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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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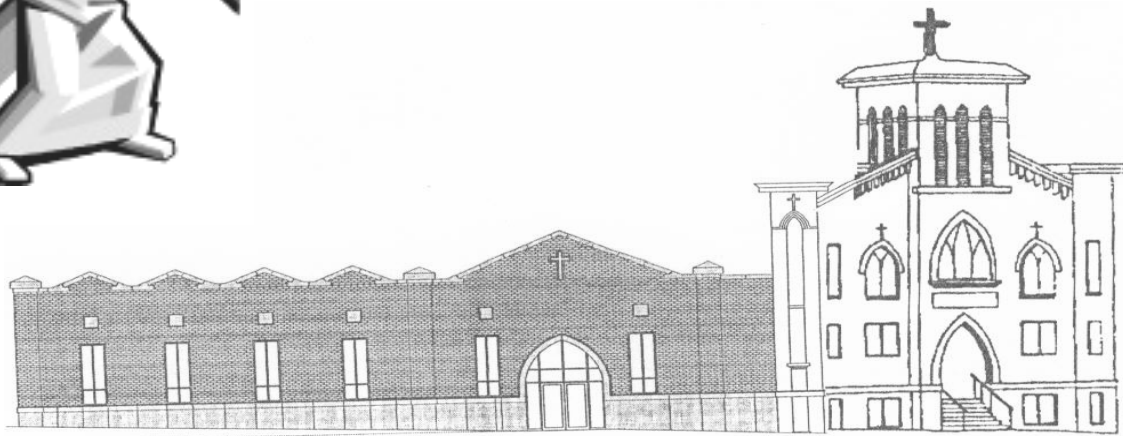
Rev. Bakhos Chidiac (Pastor)

Evelyn Ghaphery (Organist)

Charlotte Khourey & Thomasina Geimer (Secretaries)



Palm Sunday



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: Palm Sunday

Readings: Phil 1:1-13 & Jn 12:12-22

“Many spread their garments”

“Instead of our garments, let us spread our hearts before him.” --Methodius

“Others spread leafy branches”

And others cut boughs... and strewed them in the way. They cut branches from the fruit bearing trees with which the Mount of Olives was planted, and spread them in the way; so as to make the crooked ways straight, and the rough ways smooth, that Christ the conqueror of sin might walk straightly and safely into the hearts of the faithful... And when they had done all that was to be done by their hands, they offered also the tribute of their voices; and going before and following after they cry, not in a brief and wordless confession, but with all their might: *“Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”* --Jerome
Why Hosanna!

The boys in the Gospel raised aloft their branches as the Savior entered Jerusalem. They kept on crying: *“Hosanna.”*... They borrowed these vesicles from Psalm 117. *Hosanna*, moreover, is the Hebrew for *“O Lord, grant salvation!”* --Jerome

Easter Meditation: God’s Glory Revealed

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.” --Philippians 2:5-7

Precisely when Jesus is being handed over into his passion he manifests his glory. “Whom do you seek? . . . I am he” are words that echo all the way back to Moses and the burning bush: “I am who I am. I am the One” --see Exodus 3:1-6.

These words are the glory of God manifesting itself, and those present fell flat on the ground. Then Jesus was handed over. But already in the handing over we see the glory of God handing himself over to us. God’s glory revealed in Jesus embraces passion as well as resurrection.

“The Son of Man,” Jesus says, “must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him” --John 3:14-15. He is lifted up as a passive victim, making the cross a sign of desolation. And he is lifted up in glory, so the cross becomes at the same time a sign of hope. Suddenly we realize that the glory of God, the divinity of God, is bursting through in Jesus’ passion precisely when he is most victimized.

Lord Jesus, help us to share your view of the world, especially when we suffer injustice.

