

**April 4, 2010**  
**Bulletin # 14**

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

*(Maronite Catholic Rite)*

*Faith ☩ Family ☩ Friends*

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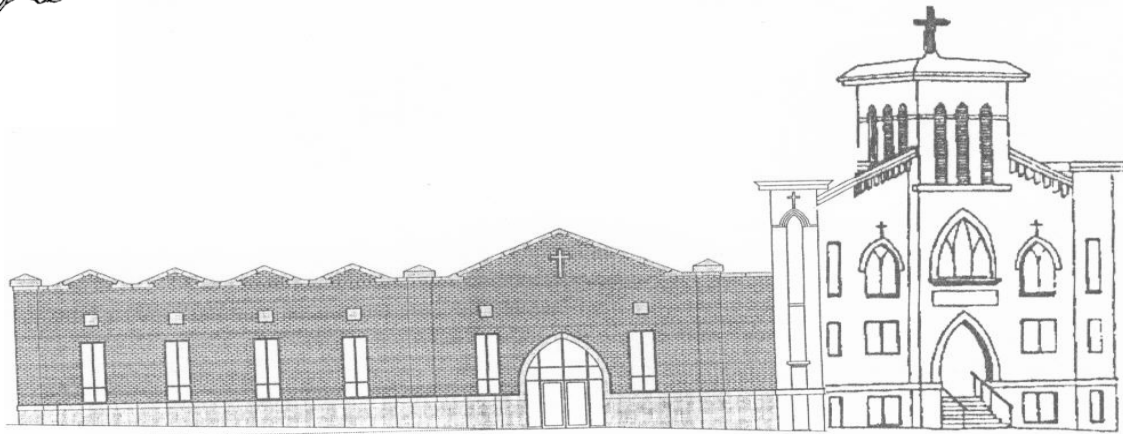
**Rev. Bakhos Chidiac (Pastor)**

Evelyn Ghaphery (Organist)

Charlotte Khourey & Thomasina Geimer (Secretaries)

### ***Easter Sunday***

***Christ is Risen! Truly Risen! Alleluia!***



### ***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: Easter Sunday***

*Readings: Phil 2:1-11 and Mt 28:1-10*

**“When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.”** (Colossians 3:4)

Easter is the great feast of which all Sundays in the year are a reflection. As we celebrate the Eucharist this day, let us remember that Easter is the promise of an eternal banquet. Christ, having entered the depths of our humanity, having died its death, is now claimed as risen.

If we have followed him through Lent and into the Paschal Mystery, we may discover, as his apostles did, the promise of holy transformation in our lives. The Easter narratives are filled with the transforming power of discipleship. Mary Magdalene, pictured historically as a reformed fallen woman, is most rightly remembered as a symbol of steadfast fidelity to Jesus. Peter’s three denials are now transformed into three declarations of love. “Doubting Thomas” pronounces the most direct scriptural affirmation of Christ’s divinity: “My Lord and my God!” And the disciples on the road to Emmaus, disheartened and turning their backs on Jerusalem, discover the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread. Their witness is at the origins of our faith.

If we take soberly enough the passion and death of our own lives, of humanity itself, and of Jesus who is the eternal Word made flesh, we will more fully appreciate the radical nature of our faith, especially at Easter time. We believe there is more than meets the eye. There is more than the earth in all its might, more than our projects and exploits in all their splendor. “We believe in the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come.”

Let the Church say, “Amen.”

## ***Happy Easter From the Pastor***

***Fr. Bakhos’ Motto: “Say your word and walk away”***

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Christ is Risen! Truly Risen! Alleluia!

I have been honored and glad to be your servant for the past nine years. I have also been blessed to be the servant of the Blessed Mother, to whom I am devoted with both my body and soul. Keep in mind that our prayers here have been answered by the Blessed Mother, because without her intercession the miracle of our building project would never have happened. Rejoice and be glad. Join the Blessed Mother who saw her only beloved Son victorious over the Cross ascend into heaven to prepare a place of honor for her and all of us.

