

**March 21, 2010**  
**Bulletin # 12**

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

*(Maronite Catholic Rite)*

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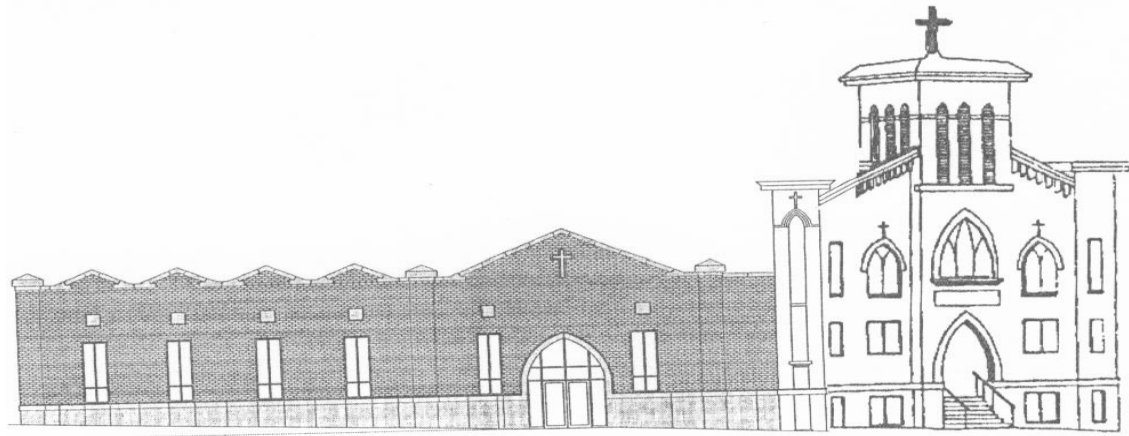
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### ***Great Lent Season*** ***Sunday of the Blind Man***



### ***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 Blind Man***

*Readings: 2Cor 10:1-7 and Mk 10:46-52*

***“What do you want me to do for you?”***

He will save assuredly; yet he will do so just in the way he has promised. But in what way has he promised? On our willing it, and on our hearing him. For he does not make a promise to blocks of wood.

***“And immediately he received his sight”***

The commandment of the Lord shines clearly, enlightening the eyes. Receive Christ, receive power to see, receive your light, that you plainly recognize both God and man. More delightful than gold and precious stones, more desirable than honey and the honeycomb is the Word that has enlightened us. How could he not be desirable, who illumined minds buried in darkness, and endowed with clear vision “the light-bearing eyes” of the soul?... Sing his praises, then, Lord, and make known to me your Father, who is God. Your Word will save me, your song instruct me. I have gone astray in my search for God; but now that you light my path, Lord, I find God through you, and receive the Father from you, I become co-heir with you, since you were not ashamed to own me as your brother. Let us, then, shake off forgetfulness of truth, shake off the mist of ignorance and darkness that dims our eyes, and contemplate the true God, after first raising this song of praise to him: “All hail, O light!” For upon us buried in darkness, imprisoned in the shadow of death, a heavenly light has shone, a light of a clarity surpassing the sun’s, and of a sweetness exceeding any this earthly life can offer.

***“He followed Him on the way”***

So let us follow him as our pattern: offering him for our ransom, receiving him as our Eucharistic food and waiting for him as our endless and exceeding great reward.

## ***Easter Meditation: Seeking A Spiritual Atmosphere***

***“How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God?”*** (John 5:44)

We cannot live a spiritual life alone. The life of the spirit is like a seed that needs fertile ground to grow. This fertile ground includes not only a good inner disposition, but also a supportive milieu.

It is hard to live a life of prayer in a milieu where no one prays or speaks lovingly about prayer. It is nearly impossible to deepen our communion with God when those with whom we live and work reject or even ridicule the idea that there is a loving God. It is a superhuman task to keep setting our hearts on the kingdom when all those whom we know and talk with are setting their hearts on everything but the kingdom.

