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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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Sunday of the Blind Man

Schedule of Divine Liturgies

- *Weekend Masses: Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. [Rosary & Litany start at 10:10 a.m.]
- *Weekday Masses: **At Noon.** But please refer to the Mass schedule on page 3 of this bulletin for Mass times and changes due to special events. Thank you for your cooperation.
- *Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: Every 1st Saturday & Sunday of the month after Communion
- *Miraculous Medal Novena: Every 2nd Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m.
- *Reconciliation: 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.
- *Marriage: Kindly phone the Pastor at least six months in advance for Marriage Preparation
- *Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the pastor any time at (304) 233-1688
- *Parish Council: Lou Khourey 277-3230, Linda Duffy 242-6853, Tom George 336-7142, P.J. Lenz 242-5606 and Carol Dougherty (740) 782-0146
- *Choir Members: Rita Thomas Strawn, Jim Dellget, Shirley George, Allison Duffy, George Thomas, Ted Olinski
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- *Please support Our Lady of Lebanon Church by patronizing our Advertisers
- *Bulletin Announcements: Submit all Bulletin Information to Fr. Bakhos. Deadline: Every Tuesday by Noon
- *Remember the Church in your Last Will – Her prayers will accompany you to heaven
- *New Parishioners: We welcome you with great joy & invite you to be officially listed as one of our parishioners
- *If you support the Church and need a Bulletin mailed to you, please call the Rectory
- *Parking: Saturday & Sunday—all spaces for parishioners; Monday through Friday—park ONLY in the 3 ALLEY spaces

Gospel Reflection: Sunday of the Blind Man

Readings: 2Cor 10:1-7 & Mk 10:46-52

On the road that leads to Jerusalem, Jesus walks ahead of His disciples. They follow Him with trepidation, blinder than ever. They are unable to understand that the Son of Man must suffer and die, although it would be enough to follow Him resolutely to discover, in the depths of His abasement, who He is: the Son of God.

Mark, in relating the episode of the healing of blind Bartimaeus, sees beyond the circle of the Twelve to the whole Christian community which is also called to follow Jesus on the way of the passion, but is reluctant to do so. Paradoxically the blindness of this beggar, seated at the side of the road, does not prevent him from perceiving who Jesus is much better than the crowd does. He expresses his conviction by his repeated cries, by the leap of faith that makes him reject every support and hurry towards the one who calls him and is going to heal him. A miracle of the keen discernment of faith: not only does it save, but it also involves a man in the dynamism of conversion. No sooner cured than Bartimaeus, image of the faithful community and type of the perfect disciple, gets ready to follow Jesus on the way.

Symbol of *“those who dwelt in the darkness and in the shadow of death”* (Lk 1:79), Bartimaeus thus becomes the model of those who cry out, who pray to be delivered from their blindness, in order to be able to get up and walk. *“There is a deliverer for them; I will make them see”* (Pascal). To see love coming under the sign of the cross. To see the gentle hands of God gathering up so many tears and incomprehensible deaths. To see the face of God rising, along with justice, over the horizon of the poor. To see the resurrection already at work in so many lives that have been renewed in the Church and in the world. Will we dare, with the help of the Son of David, to join the procession of believers, of prayers, of seers? *“Rabbuni, let me see!”*

Easter Meditation: Only One Savior

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you...”
(Matthew 5:43-44)

We have tried to take forgiveness seriously thus far in Lent, but now our Lord wants even more: forgiveness for our enemies. It’s hard enough to forgive our friends, kids and parents, but enemies?

“If I forgive my enemies, they will walk all over me ... There won’t be justice ... They’ll get away with it ... They will do it again ... “ The refrain goes on and on.

Let us to ask ourselves: do we believe Jesus or not? Are we willing to go to Mass but not willing to do what Jesus asks of us? Is he the Way, the Truth and the Life or simply a recommendation that we may choose to follow or not?

Jesus Christ is not a recommendation; he is the New Law. When he asks us to forgive even our enemies, he is really asking us to enter into his very life, to become his body in the world, to continue his mission of redemption. After all, he said of his own enemies, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).

If we are truly unwilling to forgive, even our enemies, then we have to face an awful conclusion: we need a different Savior.

Celebration of the Holy Mysteries

This Weekend: March 24-25: “Sunday of the Blind Man”

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

Stanley & Mary Kowalczyk and sisters and brothers of Michaeline Custer
Special Intention

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

Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie and her family

Emma “Genie” Duffy by Mickey, Linda, Allison, Michael & Stacie Duffy

Weekday Masses

Monday, March 26: No Mass

Tuesday, March 27: No Mass

Wednesday, March 28, at Noon:

Mike & Sadie Thomas & Deceased Relatives (MN) by Ervin & Rosemary Splatt (WI)
Deacon John Moses by his wife Sophia

Thursday, March 29, at Noon:

Good health of Mary Piko
Adib Chidiac & his daughter Mona by Georgie & Marsha Lewis

Friday during Lent, March 30:

6:10 pm: Rosary & Litany
6:30 pm: Mass
Adib Chidiac & his daughter Mona by Fred & Mardelle Whebbe (MN)
Francis Sharp by Scott & Mary Beth Sengewalt
7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross
7:30 pm: Spiritual Reflection (Speaker Jeff Smay, Campus Minister at Central HS)
7:45 pm: Benediction of the Cross
8:00 pm: Light dinner prepared by: Charlotte, Julia Tappe, Thomasina Geimer & others

