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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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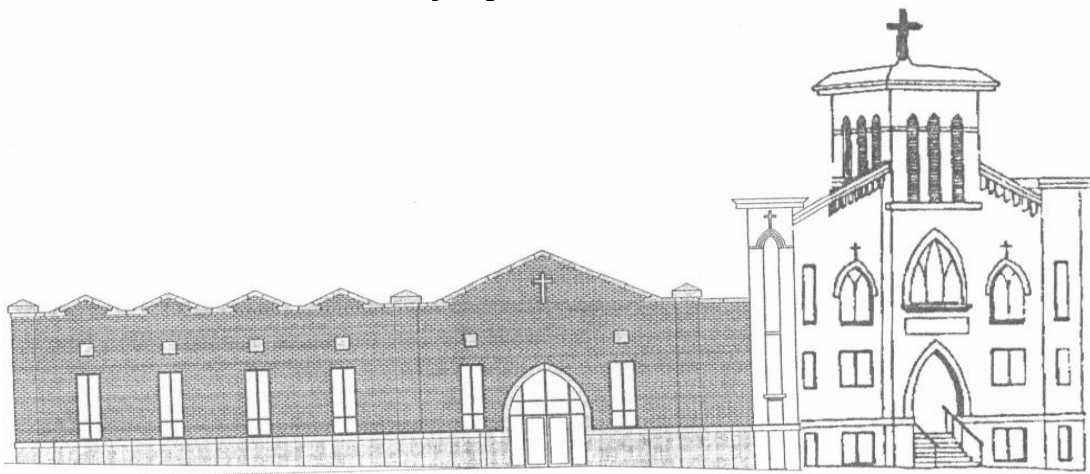
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4th Sunday of the Resurrection



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: **Please refer to the Mass schedule in 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 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. Gary or the parish office. 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 & Testament – Her prayers will accompany you to heaven
 - *Please support Our Lady of Lebanon Church by patronizing our Benefactors and Advertisers
 - *If you support the Church and need a Bulletin mailed to you, please call the church office

Gospel Reflection: 4th Sunday of the Resurrection

Readings: Heb 13:18-25 and Jn 21:1-14

Christ's appearance to seven of His disciples on the lake Tiberias marks an important advance in the growth of their Easter faith. Just as the Father had sent His Son into the world, so too the Lord Jesus will send His disciples to spread the Good News. The amazing catch of fish is a very live allegory for an apostolate made fruitful by the Risen Christ; for this apostolate Peter, because of his very special love for his master, will take on the ultimate responsibility.

Like the apostles who went back to their fishing nets after the tragic episode of the passion, we too are sometimes tempted to lose hope. Supposing our faith in the Resurrection was only a pious illusion? Maybe Christ no longer lives in this over-established Church of His which has hardened into a defensive attitude and is so lacking in apostolic daring? Our temptation then may be to get back to our everyday bread-and-butter tasks, so reliable and reassuring in their ordinariness; or to set up a religious ghetto of our own, cut off from those who might threaten our convictions, to dream of times gone by when faith was taken for granted and the Church ruled supreme.

No, this is not the way it has to be. Someone is there standing on the shore, someone who is more impelling and more personal than ever, and he is calling me and asking me to put out my net. I'm not always able to recognize him straight off but it's him all right: there at the center of human and professional contacts, our life of faith however limp or unsatisfactory, present in the undertakings of all who search for truth, who love and forgive, and who struggle for a better and more equitable world. He is there above all in this meal which we share in memory of him and which prepares us for our necessary return to the world of every day. So, have we the daring to jump into the water?

