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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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5th Sunday of the Resurrection ***May Crowning***



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: 5th Sunday of the Resurrection

Readings: Eph 2:1-10 and Jn 21:15-19

Union with God in His Love is the supreme goal of our lives. This is for ALL of us; priests, religious, laymen. The love God gives to us and that we return to Him is the measure of that union and the fruitfulness of our lives. Where love reigns, peace, harmony, strength and joy are evident. Where Divine Love reigns in our hearts and minds, a selfless life will be found.

Where is all this leading us to the Sanctuary of Love! This sanctuary is our own soul, no matter how poor we perceive to be before the Face of God. Jesus came to this earth for one reason only, and that reason WAS LOVE. He remains on this earth for one reason only, and that reason IS LOVE. We know where this all was leading, to the night of His last meal on earth. On that night, the ultimate gift of true love was given to us – HIMSELF. On that night, the means by which this gift of true love could remain with us was established. Yes, the sacrament of the Priesthood! On that night the old law gave way to the new. On that night, the blood of a spotless lamb painted on the outside of our dwelling, to protect us from death, would be transformed into the Precious Blood of the All – Spotless Lamb taken into our dwelling, to protect us from eternal death. The celebration of Passover is no longer necessary. It would be transformed into a celebration of “*O come and dwell with us O Lord, come and stay and make all our hearts Yours.*”

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Let me begin by thanking you for your warm welcome this past weekend. I feel so blessed to be part of your community and serve as your priest. Thank you to everyone who volunteers each week to help our parish grow. Please continue to give of your time, talent and treasure so that we can continue to be a vibrant parish in this area. Thank you to the families who prepared the hall, served the coffee and made the cake.

Please note that there are many dates immediately available for weekday Liturgies. Please contact the parish office if you would like to schedule a Mass for your loved ones.

Starting next week, I would like to bring communion to the shut-ins. Please notify Charlotte of your loved ones phone, address and their needs so that I can plan a visit.

Please pick up a Parishioner Registration Form in the foyer and return it to the church at your earliest convenience so that we may update our records. Please complete a form even though you or your family members attend other parishes. This will be a tremendous help to me so that I may get to know each of our parishioners. I pray that everyone will continue to feel welcome to attend our church.

God bless, --Fr. Gary

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, May 1, 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

Weekday Masses

Monday, May 3: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, May 4: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Wednesday, May 5, at Noon:

George Ellis, Sr. by Family

Thursday, May 6, at Noon:

For Shamel Rushwin, Sr. by Family

Friday, May 7, at Noon:

Audrey Dohar by Family

NEXT WEEKEND, Sat. & Sun., May 8 & 9, & Weekdays, May 12, 13, 14: Mother Week of Masses
Requested Special Mass this weekend:

Sunday, May 9: Lou Elias by his Family

Mother's Day: Somebody Said...

Somebody said, "It takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby..."

somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, normal is history.

Somebody said, "You learn how to be a mother by instinct ..."

somebody never took a three-year-old shopping.

Somebody said, "Being a mother is boring..."

somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a driver's permit.

Somebody said, "If you're a 'good' mother, your child will 'turn out good'..."

somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee.

Somebody said, "GOOD mothers never raise their voices..."

somebody never came out the back door just in time to see her child hit a golf ball through the neighbor's kitchen window.

Somebody said, "You don't need an education to be a mother..."

somebody never helped a fourth grader with his math.

Somebody said, "You can't love the fifth child as much as you love the first..."

somebody doesn't have five children.

Somebody said, "A mother can find all the answers to her child-rearing questions in the books..."

somebody never had a child stuff beans up his nose or in his ears.

Somebody said, "The hardest part of being a mother is labor and delivery..."

somebody never watched her "baby" get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten...
 nor on a plane headed for military "boot camp"

Somebody said, "A mother can do her job with her eyes closed and one hand tied behind her back..."

somebody never organized seven giggling Brownies to sell Girl Scout cookies.

Somebody said, "A mother can stop worrying after her child gets married..."

somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-law to a mother's heartstrings.

Somebody said, "A mother's job is done when her last child leaves home..."

somebody never had grandchildren.

Somebody said, "Your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her..."

somebody isn't a mother.