Next Weekend: March 31 – April 1: “Palm Sunday”

Saturday, March 31, at 4:00 p.m.: (Procession with palms)

40-Day Mass for Anthony Male by Mike & Sue Linton
Earle Custer (husband) and Deceased nephew by Michaeline Custer

Sunday, April 1, at 10:30 a.m.: (Procession with palms)

Living and Deceased members of the Nicholas and Nimnoom Ghaphery family and the David Abraham Ghaphery family by the Ghaphery family.
Thomas “Butch” & Virginia “Vee” Thomas by Al Depto

Building Project Income for March 2007

Total donations toward the Building Fund received in February 2007: \$2,699.00

The actual ground breaking will take place in the spring of 2007. Day and time will be announced and published in our bulletin. All active parishioners and benefactors are invited to share in the memorable photo that will be taken prior to this event, kept in the church archives, sent to the local newspaper and sent to the *Maronite Voice*. Please prepare your shovels and we will spray them in gold.

From the breaking of the ground until the project is completed (hopefully between Thanksgiving and Christmas) a daily prayer will be raised to God and the Blessed Mother to shower their graces on the faithful who contribute generously toward the building project.

Donations towards the Building Project during March 2007:

Donations Received	Gem Level Requested	Donor’s Name & Date
\$100.00	Cedar Book	Kenny & Joan Hill (3.1.2007)
\$50,000.00	Foundation	Catholic Extension, Chicago (3.5.2007)
\$65.00	Sapphire	Mike & Nicole Breit (NC) (3.9.2007)
\$100.00	Alexandrite	Frank & Mary Lish (3.11.2007)

\$400.00	Foundation	Altmeyer Funeral Home (3.17.2007)
\$100.00	Cedar Book	James & Rosemary Carroll (3.18.2007)
\$120.00	Cedar Book	George Lewis (3.18.2007)
\$100.00	Topaz	Sam Khoury (Memorial) by Esther Khoury (3.19.2007)
\$300.00	Alexandrite	Mary Shipley (Memorial) by Thomasina & Phillip (3.21.2007)

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Fridays, March 30	Rosary, Mass, Stations of the Cross, Spiritual Reflection, Benediction of the Cross & light dinner
Sunday, March 25	"Think Spring" Gift Basket Raffle Drawing <i>after Mass</i>
Sunday, March 25	50/50 March Building Fund Raffle Drawing <i>after Mass</i>
Sunday, March 25	Women's Society Meeting <i>after Mass</i>
Sunday, April 1	Easter Flower Donation Deadline
Tuesday, April 10	Cedar Club Meeting <i>at 7 p.m.</i>
Sat. & Sun., Mar. 31-Apr. 1	Palm Sunday Program – <i>see info in Bulletin</i>
Mon.-Fri., April 2-6	Passion Week Masses – <i>see info in Bulletin</i>
Sunday, April 8	Easter – <i>see info in Bulletin</i>
Sunday, April 15	2007 Diocesan Appeal Donation Due
Sunday, April 15	Spring Lebanese Bake Sale – Order Deadline
Sun.-Thur., April 22-26	Spring Lebanese Bake Sale – Work Days – <i>see info in Bulletin</i>
Thursday, April 26	Cedar Club – Cooking Class – <i>see info in Bulletin</i>
Sunday, April 29	50/50 April Building Fund Raffle Drawing <i>after Mass</i>
Sunday, May 6	First Communion & Confirmation Celebration
Sunday, May 13	Mothers Day
Sunday, May 13	50/50 Mothers Day Building Fund Raffle Drawing <i>after Mass</i>
Sunday, May 20	Spaghetti Dinner
Friday, May 25	Cedar Club – Cooking Class – <i>see info in Bulletin</i>

Women's Society Meeting (Sunday, March 25th, *after Mass*)

Plan to join the Women's Society on Sunday, March 25, after Mass to finalize our spring activities and events.

Basket Raffle Scheduled (Drawing: *Sundays, March 25, & May 13, after Mass*)

Yellow colored tickets for the “**Think Spring**” Gift Basket Raffle are available at \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 this weekend at the church entrance. The drawing will take place following Mass on **Sunday, March 25**.

The beautiful "Think Spring" Gift Basket actually consists of two baskets – a picnic basket with tablecloth, plates & Napkins, and another basket filled with: Riunite Lambrusco, wine goblets, BBQ tongs, grill scraper, Lindsey Gardens vanilla tea, 10 packs of flower seeds, decorative birdhouse, hummingbird feeder, citronella candle, garden gloves, various garden tools, kneeling pad, watering can, seeding pots and several flower pots.

Blue colored tickets for the Mothers Day Drawing for the “**Wine & Dine**” Gift Basket Raffle are available now at \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 at the church entrance or from Women's

Society members and will also be published in our weekly Bulletins. The drawing will take place following Mass on **Sunday, May 13.**

The "Wine & Dine" Gift Basket contains: six bottles of assorted varieties of wine, wine glasses, Starbucks coffee and coffee cups.

The gift basket raffle is sponsored by the Women's Society in its effort to raise funds for our Building Fund. Mary Kukula won our February "Sweetheart" basket.

The ladies are seeking ideas for themes to be used for future baskets to be raffled. Please drop a note into the collection basket or contact one of our members. Your help is appreciated.