Mass Intentions

THIS 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

Passion Week Schedule (Monday to Sunday, March 29-April 4)

Monday of Passion Week, March 29th: 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

Louis John by Rex & Rita Strawn

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

Tuesday of Passion Week, March 30th: Rite of Tthe Coming to the Harbor

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

Louis John by George Lewis

Charles Coury by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Khourey

Wednesday of Passion Week, March 31st: 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

Louis John by Julia Tappe

Intentions of the Parishioners of OLOL by Fr. Bakhos

Thursday of the Mysteries, April 1st: 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

Louis John by Kenny & Nancy Joseph

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

Good Friday, April 2nd: 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 3rd:

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”

Louis John by Emily Vince

Intentions of the Benefactors of Fr. Bakhos

Great Sunday of Resurrection, April 4th:

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”

Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the
David Abraham Ghaphery Family by the Ghaphery Family
Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

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
Sunday, March 28	Women Society 50/50 Monthly Raffle – Following Mass
Sunday, March 28	Easter Flowers: Donation Deadline
Thursday, April 1	Holy Thursday
Friday, April 2	Good Friday. Service will be followed by Light Dinner
Sunday, April 4	Easter
Sunday, April 4	Lenten Diocesan Appeal – Easter Obligation: Donation Deadline
Friday, April 9 & 11 th (if needed)	Fr. Bakhos’ Farewell Dinner – 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. (Payment Due: April 4)
<u>Lebanese Bake Sale</u>	
<i>Sunday, April 11</i>	<u>Order Deadline</u>
<i>Sunday, April 18</i>	<u>Work Day</u> – Spinach Preparation: <i>after Mass</i>
<i>Mon.-Thur., April 19-22</i>	<u>Work Days</u> – Baking to Fill Orders: <i>at 9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Wed.-Thur., April 21 & 22</i>	<u>Order Pick-Up Days</u>
Sunday, April 12	Cedar Club Meeting – 7:00 p.m. in the old Basement Hall
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 –<u>In Conference Room</u>
Sunday, April 25	Women’s Society 50/50 Monthly Raffle – Following Mass
Sunday, May 23	Women’s Society Gift Basket Drawing – at the Spring Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, May 23	Spring Spaghetti Dinner 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 5	Rummage Sale
Sunday, August 15	Mahrajan – at Oglebay Park

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 Light Luncheon. We invite everyone to bring their children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews on Sunday and to join us in the Cedar Hall after Mass.

Women’s Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle (Sun., March 28 & April 25, 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, will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, March 28**.

The drawing from entries received for the **April 50/50 Raffle tickets** found at the church entrance and in the Weekly Church Bulletins will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, April 25th**.

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 fund for the New Heating System. Many Thanks Nesrin!

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 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 & Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- \$25 Ray, Sara, Mickey & Gary McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- \$150 Deceased of the Shutler & Nolte Families by Janet Shutler

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 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, Orval W. Carter, Eva Coury Moffat and Lucille Coury Gibbons, Janet Shutler, Nettie Seidler, Joe & Nikki Popovich, Dr. & Mrs. Nabiel AlKhoury, Tom & Kathleen George,

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

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 9th, from 5:30 until 9:30 p.m.

--All additional guests will be contacted and then served on Sunday, April 11th 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)

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

Spring Lebanese Bake Sale Order Forms are now available in the bulletin and at the entrance to the church. The Women's Society of our Church has scheduled its Spring Lebanese Bake Sale. Items from which you may choose include Spinach Pies or Meat Pies at \$2.25 each or choose Sweet (Sesame) Bread or Zattar Bread at \$1.25 each. Payment and completed order forms should be returned by mail or place it in the collection basket. Make checks payable to Our Lady of Lebanon Church with *Memo: Lebanese Bake Sale.*

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.

Cedar Club Meeting (Monday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the old Basement Hall)

The next Cedar Club Meeting will be Monday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the old Basement Hall. Discussions will be about the Final plans for the Airport Concession Stand and discussion for the upcoming Rummage Sale. The evening hostess will be Mary Stees and Mary Thomas. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Wheeling Airport Concession Stand (Sunday, April 18, from 9:00 a.m.- 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 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.

Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle (Sun., May 23rd, at the Spring Spaghetti Dinner)

The Women's Society's next Gift Basket Raffle drawing will be held at our Spring Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for Sunday, May 23. The "Pastabilities" Gift Basket will include pasta, sauce, wine and much more.

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.

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 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.

