

**May 9, 2010**  
**Bulletin # 19**

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

*(Maronite Catholic Rite)*

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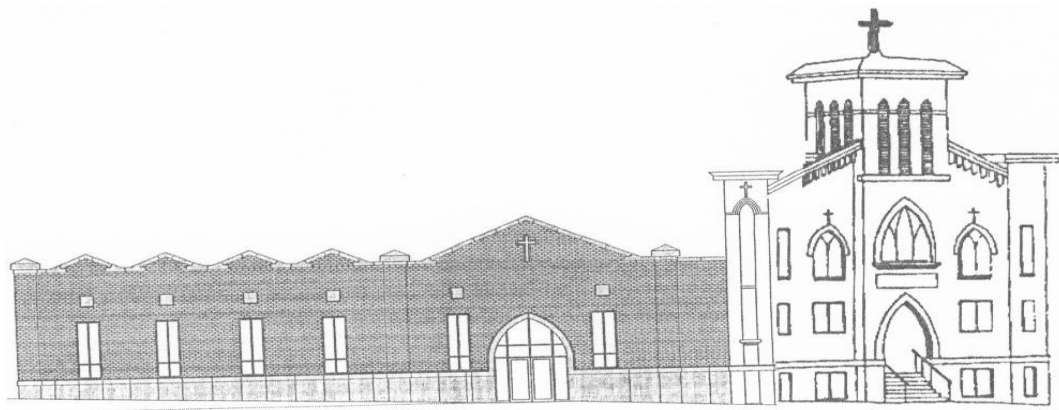
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### ***6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection*** ***Happy Mother's Day***



### ***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 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 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: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection***

*Readings: Rom 10:1-13 and Lk 24:36-48*

“Reform your lives!” Didn’t we do that during the season of Lent? Now we hear the same words again. Every season is an opportunity to make a new beginning on our long journey home. When Jesus changes our hearts and minds, our whole world is transformed and we have a wonderful story to tell.

Like the disciples from Emmaus, we thought we knew the story. Everything changed in the dark moments of the cross. It may have been Easter for some, but for us it was still Good Friday. That’s when we turned around on our journey and walked a different path. In the darkness of disbelief, we did not recognize Jesus, who walked alongside us. When did he become a living reality again? Did the words of Scripture ignite a new fire in our cold hearts? Did the breaking of the bread open our eyes to his presence? Did we perceive the risen Lord in the repentant faith-filled community? Did we see and touch him in one another?

We can’t run away from the cross. We must face our sins, our betrayal, and our refusal to believe. There, in that place of disillusionment, we hear: “Peace be with you.” At the table, the community strengthens our faith: “The Lord has been raised! It is true!” Because we are his witnesses, we must tell the good news to all peoples, “Christ has risen! Alleluia!”

For Reflection: In what ways does the Christian community help me to recognize Christ? How am I helped to be true to Christ’s words? Do I recognize him in the breaking of the bread?

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

*Dear Parishioners,*

*Let me begin this Sunday by offering a special prayer and blessing to our Living and Deceased Mothers. May Mary who watched over Jesus continue to protect and bless our families. I also want to thank all of you for taking the time to fill out our Parish Registration Form. These will be available throughout the month of May. I ask everyone to make a special effort to complete this project.*

*I would like to have a special meeting/lunch for our youth between the approximate ages of 12 and 23 on Sunday, May 16, following the Divine Liturgy. I will organize a light brunch for our youth on Father’s deck (weather permitting) for approximately 45 minutes. Parents may enjoy coffee and donuts in the Hall or join with Father if they wish. Please continue to keep each other in your prayers. I remain your devoted priest. --Fr. Gary, C.Ss.R.*

### ***Mass Intentions***

**THIS WEEKEND, May 8 & 9, & Weekdays, May 12, 13, 14: Mother Week of Masses**

**Saturday, May 8: *For the Intentions of our Deceased Mothers & Grandmothers***

**Requested Special Mass this weekend: Sunday, May 9:**

*Helen Fielding by her husband Don (FL)*

*Lou Elias by his Family*

*For the Intentions of our Deceased Mothers & Grandmothers*

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: *For the Intentions of our Deceased Mothers & Grandmothers***

### ***Mother’s Day: A Mother’s Prayer to Mary***

O Mary, model of all mothers, you know that I, too, am a mother. Some years ago, my husband and I told your Son, Christ, that we would live together for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death would part us. We are still together and God has blessed our union with lovely children. I am grateful for being a mother, and my children are my joy. But, dear Mary, I worry so much about all of them. I know that I spend more time with them than anyone else and they easily will do what I do.