Mass Intentions

THIS WEEKEND, April 24-25: 4th Sunday of the Resurrection

Saturday, April 24, at 4:00 p.m.:

John F. Kukula (birthday) by Mary Rose Kukula
Louis John by Karen Shipley

Sunday, April 25, at 10:30 a.m.:

Intentions of Evelyn Ghaphery by the Ghaphery Family
Roberta Daniel Connley on her 10th Anniversary by Nettie Seidler

Weekday Masses

Monday, April 26: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, April 27: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Wednesday, April 28, at Noon:

Louis John by Joe & Mary Thomas
Louis John by Gail Weinsdorfer

Thursday, April 29: No Mass – Meetings

Friday, April 30, at Noon:

Louis John by Janice Jones
Louis John by Tina Kitlak

NEXT WEEKEND, May 1-2: 5th Sunday of the Resurrection – May Crowning

Saturday, May 14, at 4:00 p.m.:

For a Special Intention by a Friend

Sunday, May 2, at 10:30 a.m.:

Suzanne Linton on the 1st Anniversary by her husband Mike
The Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoon Ghaphery Family and the
David Abraham Ghaphery Family by the Ghaphery Family
Dale Seidler Sr. requested by his wife Nettie & her Family

Our Lady of Lebanon Calendar

Date	Event
Saturday, April 24	Meet & Greet Fr. Gary – after 4:00 Mass – <u><i>In New Hall</i></u>
Sunday, April 25	Meet & Greet Fr. Gary– after 10:30 Mass – <u><i>In Old Basement Hall</i></u>
Thursday, April 29	Parish Council – Mahrajan Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 2	May Crowning & May Procession – (<i>Benediction next weekend</i>)
Tuesday, May 4	Cedar Club Dinner at Elm Grove Undo's – at 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 8	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament – at 3:30 p.m.
Monday, May 10	Cedar Club Meeting – at 7:00 p.m. <u><i>In Old Basement Hall</i></u>
Sat., May 8 to Fri, May 14	Week of Mothers Day Masses
Sunday, May 9	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament – <i>after Mass</i>
Sunday, May 16	Parish Council Meeting – <i>before Mass at 8:45 a.m.</i>
Sunday, May 23	Women's Society Gift Basket Drawing – <i>at the Spring Spaghetti Dinner</i>
Sunday, May 23	Spring Spaghetti Dinner 11:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 30	Women's Society 50/50 Monthly Raffle – <i>Following Mass</i>
Saturday, June 5	Rummage Sale
Mon.-Sat., June 14-19	Pilgrimage to St. Anne's in Canada
Sunday, August 15	Mahrajan – <i>at Oglebay Park</i>

Make Your Charitable Contributions Via the Church Funds

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.

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.

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

Other Donations received under \$100. We are grateful for all donations received toward replacing the Heat System.

However, 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, Emily Vince,

Total raised so far: \$14,451.00 out of \$33,300.00

Our Lady of Lebanon Events

Meet & Greet Fr. Gary (Sat., April 24, after 4:00 Mass, & Sun., April 25, after 10:30 Mass)

All parishioners, friends and visitors are asked to remain after Masses next weekend to have cake and coffee and meet Fr. Gary. Please plan to join Fr. Gary on Saturday, April 24, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in our Cedar Hall and on Sunday, April 25, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in our Old Basement Hall (*because the Cedar Hall is rented*).

Parish Council – Mahrajan Meeting (Thursday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m.)

May Crowning (Sunday, May 2nd, during Mass)

Shyanne Smith, a student at the Lyceum Preparatory Academy, will be our May Queen. Those who have confirmed that they can participate in the May Crowning Procession include: Mariana Al Khouri, Ava DeMuth, Chloe Imer, Sarah Palmer, Isabel Thomas and Lyceum Preparatory Academy girls Lexi Baranik, Morgan Harris, Ann Marie Krall, Shyanne Smith, Aundrea Spain, Hannah Williams. Also, Rachel Thomas and Shelby Imer, who were our 2007 and 2009 May Queens, have volunteered to assist with the girls.