Silver (\$100-\$199)	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, Julia Tappe, Dr. & Mrs. Anwar, Dr. Joe Palmer,
Gold (\$200-\$499)	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, Carol & Bill Dougherty,
Diamond (\$500 & over)	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, Mike & Maryann Carl, Mike Linton,

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. Nabiel & Nesrin AlKhouri, Bassam & Jodi Deeb, Emily Vince,

Total Raised so far: \$12,751.00 out of \$33,300.00

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers:

Ann Lee Bauduin, Sylvia Long, Mary Margaret Blum, 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 28:	Virginia Porchiran
March 30:	Gregory John
March 31:	George Lewis, Jonas George
April 1:	Cheryl Saseen, Patrick Sengewalt
April 6:	Ronald Weisner
April 8:	Jesse John
April 10:	Bernadine Elias
April 11:	Randy Weisner
April 12:	Justin Frenn
April 13:	Adel Frenn
April 14:	Mark McLaughlin, Lori DeMuth

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,284	Collection
580	Diocesan Appeal
46	Candles
15	Utilities
100	Parking
55	Easter Flowers
3,241	St. Maron Dinner
300	Special Event (Farewell Dinner for Fr. Bakhos)
196	Fundraising (New Church High-Efficiency Heat System)
100	Donations to New Church High-Efficiency Heat System in Memory of Louis John
43	Reimbursement
750	Donation to church
100	Mahrajan (Ad Book)
97	Fundraising 50/50
229	Donation (Endowment Fund)
\$7,136	Total. <i>May God reward you many fold</i>

*What's New**Items Available for Purchase*

Please see one of the ladies of our parish to purchase any of the following items:

\$1.00	2 Orange Cookies – in cooler
\$2.00	Pkg. of Small Pita –frozen
\$2.00	1 Kibbee Patty – frozen
\$5.00	5 Kibbee Patties – frozen

Many Thanks

- to Janet Shutler for donating \$150 toward decorating the church with Easter Flowers
- to Tom & Nancy Padden for donating \$100 toward the church
- to Rich Lucas, president of Main Street Bank, for donating \$205 toward the church
- to Chamse Rahi for donating \$10 toward St. Maron Dinner
- to Emily Vince for donating her 50/50 prize of \$96 toward the Heating System
- to the Women Society for raising \$229 toward the Endowment Fund

What a Great Team Effort!

Many thanks to everyone who helped at our annual St. Maron Lebanese Dinner: to the people who donated cash; to all of the hard working helpers who donated many hours preparing the food during the week; to everyone who helped to make the Cedar Hall look so beautiful; to the people who worked so hard during the dinner in the kitchen, at the beverage bar, the service bar, the take out workers, the floor staff – including the servers, the group who cleaned tables and re-set the tables – especially our youngest ones who did a terrific job, the ladies at the bake sale table, and to the people who stayed and cleaned up after the affair. Also appreciated are the people who took the tickets at the entrance; those selling 50/50 raffle tickets and gift basket tickets; the front door greeters and our two wonderful hostesses. Many compliments were received for the delicious food and those compliments were well deserved. We would also like to thank Susan John for making the Hummus and Nick Ghaphery for making Luban. When we work as a team, good things happen. We thank you so much.

--Linda, Carol and Rita

Congratulations to...

- Virginia Porchiran who won the Women's Society Gift Basket
- Emily Vince who won the St. Maron Dinner 50/50 cash prize
- George Paugh, Tammy Strong, Julia Tappe, George Thomas and Dianna Vargo who won Door Prizes

St. Maron Dinner Financial Report

Income	\$5,365.00
Expenses	<u>\$1,747.53</u>
Net Profit:	\$3,617.47

A New Baby Boy

Our warmest wishes and congratulations go out to Jim & Jessica George, Jr. on the birth of their son Liam Donovan who was born on March 10th. He is the grandson of our parishioners Jim & Shirley George, Sr. May the Lord God and his Blessed Mother bless him and grant him a healthy life and bright future.

In Our Mailbox

Dear Father Bakhos Chidiac,

It is with more than a little sorrow that I learned of your assignment to another parish. Though not one of your parishioners, over the last few years I have come to consider you my good friend and one of the real spiritual lights of our valley. In life, one finds that many who bear titles are not always deserving of them. That is why it has been such a privilege to know you, as you are a true shepherd to your flock. I hope that you to find a good reception in your new parish. Their gain is our loss. Though I shall miss you, I take it on faith that God has seen fit to have you perform yet mightier deeds in his name. It seems ironic that a man from half-way around the world and from the lands of the Gospels should become so much a part of the social and spiritual fabric of our town. The streets of Center Wheeling and the Lebanese Picnic will never be quite the same without you. As the years pass I hope you remember with great fondness your many friends and the many lives you have touched in your little parish on the banks of the Ohio River. Best Wishes and Godspeed.

