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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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10th Sunday of Pentecost



Schedule of Divine Liturgies

- ***Weekend Masses:** Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. [Rosary & Litany start at 10:00 a.m.]
- ***Weekday Masses:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 9:00 a.m. [Rosary & Litany start at 8:40 a.m.]
- ***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** 1st Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m. & 1st Sunday after 10:30 a.m. Mass
- ***Confession:** Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment
- ***Baptism:** Please phone the Pastor as soon as a baby is born; at least one Godparents must be Catholic
- ***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 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



- ***Bulletin Announcements:** Submit all Bulletin Information by Tuesday Noon every week.
- ***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, parishioners may park in both lots; Monday-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

Readings: 1Cor 12:1-11 and Mt 12:22-32

Here is an episode in the ministry of Jesus which will not fail to shock us. His mother and his cousins come to Capernaum in order to take charge of him, convinced he was “out of his mind.” Is his family blind at this point? Does it realize that it is standing in the way of the Messiah and is trying to stop him from accomplishing his mission?

To understand, one must realize that the first thirty years of Jesus were passed among the common places of an ordinary life. How could they suddenly accept the fact that the one they had known at close quarters was now going round the country making exorbitant claims for himself and correcting the law and various venerable institutions? In truth, this zeal for his Father’s house had nothing reasonable about it, and it was understandable that his family should feel worried. He was to disconcert his neighbors and friends more and more. In the end it would be the supreme folly, that of the cross, into which he would draw them all. Mary and some close companions will be at Calvary: they would have needed time to accept what was happening, and even more time to understand.

The scribes cannot be excused so easily: their peremptory judgment is grave and disquieting. There is no doubt in Mark’s mind: he sees it as blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, the gravity of which derives from the fact that in this case it is not just an error with regard to the person and quality of Jesus, but a positive and deliberate refusal of grace and revelation. To call the Son of God Satan is to exclude oneself from salvation. Today the dilemma is posed again: for or against Christ? One needs to be a little mad to follow him, not too reasonable if one wishes to be counted among his true kin: such a relationship finds family and home in him.

Mass Intentions

This WEEKEND, July 24-25: 10th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Special Intention

Mary Parravani by Kay Garvey

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

Sam Khoury by his wife Esther

Mum Mum, Pop Pop, Aunt Clara, Edwina, Uncle Tiny & Uncle Lou by LuAnn Truelove

Weekday Masses

Monday, July 26: No Mass. Pastoral visits and office work

Tuesday, July 27: No Mass. Pastoral visits and office work

Wednesday, July 28 at 9:00 a.m.:

Sam Elias by Tom & Kathleen George

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

Thursday, July 29 at 9:00 a.m.:

Sam Elias by Josephine Joseph

Joan Hill by Cecilia Ammar

Friday, July 30 at 9:00 a.m.:

Sam Elias by George & Jean Weisner

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

Next WEEKEND, July 31-August 1: 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, July 31 at 4:00 p.m.:

Louie John by LuAnn Truelove

Edward & Aimee Padden by Tom & Nancy Padden

Sunday, August 1 at 10:30 a.m.: Mass will be followed by Benediction

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

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

Ghaphery Family by the Ghaphery Family

Our Lady of Lebanon Calendar of Parish Events

Date	Event
Sunday, July 25	Women's Society 50/50 Monthly Raffle – following Mass
Sunday, August 1	Mahrajan Raffle – Early Bird Drawing – from all entries received by Saturday, July 31
Sunday, August 15	Feast of the Assumption & Mahrajan – at Oglebay Park
Sunday, October 3	Fall Spaghetti Dinner

Cedar Hall Rental Calendar

Our Cedar Hall is reserved by individuals for events on the following dates and some individuals may have requested to come the day before the event to set up for it:

Date	Set-up Day	Event	Booking Is:
Saturday, July 31	Friday, July 30	Wedding Reception	confirmed
Saturday, August 7	Friday, August 6	Wedding Reception	confirmed
Saturday, August 21	Same Day: Saturday, August 21	Wedding Reception	confirmed
Sunday, October 10	<i>Undecided</i>	Wedding Reception	confirmed
Saturday, October 16	Friday, October 15	50 th Wedding Anniversary	confirmed

Women's Society Bi-Monthly 50/50 Raffle (Drawing: Sundays, July 25, & Sept. 26)

This **Sunday, July 25th**, our bi-monthly 50/50 Raffle drawing will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass from ticket entries received during **June and July**. Our next bi-monthly 50/50 Raffle drawing will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, September 26th**, from ticket entries received during **August and September**. Complete and return ticket stubs from those placed at the church entrance or printed in the Weekly Church Bulletins to the church by mail or via an envelope in the weekly collection. Congratulations to Peggy Justice who won the April/May prize of \$55 and graciously donated it to the New Heat System. May the Blessed Mother grant her a long and healthy life.