When we are serious about living a spiritual life we are responsible for the milieu where it can grow and mature. Although we might not be able to create the ideal context for a life in the Spirit, we have many more options than we often claim for ourselves. We can choose friends, books, churches, art, music, places to visit, and people to be with that, taken together, offer a milieu that allows the mustard seed that God has sown in us to grow into a strong tree.

*Lord, I am grateful that I have a faithful community to worship with. Help me to serve the church in this spirit of gratitude.*

## ***From the Desk of the Pastor***

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

The Last Goodbye,

I am so grateful to all my parishioners who made these nine years of my life enjoyable and fruitful in Wheeling. Special thanks to each and every one of my wonderful Parish Council. Your advice and cooperation was golden. A “chapeau bas” it means a “hat down” or “hats off” to the secretary of the Blessed Mother Charlotte Khourey for her dedication and gentleness. I was honored to work with you Charlotte and I will brag

about her all my life. As the Bible said, "You exceeded them all." Also thanks from the heart for our second volunteer secretary Thomasina who never let any mistake of the bulletin escape her. Special thanks to all the members of the Women Society who are the backbone of this church, and to the members of the Cedar Club who brought new life to this parish. And thanks to our wonderful organist for her skills playing the Maronite music and to the members of the choir who help the faithful to praise God twice. Thanks to the servers, the altar boys, the volunteers and to all those I forget to mention by name.

I will take from West Virginia the best hunting and fishing memories. I thank the most and friendliest farmers who allowed me to hunt on their farms. The marriage of Rex Strawn to Rita Thomas, the donation toward painting the altars from the family of Chuck Ferrell, the baptism of the grandchildren of Kenny Billick, the trout we enjoyed compliments of the Pockl brothers and the many other benefits that are enough proof of my deep friendship with these out-of-this-world and big-hearted friends of mine. I felt home and welcomed on their lands and in their homes and I will remember each and every tree, hill, and fountain spring that brought old memories of my early hunting childhood in the mountains of Lebanon. I enjoyed the woods of West Virginia and I had the opportunity to reflect upon God's creation and on how God gave every bird the instinct to build their nest in a strategy of survival and every animal the instinct to protect itself from predators. In the silence of the wood and away from the buzz of the telephone, I reflected on my homilies while I was sitting in my deer stand. No one knows how many families benefited from the deer meat and the other wild game I harvested.

Ethical hunting is my way of preserving good quality animals and birds. My grandpa used to shake the apple trees in springtime in order that the weak fruit fell to the ground and allow the good ones enough juice to grow healthy. In serving two churches in Michigan, I might not have time to hunt or fish and I might need to give up my hunting and fishing hobbies. Serving my people comes first while my hobby comes second. It steals my joy if I use the time of my church to go hunting or fishing.

As I remember each and every one of you my dear friends, please make sure that you have a new home in Michigan.

—Fr. Bakhos

*Please update my address as follows: Rev. Bakhos Chidiac, St. Sharbel Church, 31601 Schoenherr Road, Warren, MI 48088; and Phone: 586-826-9688*