--Joseph E. Roxby, Ohio County Magistrate

Dear Rev. Bakhos:

Flip and I are very sad to see you go to Detroit, but CONGRATULATIONS on your promotion to the Church in Detroit. Detroit's gain is Wheeling's loss. You have worked very hard for the parishioners, the Church and God. You will be missed!! It will be very hard to replace you but I am sure that father Gary George will do his best to move the Church forward. Congratulations and Best Wishes! Warmest regards,

-- Gary & Flip West

P.S. We are sorry we are unable to join you for your farewell dinner but our hearts, thoughts and love are with you. We are holding a "fundraiser" here at our home on that day.

Around Us

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

Where: 18th Street Catholic Charity Neighborhood Center Wheeling

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

Slovak Luncheon (Sunday, April 25th, from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.)

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

Call: 304-639-7284 for Information and Tickets

Grand Hafli (Friday, April 30th, 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

Boatsie's Boxes Schedules 4 Raffles (Drawing July 4)

Raffle 1: \$1,000 value Computer Package – Tickets \$2.00 each

Raffle 2: \$740 value Wii System and IPOD Touch – Tickets \$2.00 each

Raffle 3: \$1,000 Kroger Gift Card – Tickets \$2.00 each

Raffle 4: 50/50 Drawing – Tickets \$1.00 each

Call: 304-232-5277 or www.Boatsie.com for more information

Mail: Ssend request for tickets to Boatsie's Boxes, Inc., 33 Forest Hills Drive, Wheeling, WV 26003

Easter Reflection: I had a Hammer

Last night I had an awful dream, It pierced my heart to see

A crowd was gathering around, A cross at Calvary

Scorners everywhere, I could hear them mock and jeer

Crucify this man, I heard them shout and cheer

Blood ran down His precious face, From thorns that pierced His head

I could see His back torn open, As to Calvary He was led

The silent Lamb was nailed onto, The timbers of a cross

Each time I heard the hammer fall, On my pillow I would toss

Why did the Savior have to die, I could not understand

Until my eyes looked down to see, The hammer in my hand

It was for my sins He suffered, I had hammered every nail

The burden for my wretched ways, Hung on His body frail

I dropped the hammer in my hand, Fell to my knees and cried

Forgive me Lord for what I've done, He smiled at me and died

The Lord bought my redemption, Took my sins into the grave

It was I that held the hammer, It was He in love forgave

--Linda M. Oliver

Maronites = Catholic of the East

Maronite Liturgy (9)

Introduction

In the Divine Liturgy (or the Mass as it is called in the West) there are two distinct but intimately connected services – the Service of the Word and the Service of the Holy Mysteries.

All the prayers and hymns at the beginning of the Liturgy from the Doxology (“Glory be to the Father...”) until the Creed, form the Service of the Word (“the Service”) and take place from the Bema, a raised platform from which scripture readings are proclaimed. In the Service we begin by glorifying God the Trinity, join our prayers with the angels who announced to the world the Good News of the birth of the Messiah, Jesus the Prince of Peace (“Glory to God in the highest”), implore the Lord for forgiveness by offering incense, and recalling the great mystery of God in the Hoosoyo prayers. We also sing hymns of praise that serve to focus our thoughts and prayers on the specific liturgical season and feast (the Qolo and Mazmooro). The Trisagion (“Qadishat alaho” or the thrice holy hymn of praise) is chanted which is an ancient eastern hymn to God the Trinity. In our Maronite tradition the response to the Trisagion “Have mercy on us” alters according to the liturgical season, for example during the Easter season, the response is “O Christ risen from the dead, have mercy on us!” The first reading then follows which is taken solely from St. Paul’s Epistles. At the recent Maronite Patriarchal Synod which took place in Lebanon, it was canvassed by our Church fathers that there maybe added in the future a second reading, to be taken from the Old Testament and other parts of the New Testament, in order to reflect more deeply the richness and power of the Word of God as expressed in Sacred Scripture and also in our lives.

It is interesting to note that our Sacred and Apostolic Maronite heritage, as celebrated in the liturgical life of our Church, is in a process of liturgical renewal. That means a number of changes will take place, and in fact have already taken place, in terms of how we celebrate the Sacred Mysteries together. For example, you would have noticed that the Letter of St. Paul is read from the lectern on the left side of the altar, and the Gospel is read from the lectern at the right side of the altar.