Mahrajan (Sunday, August 15, at Oglebay Park)

Souvenir Ad Book: Many Thanks to Janet Shutler for the artwork of the Mahrajan souvenir ad book. The copy for the Ad Book has been sent to the printer. We CANNOT accept any additional ads.

Mahrajan Donations: Your donation in any amount will be appreciated and will contribute to the success of our Mahrajan. You may request that your donation be used to sponsor the singer for \$1,000; to sponsor the Dance Troupe for \$500; to be a Booth Sponsor for \$250 or other Donations will be recognized at the levels listed below. Thanks to the following individuals who have already made donations toward our event:

- Diamond Level (\$100 and above):** *John & Dee Shiben; Gold, Khourey & Turak, Dr. Rajai & Nahla Khoury; Dr. Adel & Dianne Frenn; Dr. MaryAnn Cater & Dr. Rob Vawter; Lou & Charlotte Khourey; Orval & Clara Carter; \$100 In Memory of Suzanne by Husband Mike; \$100 in Memory of Frances Linton by Husband Joseph & Sons Steve & Mike; \$100 In memory of Fr. Bakhos' mother Sadie & his father Adib & his sister Mona by Joseph, Steve & Mike Linton;*
- Gold Level (\$50 to \$99):** *Esther Khoury, Cecilia Ammar, Columbia Sales, Julia Tappe, Rita & Rex Strawn,*
- Silver Level (up to \$49):** *Bob & Fran Saseen, Suzanne Crall, Chamse Rahi, Rita Ann Castle, Cecilia Ammar,*

Can You Sponsor Some of the Mahrajan Items?: The price of everything seems to be going higher and higher each year. The cost to Our Lady of Lebanon Church of sponsoring the 2010 Mahrajan is projected to exceed \$25,000 again this year. Would you like to help us control the Mahrajan Expenses and limit the number of price increases of food items at this year's Festival?

You can make a tax-deductible donation – in any amount – to go toward the Mahrajan expenses in general or toward the specific supplies and ingredients for the various food items we prepare according to the items listed below. No purchase or shopping by you is necessary. Just select the item(s) you want to sponsor and call the Church Office so that you will be included in our list of generous sponsors. Then enclose the appropriate donation in an envelope and drop it in the Weekly Collection or mail it to the Church. Be sure to

identify your check as a donation for the item you have chosen. Price estimates are listed below when known. If no price is listed, please call the Church Office to see if we have been quoted a cost yet for that item. When possible we purchase in bulk and buy from businesses who are our advertisers, benefactors and parishioners.