## *Mass Intentions*

### **THIS 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 Kourey

Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie & Family

### **Weekday Masses**

**Monday, March 22:** No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

**Tuesday, March 23:** No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

#### **Wednesday, March 24 at Noon:**

Louis John by Kim & Matt Vogrin

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

#### **Thursday, March 25 at Noon:**

Louis John by Helen Vogrin

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

#### **Friday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross, Benediction & Light Dinner:**

Louis John by Bob & Fran Saseen

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

**NEXT WEEKEND, March 27-28: Palm Sunday****Saturday, March 27 at 4:00 p.m.:** Palm Procession

Louis John by M/M Fred Shia

Special Intentions

**Sunday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m.:** Palm Procession

Wilbur Breiding by Fr. Bakhos

Louis John by Anna Jalad

***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***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sunday, March 21	<b>Women's Society Gift Basket Drawing</b> – at the St. Maron Dinner
Sunday, March 21	<b>St. Maron Lebanese Dinner</b> – 11:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 25	<b>Bible Study Class</b> – from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. <b>Lebanese Language Class</b> – from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Fridays during Lent: March 26 & April 2	<b>Mass, Stations of the Cross, Benediction, Light Dinner</b> —starts at 5:30 p.m.
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</b> – 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.
<i>Orders Due: Sunday, April 11</i> Work Begins: Sunday, April 18	<b>Lebanese Bake Sale – Work Days: Sunday after Mass</b> & Mon.-Thur., April 19-22, at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 18	<b>Work Concession Stand at Wheeling Airport</b> – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday, April 25	<b>Women's Society Next Meeting</b> – after 10:30 Mass – <b>In Conference Room</b>
Sunday, May 23	<b>Spring Spaghetti Dinner</b> – 11:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 5	<b>Rummage Sale</b>
Sunday, August 15	<b>Mahrajan</b> – at Oglebay Park

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

Don't forget to attend 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. A limited number of Tickets will be available at the door.

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

**Regular Ticket Price if PAID: Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and At-The-Door**

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

**For Tickets call 304-233-1688. Buy your tickets in Advance and save!** 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 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: 12:30 p.m. ?? & at 3:00 Mickey Duffy  
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 & Lindsey 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, Jill Majors, 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, Kathy McCulley

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 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.

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 will be available at the entrance to the dinner in the church hall.

Congratulations to December’s winner – Peggy Justice.

### ***Last Bible Study and Lebanese Language Classes*** (Thursday, March 25<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 26, 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>Lenten Week Date:</b>	<b>Volunteers:</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> Friday, March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Light Meal Family Sponsor: <i>MaryAnn Cater</i>
7 <sup>th</sup> Friday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Light Meal Sponsor: <i>The Cedar Club</i>

### ***Palm Sunday*** (Saturday and Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>)

**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 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 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, decorated eggs for use at the Palm Sunday luncheon following Mass. More information will be printed in future bulletins.

## ***Passion Week Schedule*** (Monday-Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup>)

### **Monday of Passion Week, March 29<sup>th</sup>: Rite of The coming to the Harbor**

Mass starts with the Rite of the “Coming to the Harbor.” This service reflects our estrangement from God and our need for conversion. We are called to take courage and to turn back. The Syriac fathers have traditionally spoken of this movement toward God as a nautical journey whose destination is the harbor of life. During the journey of Lent, we pray: “*Bless, Lord, our fasting... Make it a journey which leads us to the harbor of salvation.*” With this rite, we cross the threshold of our journey and enter new life, as we come to the harbor of peace, safety and salvation.

**6:00 p.m.: Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction**

### **Tuesday of Passion Week, March 30<sup>th</sup>: Rite of Tthe Coming to the Harbor**

**6:00 p.m.: Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction**

### **Wednesday of Passion Week, March 31<sup>st</sup>: Rite of the Lamp**

The Rite of the Lamp on Wednesday brings back an old forgotten tradition which highlights the need of “the healing of our body and soul” through the oil blessed by the priest on this occasion. The whole community is anointed. While the oil is for the healing of the body, repentance & contrition of heart are the oil of the soul.

**6:00 p.m.: Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction**

### **Thursday of the Mysteries, April 1<sup>st</sup>: Washing of the Feet**

On Holy Thursday, there is the ritual of the Washing of the Feet of the Apostles. Christ’s washing the feet symbolizes the Mystery of Baptism, as it means the cleansing of soul. That evening, Christ instituted the Mystery of the Eucharist and He ordained His apostles priests and bishops. Thus, Thursday of Holy Week is called: “The Thursday of the Mysteries.” There is a tradition to spend some time in adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament in commemoration of Jesus’ prayer in the Garden of Olives and to visit seven churches in honor of the seven sacraments.

**6:00 p.m.: Mass of the Lord’s Supper, Rite of the “Washing of the Feet” & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

### **Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>: No Morning or Evening Mass Today in All Catholic Churches**

On Good Friday, we do not have the regular Mass; however, the Pre-Sanctified Mass or the Signing of the Chalice draws our attention to the cup of salvation and to the Blood of Christ shed on the Cross to redeem us. We receive Communion from the Eucharist consecrated a day earlier.