The return to the separate lectern for the reading of St. Paul’s Epistle means a return to our sacred Maronite heritage, a Syriac, Antiochene, and essentially austere and monastic tradition, in the spirit of our patron, St. Maron, which is characterized by a profound reverence for the Word of God and a recognition of its power and foundational source of our spiritual nourishment. For it is at the Table of the Word that we hear, and are admonished by, the words of the greatest apostle of the early Church, St. Paul, to continue to live faithfully anew in Christ. We also hear and are nourished by the proclamation of the Gospel, which occurs after the reading of St. Paul and is revered by the singing of the Alleluia, Gospel procession with candle bearers and incense. After the Gospel is proclaimed we are blessed by the Gospel, for Christ offers us his blessing each time we hear his word and faithfully respond to it. The principal celebrant then kisses the Gospel, as a sign of respect and further honor to the living Word of God. The priest’s homily proclaims to us that God’s word is alive and active in the life of our Risen Lord, and powerfully relevant and operating through the indwelling of the Holy Life-Giving Spirit, in our lives today as Maronite Catholics.

Conclusion

Next time we go to Church to celebrate the Divine Liturgy, let us be attentive, as our Liturgy says, to the Word of God being proclaimed to us. Let us also remember that the Word of God is the foundation of our faith, the first focal point of our Liturgy and source of our power and spiritual nourishment. That Word is alive and active now in our Church, for as St. Augustine rightly says, Christ “sits in heaven but does not cease to speak to us on earth,” through the Gospel. Each time we gather as the Church therefore, Christ the Word made flesh continues to nourish, save and strengthen us along our journey towards our Eternal and Hidden Father.

Story: Explaining God

Have you had a challenging week? Then here's a refreshing treat for you. Sit back, and enjoy reading the simple words of an 8-year-old boy trying to explain God. Written by Danny Dutton, age 8, from Chula Vista, California, for his third grade homework assignment to "Explain God."

One of God's main job is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way, he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk, he can just leave that to mother and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears unless he has thought of a way to turn it off. God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have. Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind of like his Father and he told his Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK. His Dad "God" appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore, he could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary only more important. You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to hear you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to Church on Sunday because it makes God happy and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong! And, besides, the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know he's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim very good and you get thrown into deep water by big kids. But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you.

I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And that's why I believe in God.

Easter Reflection: God Chose To Reveal Divine Love

“For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles.”

(1 Corinthians 1:22-23)

The powerlessness of the manger became the powerlessness of the cross. People jeer at him, laugh at him, spit in his face, and shout: “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him” (Matthew 27:42). He hangs there, his flesh torn apart by lead-filled whips, his heart broken by the rejection of his friends and abuse from his enemies, his mind tortured by anguish, his spirit shrouded in the darkness of abandonment -total weakness, total powerlessness. That’s how God chose to reveal to us the divine love, bring us back into an embrace of compassion, and convince us that anger has been melted away in endless mercy.

<i>Joke (586)</i>

Marxist Light Bulbs

How many Marxists does it take to screw in a light bulb?

None: The bulb contains within it the seeds of its own revolution.

Lawyer Light Bulbs

How many lawyers does it take to change a light bulb?

It takes just one lawyer to change your light bulb into his light bulb.

Surreal Changes

How many surrealists does it take to change a light bulb?

It takes two: one to hold the giraffe and the other one to fill the bathtub with brightly colored tools.

Tell Me This Won't Happen to Us!

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the year, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me ... I know we've been friends for a long time, but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is."

Her friend glared at her for at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

Tell Me This Won't Happen to Us!

A senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, 'Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!' 'Heck,' said Herman, 'It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!'

Tell Me This Won't Happen to Us!

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car – both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself, "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light." After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous. At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, 'Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!' Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh, Gee! Am I driving?"

Tell Me This Won't Happen to Us!

Three sisters, ages 92, 94 and 96, live in a house together. One night the 96-year-old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters, 'Was I getting in or out of the bath?'

The 94-year-old yells back, 'I don't know. I'll come up and see.' She starts up the stairs and pauses 'Was I going up the stairs or down?'

The 92-year-old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters, she shakes her head and says, 'I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood.' She then yells. 'I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door.'

Tell Me This Won't Happen to Us!

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, 'Windy, isn't it?'

'No,' the second man replied, 'It's Thursday.' And the third man chimed in, 'So am I. Let's have a beer'