Sponsor	Cost	Item Sponsored
	??	Chick Peas – 12 cans <i>for Hummus</i>
	\$40	Cream of Wheat/Farina – 10 boxes <i>for Cookies</i>
	\$15 total	Cucumbers – 40 <i>for Tossed Salad</i>
	\$18	Garlic, Ground – 1 large bulk container <i>for Hummus</i>
	\$20 total	Green Onions – 100 bunches (1 case) <i>for Tabouli</i>
	??	Ground Beef – 130# <i>for Meat Pies</i>
	??	Ground Beef – 75# <i>for Kibbee</i>
	\$1,735 total	Lamb – ?? pounds <i>for Shish Kabobs (you can sponsor part of total)</i>
	\$6 total	Mint – 1# <i>for Tabouli & Tossed Salad</i>
	??	Oil, Canola/Olive Blend – 3 cases <i>for Meat Pies, Zattar Bread, Tabouli, Tossed Salad</i>
	\$30/box	Onions, Chopped – 5 boxes (20# each) <i>for Kibbee & Meat Pies & Tossed Salad</i>
	\$30	Onions, Sliced – 3 cases (20# each) <i>for Shish Kabobs</i>
	\$5 total	Orzo – 3 bags – <i>for Rice Side Dish</i>
	\$30 total	Parsley – 120 bunches – 1 case <i>for Tabouli</i>
	\$32 ea. tray	Pastries: Burma – 5 trays
	\$27 ea. tray	Pastries: Baklawa – 8 trays; Namoura – 3 trays; Bird Nests – 4 trays
	\$26 ea. tray	Pastries: Almond Rolls – 3 trays; Cheese Rolls – 4 trays
	\$23 ea. tray	Pastries: Baklawa Fingers – 5 trays
	\$20 ea. tray	Pastries: Apricot Rolls – 4 trays
	\$18 ea. tray	Pastries: Ghouribeh – 6 trays
	\$225 total	Pita Bread, small size – 180 packages for meals
	??	RealLemon Lemon Juice – 2 cases <i>for Tabouli, Salad</i>
	\$15 total	RealLemon Lemon Juice – 6 bottles (48 oz each) <i>for Grape Leaves</i>
	\$45 total	Rice – 6 bags (12# each) <i>for Grape Leaves & Side Dish</i>
	??	Robin Hood Flour – 32 bags (5# each) <i>for Cookies & Zattar Bread</i>
	\$18 box	Salad Mix – 4 cases (20# each) <i>for Tossed Salad</i>
	??	Supplies – Aluminum Foil – 4 rolls (500 ft each)
	\$13 total	Supplies – Aluminum Disposable Baking Pans – 15 large pans
	??	Supplies – Hummus Cup Lids – 1 case of 1,000
	??	Supplies – Hummus Cups – 1 case of 1,000
	??	Supplies – Napkins – 3 cases
	??	Supplies – Paper Towels – 1 case
	\$19 total	Supplies – Pepper – 1 large bulk container
	??	Supplies – Plastic Cutlery Sets – 5 cases (500 per case)
	??	Supplies – Plastic Gloves – 11 boxes
	??	Supplies – Plastic Table Cover
	??	Supplies – Plastic Wrap – 1 roll of 2,000 ft
	??	Supplies – Plastic Zip Bags – Gallon-size 2 cases (500 per case)
	??	Supplies – Plastic Zip Bags – Sandwich-size 1 case of 1,000
	??	Supplies – Plastic Zip Bags – Snack-size 1 case of 2,000
	??	Supplies – Plates, Dinner size – 1 case (?? 200 each ??)
	??	Supplies – Plates, 6-inch – 1 case (1,000 per case) <i>for Desserts</i>
	??	Supplies – Take Out Containers, Large – 13 cases (200 per case)
	??	Supplies – Take Out Containers, Small – 3 cases (500 per case ??)
	??	Supplies – Tossed Salad Bowls – 2 cases (1,000/case)
	??	Supplies – Trays, Pink Square <i>for Cookies</i>
	\$40 total	Tahini – 5 quart jars <i>for Hummus</i>
	\$10 basket	Tomatoes – 12 baskets (10# each) <i>for Tabouli & Tossed Salad</i>
	??	Unsalted Butter – 3 cases (18# each) <i>for Cookies & Rice</i>
	\$90 or 15/bag	Walnuts – 6 bags (3# each) <i>for Cookies</i>
	\$100 or \$6 ea	Watermelons – 18
	\$100 or \$52 ea	Wheat – 2 bags (50# each) <i>for Kibbee & Tabouli</i>
	\$12 total	Zattar Mix – 3 bags <i>for Zattar Bread</i>

Mahrajan Food Work Schedule: (Monday, August 9 to Saturday, August 14))

Monday, August 9	9 a.m. to ???	zattar bread & make meat pies
Tuesday, August 10	9 a.m. to ???	finish meat pies & prepare onions for kibbee
Wednesday, August 11	9 a.m. to ???	make kibbee, wash parsley & green onions, pack supplies
Thursday, August 12	9 a.m. to ???	prepare green beans? cut parsley, & green onions, powder & pack cookies, pack supplies
Friday, August 13	11 a.m. to ???	wash tomatoes & cucumbers, pack supplies
	@ 5:30 p.m.	clean kitchen coolers & load truck & transport supplies to Oglebay
Saturday, August 14	@ 10:00 a.m.	load truck to transport food to Oglebay
	@ Noon	fill Humus cups – at Oglebay

Mahrajan Volunteers Sign-Up List:

Attention Chairpersons: Please print a list of your workers (with work times if known) and give it to the church office as soon as possible. Chairperson names are underlined below. All parishioners are each asked to volunteer at least 2 hours to work some area at the Mahrajan. Please complete the “Volunteer Form” below & return it to the Church Office ASAP.