That is why I am asking you to help me to become a better mother. If I pray with my children, they do not mind praying. Please do not let me miss this privilege of teaching them to talk with God and you. They will be obedient to Jesus and me if I show them that I am obedient to the commands and wishes of God. I can teach them how to be patient if you help me to be calm in difficulty as you were at all times.

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My girls will love modesty if I am ever modest in my dress and in all my actions. If you help me to guard my lips and all my words, my children may learn never to stain their tongues on which your Son must rest in Holy Communion. The more my boys and girls see me overlooking the faults of others, the more charitable they will be. Mary, please help me to compliment people rather than criticize them.

You know how difficult it is for me to be sweet when I have a headache or am tired, but Mary, my children will learn to agree with God in times of suffering if you teach me at such times to say: Jesus, it's all right with me. Yes, Mary, your Son has put so much trust in me, giving me a family to lead through this world back to Him in heaven. Help me and my husband to show them the power of the sacrament of matrimony and the beauty and joy of home-life and of married life in Christ. Again, I am asking you, the model and most successful of all mothers, to help me as a mother to draw my family close to you and your Son, Christ. Amen.

### **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*

*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*

*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*

*Mary Demsko by daughter Rosemary Cornish*

*Deceased members of the Demsko – Cornish Family*

*Catherine Arthur by daughter Carol Burkhardt*

*Mariam Joseph & Mary Catherine Habeb by the Abraham, Joseph, Weisner & Goodson Families*

*Anita Weisner & Louise Bishop by George & Jean Weisner & Family*

*Fannie DiDomenico & Elsia DiDomenico by Anna Jalad*

*Mary Elias by Joe Elias*

### **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*

### **NEXT WEEKEND, May 15 -16 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection**

#### **Saturday, May 15, at 4:00 p.m.:**

Shipley & Kathryn Shipley by Tina Shipley Kitlak

Melo Wakim by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family

**Sunday, May 16, at 10:30 a.m.:**

John F. Kukula by Mary Rose Kukula  
Uncle Ben Roski on his anniversary by Rosella Saseen  
Dorthy Strawn on her anniversary by Rex & Rita Strawn

***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) *Schenk Charitable Trust, Gary & Flip West, Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, Lou & Charlotte Kourey, Larry Breiding, Mark Alan Schroeder, Kenny & Nancy Joseph, Nick Ghaphery Jr., Louis & Marge John, John & Dee Shiben, Mike & Maryann Carl, Mike Linton, 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, Bob, Dottie & Bobby Kupchak,*

**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, Lois & Bob Hammond, Debbie & Freddie Shia,*

**Other Donations received under \$100.** We are grateful for all donations received toward replacing the Heat System. *Peggy Palmer, Michael Caruso, Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Al & Annette Togliatti, Michael & Vicky Joseph, Anonymous, Dr. Nabel & Nesrin AlKhoury, Bassam & Jodi Deeb, Emily Vince,*

**Total raised so far: \$24,551.00 out of the total project cost of \$33,300.00**

***Our Lady of Lebanon Calendar of Parish Events***

Date	Event
Saturday, May 8	<b>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament – at 3:30 p.m.</b>
Sunday, May 9	<b>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament – at 10:00 before Mass (<b>Please note time</b>)</b>
Sat., May 8 to Fri, May 14	<b>Week of Mother's Day Masses</b>
Sat. & Sun., May 9	<b>Mother's Day Celebrations</b>
Monday, May 10	<b>Cedar Club Meeting – at 7:00 p.m. <u>In Old Basement Hall</u></b>
Sunday, May 16	<b>Parish Council Meeting – before Mass at 8:45 a.m.</b>
Sunday, May 16	<b>Youth Program – Fr.'s Deck – 11:30 a.m.</b>
Sunday, May 16	<b>Parishioners' Spaghetti Dinner Advance Ticket Sales: Payments &amp; Unsold Tickets Due</b>
Sunday, May 23	<b>Women's Society Gift Basket Drawing – at the Spring Spaghetti Dinner</b>
Sunday, May 23	<b>Spring Spaghetti Dinner 11:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.</b>