Flowers for the Blessed Mother in May (Sundays, May 2 through May 30)

The flowers donated for the Blessed mother in May will be sponsored as follows:

Sunday, May 2	Mary Thomas in memory of her son
Sunday, May 2	May Procession Flowers: Mary Lish & Nettie Seidler
Sunday, May 9	Carol Dougherty, Sandra Dusick, Kay Garvey, Julia Tappe
Sunday, May 16	Fran Saseen, Marge Saseen, Rosella Saseen
Sunday, May 23	Shirley George, Rita Strawn & Anna Jalad
Sunday, May 30	Charlotte Khourey & Mary Stees

Cedar Club Dinner at Elm Grove Undo's (Tuesday, May 4th, 6:00 p.m.)

Join the Cedar Club at the Elm Grove Undo's for a "Dutch Treat" social evening on Tuesday, May 4, at 6:00 p.m. Call Nini 304-243-0057 or Shirley George at 304-845-1451 for reservations.

Mother's Day – Week of Masses (from Saturday, May 8th, to Friday, May 14th)

Mother's Day: F-A-M-I-L-Y

I ran into a stranger as he passed by, "Oh excuse me please" was my reply. He said, "Please excuse me too; I wasn't watching for you." We were very polite, this stranger and I. We went on our way and we said good-bye. But at home a different story is told, how we treat our loved ones, young and old.

Later that day, cooking the evening meal, my son stood beside me very still. When I turned, I nearly knocked him down. "Move out of the way," I said with a frown. He walked away, his little heart broken. I didn't realize how harshly I'd spoken.

While I lay awake in bed, God's still small voice came to me and said, "While dealing with a stranger, common courtesy you use, but the children you love, you seem to abuse. Go and look on the kitchen floor; you'll find some flowers there by the door. Those are the flowers he brought for you. He picked them himself: pink, yellow and blue. He stood very quietly not to spoil the surprise, you never saw the tears that filled his little eyes."

By this time, I felt very small, and now my tears began to fall. I quietly went and knelt by his bed; "Wake up, little one, wake up," I said. "Are these the flowers you picked for me?" He smiled, "I found 'em, out by the tree. I picked 'em because they're pretty like you. I knew you'd like 'em, especially the blue." I said, "Son, I'm very sorry for the way I acted today; I shouldn't have yelled at you that way." He said, "Oh, Mom, that's okay. I love you anyway." I said, "Son, I love you too, and I do like the flowers, especially the blue."

Are you aware that if we died tomorrow, the company that we are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days. But the family we left behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives. And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more into work than into our own family. An unwise investment indeed, don't you think?

So what is behind the story? Do you know what the word FAMILY means?

FAMILY = (F)ATHER (A)ND (M)OTHER (I) (L)OVE (Y)OU

5 Masses for the Repose of the Souls of Our Deceased Mothers & Grandmothers

Sadie Chidiac by her son Fr. Bakhos

Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham

Ghaphery Family by the Ghaphery Family

Louise N. Khourey & Gladys Howard by their children Lou & Charlotte & grandchildren Emmalena & Louie

Emily Nader & Nabiha "Lena" Khourey by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie

Minnie Church Riggs & Cassandra "Cassie" Howard by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie

Thelma Malatinski by Sandra Dusick

Anna Shia by her children

Rose Shedeed Fadoul & Nell Comer Duffy by Earl & Linda Duffy

Siham Frenn, LaVerne Thomas & Evelyn Hall by Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn

Mary K. Ferris by Thomas A. & Denise V. Ferris

5 Masses for Good Health & a Long, Happy Life of Our Living Mothers & Grandmothers

Charlotte Khourey by her husband Lou & her children Emmalena & Louie

Diane Frenn by Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn

Next Cedar Club Meeting (Monday, May 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in the **old Basement Hall**)

Join the Cedar Club for our next meeting on Monday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. Final plans will be made for the upcoming Rummage Sale. Hostesses will be Rita Strawn and Shirley George.

Spring Spaghetti Dinner (Sunday, May 23, from 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.)