2010 Mahrajan Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet

Date: Sunday, August 15th, from Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Place: Oglebay Park, Site 1

Please offer 2 hours minimum of your precious time to honor the Blessed Mother and to help the parishioners and volunteers at the Festival. Your participation makes the difference.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I am volunteering to help from _____ a.m./p.m. until _____ p.m.

I will work: _____ anywhere needed **or**
In the following booth/location: _____

Note: Please complete this form and return it in the collection basket A.S.A.P.

The following people have confirmed that they will volunteer for the 2010 Mahrajan:

Saturday, August 14, 2010 at Oglebay Park:

Noon **Hummus** (filling cups): Linda Duffy.....

Sunday, August 15, 2010 at Oglebay Park:

Ticket Trailer: Charlotte Khourey; Thomasina Geimer; Jean Weisner; Sue Brubach; Marc Abraham;

Judy Bedway, Jill Magers,

and at Ticket Table – Kay Garvey; Emmalena Khourey

Shwarma & Falafel: Pitaland Employees, Adel & Diane Frenn and Don & Roberta Henning;

Children’s Food: Peggy Justice, Ann Lee Bauduin;

Pop & Water: Mike Linton; Cathy Male, Steve Linton, &

Raffles/Culture & Souvenirs: Bassam Deeb (Raffles) & Nikki Popovich (Souvenirs); Matt & Emily Deeb,

Kim Gibbons & Gary Dietz (roaming Raffle Ticket Sales), &..... for souvenirs

Table Reservations: Fr. Bakhos & Janet Shutler

Pastry & Coffee: Kathleen George,

Beer: Barry Carter,

Instant Bingo: Millet Fadoul

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2-4

4-6

Cashiers: Randy Weisner;

Food Lines: P.J. Lenz & Al Depto;

Inside Kitchen at Site 1: Linda Duffy (7:15 a.m. to closing)

Rice	8:00 – 2:30	.....
	2:30 – 6:30	.....
Oven & Steamer	8:00 – 2:30	.....
	3:00 – 6:00	.....
	3:30 – 6:30	.....
Cutters	7:15-closing	.....
	8:00 – 10:00	.....
Tabouli	9:00 – 2:00	.....
	2:00 – 6:00	.....
Salad & Fruit	11:00 – 1:00	.....
	11:00 – 1:00	.....
	1:00 – 3:00	.....
	1:00 – 3:00	.....
	1:00 – 3:00	.....
	3:00 – 5:00	.....
	3:00 – 5:00	.....
	3:00 – 5:00	.....
	5:00 – 8:00	.....
	5:00 – 8:00	.....
Kitchen Helpers	during the day	.....

Grill & Shish Kebab: Tom John; (need 8-9 volunteers)

Children’s Activities: We need Chairperson(s) for the Mahrajan – please volunteer; (need 8-12 volunteers)

Hi-Lo – Mickey Duffy;

Sunday Evening – Break-Down of Booths: Booth Chairpersons, CCHS Football Team & (need 10-12 additional volunteers)

Other Helpers (where ever they are needed):

Raffle Tickets: This year, during the Mahrajan at Oglebay Park, in addition to having a chance to win the \$100 Early Bird Prize on Sunday, August 1, from all entries received by Saturday, July 31, your Raffle Tickets will also give you the chance to win one of the following prizes:

Grand Prize: \$1,000 Cash; 2nd Prize: 32” Plasma TV (donated by Drs. Rajai & Nahla Khoury, Dr. & Mrs. Adel Frenn and Drs. MaryAnn Cater & Rob Vawter); **3rd Prize: \$100 Gift Certificate** redeemable at **Nicky’s Garden Center; 4th Prize: Olympus 12 mega pixels Digital Camera** (donated anonymously); **5th Prize: beautiful hand-appliquéd, floral-patterned Quilt** (donated anonymously). A very BIG “Thank You” goes to Gold, Khourey & Turak for generously sponsoring our Mahrajan Raffle Tickets.