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Saturday, June 5

Sat. & Sun., June 12 & 13

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Sunday, June 20

Sunday, August 15

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

**Rummage Sale**

**St. Anthony Novena and Blessing with 1<sup>st</sup> Class Relic – Following Mass**

**Pilgrimage to St. Anne's in Canada**

**Father's Day**

**Mahrajan – at Oglebay Park**

## ***Flowers for the Blessed Mother in May (Sundays, May 9 through May 30***

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

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

## ***A Tribute to Moms***

You painted no Madonnas on chapel walls in Rome; But with a touch diviner you lived one in your home.  
 You wrote no lofty poems that critics counted art; But with a nobler vision, You lived them in your Heart.  
 You carved no shapeless marble to some high soul design But with a finer sculpture you shaped this soul of mine.  
 You built no great cathedrals that centuries applaud; But with a grace exquisite your life cathedraled God.  
 Had I the gift of Raphael Or Michelangelo O what a rare Madonna My mother's live would show. --Thomas Fessenden

## ***Next Cedar Club Meeting (Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 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. Hostess will be Rita Strawn.

## ***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.

**Drop off of Baked Goods and Eat-In Desserts:** Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, before 4:00 p.m. Mass or on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, after 10:00 a.m.

### **Workers and Volunteers:**

**Kitchen Staff Assignments:** (in next Bulletin – call Linda to volunteer or confirm you will work at 304-242-6853)

### **Church Hall Staff Assignments:**

**Entrance Greeter:** Emmalena Khourey

**Dinner Tickets Sales:** Charlotte Khourey & Thomasina Geimer

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**Take Out Runners:** ??

**50/50 Raffle:** Jim & Shirley George

**Bake Sales:** Kathleen George, Mary Thomas,

**Floor Coordinator & Gift Basket Sales:** Carol Dougherty

**Hostess:** Kim Gibbons

**Servers:** Bill Dougherty, Nancy & Kenny Joseph, Cheryl Tucker, Gary Weisner,  
Mike Linton

**Complimentary Beverages:** Julia Tappe & Kay Garvey

**Desserts:** Judy Bedway, Jill Magers

**Bussing & Resetting Tables:** Al Depto, Garret & Kory Bratton, ? Chris & Jonas George, ? Kaitlin Gibbons

**Late Day Clean up:** ??

**Floater:** George Thomas

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

## ***Youth Program*** (Sunday, May 16, following Divine Liturgy)

## ***Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle*** (Sunday, 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 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 30<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." 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.

## ***St. Anthony Novena and Blessing with 1<sup>st</sup> Class Relic*** (Weekend of June 12 & 13)

## ***Pilgrimage to St. Anne's Basilica 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. See flyer at the church entrance. 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.

**Mahrajan Donations:** Donations of any amount will be appreciated and will contribute to the success of our Mahrajan. Gifts will be recognized at the levels listed below. Thanks to those listed who have made donations toward our event:

**Diamond Level** (\$100 & above):

**Gold Level** (\$50 to \$99): Esther Khoury

**Silver Level** (under \$50):

**Attention Booth Chairpersons:** Mahrajan Chairman Lou Khourey requests that all last year's Mahrajan Booth Chairpersons (which are listed below) to contact him to confirm your willingness to continue in the same capacity for our 2010 Mahrajan. If possible, please e-mail him at [lhk@gkt.com](mailto:lhk@gkt.com) with your contact information (phone, address, etc.) to expedite communications. If you do not have internet connections, please phone him at home in the evenings at 304-277-3230.

<b>Booth</b>	<b>Chairperson(s)</b>	<b>Booth</b>	<b>Chairperson(s)</b>
<b>Grape Leaves</b>	Carol Dougherty	<b>Ticket Trailer</b>	Charlotte Khourey
<b>Shwarma &amp; Falafel</b>	Adel & Diane Frenn with Pitaland Employees and Don & Roberta Henning	<b>Raffles/Culture</b>	Bassam Deeb & <u>Raffle Sales:</u> Gary Dietz & Kim Gibbons
<b>Children's Food</b>	Peggy Justice & Ann Lee Bauduin	<b>Pop &amp; Water</b>	Mike Linton
<b>Children's Activities</b>	Christine Faulkner	<b>Beer</b>	Barry Carter
<b>Food Lines</b>	P.J. Lenz & Al Depto	<b>Instant Bingo</b>	Millet Fadoul
<b>Inside Site 1 Kitchen</b>	Linda Duffy	<b>Hi-Lo</b>	Mickey Duffy
<b>Pastry &amp; Coffee</b>	Kathleen George	<b>Cashiers</b>	Randy Weisner
<b>Grill &amp; Shish Kebab</b>	Tom John	<b>Table Reservations</b>	Janet Shutler
<b>Souvenirs</b>	Nikki Popovich	<b>Booth Break-Down</b>	(on Sunday Evening) ???