Happy Easter to you my friends! Rejoice for life is so short and is worth living. Choose your friends whom you consider to be “good company” and enjoy your hobbies. At the end of life, your richness can be measured by the number of good memories you have gathered in your lifetime with your good friends. I say that every person has a “set of memories.” If you take all possessions from a person, isolate him in Siberia, shut all his doors and windows and see what is left. He will sit in a corner and reminisce about all his good and bad memories from the time of his childhood until now. He will dwell on the good memories and shake his head to get rid of the bad ones, because no one likes to remember bad memories.

Jesus called us to rejoice and be glad at Christmas and at the Resurrection. He came to show us that joy is always preceded by a cross, and without suffering there is no crown of glory. So rejoice my friend and pray that the will of God will always prevail in your life and in the rest of the world. Attend the church and pray. Do charitable works especially on behalf of the church in order to earn and keep the grace of God upon yourself and your family members. Without God, Jesus, Mary and all the saints’ intercession, we could not do anything.

As I celebrate my last Easter with you here in Wheeling, remember that I will remember you in my prayers from Saint Sharbel Church in Warren, Michigan. I will never forget this parish where I combined my soul and talents to move it from darkness into light. So rejoice good people for you deserve to be served with a full heart. Invite the hesitant and the doubtful to join you in praising God. Be grateful and never boast yourselves for the accomplishment that took place in your parish because it was not of human power, rather it was a gift from the Blessed Mother. Rejoice that while you were alive, you witnessed one of the miracles of the Blessed Mother right here in Wheeling.

–Fr. Bakhos

## *Mass Intentions*

### This WEEKEND, April 3-4: Easter Sunday

#### 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"**

Louis John by Emily Vince

Intentions of the Benefactors of Fr. Bakhos

#### 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"**

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

### Weekday Masses

**Monday, April 5:** No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

**Tuesday, April 6:** No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

#### Wednesday, April 7 at Noon:

Louis John by George & Jean Weisner

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

#### Thursday, April 8 at Noon:

Louis John by Rosella Saseen

Good health & success of Fr. Bakhos on his new assignment by Kay Garvey

#### Friday, April 9 at Noon:

Louis John by John Fitzpatrick & Family

Special Intentions of the Solberg Family (St. Paul, MN)

### NEXT WEEKEND, April 10-11: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection

#### Saturday, April 10:

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

**At 4:00 p.m.:**

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

40-Day Mass for Louis John by Frank & Mary Lish and Family

#### Sunday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m.: **Mass will be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

Helen Saseen (on her Birthday) by her daughter Rosella

Elias Louis George by the Ghaphery Family

Living & Deceased of the Poor Child Jesus sisters by Jean Weisner

## *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 Fund**" which will be used in case of emergency to support exclusively the poor, active parishioners who belong to our church – those who have offering envelopes and who attend our church on a regular basis. Others are not intended to benefit from this fund.

## *Our Lady of Lebanon Community Calendar*

Date	Event
Friday, April 9	<b>Fr. Bakhos' Farewell Dinner</b> –5:30-9:30 p.m. <i>Reservation payment due April 4</i>
Sat.- Sunday, April 10-11	<b>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b><u>Lebanese Bake Sale</u></b> <i>Sunday, April 11</i> <i>Sunday, April 18</i> <i>Mon.-Thur., April 19-22</i> <i>Wed.-Thur., April 21 &amp; 22</i>	<u>Order Deadline</u> <u>Work Day</u> – Spinach Preparation: <i>after Mass</i> <u>Work Days</u> – Baking to Fill Orders: <i>at 9:00 a.m.</i> <u>Order Pick-Up Days</u>
Sunday, April 12	<b>Cedar Club Meeting</b> – 7:00 p.m. <i>in the old Basement Hall</i>
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> – <i>after 10:30 Mass – In Conference Room</i>
Sunday, April 25	<b>Women's Society 50/50 Monthly Raffle</b> – <i>Following Mass</i>
Sunday, May 23	<b>Women's Society Gift Basket Drawing</b> – <i>at the Spring Spaghetti Dinner</i>
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> – <i>at Oglebay Park</i>

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

Those who reserved their seats for Fr. Bakhos' Farewell Dinner on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 until 9:30 p.m. will be greeted at the door and directed to tables designated for them so they may be served the catered, sit-down dinner. The menu includes steamship round of beef, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad, roll & butter, dessert, and coffee or iced tea.