On Good Friday, we also commemorate Christ’s passion and death on the Cross. Christ, out of love for each one of us, offered Himself as a ransom to save us and reconcile us with the Father. Our celebration is somber, reflecting our sorrow and contrition; however, our mourning is not that of despair but more of fasting, sacrifice and prayer.

**10:30 a.m.: Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice (No Mass)**

**6:00 p.m.: Adoration of the Cross & Solemn Burial of the Lord (No Mass) followed by a complimentary Meatless Community Meal**

### **Saturday of the Light, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

On Saturday of the Light, we celebrate a communal prayer of reconciliation and forgiveness. The essence of this ritual is to seek God’s absolution and peoples’ forgiveness. The communal aspect of the service is to emphasize the return of the sinner to God and to the Church.

**10:30 a.m.: “Prayer of Forgiveness & Communal Reconciliation” No Mass**

**4:00 p.m. NO Mass**

**7:00 p.m.: Easter Vigil Mass & “Rite of Peace”**

### **Great Sunday of Resurrection, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the Rite of Peace to emphasize the gift of peace that God grants us. In fact, Jesus greeted the people in his apparitions by saying: “Peace.” At this ritual, we adore the Risen Christ and we rejoice with His victory over sin and death as He opened for us the door to eternal life.

**10:30 a.m.: Easter Day Mass & “Rite of Peace”**

## ***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 *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*
- \$30 *Deceased members of the McCutcheon & Bauduin Families by Peggy Justice & Ann Bauduin*
- \$25 *Deceased members of Joe Elias Family by Joe Elias*
- \$25 *Barkett & Sadie Coury & Larry Gibbons by Lucille Gibbons*
- \$25 *Ed Shia by his wife Betty Shia*
- \$25 *Deceased of the Popovich & Montalbano Families by Nikki & Joe Popovich*
- \$25 *John and Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin*
- \$25 *Ray, Sara, Mickey and Gary McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin*

## ***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, Rose Mary Roybal, John & Dee Shiben, Joseph & Tatla Dager, Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Donald Fielding (FL), Paul & Irene Schuler, Carol Burkhart, Dolores & Virginia Joseph, Nick & Evelyn Ghaphery, Joe Elias, Dr. & Mrs. A.D. Ghaphery, Dr. Joe Palmer, NiNi Miller, Bassam & Jodi Deeb, Clara Jean Morris, Linda Hostutler, Kay Garvey,*

## **Update about Fr. Bakhos' Farewell Dinner** (Friday and Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>)

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

--The first 200 guests will be served on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 until 9:30 p.m.

--All additional guests will be contacted and then served on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 until 9:30 p.m.

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.

## **Spring Lebanese Bake Sale** (Order By: Sunday, April 11; Pick Up Orders: April 21-22)

<b>Order Deadline</b>	Sunday, April 11
<b>Work Days: Spinach Preparation</b>	Sunday, April 18, 11:30 a.m.
Baking to Fill Orders	Monday to Thursday, April 19-22, 9:00 a.m.
<b>Order Pick Up Dates</b>	Wednesday & Thursday, April 21 & 22

Spring Lebanese Bake Sale Order Forms will be available soon. The Women's Society of our Church has scheduled its Spring Lebanese Bake Sale of Spinach Pies, Meat Pies, Sweet (*Sesame*) Bread, and Zattar Bread. Completed order forms should be returned by mail or place it in the collection basket. *Forms will be available in next week's bulletin and at the entrance to the church.*

All those who helped in the past as well as any new volunteers are asked to help us on the baking days listed above. Please come and join in the camaraderie! **Note:** Please save large clean paper grocery bags for use in packing our orders.

## **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. 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 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**

The installation of the central air heating and cooling system for the rectory is complete. This part of the job costs \$11,300. The second part of this project which is the replacement of the old furnace of the church with a new, high-efficiency one will start in June or July, when the heat is no longer needed so that we can turn off the heat in the church. The cost of the second part will be \$22,000. 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.