Monthly 50/50 Building Fund Raffle (Drawings: March 25 & April 29)

The Women's Society is sponsoring the Monthly 50/50 Building Fund Raffle. The drawing— from entries received from the **purple March 50/50 tickets provided at the entrance to the church** will take place in the Social Hall after Mass on **Sunday, March 25.**

The Women's Society is also sponsoring the Monthly April 50/50 Building Fund Raffle. The drawing— from entries received from the **pink –April 50/50 Raffle tickets provided at the entrance to the church and in the weekly church bulletins—** will take place in the Social Hall following Mass on **Sunday, April 29.** Proceeds will benefit the Building Fund.

Raffle Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. 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.*

For more information or additional tickets, contact the church office at (304) 233-1688 or call: Mary Lish (740) 695-9452. Your generosity and cooperation will enhance our Church.

Congratulations to Rose White who won the February 50/50 prize.

Easter Flowers (Deadline, Sunday, April 1st)

We are accepting donations for the purchase of Easter flowers in memory of your loved ones through Sunday, April 1st. Include your donation of \$20 in an envelope with your name, and the names to be listed "In Memory of...." Make your check payable to: **LOLO Church** – Memo: *Easter Flowers*, and mail to the church or deposit in the offering basket.

The following donations were received for Lilies in Memory of:

- \$20 *Deceased members of the Khourey & Howard families, by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie*
- \$20 *Robby Hunter and Ralph Shipley by Phillip & Thomasina Geimer*
- \$20 *George & Rose Fadoul by the family*
- \$20 *Deceased members of Abdo H. and Mary Zaid Ferris by Tom & Denise Ferris*
- \$20 *Mary K. Ferris by Tom & Denise Ferris*
- \$20 *Deceased members of the Shiben and McFarland families by John & Deanna Shiben*
- \$20 *Arthur & Marl Long by Sylvia Long*
- \$20 *Deceased of the Schlog & Saseen families by Bob & Fran Saseen*
- \$20 *Roland Tappe and Deceased members of the John family by Julia Tappe*
- \$20 *Deceased members of the Habdo & Dougherty families by Bill & Carol Dougherty*
- \$20 *Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (Florida)*
- \$20 *M/M Anthony Shia and Charles & Kathy Mattes by Ed & Betty Shia*
- \$20 *Deceased of the Frenn & Thomas families by Dr. Adel & Diane Frenn*
- \$25 *Anonymous donor for a special intention*
- \$20 *Barkett & Sadie Coury by Lucille Gibbons & family*
- \$20 *Jim Garvey by his wife Kay Garvey*

- \$20 Deceased members of Nimon & Mary Joseph family by the family
\$20 Chorbishop Paul Abraham, Rev. Paul Coury & Mrs. Mounira Midlege by Theresa Gain
\$20 Deceased members of the Shutler family by Janet Shutler
\$20 Deceased members of the Nolte family by Janet Shutler
\$20 Ray, Sara & Gary McLaughlin by Marc & Barb McLaughlin
\$20 Deceased members of the Khoury family by Dr. Rajai & Nahla Khoury
\$20 Deceased of the Nicola & Filomena & Renzella families by Elsie Renzella
\$20 Deceased of the Solomon Moses family by Sophia Moses
\$20 Fred Oser by his son Bob
\$20 Deceased members of Constantine Shia family by Alfred, Emily & Rose
\$20 George Joseph Sr. by his wife Betty & George, Jr. & Becky Ferrera
\$20 Camille, "MiMi" & Louis Rohanna & Clara Sinila and Yvonne Truelove by their family
\$20 Kathy Shipley by the Shipley family
\$25 Deceased of the Popovich family by Joe & Nikki Popovich
\$20 In Memory of my loved ones by Josephine Joseph
\$20 Ronald Canestraro by his wife Charlotte Canestraro
\$25 Beloved family members of Louis & Marge John
\$20 Abdo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Connell

Palm Sunday Program (Saturday, March 31st & Sunday, April 1st)

Processions: On Saturday, March 31st and Sunday, April 1st, the palms will be blessed during both Masses and distributed. We will have a procession with the children inside the church in every Mass. Please bring your children and grandchildren and let us welcome Christ the King in our hearts with the shouts of "Hosannas." Decorated candles can be carried inside the church but **strictly must not be lighted for safety reasons.**

11:30 a.m. -- Children's Luncheon: On Palm Sunday, April 1st, the Women's Society is honoring the children of the parish by distributing colored eggs and little gifts. All are welcome.

12:00 noon -- Rehearsal for the Washing of the Feet: On Palm Sunday, April 1st, after the children's luncheon all candidates for the Washing of the Feet Ceremony need to be present in the Church for rehearsal and photo.

1:00 p.m. -- Egg Coloring Party: Following the rehearsal, all candidates and their brothers and sisters are invited to enjoy an egg coloring party. Parents are invited to help supervising the children. All supplies will be provided by the Church.

Passion Week Schedule

Monday of Passion Week, April 2nd: (Optional: Confessions, Rosary & Litany precede Mass)

6:30 p.m.: Mass starts with the Rite of the "Coming to the Harbor"

7:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross, Spiritual Reflection & Benediction of the Cross

Tuesday of Passion Week, April 3rd: (Optional: Confessions, Rosary & Litany precede Mass)

6:30 p.m.: Mass starts with the Rite of the "Coming to the Harbor"

7:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross, Spiritual Reflection & Benediction of the Cross

Wednesday of Passion Week, April 4th: (Optional: Confessions, Rosary & Litany before Mass)

6:30 p.m.: Mass starts with the "Rite of the Lamp"

7:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross, Spiritual Reflection & Benediction of the Cross

Thursday of the Mysteries, April 5th: (Optional: Confessions, Rosary & Litany precede Mass)

7:00 p.m.: Mass of the Lord's Supper & Rite of the "Washing of the Feet"

8:00 to 9:00 p.m.: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, April 6th: No Morning or Evening Mass Today in All Catholic Churches

11:00 a.m.: Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice – No Mass
(Holy Communion from Pre-Sanctified Liturgy)

6:00 p.m.: Adoration of the Cross & Solemn Burial of the Lord – No Mass

7:00 p.m.: Meatless Community Dinner (Complimentary)

Easter Weekend "Great Sunday of Resurrection" (Sat.-Sun., April 7-8th)

Saturday of the Light, April 7th: (No Mass at 4:00 p.m.)