**No reservations will be accepted after the Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> deadline.**

### ***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament***

Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, after 10:30 a.m. Mass

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

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

## ***Women's Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle*** (Sunday, 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 **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 25<sup>th</sup>**.

**Please check the ticket sheets carefully to be sure you are completing the correct ticket stubs. All raffle tickets are 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 Al Depto who won the March prize of \$50.

## ***Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle*** (Sun., May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 a bottle of Oak Leaf Cabernet Sauvignon; a bottle of Pinot Grigio; a Perfect pasta cookbook; a spoon rest; a set of wooden spoons; a hand grater; a Farberware spatula and basting brush; a cheese shaker; 4 dishcloths, 2 dish towels and a pot holder, Italian salad dressing; a can of black olives; a jar of Dei Fratelli Traditional Sauce; a jar of Bertoli Alfredo Sauce; and a box of each of the following pastas: Delallo Linguine, Barilla Angel Hair pasta, Creamette Linguini, Tri-colored pasta, Barilla Fettuccine.

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.

## ***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. Contributions to this fund have slowed nearly to a stop. Please encourage family and others to consider making a donation to this project. 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, Dr. Joe Palmer, Denny Albaugh, Joe &amp; Nikki Popovich, Joe Linton,</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, Carol &amp; Bill 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, Mike Linton, Dr. &amp; Mrs. Anwar,</i>

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

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

**Total Raised so far: \$14,051.00 out of \$33,300.00**

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

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

Mary Custer, Ann Lee Bauduin, Zachary McKim, Pearl Shutler (mother of Janet), Louis Coury (brother of Lucille Gibbons),

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

Sylvia Long, Dorothy Kupchak, 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)

### *Your Church Support Last Week*

\$1,223	Collection
100	Diocesan Appeal
43	Candles
381	Utilities
40	Parking
159	Easter Flowers
113	Bake Sales
74	St. Maron Dinner
300	Special Event (Farewell Dinner for Fr. Bakhos)
1,800	Fundraising (New Church High-Efficiency Heat System)
94	Reimbursement
529	Donation to Church
125	Mahrajan (Ad Book)
50	Donation (to the Endowment Fund by the Women Society from the Monthly 50/50 Fundraising)
100	Donation to Cedar Club from Mike Linton
380	Donation to Poor Families of the Parish
\$5,511	Total. <i>May God reward you many fold</i>

## Happy Birthday

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

### ***In Our Mailbox***

*Dear Father Bakhos,*

*I hope that this letter finds you enjoying the best of health, happiness and success. I would like to start by commending you on your hard work and dedication to the Maronite Community of Wheeling, West Virginia. Your efforts were successful and you did a great service in helping to expand the community and make the Church a second home to the people. I have heard many great things about your time in West Virginia. I hope you are equally successful at your new location. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*May God continue to guide and bless you all of the days of your life.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*--Father Abdallah Zaidan, M.L.M. Rector*

*Dear Fr. Bakhos,*

*I can't begin to tell you what your friendship means to me. It has been a pleasure to be acquainted with you. I don't know if you realize what an inspiration you have been to me. I will treasure your friendship forever. Please note that you will remain in my prayers and hope that I remain in your thoughts and prayers. I will always remain your friend.*

*--Dave Sengewalt.*

### ***A Prayer for Father Bakhos***

*You came from among us to be, for us, one who serves. We thank you for ministering Christ to us and helping us minister Christ to each other. We are grateful for the many gifts you bring to our community: for drawing us together in worship, for visiting us in our homes, for comforting us in sickness, for showing us compassion, for blessing our marriage, for baptizing our children, for confirming us in our calling, for supporting us in bereavement, for helping us to grow in faith, for encouraging us to take the initiative, for helping the whole community realize God's presence among us. For our part, we pray that we may always be attentive to your needs and never take you for granted. You, like us, need friendship and love, welcome and a sense of belonging, kind words and acts of thoughtfulness. God our Father, we ask you to bless our Priest and confirm him in his calling.*