Mark your calendars now and plan to enjoy our Spring Spaghetti Dinner served in our Cedar Hall following Mass Sunday, May 23. Chairperson Tom George and our parishioners invite you and your friends, co-workers and neighbors to attend to and enjoy our food and hospitality. Help our Church prepare the "best Spaghetti Dinner in the Ohio Valley."

Menu: Spaghetti and meatballs or marinara sauce, salad, roll, dessert with coffee, ice tea or lemonade.

Discounted Advance Ticket Price If PAID by May 16: \$7.00 Adults; \$4.00 (Child under 12)

Regular Ticket Price if PAID May 17 thru 23: \$8.00 Adults; \$5.00 (Child under 12)

Buy in advance and save! Tickets are available now from the Church office at: 304-233-1688. Tickets can be held at the door only if they are prepaid. **Payment in advance is greatly appreciated.**

Notes:

1. Advance Ticket Sales: If you are able & willing to help sell tickets to make our dinner a tremendous success, please call our Church office. Unsold tickets & payments must be returned by Sunday, May 16.
2. Parishioners are being asked to *please bake and donate a dessert for use at the dinner* so that we may offer a variety of choices to go with the meal.
3. Parishioners are also being asked to help make our *Baked Goods Sale* –held simultaneously with the dinner– a huge success. Please make and donate an item: cookies, cake, pie, fudge, candy, Lebanese treat, etc.
4. If you can volunteer to work for the Spaghetti Dinner or have questions, please call the Church office at 304-233-1688.

Parish Council Meeting (Sunday, May 16, before Mass at 8:45 a.m.)

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 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 Fettucine.

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

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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.

Women's Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle (Sunday, May 30, 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 and May 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, May 30th**.

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." Please Note: We are combining the April and May 50/50 drawing.

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.

Rummage Sale (Saturday, June 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) ***Held in Old Basement Hall***

Start saving your household items that are in good condition and can be sold at our upcoming Parish Rummage Sale which will be held **in our Old Basement Hall** on Saturday, June 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.. There is always a good profit on our sales which benefit our church. Look for drop-off times that will be listed in upcoming bulletins.

Pilgrimage to St. Anne's in Canada (Monday thru Saturday, June 14-19)

Plan to join Fr. Gary as your Guide on a Motor Coach Pilgrimage to St. Anne's in Canada Monday thru Saturday, June 14-19. Cost: \$379 per person – 2 per room; \$359 per person – 3 per room; \$589 single room; \$189 children 5-12 years of age sharing with 2 paying adults. Includes roundtrip transportation, 5 nights lodging, 5 breakfasts, 1 dinner, taxes, bellman gratuities and tour services. Contact Sutton Tours at 330-726-2800 to reserve your space.

Mahrajan (Sunday, August 15, at Oglebay Park)

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers:

Naji Abboud, 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)

Happy Birthday

April 28: Ann Marie Weisner-Serafin
 April 29: Linda Hostutler, Jeanette Wakim
 April 30: Cecilia Ammar
 May 1: Kay Garvey, Ashley Musilli, Jack R. Klein
 May 3: Nicholas John
 May 4: John Weisner, Susan George
 May 5: Eden DeMuth
 May 6: Nikki Lenz
 May 7: Laura Lee Hunter
 May 8: Tom George
 May 9: Debra Laughlin
 May 10: Frank Lish
 May 15: Austin Musilli

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May 16: Dustin Olinski, Jacqueline Petros
 May 17: Tina Kitlak
 May 17: David Weisner
 May 18: Millet L. Fadoul
 May 20: John Fadoul
 May 21: Roxanne Wurtzbacher, Rachel Zinn
 May 23: Jim George, Jr., Brian K. Seidler
 May 27: Emmalena Khourey, Brad McLaughlin
 May 30: Josie Stees Fertig
 May 31: William Dougherty

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,127	Collection
54	Candles
100	Parking
70	Donation to Church
100	Fundraising (New Church High-Efficiency Heat System)
325	Mahrajan (Ad Book)
150	Mahrajan (Rental Space Mustafa)
256	Bake Sales – Women’s Society Account
17	Parish Families Assistance Fund Account
\$2,199.00	Total. <i>May God reward you many fold</i>

What’s New?