11:00 a.m.: "Prayer of Forgiveness & Communal Reconciliation" service but – No Mass
The Easter Vigil Mass will be celebrated at our church on Saturday, April 7th, at 7:00 p.m. –not at 4:00 p.m.– according to the directives of our Diocese (see March 11 Bulletin) and for many liturgical reasons. There will be no 4:00 p.m. Mass that Saturday. The Resurrection of our Lord is a unique occasion –sorry for any inconvenience. –Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, Pastor

7:00 p.m.: Easter Vigil Mass & "Rite of Peace"

Great Sunday of Resurrection, April 8th:

10:30 a.m.: Easter Day Mass & "Rite of Peace"

Cedar Club Meeting (Tuesday, April 10, at 7 p.m.)

The next Cedar Club meeting will be on Tuesday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m. After the meeting refreshments will be served by Allison Duffy.

Diocesan Appeal 2007 (Due date: Sunday, April 15th)

The Diocesan Appeal is at the same time a free will donation and a Christian duty. It is about extending our hand and help our bishop to cover the many expenses needed to run our Diocese. The first and most important task of the bishop is to pay the tuitions of our new seminarians who will be ordained to replace our current pastors when they die. This is the key of our continuation, if we don't help in preparing the future priests, how can we keep the doors of the churches opened? Besides this task the bishop has to pay secretaries to run his office and keep the diocese in good order and also he has to help the new missions in USA and the mother church in Lebanon. God blessed us with many gifts, let us share part of it for the glory of God and the enhancement of our Church.

We are asking every family to donate their Easter Obligation of \$35 so that we can pay our share toward our diocese. May God reward you many folds.

Many Thanks to those who fulfilled their 2007 Easter Obligation of at least \$35.00

Dr. & Mrs. A.D. Ghaphery (\$100), Tom & Michelle John (\$100), Lou & Charlotte Khourey (\$70), Joe & Nikki Popovich (\$50), Chris & Jeannette Wakim (\$50), Bill & Mary Stees (\$40), Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, Patricia A. Smith, George & Jean Weisner, Bill & Carol Dougherty, Mark & Barb McLaughlin, Drs. MaryAnn Cater & Rob Vawter, Rex & Rita Strawn, Randy Weisner, Lula-Marie Maroon, Bill & Tricia Committee, George & Mary Thomas, Nancy Shalvey, Louis & Marge John, Paul & Irene Schuler, Sylvia Long, Joe & Angela Schultz, Luane Frazier, Tom Ferris, George & Patty Fahey, Tom & Sue Jochum, Julia Tappe, Evelyn Goodson, Gary Weisner, Jim & Marsha Dellget, Sandra Dusick, Rosella Saseen, Jim & Shirley George, Mary Kukula, Martha Ruggiero, Juliette Ann Breit, Cecilia Ammar, Thomasina Geimer, Ed & Betty

Shia, Kenny & Nancy Joseph, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Dr Adel & Diane Frenn, Lucille Gibbons, Virginia & Dolores Joseph, Bob & Fran Saseen, John & Dee Shiben, Peggy Justice, A Friend, Janet Shutler, Cecilia John, Mike & Maryann Carl, Ron Burns & Susan John, John Weisner, Richard & Mary Ryncarz, Earl & Linda Duffy, PJ & Nikki Lenz, Jerry & Marge Saseen, Frank & Mary Lish, John John, Sam & Bernadine Elias, Linda Hostutler, Susan & Dominique George, Kay Garvey, Dale & Chris Seidler,

Lebanese Bake Sale (Orders Filled: Wednesday & Thursday, April 25 & 26)

Order Deadline	Sunday, April 15
Spinach Preparation	Sunday, April 22, 11:30 a.m.
Baking to Fill Orders	Mon.-Thur., April 23-26, 9:30 a.m.
Order Pick Up Dates	Wed. & Thur., April 25 & 26

Place your order now for our fall Lebanese Bake Sale! The Women's Society of our Church has scheduled its Semi-Annual Bake Sale of Spinach Pies, Meat Pies, Sweet (*Sesame*) Bread, and Zattar Bread. Complete the attached order form or use one from the Church entrance.

All those who helped in the past are asked to help us again on the baking days listed above. Please come and join in the camaraderie!

Special thanks are given to David John for volunteering to help mix the dough for our Bake Sale this spring. May God & the Blessed Mother grant you a long and healthy life.

Return orders by mail or in the collection basket. (***Make plan to pick up orders on Wednesday or Thursday, April 25 & 26***) See flyer for ordering information.

Note: Please save large clean paper grocery bags and bring them to the Church any weekend so that we may use them to pack our orders.