*Give him the gifts he needs to respond with generosity and a joyful heart.*

*We offer this prayer for our priest, Father Bakhos Chidiac,*

*Who is our brother and friend, Amen.*

*We Love You,*

*--The Frenn Family*

*Father,*

*My family and I just wanted to say "Thank You" for all that you have done for us. You have been there for my family during the most difficult and the most joyful times. We will always remember and be grateful to you. Good luck in your new position. We wish you all the best.*

*--Jenny George Klein*

## ***What's New***

### ***Please Correct Fr. Bakhos New Address with Correct Zip Code***

Make sure to correct the Zip Code in the new address for Fr. Bakhos. It should read as follow:

**Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, St. Sharbel Church, 31601 Schoenherr Road, Warren, MI 48088**

**Phone: 586-826-9688**

## ***Many Thanks***

- to all who participated in the Diocesan Appeal. We wish to recognize a few late donations: Denny Albaugh, Peggy Justice & Ann Lee Bauduin, Sandra Dusick, Susan John & Ron Burns, Paul & Irene Schuler.  
May your donations ascend like incense before the Risen Lord. Due to your generosity, our church was able to meet her quota of \$3,100.00. We have sent this amount to our Diocese on your behalf. You are greatest people in all of Wheeling and the tri-state area.
- to all generous parishioners and friends who donated flowers to decorate the church at Easter. The beauty of the church is a reflection of your beautiful faith and devotion to the Blessed Mother. May your road to heaven also be decorated with beautiful flowers.
- to all the members of the Women's Society who donated an additional \$50 to the Endowment Fund from the Monthly 50/50 Raffle.
- to Mike Linton for donating \$100.00 to the Cedar Club. Thank you Mike.
- to Tom & Kathleen George for donating a 10-pound case of chicken Salad for use on Palm Sunday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
- to the many parents who helped Charlotte set-up and supervise the children decorate Easter eggs for Palm Sunday. Together you helped make beautiful memories for your children.
- to Mary & George Thomas for boiling the eggs so the children could color them. May God bless your hands.
- to the members of the Women's Society who provided the Easter treats for the children, cooked and decorated Easter eggs, and prepared and served the luncheon for everyone who was in attendance on Palm Sunday to enjoy. You are all priceless.

## ***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	3 Kibbee Patties – frozen

## ***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

### ***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](http://www.Boatsie.com) for more information  
Mail: Send request for tickets to Boatsie's Boxes, Inc., 33 Forest Hills Drive, Wheeling, WV 26003

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

### ***Maronite Liturgy (10)***

The center and focus of all the Holy Mysteries is participation in the Eucharist, Baptism and Confirmation initiate us into the community of believers, but it is the Eucharist that is the source and cause of community. While Baptism "grafts" us as members into the Body of Christ, the Eucharist nourishes us with the Body of Christ. We have become adopted children of God the Father, and therefore brothers and sisters of Christ, it is the Eucharist that enables us to grow in the likeness of Christ. Thus the Eucharist is the Holy Mystery, which completes the process of Christian initiation.

The Eucharist, like the other Mysteries, is a communal celebration. Salvation is not an individualistic matter. We are saved through and with others. The community of Christ is mutually supportive of its members. At each celebration of the Eucharist, the joys and sorrows, successes and failures, sufferings and triumphs of our brothers and sisters in Christ are experienced in togetherness. The strong come to assist the weak; the rich seek to help the poor; the joyful strive to comfort the sorrowing. All are impelled by the Word of the Gospel, and all of our sacrifices are united with the sacrifice of the Eucharist. Therefore, attending Sunday Liturgy is not merely a question of obligation, but is the very life and heart of the Christian community.