A Note of Thanks from Fr. Bakhos

To My Dear Friends in Wheeling,

On the road to Michigan, a myriad of wonderful memories from West Virginia were roaming in my mind. A new horizon appeared and I wondered what kind of people I would encounter. One thing I am sure of is that no one could light a candle before your goodness. Indeed, “West Virginia IS Almost Heaven.”

I was glad during my last Easter and during my Farewell Dinner to fill my eyes with pictures of your beautiful faces. I will cherish your memories and your friendship as long as I live.

I hope you will be as good and cooperative with Fr. Gary as you were with me. He is a good priest. I thank you for all that you have done for me. I thank you for your gifts of support and for your nice compliments. Some of your notes brought tears to my eyes.

Now I am finishing my first week here. I am overwhelmed with the magnitude of both parishes and how much time they need to be run properly. Please accept my apology for not being able to write “Thank You” notes for lack of time and consider this message as my personal Thanks and Gratitude to each and every one of you. I wish you the best of health and a long life.

Your friend who will never forget you,

--Fr. Bakhos

Extra Lebanese Bake Sale Items Available

See any Women’s Society members to purchase any of the following extra items baked during our Bake Sale this past week:

Meat or Spinach Pies	\$2.25 each
Zattar or Sesame Bread	\$1.25 each
Pitaland’s small Pita Bread	\$2.00 each pkg.

Thanks to Helpers for the Bake Sale

All the hard-working, generous hearted people who helped take orders, deliver orders and make all the items sold for our Lebanese Bake Sale. Your help is greatly appreciated. May the fruit of your hands be blessed and may the Blessed Mother grant you a long life filled with happiness.

Also Thanks to...

All who supported the Ohio County Airport concession stand fundraiser in giving of their time, talent and treasure. We made a profit of \$230 which will be donated to the Heat System Fund by the Cedar Club. Thanks again to all of you who helped in so many ways. --Linda & Luane

Thanks for Your Generosity:

...to Nancy McCord for her donation to our church In Memory of Mary Elizabeth Custer

Sponsors Needed

Before our parish held the farewell dinner last week, we had to acquire some additional 8-ft., 6-ft., and 4-ft. banquet style tables. If anyone would like to sponsor them, please call the secretary at the church office.

Cost: two 8-ft. tables \$80.00 each; two 6-ft. Tables \$50.00 each, two 4-ft. Tables \$30.00 each

Around Us

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

Where: St. John Church, Benwood at the school Gym 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; Call 724-375-5511 for reservations

What: Amin Sultan and his Ensemble at Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Adults \$55, Children \$25

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

Mystery Dinner Theater Show (Saturday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m.)

Who: St. John Catholic Church, Benwood, WV

What: Mystery Dinner Theatre Show "Mayberry R.I.P"

Cost: \$25 per person includes dinner theater show

When: Saturday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m.; Seating is Limited

Call: Mary Rose at 304-845-8895

Park Players Present Play (April 29, 30, May 1, 5, 6 & 7, at 7:00 p.m.)

Who: Park Players of Wheeling Park High School

What: Present their annual spring musical production: *Thoroughly Modern Millie*

When: April 29, 30, May 1, 5, 6 & 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$9.00 Adult; \$6.00 Students at the door (\$6.00 Groups of 10 or more attending on same night)

Call: 304-243-0417 between 8 a.m. & 2 p.m. weekdays for tickets and 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: Send request for tickets to Boatsie's Boxes, Inc., 33 Forest Hills Drive, Wheeling, WV 26003

A Time to Laugh

When a Man Volunteers to BBQ for His Woman

- 1- The woman goes to the store.
- 2- The woman fixes the salad, vegetables, and dessert.
- 3- The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils, and takes it to the man, who is lounging beside the grill, drinking a beer.
- 4- The man places the meat on the grill.
- 5- The woman goes inside to set the table and check the vegetables.