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

**Total Raised so far: \$12,055.00 out of \$33,300.00**

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

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

Zachary McKim, Joan Betras, Pearl Shutler (mother of Janet), Louis Coury (brother of Lucille Gibbons),

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

Virginia Porchiran, Sue Brubach, 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 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*

\$1,115	Collection
255	Diocesan Appeal
43	Candles
5	Utilities
100	Parking
142	Easter Flowers
1859	St. Maron Dinner
1000	Special Event (Farewell Dinner for Fr. Bakhos)
830	Fundraising (New Church High-Efficiency Heat System)
475	Donations to New Church High-Efficiency Heat System in Memory of Louis John
50	Reimbursement
\$5,874	Total. <i>May God reward you many fold</i>

## *What's New*

### *Parish Condolences: Charles Coury*

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the **Coury** family on the loss of their beloved **Charles** who passed away in Wheeling, last Monday. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His servant **Charles** and we extend the parish's condolences to *his* Family in their time of sorrow.

### *From Our Mailbox*

Dear Fr. Bakhos,

Best wishes to you and for your efforts in Warren, Michigan. Your success in Wheeling will not be forgotten. You were a pleasure to work with. Sorry to see you leave.

--Tom Connelly, Head of City of Wheeling Engineering Department

### *More from Our Mailbox*

Dear Padre,

I join with so many others in thanking you for the wonderful service and ministry that you brought to the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon parish, in particular, and to the Wheeling area in general. Your parish plant is so attractive and the various times I have encountered one of your parishioners at different locations...to a person...he/she spoke highly of you and was so proud to be a member of Our Lady of Lebanon Church.

And you know, Fr. Bakhos, how refreshing and uplifting it is to see a story on the front page of a newspaper that tells a narrative of dedication and commitment and giving God praise. So often these days the front page headlines of the clergy are tragic and unfortunate.

Thank you, fellow priest, for bringing the great good news of God's love and mercy to all of us who hunger for God's presence in our lives. Thank you, thank you and thank you.

Our prayers, like those of so many others, are with you as you mov on to your new assignment in Michigan. May the Spirit of the Lord guide you and inspire you there as He did here.

Peace, love and prayers.

--Fr. Terry Adams, TOR, Associate Pastor  
St. Francis Xavier Church, Moundsville, WV

## *Around Us*

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

Where: 18<sup>th</sup> Street Catholic Charity Neighborhood Center Wheeling

When: 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### *Slovak Luncheon* (Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.)

Where: St. John Church, Benwood at the GYM of the school at 7<sup>th</sup> Street

Call 304-639-7284 for Information and Tickets

### *Grand Hafli* (Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m.- midnight)

Where: The Club at Shadow Lakes, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania

Singer: Amin Sultan and his ensemble.

Dinner: At 7:00 p.m. Adults \$55, Children \$25.

Menu: Roasted Lamb, kibbee, grape leaves, baked chicken, fattoush, ...

Call: 724-375-5511 for reservations

## *Maronites = Catholic of the East*

### *Maronite Liturgy (8)*

Maronite Tidbits: “Quick Facts about Our Church”

#### OUR MARONITE LITURGY

The Maronite Liturgy is one of the oldest in the Catholic Church. Like all liturgies of other churches, it is divided into two parts that are inseparable. The “Liturgy of the Word” and the “Liturgy of the Eucharist.”

Liturgy of the Word is that part from the beginning of the Liturgy up to and including the homily. The second part of the Liturgy, which is known as the Liturgy of the Eucharist or Qorbono, begins with the Creed and ends with the final blessing and dismissal.

Prior to the beginning of the Liturgy, the offerings or gifts are prepared on the side of the altar. We enter into the church with a hymn of praise and then begin the Liturgy of the Word. This part is an ensemble of prayers and hymns proper to the special feast or commemoration announced by the Gospel itself, the service of the Word calls us forth to a change of attitude and an openness of heart, so that we may be receptive to the Good News of Christ.