Cedar Club 2007 Cooking Class Schedule

The Cedar Club announces the 2007 Cooking Class Schedule. Cooking classes will be offered from April through June. All classes will be held in the church hall from 6:30–9:00 p.m. The Cedar Club will provide all the ingredients and supplies. Food items prepared during class will be served at the end of the evening for everyone to enjoy. Cooking class fee is **\$6.00** per class. In order to attend the class, you **must register in advance** by calling Susan John at 242-5706.

Thursday, April 26th – Instructor: Linda Duffy.

Yakhnat Beitinjan (Eggplant Stew) with Rice and Salata (Lebanese Salad)

Friday, May 25th – Instructor: Allison Duffy

An Array of Appetizers: Pepperoni Rolls, Hot Pepper Cream Cheese Spread, Hot Chicken Chunk Spread, Nilla Jams and 3-Tier Pineapple Crush Cake

June – To be decided

Spaghetti Dinner at Our Church (Sunday, May 20th, from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.)

Mark your calendars now and plan to enjoy our Spring Spaghetti Dinner which will be served in our Church Hall following the Mass on Sunday, May 20. Chairperson Tom GEORGE and our parishioners invite you and your friends to come and enjoy our food and hospitality.

Menu: Spaghetti & Meatballs or Marinara Sauce, Salad, Roll, Dessert & choice of Coffee, Ice Tea or Juice –beer & pop available a la carte

Tickets: \$6.00 – adult and \$4.00 – children under 12

Available from our Church office – 233-1688 or at the door

- Notes:** 1- Advance Ticket Sales: If you are able & willing to help sell tickets help to make our dinner a tremendous success, please pick up a packet of tickets from our Church office. **Unsold tickets & payments should be returned by Sunday, May 13.**
- 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 specialty, etc.
- 4- If you can volunteer to work for the Spaghetti Dinner or have questions, please call the Church office at 233-1688.

Help our Church make this our best Spaghetti Dinner yet! Invite your friends, co-workers and neighbors to attend. Every dollar earned helps us reach our financial goal. The profit will be directed toward the new Building Fund.

Refresh Your Lebanese Vocabulary

Family Members	
My grandson = Ibn Ibnee	Mr. = Kha-Wa-Ja
My granddaughter = Bint Ibnee	Nephew = Ibn Khay-Ye
Man = Ra-Jul	Niece = Bint Ekh-Te
Woman = Ma-Ra	Orphan = Ya-Team
Madam = Sitt	Widow = Ar-Ma-Lee

Is Anyone Sick?

Please remember those hospitalized recently in your prayers:

Bill Committee, John John, Mike Sobota, Peg Emmerth, Nader Khoury (brother of Dr. Rajai Khoury, CA), John Vawter (brother of Dr. Rob Vawter)

Also please pray for:

Ed Shia, Marion Wellman, Mary Ryncarz (Shadyside), Jim Fahey, Martha Ruggiero, Joe Linton, Betty Shia, Alice (Thomas) Holmes, Jennie Bedway, Philip Ruggiero, Shipley Shipley, Catherine (Geary) Simon, Leona Albaugh, Manell Brice (Arlington), Rose Mary Bris-Roybal (Albuquerque)

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,533	Collection
\$155	Diocesan Appeal
\$54	Votive Candles
\$25	Donation to the Church
\$120	Parking
\$620	Donations to the Building Fund
\$184	Easter Flowers
\$20	Refunds
\$2,711	Total. May the Blessed Mother reward you manifold!

What's New?

Good News to All the Parish

A group of anonymous donors has agreed to sponsor the elevator for our new Building Project in memory of their beloved family members. A commemorative plaque will be installed at the door of the elevator to remember their good deeds toward the handicapped and elderly who benefit so much from its use. Their pledge is \$50,000. May the Blessed Mother reward those who love her in fact and deeds many folds in good health and success in life.

St. Maron Dinner Financial Report

Total Income	\$7,013.50
Total Expenses	\$2,258.40
Net Profit	\$4,755.10

Many Thanks

To all the volunteers, helpers and generous donors who contributed in many talented ways to the success of the Saint Maron Dinner. Your love for the church was shown and our guests could not compliment you enough for your hospitality and the delicious food. May God and the Blessed Mother reward each and every one of you in good health and success in life. Job well done. –Fr. Bakhos

SPECIAL THANKS!

Dear Father, Parishioners and Friends,

With your hard working hands, your willingness to work and happy nature; our St. Maron Dinner was a success and a great day. Thanks to each and everyone of you who helped the week prior, the day of the dinner, for our special home food preparations and to all the bakers. Without your help we would not be able to serve this delicious meal. –Linda Duffy

Congratulations to 50/50 Winner & Door Prize Winners

Congratulations to our lucky parishioner George Lewis who won the 50/50 prize of \$120. Through his generosity the money was donated to the Building Fund. May God & the Blessed Mother grant him a long and healthy life. Congratulations to our door prize winners: Tammy Strong, Nick Bedway and Tom Burgoyne.

Choir Members Needed

We need at least 10 choir members to praise and glorify the Lord during Mass. If you have the gift of singing, please call Fr. Bakhos who will start choir practice soon.

2 NAM Delegates Needed

Our parish needs two delegates to represent it in the National Apostolate of the Maronite Convention this year in Richmond, VA, July 25th to 29th. If you have time to travel, please contact Fr. Bakhos at 233-1688.

Around Us

Would You Like to Buy a House from the Owner?

