finish school today. It’s all going to be quite strange to them for a while, and I wish you would treat them kindly. You see, up to now they have been king of their roost and their parents have always been near to soothe their wounds and repair their feelings. Now things are going to be different. They are starting out on a new adventure. It is an adventure that may include war and tragedy and sorrow. To make their way they will

require a great deal of faith, love, tolerance and understanding.

So, world, I wish you would look after them. Take them by the hand and teach them the things they will need to know, but please, world, do it gently if you can. They will have to learn that not all people are just, that not all people are fair, and that not all people are true. But also teach them that for every villain there is a hero, that for every crooked politician there is a great and dedicated leader, and that for every enemy there is a good friend.

It will take time, world, but teach them that a nickel earned is of more value than a dollar found. Teach them to lose gracefully so that they will enjoy winning that much more. Steer them away from envy, if you can, and teach them the secret of quiet laughter. Teach them to be at peace with their God. Teach them to be strong inside so they can stand the hurt of failure and keep the desire to try again until they succeed. Teach them to be gentle with gentle people, and to be tough with tough people. Teach them to follow their judgment and not the crowd. Teach them to listen to all people, but to filter all they hear through a screen of truth. Teach them to laugh when they are sad, but also teach them that there is no shame in shedding tears. Teach them there can be glory in failure and despair in success. Teach them to disregard cynics and to beware of too much sweetness. Teach them to sell their brains and brawn to the highest bidder, but never to put a price on their heart and soul. Teach them if you can, not to compare themselves with others, as there will always be greater or lesser persons. Teach them instead to surpass their own accomplishments. Teach them there is a time to gamble, but there is also a time to pass the dice. Treat them gently, world, but don't coddle them; only the test of fire makes the finest steel. Teach them to have sublime faith in themselves as this will give them faith in mankind. This is quite an order, world, but see what you can do. They are such nice young people -our children."

--Avril Johannes

Joke (584)

So Lost

A police car pulled up in front of Grandma Bessie's house, and Grandpa Morris got out. The polite policeman explained that this elderly gentleman said that he was lost in the park and couldn't find his way home.

"Oh, Morris," said Grandma, "you've been going to that park for over thirty years! How could you get lost?"

Leaning close to Grandma so that the policeman couldn't hear, Morris whispered, "I wasn't lost. I was just too tired to walk home."

Lightbulb Jokes Keep Changing

How many Christians does it take to change a lightbulb?

Charismatics: Only one: hands already in the air.

Presbyterians: None: Lights will go on and off at predestined times.

Roman Catholics: None: candles only.

Baptists: At least fifteen: one to change the lightbulb and three committees to approve the change and decide who brings the potato salad.

Episcopalians: Eight: one to call the electrician and seven to say how much they liked the old one better.

Mormons: Five: one man to change the bulb and four wives to tell.

Unitarians: We choose not to make a statement either in favor of or against the need for a lightbulb. However, if in your own journey you have found that lightbulbs work for you, that is fine. You are invited to write a poem or compose a modern dance about your personal relationship with your lightbulb and present it next month at our annual lightbulb Sunday service, in which we will explore a number of lightbulb traditions, including incandescent, fluorescent, three-way, long-life, and tinted, all of which are equally valid paths to luminescence.

Methodists: Undetermined. Whether your light is bright, dull, or completely out, you are loved. You can be a lightbulb, turnip bulb, or tulip bulb. A church-wide lighting service is planned for Sunday, August 19. Bring bulb of your choice and a covered dish.

Nazarenes: Six: one woman to replace the bulb while five men review church lighting policy.

Lutherans: None: Lutherans don't believe in change.

Amish: What's a light bulb?