(Please Note: The numbers below indicate the total reserved tables – not the actual table assigned)

Upcoming Raffle Sales: (Sunday, July 25, 1-5 p.m. at Ohio Valley Mall; Saturday, July 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Kim Gibbons and Peggy Justice will be set up to sale some of our Mahrajan Raffle Tickets in the local area during the upcoming weeks. If you are shopping there, stop by, say hello and maybe purchase an extra book of raffle tickets. Raffle Ticket Sale dates are as follows:

- 1) At the Ohio Valley Mall Community Booth this **Sunday, July 25th, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.**
- 2) At Riesbeck’s Food Markets in Elm Grove on **Saturday, August 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Table Reservations:

Under Tents: maximum 24 tables [No More Tables Reservations Available under the Tent!!!]

#1Kay Garvey, #2Michael David, #3George Lewis, #4Tom Carroll, #5Don Ruch Jr., #6Dr. Adel Frenn, #7Sandra Dusick, #8Chamse Rahi, #9Dr. Rajai Khoury, #10Dr. Nabel AlKhouri, #11Prizinski Family, #12Dorothy Petros - Fenton, #13Angela Nagem,#14Dianna Vargo, #15&16Youssef Chahine (2),

#17Coram Family, #18John Shiben, #19Mary Stees, #20Ray Palotay, #21Dr. Cater, #22Lisa Stewart,
#23Bonita Batross Baum, #24Sue Simonetti

Open-Air: #1&2Kathleen Ackerman (2), #3&4Peggy Palmer (2), #5Fred Shia, #6Emily Vince, #7Jim George,
#8Rita George, #9Eva Powell, #10George Taylor, #11Tom Brock, #12Lou Thomas, #13Lucille Gibbons,
#14Duffy-Fadoul, #15&16&17Edward Bowman Sr. (3), #18Donna Wasemann, #19Mary Palmer Gioia,
#20Carrie Carey, #21Joe Gonot, #22Rich & Judy Dierkes, #23Ken & Sandy DeMuth,
#24&25Joe Dager, #26&27Philip Hankish, #28Jack Coram, #29Dee Boury,

Sunday School Classes (Sunday, September 12th)

Sunday school classes will take place every Sunday starting September 12th. We ask the parents to call Fr. Bakhos to register their children. The church needs some volunteer teachers. If you are interested in helping, please talk to Fr. Bakhos. Thanks to Judy Seabright for her willingness to teach the class.

Bible Study, 1st Communion, Confirmation Classes (Wed., September 15th)

Fr. Bakhos will provide the following classes this Fall: Bible Study (adults); First Communion (7 years old or over), and Confirmation (over 13 years old). Classes will take place every other Wednesday evening starting September 15th. Please call Fr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688 to register.

Arabic Language Classes (Wednesday, September 15th)

Fr. Bakhos will give spoken Arabic language classes to those who are interested every other Wednesday evening starting on September 15th. Please call Fr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688 to register.

Maronite Young Adult (MYA) Workshop (Friday-Sunday, October 29-30)

In order to help establish a Maronite Young Adult – MYA group (ages 21-35) at our church we are willing to sponsor one or two parishioners to represent our Lady of Lebanon at the “MYA Second Annual Leadership Conference” in Miami, Florida, scheduled Friday, October 29th, thru Sunday, October 30th. The MYA goal is to assist young adults to increase their appreciation and involvement with their faith and service for the gospel and others needs. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Fr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688.

Acquire Your Lebanese Citizenship

If your father or your grandfather (on your father’s side) was born in Lebanon and you know the name of the village or town where they came from, you may be eligible to get your Lebanese citizenship. The Maronite Church is helping all Lebanese Christians to register in Lebanon in order to help Lebanon keep a more accurate balance of citizenship between the various religious denominations. Please call Fr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688 so he can help you or call direct to 1-888-627-6866 or 1-800-147-8963 for more information.