If any other Mahrajan booth and/or chairperson(s) were forgotten, please contact Lou also.

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

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

Mary Law Thomas, Sam Elias, Regina Hancher, 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, 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 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

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 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*

\$1,500 Collection  
 203 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (OLOL National Shrine)  
 75 Utilities  
 40 Candles  
 60 Parking  
 600 Mahrajan (Ad Book)  
 308 Spaghetti Dinner  
 330 Fundraising (New Church High-Efficiency Heat System)  
 160 Reimbursements (for 2 of the 8-ft. Tables)  
 23 Parish Families Assistance Fund Account  
 174 Bake Sales (Women's Society Account)  
 \$3,473 Total Deposits. *May God reward you many fold*

### *What's New?*

#### *Parish Condolences to: Edith "June" Fahey*

Fr. Gary and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the Fahey family on the loss of their beloved June who died last Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Gary offered Prayers of Incense and Burial Services at Altmeyer Funeral Home. May the Blessed Mother intercede for her and lead her to the light of Christ. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His servant June and grant peace and strength to her family in their time of sorrow. We thank the family for designating that memorial contributions be made to Our Lady of Lebanon Church.

#### *Help Needed in OLOL Church Office*

If you can spare an hour or two, a day or two on a regular or semi-regular basis, please call Charlotte at the church office at 304-233-1688. She needs help in the church office – even if you are only able to file, answer the phone, make a few calls, answer the door, help with small mailings, record information onto sheets, or work with her to put information into the computer, etc., or if you can work on computers, even a little, it would also be great. Any help welcomed.

Also, if anyone drives to Pittsburgh monthly or frequently who would be willing to pick up Pitaland pita bread and orders for some of our parishioners, please call Charlotte to let her know when you would be going.

#### *Bake Sale Profit*

The Women's Society received additional sales of \$174.00 which increases our profit to \$2,733.50. Thanks once again to all the parishioners who helped make our sale such a success.

#### *A Few Frozen Items Still Available*

See any Women's Society members to purchase any of the following items:

Meat <u>or</u> Spinach Pies	\$2.25 each
Zattar Bread	\$1.25 each
Pitaland's small Pita Bread	\$2.00 each pkg.

## **Thanks To...**

...Thanks to all the Lyceum parents who prepared the delightful treats following the May Crowning ceremony last weekend and to the Women's Society members for preparing the coffee. May the fruit of your hands always be blessed.

...Robert, Dorothy and Bobby Kupchak for donating an additional \$100 toward our Heat System Fund. May the Blessed Mother bless you be doubly for your additional contribution.

## **A Special Thank You to...**

...Mike Linton for sponsoring the two additional 8-ft. and two additional 6-ft. banquet tables which Fr. Bakhos purchased just before he was transferred, for use in our hall for use at Fundraising Dinners and Mercy Meals. May the work of your hands always be blessed.

If anyone would like to sponsor the **two 4-ft. Tables at \$30.00 each**, please call the church office.

## **Around Us**

### **Blood Drive at OV Christian Center** (*Monday & Tuesday, May 10 & 11*)

Please plan to donate to help replenish blood used for Wheeling cancer patient Randy Stephens, age 15. He has been diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma and receives blood transfusions as part of his treatments. See flyer on bulletin board.

### **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 = Who Are They?**

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

### *The Maronite and Daily Prayer*

Daily we are invited to an ongoing dialogue of love on the journey of life with the Creator. Our ability to respond presumes we are spiritually connected and aligned, so that what we live we celebrate, namely life.

Imagine what it would be like to eat and not taste, to listen and not hear, to see and not experience. Spiritual awareness of our connection with God, others and creation is central to celebrating life, and awareness or mindfulness comes through practice, namely daily prayer.

Prayer in the Maronite Church is deeply rooted in a creation-centered, monastic spirituality of Antioch-Edessa. Within this spiritual framework, prayer leads us to embrace nature, experience humanity, and thereby encounter God. Prayer is the delicate art of practicing balance and offers spiritual alignment and intimate communion in our lives. Prayer is the balancing of contemplation and action, of being in the world but not of the world.

For a Maronite, being in touch with life, others and God, that is, being alive and aware, is the stuff of prayer. Prayer is not doing something different than living. It is living life aware of and in communion with God who is always present to us. Prayer is living in the loving presence of God encompassed by that Mystery within and outside of us. Therefore, prayer is the best way of making sense of reality since it offers the clearest vision of reality. For in and through prayer we see the world as it really is -an icon of God.