Our parishioner Anna Bargiel passed away recently and her house is for sale now. It is located at 477 National Road in Wheeling. It has 4 rooms and the family is asking \$35,000 for it (No real estate agent involved). If anyone is interested to buy it, please call Mrs. Allen at 242-8342.

Spaghetti Dinner (Sunday, April 15th, from noon to 5 p.m.)

Where: Catholic Neighborhood Center, 125 – 18th Street

Cost: Adult \$6.00; Child \$3.00

Fr. Bakhos will be serving meals there from 1-2 p.m.

Special Characteristics of Lebanon

(What Is in a Lebanese American Name?)

The first step in the process of Americanization for Lebanese immigrants was taken when they arrived at Ellis Island and changed their Arabic names to Anglicized versions or rather accepted the names given them by American immigration officers. The immigrants did not want to conceal their foreign identity so much as they wished to simplify the spelling and pronunciation of their Arabic names, so unfamiliar to Americans. The names of many of the early immigrants, most of whom were illiterate, were recorded by immigration officials who could neither pronounce nor spell their strange Arabic names. Consequently, the recorders gave the immigrants Americanized names that sounded to them closest to the Arabic originals. This attempt to simplify

the spelling and pronunciation of Lebanese names often resulted in an Americanized name that bore little or no resemblance at all to the Arabic original used by the immigrants. The Americanization of Lebanese names is best understood if we go back again to the point of arrival of Lebanese immigrants at Ellis Island.

Lebanese society is patriarchal that means the father of the family gives his first name and surname to all his children to distinguish them from their first cousins and relatives who may carry the same names. Consequently, all brothers and sisters have the same middle name that is of their father. For example, if Tony John has three children Joe, Michael and Vera, their official names are recorded as follow: Joe Tony John, Michael Tony John and Vera Tony John.

If, for instance, a Lebanese declared to an immigration official that his name was Yusef Hanna Aboumussi, it might have been recorded as pronounced in Arabic, with considerable misspelling, or if the immigration official had some familiarity with Arabic, it might have been recorded in English translation as Joseph John Moses, or it might have been finally reduced, for simplicity, to a praenomen and cognomen like Joseph Hanna, or Joseph Moses, or even Joseph John. Among the variant spellings used for Moses were Moussa, Moussi, Mussa, Mussi, as well as the patronymic forms Aboumoussa, Aboumoussi, Aboumussa and Aboumussi.

The complexities of Lebanese-American nomenclature may be explained in part by differences in the English and Arabic alphabets and in the sounds of the Arabic letters. There are 28 letters in the Arabic alphabet, 22 of which have four different written characters. It should be noted for comparison that there are 26 letters in English with each letter represented by a single written character.

As to Arabic sounds, the letter ‘alef’, for example, has no sound of its own but is pronounced as a, i, or u in English. The letter ‘tha’ is pronounced as th or like t. The aspirates ‘ha’ and ‘kha’ are truly Arabic sounds not found in English; they are usually transliterated as h and kh. The guttural letters ‘ain’ and ‘ghain’ are truly Semitic sounds not found in English; they are usually transliterated as an and gh. The ‘Qaf’ sound in Arabic is unique and imitates the cawing of a crow; it is transliterated into English as a q or k. There is no Arabic letter comparable to English p. The closest sound to p in Arabic is b. Hence, when an Arabic-speaking immigrant tries to pronounce p in English, it sounds more like a b. Thus, Peter is Butrus, Paul is Bulus, Philip is Filibbus, Deeb becomes Deep, Shibli becomes Shipley.

Many Lebanese Names Are Biblical in Origin

As is the case with many other nationalities of Europe and the Near East, many Lebanese names are Biblical in origin and hence are easy to translate into English. Among such names, used both as praenomen and cognomen, are: Ibrahim (Abraham), Acee (Esau), Boulos (Paul), Butros (Peter), Dawoud (David), Daniel, Elias, Elia (Elijah), Gabriel, Hanna (John), Ishaq (Isaac), Yaoub (Jacob), James, Yusuf (Joseph), Moussi (Moses), Michael, Rahayel (Rachel), Semaan (Simon), Sleiman (Solomon), Touma (Thomas), Zechariah (Zacharia).

Other Lebanese names indicate place of residence or origin. Such are: Beiruti (from Beirut), Jabali (from the Mountain), Jbaili (from Jbail or Byblos), Akkari (from Akkar), Shweiri (from Shweir), Zahlawi (from Zahle).

Many Lebanese names represent the occupation, trade or profession of a father or ancestor. Such are: Askari (soldier), Bustani (gardener), Dahan (painter), Haddad (smith), Hajjar (stonecutter), Hakim (judge), Hallak (barber), Kassis (clergyman), Katib (writer), Khabbaz (baker), Khaiyat (tailor), Khoury (priest), Muallim (teacher), Mutran (bishop), Najjar (carpenter), Rahib (monk), Sakkaf (shoemaker), Sayegh (goldsmith), and Tabbakh (cook).

Among names that describe physical or personality traits are: Abdallah (servant of God), Abyad (white), Adib (polite), Amal (hope), Amin (honest), Anis (sociable), Ashhab (gray), Asmar (olive-complexioned), Asfar (yellow), Aswad (dark), Aziz (dear, precious), Barca (lightning), Farah (joy), Farid (unique), Ghali (costly), Ghalib (winner), Habib (beloved), Hakim (wise), Helou (sweet), Jamil (handsome), Karam (generosity), Kareem (generous), Latif (gentle), Malak (angel), Nijm (star), Najib (smart), Nakhleh (palm tree), Nassib (relative), Sabah (dawn), Saber (patient), Sadik (friend), Saghir (small), Said (lucky), Salim

(sound), Samawi (sky-blue), Samir (pleasant companion), Shams (sun), Sharif (honest), Shatir (clever, bright), Wadi' (gentle), Yasmin (jasmine), Zaki (intelligent).