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers:

Dee Shiben, Patti Hoffman, Josephine Joseph, Cecilia Ammar, Pearl Shutler (mother of Janet),

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

Mary Jo Mattes, Peggy Justice, Eileen Foster and her mom Barb Sobota, Dorothy Kupchak, Mary Law Thomas, William Calvert (cousin of Jim & Sue Brubach), Miah Downs, Tim Wrixon, Don Stoflinsky, Sylvia Long, Patty Billick, Charles and Donald Gibbons (sons of Lucille), Andy Kaminski, Frank Lish, Theresa Snedeker, Dolores Palotay, Bob Dougherty (brother of Bill), Rosella Saseen, 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

July 24: Robert Hammond, Ron Burns
July 26: Mary Daniel
July 30: Dee Shiben, Susan John
August 2: Douglas Bratton
August 3: Jim George, Sr.

August 7: Rita Strawn
August 9: Richard Nickerson
August 10: Kory Bratton, Thomasina Geimer
August 13: Aaron Olinski
August 14: Jude Bowman, Mary Thomas

Your Church Support Last Week

1,329	Collection
18	Candles
120	Parking
700	Hall Rentals & Security Deposits
1,450	Mahrajan (Ad Book)
255	Mahrajan (Tables)
456	Mahrajan (Raffles)
100	Fundraising (Heat System)
25	Rummage Sale
\$4,453	Total Deposits. <i>May God reward you many fold</i>

What's New?

Parish Condolences: Joan Hill

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the **Hill** family on the loss of their much-loved **Joan** who passed away in Wheeling.

Joan was the daughter of our beloved parishioner Josephine Joseph. Fr. Bakhos celebrated the Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Church on Monday, July 19. The choir of the church served the funeral Mass and the Women's Society served the Mercy Meal at the Cedar Hall after the interment.

May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid Joan and we extend the parish's condolences to *her* Family in their time of sorrow.

Many Thanks to...

- Lou & Charlotte Khourey and their children for donating to Fr. Bakhos two liturgical Maronite vestments brought with them from Lebanon – each handmaid by the nuns there. May you be rewarded many fold.
- the ladies and gentlemen who prepared the pastries for the Festival last week. Job well done.
- to Frank and Mary Lish for donating \$100 toward the new heating system and for pledging another \$100.
- Luane & Frazier & Family for donating a \$150 Sears gift card In Memory of Luane's husband Richard Frazier
- Dr. & Mrs. Adel Frenn for donating \$250 toward the new heating system.
- Kay Garvey, Thomasina Geimer, Nancy Joseph and Jean Weisner who helped prepare the tickets for use at the Ticket Trailer and Ticket Table for the Mahrajan.

Turn Cellular Phone OFF Inside the Church as a Courtesy

I want to thank our wonderful parishioners who remember to turn off their cellular phones before entering the church every weekend and for being considerate and respectful to those who are praying. It is an act of courtesy –used currently in all public places within the USA and elsewhere. Please be aware that other people should not hear your conversations and often make complaints. I know that you are very important as well as those who call you, but please keep your cellular phone OFF inside the church and help others to pray. If you absolutely must take a call, please step outside the church. –Fr. Bakhos

Poor Box

Please consider sharing your blessings with the brothers and sisters of Christ. Some are in dire need, God alone knows what's in each one's heart. The Poor Box is located at the rear of the church near the Holy Water Font. Half of the money donated is deposited in our "Parish Families Assistance Fund"; the other half is

given to the Catholic Charity on 18th Street for the poor and homeless. May your good deeds toward the brothers and sisters of Christ shine in the kingdom of God.

Maronites! Who Are They?

***Maronites = Catholics of the East; Latins = Catholics of the West. We are all Catholics.
Antioch, Roots of the Maronites (9)***

Occasions in honor of the saints and martyrs brought the Christians together in elaborate processions that filled the streets of the city. With lighted candles, swinging censers, glorious hymns, and the chanting of psalms, the people moved through the city led by the clergy in magnificent vestments, processing from the great cathedral to other churches and shrines throughout the districts. In an urban setting that was still dominated by classical culture and pagan traditions and had a flourishing Jewish community as well, such public displays of Christian devotion heightened the sense that Christianity was gaining the city, and indeed the empire, as its own.