Prayer is coming face to face with God, the Mystery-Presence, in the deep awareness that there is no place, no vantage point outside the presence of God. Hence all creation is the fingerprints of God, and God is in all, and all is in God.

For the Maronite, prayer is open acceptance and radical response to life. Prayer leads to healthy, grateful, peaceful living and life expresses prayer as loving communion, meaningful conversation, and nurturing relationships.

In the end, prayer for the Maronite believer is an enlightened heart to life through inner vision. Prayer offers the believer microscopic, telescopic and transparent vision of life, creation, and God. It is remembering, and remembrance is a form of meeting. This gift of 'luminous eye' sees all created things as God-touched, transformed, divinized and united.

"The family that prays together, stays together."

--by Msgr. Ronald Beshara

## ***Reflections: God Exists***

Why does God allow Pain and Suffering?

This is one of the best explanations of why God allows pain and suffering that I have seen. It's an explanation other people will understand.

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: "I don't believe that God exists."

"Why do you say that?" asked the customer.

"Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things."

The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt.

The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and he said to the barber: "You know what?"

**Barbers do not exist."**

"How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!"

"No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers **don't** exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside." "Ah, but barbers DO exist! What happens is, people do not come to me."

"Exactly!"- affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! What happens, is, people don't go to Him and do not look for Him. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

## ***On Whose Authority?***

A priest's daughter asked him where he got the ideas for his sermons.

"From God," he replied.

"Then why do I see you scratching things out?" asked the girl.

## ***A Time to Laugh***

### ***Love***

Two women friends met after many years. "Tell me," said one, "What happened to your son?"

"My son? The poor, poor lad!" sighed the other. "What an unfortunate marriage he made -to a girl who won't do a stitch of work in the house. She won't cook, she won't sew, she won't wash or clean. All she does is sleep and loaf and read in bed. The poor boy even has to bring her breakfast in bed, would you believe it?"

"That's awful! And what about your daughter?"

"Ah -now she's the lucky one! She married an angel, he won't let her do a thing in the house. He has servants to do the cooking and sewing and washing and cleaning. And each morning he brings her breakfast in bed, would you believe it? All she does is sleep for as long as she wishes and spends the rest of the day relaxing and reading in bed."

### ***Love***

At the funeral of a very wealthy man a stranger was seen mourning and weeping as loudly as the others. The officiating priest walked up to him and asked, "Are you, perhaps, a relative of the deceased?" He replied, "No."

"Then why are you crying?"

"That's why." (All grief -no matter what the occasion- is for the self).

## **Religion**

The old miser was overheard at his prayers: *“If the Almighty, may His Holy Name be blessed forever, would give me a hundred thousand dollars, I would give ten thousand to the poor. I promise I would. And if the Almighty, may He be glorified forever, were not to trust me, let Him deduct the ten thousand in advance and just send me the balance.”*

## **Awareness**

A little old Jewish lady sits down in a plane next to a big Swede and keeps staring at him. Finally she turns to him and says, *“Pardon me, are you Jewish?”*

He says, *“No.”*

A few minutes later she turns to him again and says, *“You can tell me, you know, you are Jewish, aren't you?”*

He says, *“Most certainly not.”*

She keeps studying him for some minutes, then says again, *“I can tell you are Jewish.”*

In order to get rid of the annoyance the man says, *“O.K., I am Jewish!”*

She looks at him again, shakes her head and says, *“You certainly don't look it.”*

## **Money Will Buy...**

*A Bed*, but not sleep.

*A book*, but not brains.

*Food*, but not an appetite.

*A house*, but not a home.

*Medicine*, but not health.

*Luxuries*, but not culture.

*Amusement*, but not happiness.

## **Human Nature**

A passenger on a train was giving the dining car waiter his order. *“For dessert,”* he said, *“I'll have tarts and ice-cream.”*

The waiter said they had no tarts.

The man exploded. *“What? No tarts? That's absurd. I am one of the biggest customers this rail road has. Each year I organize trips for thousands of tourists and I have hundreds of tons of freight transported on it. And when I myself travel on the line I cannot get a simple thing like tarts! I'll take this up with the chairman himself.”*

The chef called the waiter aside and said, *“We can get him the tarts at the next stop.”*

Right after the next stop the waiter was back again. *“I'm happy to inform you, sir, that our chef has worked on these tarts especially for you. He hopes you will like them. And, with them, we would like to offer you this seventy-five-year old brandy, compliments of the line.”*

The passenger threw his napkin on the table, made a fist and shouted. *“To hell with the tarts! I'd rather be angry!”*