The body of this preparation for the scripture is the “Hoosoyo.” This long prayer focuses on the theme of the feast day. During it, the cross, altar, and congregation are incensed. The symbolism of incense in our liturgy is triple folded: it is offered as a sacrifice for the pardon of our sins; as a purification from sin and it is offered to give honor to God.

The celebration of the first part of the holy mysteries or the liturgy of the word, takes place on the “bema.” The celebrant doesn’t approach the altar until the time of the offering. The gifts are transferred and then they are offered and incensed with the people for the purification before they are consecrated.

#### ANAPHORA:

The Maronite anaphora is Trinitarian, that is focused on God the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We start with the prayer of peace which is always addressed to the Father who is the author of salvation. The celebrant passes the peace from the altar, through the altar boys into the community. In this peace we fold our hands together submitting ourselves to our neighbor allowing ourselves to be channels of God’s peace.

#### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

It begins with the thanksgiving to the Father, moves to what Jesus did at the Last Supper, and concludes with the invocation or calling of the Holy Spirit. It is noteworthy to mention that the words of institution in our tradition are spoken in Syriac (Aramaic), the same language that Jesus spoke 2004 years ago.

At the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the priest kneels and petitions God saying, “Hear us O Lord...” You may note that this is the only time that ONLY the priest kneels during the divine liturgy. Following that we have the intercession: they include the living and the dead.

#### COMMUNION RITE:

Through symbolic actions, it embodies all that has proceeded, particularly the death and resurrection of the Lord. The celebrant takes the broken bread, the living body of Christ, and elevates it above the cup of the living Blood, symbolizing the resurrection, ascension, and glorification of the Lord.

#### PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION:

The preparation for communion begins with the Lord’s prayer and includes penance, contrition, forgiveness, imposition of the hands, and absolution. We pray the Lord’s prayer with extended hands. We ask for bread and forgiveness: “Give us bread and forgive us our trespasses.” The Lord’s Prayer is truly a complete act of contrition. It is prayed with extended hands, the oldest gesture of prayer. (Do not be shy to raise your hands in prayer.)

Penitential Rite:

The celebrant extends his hands over the people and gives them the blessing: "Bless, O Lord, your people ... May these holy Mysteries be for the forgiveness of our sins..."

Invitation to Communion:

At this point, all that is left for the celebrant to do is to invite the congregation to receive the Mysteries. He elevates the consecrated offerings and proclaims: "Holy things for the Holy..."

After communion, the celebrant blesses the congregation with the remaining Mysteries. Then he prays the two prayers of thanksgiving. Then he blesses and dismisses the congregation inviting them to "Go in peace... May the blessing of the most holy Trinity remain with you." The celebrant bids farewell to the altar with affection. He kisses it with fervor, praying: "Remain in peace O holy altar of God... and I hope to return to you again..." With this the celebrant exit the sanctuary with a hymn of thanksgiving to God. The divine sacrifice comes to an end in the church. But will continue in the life of the faithful. Indeed, they were enriched by the Eucharist, so that they might be able to pursue the journey, awaiting another divine liturgy the following Sunday or weekday, in order to be again enriched by the Eucharist. This will go on until the end of their life, when they will participate forever in the heavenly banquet of the Lord. The life-giving Eucharist revitalizes us. It brings a new life to us and makes us an active and living congregation, witnessing to the Living and Risen Christ who is for ever glorified.

The divine liturgy is the climax of our act of worship and our weekly activities. What privilege it is to be able to touch God and to be touched by Him and to receive Him in our hearts. That is why it is important to take a short time and to review what we do in church weekly. When we know and understand what we do, we become more interested in the action, and even benefit more from the most important action of our life, the divine liturgy.

--By Fr. Sharbel Maron

<i><b>Story: Almie Rose</b></i>
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It was at least two months before Christmas, when nine-year-old Almie Rose told her father and me that she wanted a new bicycle. Her old Barbie bicycle was just too babyish, and besides, it needed a new tire.