Nor was the presence of the holy available only through the cult of saints who had died. Antioch was center of activity in the dramatic emergence of monasticism in late antique life. Christianity had always known those in its communities who practiced their faith with special devotion; voluntary celibacy, generous almsgiving to the poor, and a life of simplicity had been the marks of best Christian life since the first generation of Christians. In the fourth century, in the wake of legalization, as the church gained political and economic power, many took such practices into separately located communities –monasteries and convents– and added more rigorous ascetic discipline to their devotional practices in an effort to gain a more perfect, single-hearted devotion to God. As the monastic movement gained momentum throughout the empire, Antioch and its territories were seen as a beacon of spiritual light, so crowded was the region with holy men and women. These living saints generated a public following every bit as fervent as the devotional piety lavished on the martyrs of old.

To be sure, Syrian asceticism was characterized by its visible impact on the daily life of the church. In this tradition, the ascetic was viewed as one whose body imaged the redemption the church preached, as both an individual and collective experience. Through the harsh discipline of extreme asceticism –rigorous fasting and vigils, wearing heavy iron chains, living in the wild without shelter– the ascetic succeeded in defeating in his or her own body the human weaknesses of hunger, weariness, and pain. People looked to the ascetics not only to image the human body redeemed from its fallen, needy condition but also to heal the collective body of the human condition. People of every walk of life flocked to the holy men and women for their counsel or their blessing; for cures for illness, handicap, or sterility; for intervention in family and civic affairs; for redress against unjust landlords, tax collectors, governors, or city officials; for direction in foreign policy or guidance in doctrinal decisions.

John Chrysostom makes frequent mention of the monks living in the mountains and wilderness just outside Antioch. He describes a situation in which church officials and monks worked together in the religious life of the city, a blending of institutional and charismatic spiritual authorities. In 387, when the city was torn by the Riot of the Statues, over a new imperial tax, this blending was evident. Antioch's bishop, Flavian, went to Constantinople to plead with the emperor Theodosius I for clemency on behalf of his flock. In Antioch itself, John Chrysostom preached daily, attempting to calm and bring to order the terrified populace.

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Reflection: Death & Decision

“Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people love, but to use violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.” Mother Teresa to the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., February 3, 1994.

In October 1999, the world's population reached 6 billion. The United Nations estimates that population is increasing annually by more than 90 million. Though often presented as a medical necessity to preserve the life or health of the mother, abortion is the primary means used to control the world's population growth. There are over 50 million abortions performed worldwide each year. In order to achieve this large number, 4,000

babies in the United States must be aborted every day at a rate of 1 child every 20 seconds! The overwhelming majority of all abortions (95%) are performed as birth control. Only 1% are done because of rape or incest and 1% because of fetal abnormalities. A mere 3% are performed because of maternal health problems.

This is an essay about the choices that people make. The cases presented here represent different responses to a variety of problems, all of which present abortion as one of the available options. Since 1973, over 40 million abortions have been recorded in the United States. Over the last five years, the Center for Disease Control has recorded between 1.3 and 1.4 million each year.

Question & Answer

Question #006: **“What does God look like?” Rachel P., 13**

Answer: God the Father is a pure spirit, which means He has no body. We can't then really describe what He “looks like” because that phrase assumes God the Father has a body like ours that we could “look at.” Because it is hard for us to think of a being without a body, God has given us images or descriptions of Himself which help us picture what He is like. For example, we can think of God as a loving Father who cares for and cherishes His children.

The best “picture” of God, however, is Jesus Himself Who said, “Whoever has seen Me, has seen the Father” (John 14:9). As God the Son, Jesus showed us what God the Father is like. He also showed us the Father's perfect love by teaching people, healing the sick, forgiving sins, and, most of all, dying for our sins on the cross. Jesus promised us that, if we love God, one day we will “see” Him in the Beatific Vision, which means that our hearts and minds will be perfectly united with God in heaven. In this “vision of God,” we will be completely happy and at peace: We will want nothing.

Story: God Won't Let You Go

Some years ago on a hot summer day in south Florida a little boy decided to go for a swim in the old swimming hole behind his house. In a hurry to dive into the cool water, he ran out the back door, leaving behind shoes, socks, and shirt as he went. He flew into the water, not realizing that as he swam toward the middle of the lake, an alligator was swimming toward the shore.