Also common in many Lebanese names is the use of a surname derived from a father or ancestor. Such names are called patronyms, from the Greek words, pater (father) and onoma (name). The patronymical prefix common in Lebanese names is 'abo' or 'abou'. For example, we find among Lebanese American names: Abouarab, Abouboulis, Ahouboutros, Abouhosh, Abouhanna, Abounader, Aboumussi, Abounassar, Aboushaheen, Abousamra, Aboushakra, Abouskander, Abohider and Abosaif.

Lebanese immigrants or immigration officials found it a relatively simple operation to convert some names from the Arabic to the English version. Such was the case with names like Yusef Ibrahim (Joseph Abraham), Hanna Boulos (John Bolos), Marian El Khoury (Marion Coury), Elyas Daher (Elias Daher), (Gerjy Deeb (George Deep), Butrus Elyas (Peter Elias), Salim Farris (Sam Ferris), Semaan Ghanem (Simon Ganim), Habeeh Haddad (Habib Haddad), Istantine El-Hajj (Constantine Hage), Khalil Hanna (Kalil Hanna), Michael Yusef (Michael Joseph), Ameen El-Khoury (Amin Koury), Gebran Khaleel (Gibran Kalil), Shikri Maroun (Shikry Maroon), Nikoola Maluf (Nicola Maloof), Najeeb Aboumoussi (James Moses), Abdallah Nassar (Abdella Nasser), Assad Roumanous (Assad Romanus), Touma Shahine (Tom Shaheen), Daoud Sleiman (David Solomon), Sultanee Touma (Sultanee Thomas), Anneesie Yazbak (Annicie Yazbeck), Faris El-Zhogby (Ferris Zogby).

Some Lebanese Names are No Different than American Names

Other Lebanese immigrants had a much harder time converting their names into English. Often, after an American immigration official finished recording a name in English, the immigrant's ethnic identity was obliterated completely. The following names assumed by early Lebanese immigrants, for example, look more like a list of common American names such as one finds in any city directory or telephone book. The original Arabic name is included in parentheses.

Solomon Abbott (Sleiman Aboud), Jacob Albert (Yaoub Aboud), James Alexander (Najib Skandar), Martha Backer (Marta Bakr), Simon Brock (Semaan Mobarak), Sam Bardeen (Salim Badr-El-Din), Joseph Bookasta (Yusef Abou Qusta), Gibran Charley (Gibran Khaleel), James Corban (Nejib Urbann), Peter Campbell (Butros Kamal), George Corhan (Gerjy Qooran), Sam Davis (Salim Daibis), Richard Ellis (Rashid Elyas), John Elliott (Hanna Elia), Stephen Emmet (Istifan Emad), John Elmore (Hanna El-Murr), Alexander Fisher (Skandar Afeesh), Joseph Hodge (Yusef Hajj), Davis Harris (Daibis Hareez), Jamie Holway (Jamil Hilwee), Sam Hanes (Salim El-Hani), Charles Herrick (Khaleel El-Hayek), Tom Kerry (Touma El-Akkari), Joseph Kelley (Yusef Kamly), Mike Mathews (Mikhael Maty), Ray McCool (Rizook Makhool), Solomon Mosher (Sleiman Meouchi), Anthony Nolan (Tanous Nikoola), Tom Owen (Tanous Abou Oun), Joseph Otto (Yusef Oota), Thomas Perry (Tanous Barri), Benjamin Pinkerton (Benyameen Binkertoun), Moses Shipley (Moussi Shibli), Louis K. Stevens (Elyas Khaleel Istefan), Mary Stephen (Mariam Istefan), Richard Stromboly (Rashid Stanbouli), John Sherman (Hanna Shamoun), Philip Tolp (Filibbos Talib).

It is indeed strange to find that Lebanese Americans assumed surnames like Brock, Campbell, Elmore, Harris, Herrick, Hodge, Kerry, Mosher, Owen, Perry, Shipley and Sherman, yet it was an important phase in the process of Americanization and it explains in part the rapid assimilation of Lebanese into American Society.

Story: Quacks, Cracks and Snacks

"Dad, can I just peek inside?" our ten-year-old son Luke asked, holding a cardboard box. "Wait until we get home," my husband, Mark, answered. "I don't want ducklings flopping around the car."

This was a day Luke had dreamed of for weeks. Finally, ducks! We had moved out into the country two months earlier. Even though we had dogs, cats, and assorted reptiles and amphibians, Luke was impatient for some kind of farm animal. His five brothers and sisters were mildly interested in the ducklings, but not like Luke was. He was the one who had pleaded mercilessly for them.

Even though Luke had begged us for the ducks, it was the grasshoppers that clinched it. There was a serious invasion of them that summer of 1996, inflicting major damage on Mark's first country garden. "They eat grasshoppers?" Mark had asked with sudden interest. That's when Luke knew his dad would relent.

Luke barely waited until the engine turned off before he bounced out of the car with his box. As if unwrapping a precious treasure, Luke gingerly lifted the lid. One by one the ducklings jumped out into a blinding August sun. Never content just to watch critters, he cornered and scooped up the ducklings one by one. As he held them securely and talked softly, each one relaxed in his hand until he slowly put it down and lifted another.