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

Sadie Chidiac by her son Fr. Bakhos

Theresa George & Lizzie Toweel by Fr. Gary

Helen Fielding by her husband Don

*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

Anna Przelenski by Irene & Paul Schuler

Adelaide Schuler by Irene & Paul Schuler

Grace Condelli & Mary DeLeonardis by Sylvia Long

Our Mothers & Grandmothers by Bill & Carol Dougherty

My dearest friend Martha Ruggiero by Lucille Coury Gibbons

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My Mother Sadie Coury by Lucille Coury Gibbons

Margaret Schlog & Helen Saseen by Bob & Fran Saseen

Victoria John, Gloria "Bonnie" John, Marion Keegan & Joan Beabout by the Louis John Family

Elizabeth Bentz, Mary Sengewalt, Rose Fadoul, Jean Bentz, Elaine Cybulski, Annette Aprea by Susie & Millet Fadoul

Catherine Yost & Elizabeth Garvey by Kay Garvey

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

Lettie George by Fr. Gary

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

Diane Frenn by Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn

Louanne Mottle, Rene Beabout, Karen John, Trisha John, & Dianne Harrell by Marge John

Susie Fadoul, Janet Wilson, Linda Duffy by Jonathan & Millet Fadoul, Justin & Jacob Payton & MacKenzie Wilson

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. Special appreciation goes to our **Major Donor** (\$10,000): *Schenk Charitable Trust*.

Diamond (\$500 & over) *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,*

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, Jean & George Weisner,*

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), 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,*

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 AlKhouri, Bassam & Jodi Deeb, Emily Vince,

Total raised so far: \$24,451.00 out of the total project cost of \$33,300.00

Our Lady of Lebanon Calendar of Parish Events

Date	Event
Sunday, May 2	May Crowning & May Procession – <i>(Benediction next weekend)</i>
Tuesday, May 4	Cedar Club Dinner at Elm Grove Undo's – <i>at 6:00 p.m.</i>
Saturday, May 8	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament – <i>at 3:30 p.m.</i>
Sunday, May 9	Mother's Day
Sunday, May 9	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament – <i>after 10:30 Mass</i>

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Monday, May 10

Sat., May 8 to Fri, May 14

Sunday, May 16

Sunday, May 23

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Sunday, May 30

Saturday, June 5

Mon.-Sat., June 14-19

Sunday, June 20

Sunday, August 15

Cedar Club Meeting – at 7:00 p.m. **In Old Basement Hall**

Week of Mother's Day Masses

Parish Council Meeting – before Mass at 8:45 a.m.

Women's Society Gift Basket Drawing – at the Spring Spaghetti Dinner

Spring Spaghetti Dinner 11:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Women's Society 50/50 Monthly Raffle – Following Mass

Rummage Sale

Pilgrimage to St. Anne's in Canada

Father's Day

Mahrajan – at Oglebay Park

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, Haley McNeil, Sarah Palmer, Isabel Thomas and Lyceum Preparatory Academy girls Lexi Baranik, Morgan Harris, Ann Marie Krall, America Nuckles-Polen, Aundrea Spain and Shyanne Smith. 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.

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

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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 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. we ask for your continued support. May the Blessed Mother reward you manifold. 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)

Remember to send in your payment and **green** "Mahrajan Souvenir Book Form" as soon as possible so that your Memorial or Business Ad will be included in this year.

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers:

Philip Ruggiero, 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:

Thomasina Geimer, Tim Wrixon, Don Stoflinsky, 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

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
 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

\$1,143	Collection
341	Utilities
48	Candles
100	Parking
875	Mahrajan (Ad Book)
42	Spaghetti Dinner
10,000	Fundraising (New Church High-Efficiency Heat System)
913	Reimbursements (for Bake Sale Expenses)
727	Bake Sales (Women's Society Account)
\$14,189.00	Total Deposits. <i>May God reward you many fold</i>

What's New?

A Note of Deepest Appreciation to the Schenk Charitable Trust

Fr. Gary George and the Parish Council are happy to report that the Schenk Charitable Trust has donated \$10,000 toward the costs of the new heating system. We are very grateful to the trustees for this generous gift. No doubt the trustees considered the fact that many of our parishioners and friends had already stepped up to make substantial contributions toward the cost of this project. Many thanks also go to Fr. Bakhos for initiating contact with the Trust and setting up the meeting between them and our Parish Council.

The balance remaining for completion of this project is just under \$10,000. If you have not already contributed to this necessary project or if you are able to make an additional contribution, it would be greatly appreciated and extremely helpful to our church so that we can pay off the remainder of the contract without needing to draw on the reserves in the church's general fund. Please keep the trustees of the Schenk Charitable Trust in your prayers.

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May the Blessed Mother on this upcoming Mother's Day continue to shower many blessings upon our families and those who give so willingly for the up building of Her church.

Bake Sale Profit

Income	\$3472.50
Expenses	-913.00
Profit	\$2,559.50

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 Bread	\$1.25 each
Pitaland's small Pita Bread	\$2.00 each pkg.

Thanks for Your Help

A Special Thank You goes out to Judy Bedway, Jill Magers and Kay Garvey who helped prepare the mailing for the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner. May the work of your hands always be blessed.