His mother, in the house was looking out the window, saw the two as they got closer and closer together. In utter fear, she ran toward the water, yelling to her son as loudly as she could. Hearing her voice, the little boy became alarmed and made a U-turn to swim to his mother. It was too late. Just as he reached her, the alligator reached him.

From the dock, the mother grabbed her little boy by the arms just as the alligator snatched his legs. That began an incredible tug-of-war between the two. The alligator was much stronger than the mother, but the mother was much too passionate to let go.

A farmer happened to drive by, heard her screams, raced from his truck, took aim and shot the alligator. Remarkably, after weeks and weeks in the hospital, the little boy survived. His legs were extremely scarred by the vicious attack of the animal. And, on his arms, were deep scratches where his mother's fingernails dug into his flesh in her effort to hang on to the son she loved. The newspaper reporter who interviewed the boy after the trauma, asked if he would show him his scars. The boy lifted his pant legs. And then, with obvious pride, he said to the reporter, *“But look at my arms. I have great scars on my arms, too. I have them because my mom wouldn't let go.”*

You and I can identify with that little boy. We have scars, too. No, not from an alligator, or anything quite so dramatic. But, the scars of a painful past. Some of those scars are unsightly and have caused us deep regret. But, some wounds, my friend, are because God has refused to let go. In the midst of your struggle, He's been there holding on to you. The Scripture teaches that God loves you. If you have Christ in your life, you have become a child of God. He wants to protect you and provide for you in every way. But sometimes we foolishly wade into dangerous situations. The swimming hole of life is filled with peril – and we forget that the enemy is waiting to attack. That's when the tug-o-war begins, and if you have the scars of His love on your arms be very, very grateful. He did not - and will not - let you go!

Joke (008)

Money, Makes You Funny

A manager, who had just returned from a Motivation Seminar, called an employee into his office and said, "Henceforth you are going to be allowed to plan and control your job. That will raise productivity considerably, I am sure." "Will I be paid more?" asked the worker.

"No, No. Money is not a motivator and you will get no satisfaction from a salary raise."

"Well, if production does increase, will I be paid more?"

"Look," said the manager, "You obviously do not understand the motivation theory. Take this book home and read it; it explains what it is that really motivates you."

As the man was leaving, he stopped and said, "If I read this book will I be paid more?"

Prayer

Late one evening, a poor farmer on his way back from the market found himself without his prayer book. The wheel of his car had come off right in the middle of the woods and it distressed him that this day should pass without his having said his prayers.

So this is the prayer he made: "I have done something very foolish, Lord. I came away from home this morning without my prayer book and my memory is such that I cannot recite a single prayer without it. So this is what I am going to do: I shall recite the alphabet five times very slowly and You, to whom all prayers are known, can put the letters together to form the prayers I can't remember."

And the Lord said to His angels, "Of all the prayers I have heard today, this one was undoubtedly the best because it came from a heart that was simple and sincere."

The Choice

It was mealtime during our trip on a small airline in the Northwest. "Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked the man seated in front of me.

"What are my choices?" he asked.

"Yes or no," she replied.

The Little Old Lady

There's a little old Christian lady living next door to an atheist. Every morning the lady comes out onto her front porch and shouts, "Praise the Lord!" The atheist yells back, "There is no God." She does this every morning with the same result.

Time goes on the lady runs into financial difficulties and has trouble buying food. She goes out onto the porch and asks God for help with groceries, then says, "Praise the Lord." The next morning she goes out onto the porch; there's the groceries she's asked for. Of course she says, "Praise the Lord." The atheist jumps out from behind a bush and says; "Ha, I bought those groceries – there is no God."

The lady looks at him and smiles. She shouts, "Praise the Lord. Not only did you provide for me Lord, but you made Satan pay for the groceries."

Tell Me This Won't Happen to Us!

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, 'Windy, isn't it?' 'No,' the second man replied, 'it's Thursday.' And the third man chimed in, 'So am I. Let's have a beer together'.

Marriage Proportion

A group of a hundred lumberjacks worked in the forest for six months and two women did their cooking and laundry for them. At the end of that period two of the men married the two women. What the local newspaper said was that **two per cent of the men married a hundred per cent of the women.**

Lawyer Light Bulbs

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

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