#### **Influences on the Maronite Liturgy**

The Maronite Church in its liturgy is fortunate in being the heir of at least two rich traditions, those of Edessa and Antioch. The Church of Edessa traces its origins to the preaching of the liturgical contributors included St. Ephrem and James of Saroug. The first Christian converts to the Church of Edessa included the earliest Jewish-Christians. Therefore, its liturgy is strongly influenced by the world-view of the Bible. As one of the oldest established churches, it developed its prayer forms before being influenced by Greek thought. Our Maronite liturgy today still has many hymns and prayers from St. Ephrem and James of Saroug. The Anaphora of the Twelve Apostles (also known as III Peter and by the Syriac word Sharrar), which the Maronite Church shares in common with the Church of Edessa, is the oldest Anaphora in the Catholic Church, and is still found in adapted form as the Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice on Good Friday.

The Church of Antioch was the ancient See of Peter and developed its liturgy with influences from the Church of Jerusalem. The Maronite Anaphora of the Twelve Apostles represents the oldest tradition of the Church of Antioch. St. John Chrysostom took this Anaphora with him to Constantinople and became the basis of the Byzantine liturgy. As heir to the Patriarchate of Antioch, the Maronite Church represents the Antiochene liturgy in its fullness. Thus, the Maronite Church, in its prayer life, preserves the way of worship of the Apostles and their earliest disciples.

#### **Qorbono (Quddas)**

It is fitting that the Maronite name for the divine liturgy is Qorbono in Syriac and Quddas in Arabic. The Syriac term refers to the idea of "offering" and focuses on the sacrificial acts of Christ offering himself, and on our own willingness to render our lives as an oblation. The Arabic term refers to the idea of "making holy" and refers to the fact that in the liturgy the gifts, and by analogy the participants, are divinized by the action of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Preparation of the Gifts**

The Preparation of the Gifts reminds us that the liturgy is an act of offering by the whole community. It is the people that bring their time, treasures, and talents to the Eucharistic celebration. The bread and wine selected from among the gifts are chosen to become the Body and Blood of Christ. Similarly, our gifts and dedication to be of service to Christ are consecrated through the action of the divine liturgy.

## **Story: Forgiveness**

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, **wrote in the sand:** *"Today, my best friend slapped me in the face."* They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he **wrote on a stone:** *"Today, my best friend saved my life."*

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, *"After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?"* The other friend replied: *"When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."*

**--Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your benefits in stone.**

**--They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.**

## **Joke (303)**

### ***Easter Bunny***

A man was blissfully driving along the highway, when he saw the Easter Bunny hopping across the middle of the road. He swerved to avoid hitting the bunny, but unfortunately the rabbit jumped in front of his car and was hit. The basket of eggs went flying all over the place. Candy, too.

The driver, being a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulled over to the side of the road, and got out to see what had become of the bunny carrying the basket. Much to his dismay, the colorful bunny was dead. The driver felt guilty and began to cry.

A woman driving down the same highway saw the man crying on the side of the road and pulled over. She stepped out of her car and asked the man what was wrong.

*"I feel terrible,"* he explained. *"I accidentally hit the Easter Bunny and killed him. There may not be an Easter because of me. What should I do?"*

The woman told the man not to worry. She knows exactly what to do. She went to her car trunk, and pulled out a spray can. She walked over to the limp dead bunny, and sprayed the entire contents of the can onto the little furry animal. Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up the spilled eggs and candy, waved its paw at the two humans and hopped on down the road.

Fifty yards away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around, waved and hoped on down the road another 50 yards, turned waved, hopped another 50 yards and waved again!

The man was astonished. He said to the woman, "What in heaven's name is in your spray can?" The woman turned the can around so that the man could read the label. It said: *"Hair Spray. Restores life to dead hair – and adds permanent wave."*

### ***Three Men***

One day, three men were hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large raging, violent river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so. The first man prayed to God, saying, "Please God, give me the strength to cross this river." Poof!!! God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, after almost drowning a couple of times. Seeing this, the second man prayed to God, saying, "Please God, give me the strength and the tools to cross this river." Poof!!! God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times. The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, "Please God, give me the strength and the tools... and the intelligence... to cross this river." And poof!!! God turned him into a woman. SHE looked at the map, hiked upstream a couple of hundred yards, then walked across the bridge.

Send this to a smart woman who needs a laugh and a man who can laugh at his own kind!