Sponsors Needed

We recently needed to acquire some additional 8-ft., 6-ft., and 4-ft. banquet style tables for use in our hall for use at Fundraising Dinners and Mercy Meals. If anyone would like to sponsor one or more of 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

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 (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: 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

Reflections: Friendship

People come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. When you figure out which it is, you know exactly what to do.

When someone is in your life for a REASON, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed outwardly or inwardly. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally or spiritually.... They may seem like a godsend, and they are... They are there for the reason you need them to be.... Then, without any wrong doing on your part or an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end. Sometimes they die.... Sometimes they walk away.... Sometimes they

act up or force you to take a stand. What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled; their work is done.... The prayer you sent up has been answered and it is now time to move on.

When people come into your life for a SEASON, it is because your turn has come to share, grow, or learn.... They may bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh.... They may teach you something you have never done.... They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy.

Believe it! It is real! But...only for a season.... LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons; those things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation.... Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person/people (anyway); and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life.

It is said that love is blind but friendship is clairvoyant. May God hold you in the palm of His hand and Angels watch over you.

Maronites = Who Are They?

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

The Maronites and Rome

The Maronite Patriarchs did not leave behind them great works, such as fine Churches or castles or universities. Nevertheless, they succeeded like the Apostles in watching over their flocks as mothers and fathers do over their children, and to pass on to them the teachings of Our Lord. They formed a people full of the faith, blessing when insulted and enduring when persecuted. When at last they had completed their labors in one place, they carried the torch and went elsewhere.

For three centuries the Maronites were cut off from the rest of the world, blockaded with in their mountains; and when the Crusaders swarmed into the East, their discovery of the Maronites came as a surprise. The Holy See itself was astonished to learn of their continued existence when their disappearance had been taken for granted. Subsequently there were strong ties formed between the Maronites and the Crusaders, particularly after the arrival in the East of St Louis, King of France.

During the 13th century, Lebanon knew some decades of relative peace. The Maronites were even able to undertake the construction of a number of Churches, an activity recorded as follows: *“At that time, Christianity spread throughout the East and was openly proclaimed. Bronze bells were rung to summon the faithful to prayer and to the sacred services. Those who received the outpourings of God’s grace founded convents and built Churches, for the people yearned to serve the Almighty and to perform good deeds.”*

The Pallium

Although he had received an invitation from Pope Eugene IV to attend the Council of Florence in person, “the Maronite Patriarch sent his delegate, being motivated by concern about the risks of the voyage. This delegate had an audience with the Pope, at that time presiding the works of the Council, after which he returned to Lebanon bearing the Pallium.

“When the delegate reached Tripoli, there was a large crowd who came to greet him; unfortunately however, there were also soldiers sent by the Muslim governor to arrest him, the official in question being persuaded that the Christians had met in Florence to prepare the launching of another crusade against the Muslims of Syria. On learning of the envoy’s misfortune, the Patriarch sent emissaries to reassure the governor about the delegate’s intentions. After having pocketed a substantial bribe, the governor set his prisoner free after the latter had promised to return after completing his mission.

The delegate delivered to the Patriarch the Pallium together with a letter from Pope Eugene IV. But he then set off for Rome again, this time passing through Beirut and ignoring his earlier promise to the governor of Tripoli, who naturally enough flew into a rage and sent his soldiers to arrest both the Patriarch and other leading personalities. Finding nobody at the patriarchal residence, he plundered and set fire to the houses around and even killed a number of the local inhabitants. Those of his men who continued the search for the Patriarch destroyed the monastery, killing some of the monks and taking the others in chains to Tripoli.” The Patriarch was obliged to leave the monastery and lived under siege.”

--DOUAIHY, The Annals, 210

A Time to Laugh

Authority

Many years ago a bishop on the east coast of the United States paid a visit to a small religious College on the west coast. He was lodged in the home of the college president who was a progressive young man, a professor of physics and chemistry.

The president one day invited the members of his faculty to dinner with the bishop so they could benefit from his wisdom and experience. After dinner the talk turned to the millennium and the bishop claimed that it could not be far off. One of the reasons he adduced for this was the fact that everything in nature had been discovered and all possible inventions had been made.

The president politely demurred. In his opinion, he said, humanity was on the threshold of brilliant new discoveries. The bishop dared the president to mention one. The president said he expected that within the next fifty years or so humans would learn to fly.

This threw the bishop into a fit of laughter. *“Rubbish, my dear man,”* he exclaimed, *“If God had intended us to fly, He would have provided us with wings. Flight is reserved for the birds and the angels.”*

(The bishop’s name was Wright. He had two sons named Orville and Wilbur – the inventors of the first airplane in Dayton, Ohio).