- 6- The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is burning.
- 7- The man takes the meat off the grill and hands it to the woman.
- 8- The woman prepares the plates and brings them to the table.
- 9- After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.
- 10- The man asks the woman how she enjoyed "her night off."

And, upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women.

-- Compliments of Sophie AZZI, Sydney Australia

Religion

A parachutist jumped out of a plane on a windy day and was blown a hundred miles off course by a powerful gale. Then his parachute caught on a tree, so he hung there for hours in the middle of nowhere, shouting for help.

Finally someone passed by. "How did you get up there on that tree?" he asked.

The parachutist told him. Then asked, "Where am I?" "On a tree," was the reply.

"Hey! You must be a cleric!" The stranger was stunned. "Yes I am. How did you know?" "Because what you said is certainly true and just as certainly useless."

Maronites = Who Are They?

Maronites = Catholics of the East; Latins = Catholics of the West. We are all Catholics.

The Maronite Church in the Expansion *by Chorbishop Seely Beggiani*

I wish to address two points: the adapting of the Maronite tradition to the American culture, and the public activity of Maronites of the United States regarding Lebanon.

The Adapting of the Maronite Tradition

The Maronite tradition is a living expression of how the Word of God has become embodied in the world-view and culture of a specific people, and how this people inspired by the Spirit of God articulated its faith and worship out of its particular culture and experience. The Maronite tradition encompasses its history, liturgy, doctrine and theology, spirituality, art, architecture, law, world-view, culture and way of life.

In its original form, the Maronite community of the fourth to the seventh centuries adapted the tradition then being established in the region of Antioch, as practiced by Syriac speaking Christians. From its life in Lebanon over the centuries, the Maronite Church has incorporated the poetry, prose, and music of the native culture and produced a rich legacy of festal rites, prayers, music, paraliturgical practices and pious devotions. We presume that both in the ancient region of Syria and in Lebanon, the Maronite Church strived to respond to the needs of its people as their mentality changed and the culture developed.

Thus, in the United States at the present time, the Maronite Church is called to respond to the needs of its people who now identify themselves within the context of contemporary American culture. The Maronite Church is challenged to carry out its own process of inculturation, seeking to preserve the integrity of the faith and its own core identity, while trying to resonate with what is good and what is possible within contemporary culture.

It is important to keep in mind that Maronite identity is not an abstraction, as if the essence of being Maronite can be filtered out from history, culture, and tradition. The Maronite tradition is a living, dynamic reality conditioned by the cultures of all the peoples who have participated in it in the past. Therefore, the elements of the Maronite experience in Lebanon will always be a significant and indelible part of the tradition and at the 'heart and soul' of what it is to be Maronite.

The Maronite Church in the United States and in other countries is seeking to respond to these challenges. Much work has been done in liturgy, catechetics, theology and spirituality directed at preserving the tradition and yet to communicate it to a contemporary audience.

The United States and Lebanon

The Maronites of the United States are very attached to the Maronite Patriarchate and to the Maronites of Lebanon. We have associated ourselves with the sufferings of the Lebanese people during their years of war and violence and during the difficult aftermath. We are committed to the Maronites of Lebanon as our relatives, our fellow Maronites, and as a heroic people striving to be free.

The Maronites of the United States see it as a sacred duty to influence the American Catholic Church and the American government to help Lebanon be a free, sovereign, independent and prosperous country. This is the stated policy of the American government and it is our task to hold them to it and to press them to implement it more aggressively. In all our efforts, our positions have been always the stated positions of the Maronite Patriarch and the Synod of Maronite Bishops.

In the American political system, foreign policy is determined by those elected to the Presidency and to Congress. Therefore, if Maronites wish to influence the government, they must be more actively involved in elections, both by being a significant voting bloc in the states where they are in large numbers and by financing candidates who are committed to the cause of Lebanon.

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