"I'm going to name this one Quacks," Luke decided, holding the littlest one. As Quacks calmed down, Luke held him gently against his chest and stroked his fluffy down.

The remainder of the day was spent with my kids and neighbors coming in and out of the yard to watch the peeping little flock. Luke never left the brood except to eat dinner. Throughout the day he herded them in and out of Mark's garden for several periods of grasshopper patrol.

As the sun began to set, Luke steered his ducklings into the garden for one last snack. When he attempted to return the flock to their pen, however, he accidentally stepped into their huddle and scattered them. The other ducks drew back together but Quacks ran off. Luke hurriedly got the flock into the pen and then chased Quacks where he had scampered behind a storage chest in the garage.

"Good, I've got him cornered," Luke thought. When he moved the chest aside, he heard little peeps but Quacks was nowhere in sight. Taking a closer look, Luke gasped. Quacks had fallen down a small drainage pipe. The opening was golf-hall sized. Luke ran into the house for a flashlight. The deep hole only swallowed up his light. Stricken, he walked into the house to find me.

"Mom, something bad has happened," Luke said. He explained the situation. "Is there anything we can do?" he asked doubtfully. I went with him to the hole. "I can't think of anything," I told him helplessly.

"That's what I thought," he said and sadly turned to the house. "And he was my favorite one too—Quacks." The day which had started with such promise had turned sour. Bedtime was quiet except for the heartbreaking peeps that drifted into my second-floor bedroom from the garage underneath.

There were still eleven ducklings left but the little lost one broke our hearts. The parable of the Good Shepherd suddenly took on new relevance. Quack's frantic cries continued through the night. When I awoke to his peeps early the next morning, I wondered how long before lack of food and water would finally quiet him. "Food," I thought. "That's it!" Luke, the first one up, was just coming out of his room. "Luke," I whispered, "I have an idea. What if you used a piece of fishing line and tied a grasshopper to the end of it? If Quacks is hungry enough, maybe he'll swallow it and you can pull him up. Then we can cut the end of the fishing line off." I admitted I had no idea if he could survive swallowing the fishing line.

"It's worth a try," Luke said, bounding out the door. He returned a short time later.

"Mom," Luke called excitedly. "Can you pray? Quacks bites the grasshopper but when I pull up the line he lets go. I was surprised by the question. Pray for a duck? Luke looked at me hopefully, so of course I told him yes.

As he left to try again, Luke's request suddenly made perfect sense. God made animals with feelings. They got cold, scared, lonely, tired, and hungry. I sat clown in the living room and prayed for God to guide Quacks up out of the hole. In minutes Luke returned with a big smile and a little duckling.

"He hit the grasshopper and I was able to pull him all the way up," he explained breathlessly. "When I grabbed him, he just let the grasshopper drop out of his mouth."

By now the other kids were coming downstairs. As we filled them in on the rescue, I couldn't get over the fact that Quacks had actually made it out of the hole.

"Didn't you all think it was impossible that we'd ever see Quacks again?" I asked.

The kids looked at me surprised. "I knew God could do anything so I prayed to Him last night to save Quacks," seven-year-old Tyler said nonchalantly.

"That's what I did too," agreed Luke.

Now, I was really impressed. Their faith had no limits. If God could save wayward souls that fall through the cracks, how could I have doubted that He would be willing to save our wayward Quacks?

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How She Looks

After the doctor completed his examination of a woman, he took her husband to the side. "I don't like the looks of your wife at all," the doctor confided.

"She may not be much to look at, Doc," agreed the husband. "But listen, she's an excellent cook and the kids seem to like her."

Dogs and Bikes

An animal shelter attendant checked the identification tag of a dog that was brought in by the police. He then called the owner and explained that she would need to come to the animal shelter and pay the fines and charges, and then she could get her dog.

The woman asked, "What are these fines and charges?" The attendant answered, "You have to pay the animal shelter's standard charges and the police department's fine because your dog was chasing a man on his bicycle."

The woman hesitated and said, "That must not be my dog! My dog doesn't know how to ride a bicycle!"

Seen the Dog Bowl

A mother asked her son, "Have you seen the dog bowl?"

"No," the boy replied, "but he's pretty good at skating!"

One Could Get Hurt

A man decided to commit suicide, saturating his body with gasoline, he put a rope around his neck and tied it to a tree limb that jutted out over a river. He put a pistol to his temple. He then set a match to his body, jumped from the tree, and pulled the trigger on the pistol. Missing his temple, the bullet hit the rope and cut it, and he fell into the water below, which immediately put out the flames. As he climbed back up the riverbank gasping, he said, "Wow! If I wasn't such a good swimmer, I would have drowned!"

Getting Off in Buffalo

An important executive boarded a New York to Chicago train. He explained to the porter, "I'm a heavy sleeper, and I want you to be sure to wake me at 3:00 a.m. to get off at Buffalo. Regardless of what I say, get me up and get me off the train. I may resist you, but I have to get off at Buffalo."

But the next morning the executive awakened just as the train pulled into Chicago. He was infuriated, and with abusive language he poured out his anger on the porter.

As the executive stomped down the platform toward the station, another passenger asked the porter, "How could you stand there and take that kind of talk from that fellow?"

The porter replied, "That was nothing. You should have heard what the man I put off in Buffalo said!"

Children Pray for Me!

On a recent Sunday in a Midwest city a young child was acting up during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"