As Christmas drew nearer, her desire for a bicycle seemed to fade, or so we thought, as she didn't mention it again. Merrily, we started purchasing the latest rage: Baby-Sitter's Club dolls, and beautiful story books, a doll house, a holiday dress and toys. Then, much to our surprise, on December 23<sup>rd</sup> she proudly announced that she *"really wanted a bike more than anything else."*

Now we didn't know what to do. It was just too late, what with all the details of preparing Christmas dinner and buying last-minute gifts, to take the time to select the *"right bike"* for our little girl. So here we were, Christmas Eve around 9:00 p.m., having just returned from a wonderful party, contemplating our evening ahead--hours of wrapping children's presents, parents' presents, a brother's presents and friends' presents. With Almie Rose and her six-year-old brother, Dylan, nestled snug in their beds, we could now think only of the bicycle, the guilt and the idea that we were parents who would disappoint their child.

That's when my husband, Ron, was inspired. *"What if I make a littlebicycle out of clay and write a note that she could trade the clay model in for a real bike?"* The theory, of course, being that since this is a high-ticket item and she is *"such a big girl,"* it would be much better for her to pick it out. So he spent the next five hours painstakingly working with clay to create a miniature bike.

Three hours later, on Christmas morning, we were so excited for Almie Rose to open the little heart-shaped package with the beautiful red and white clay bike and the note. Finally, she opened and read the note aloud. She looked at me and then at Ron and said, *"So, does this mean that I trade in this bike that Daddy made me for a real one?"*

Beaming, I said, *"Yes."* Almie Rose had tears in her eyes when she replied, *"I could never trade in this beautiful bicycle that Daddy made me. I'd rather keep this than get a real bike."*

At that moment, we would have moved heaven and earth to buy her every bicycle on the planet!

<b><i>Joke (585)</i></b>
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## ***Light Bulb Changers: A Collection of Questions & Answers***

Q: How many Calvinists does it take to change a light bulb?

A: None: God has predestined when the lights will be on.

Q: How many Armenians does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Just one, but it has to be changed again and again.

Q: How many Christian counselors does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Only one, but the bulb has to be committed to long-term change.

Q: How many Presbyterians does it take to change a light bulb?

A: They don't know, but they will appoint a commission to discuss it and report back at the next meeting, at which time it will be discussed and referred back for further work.

Q: How many Presbyterians does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Are you kidding? They don't change burned out light bulbs. After all, it was predestined to burn out. How can you fight predestination?

Q: How many liberals does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Ten, as they need to hold a debate as to whether or not the light bulb exists. Even if they can agree upon the existence of the light bulb, they may not go ahead and change it for fear of alienating those who use fluorescent tubes.

Q: How many evangelicals does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Evangelicals do not change light bulbs. They simply read out the instructions and hope the light bulb will decide to change itself.

Q: How many Brethren does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Change?

Q: How many Amish does it take to change a light bulb?

A: What's a light bulb?

Q: How many campfire worship leaders does it take to change a light bulb?

A: One: And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.

Q: How many Baptists does it take to change a light bulb?

A: A whole congregation. They need to vote on it!

Q: How many charismatics does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Twenty-one: one to change it and twenty to share the experience!

Q: How many charismatics does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Five: one to change the bulb and four to bind the spirit of darkness in the room.

Q: How many charismatics does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Three: one to cast it out and two to catch it when it falls!

Q: How many Pentecostals does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Ten: one to change it and nine others to pray against the spirit of darkness.

Q: How many missionaries does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Ten: five to determine how many can be changed by the year 2005, four to raise the necessary funds, and one to go find a national to do the job!

Q: How many Southern Baptists does it take to change a light bulb?

A: About 16 million: However, they are badly divided over whether changing the bulb is a fundamental need or not.

Q: How many televangelists does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Honestly, we're not sure. But for the message of change to continue to go out, please keep those letters and checks coming.

Q: How many Episcopalians does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Four: one to change the bulb, one to bless the elements, one to pour the sherry, and one to offer a toast to the old light bulb.