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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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3rd Sunday of Resurrection

Schedule of Divine Liturgies

- *Weekend Masses: Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. [Rosary & Litany start at 10:10 a.m.]
- *Weekday Masses: **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 Khoureya 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, Lou Khoureya, Earl Duffy, Robert Harris
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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: 3rd Sunday of Resurrection

Readings: 2Tim 8-13 & Lk 24:13-35

Are you no longer hoping? Behold, Christ is alive; and hope is dead in! Certainly Christ is alive! The living Christ finds the hearts of his disciples dead. He appeared before their eyes, yet he was not manifest to them; he was visible, yet he was hidden from them. For, if he were not visible to them, how did they hear him when he questioned them? How did they answer his

questions? He walked with them on the road as a companion, yet he was their leader. Certainly they saw him, but they did not recognize him, for 'their eyes were held, that they should not recognize him,' as we have heard today. They were not prevented from seeing him, but they 'were held that they should not recognize him'. Ah, my brethren, where was it that the Lord wished to be recognized: in the breaking of bread. We are safe; we break bread, and we recognize the Lord. He did not wish to be recognized except in that act, for the sake of us who were not destined to see him in the flesh but who, nevertheless, would eat his flesh.

Therefore, whoever you are who are faithful, you for whom the title Christian is not an empty name, you who do not enter this church without reason, you who hear the word of God with sentiments of fear and hope, let the breaking of bread bring consolation to you. The absence of the Lord is not real absence; have faith, and he whom you do not see is with you.

When the Lord spoke to the disciples, they did not have faith; because they did not believe that he had risen, they did not hope that they could rise again. They had lost faith; they had lost hope. As dead men they walked with the living; as dead men they walked with life itself. Life walked with them, but life was not yet renewed in their hearts. (*Augustine, Sermon 235*)

Meditation: Passover

For Fifty Days the church invites us to ponder our spiritual journey, the human experience of success and failure. Between Passover and Pentecost, Israel remembered and celebrated the great events of their spiritual journey from the Exodus to Sinai. So too we reflect on our "pass - over" from death to life on our journey from Easter to Pentecost. It isn't always a straight line from the starting to the ending point, but it is worth the effort. Paul says that those who finish the race receive an imperishable crown of victory and glory.

Meditation: The Witness of Faith

"No prophet is accepted in his own native place." (Luke 4:24)

An old saying goes something like, "an expert is anyone who comes from more than 500 miles away." Perhaps this highlights a human tendency not to take very seriously people from our own neighborhoods. "You listen to him? He's just one of us."

Such a tendency is unfortunate for two reasons. First, we might miss the invitation of God that is close at hand. We imagine that the important things of God are announced by important people, and likely in important places. Yet the Gospel is quite otherwise. Remarkably, Jesus announces his ministry in the early pages of Luke at an ordinary synagogue meeting in the relatively insignificant town of Nazareth. Because he is familiar to the people, he is rejected. And that leads to the second reason. All of us, baptized into Christ's mission, are called to be prophets. Yet we think that prophecy is something for someone else to do, in some far-off place, to some other people, before large, important audiences. No, speaking the "truth to power," as Gandhi put it, is for here and now. The sadness is that so few of us are willing to accept it in our own native places.

Celebration of the Holy Mysteries

This Weekend: April 21-22: "3rd Sunday of Resurrection"

Saturday, April 21, at 4:00 p.m.:

Francis Sharp by nephews Jeff & Patrick & niece Courtney Sengewalt

Joseph Gerlock by his daughter Mary Piko

Sunday, April 22, at 10:30 a.m.:

Mary Shipley by Sandra Dusick and Shirley Dietz
Earl Haberfield & Earl & Linda Duffy

Weekday Masses

Monday, April 23: No Mass

Tuesday, April 24: No Mass

Wednesday, April 25, at Noon:

Charlie Mattes by Ed & Betty Shia

Mike & Sadie Thomas & Deceased Relatives (MN) by Ervin & Rosemary Splatt (WI)

Thursday, April 26, at Noon:

Intentions of Evelyn Ghaphery by the Family

Michael Mischik by Elizabeth George

Friday, April 27 at Noon:

Ray George by Elizabeth George

Adib Chidiac by Jim & Marsha Dellget

Next Weekend: April 28-29: "4th Sunday of Resurrection"

Saturday, April 28, at 4:00 p.m.:

Special Intention

Ronald Canestraro by Joel & Leslie Foster

Sunday, April 29, at 10:30 a.m.:

Helen Fielding by her husband Don (FL) and special intention

Mona Chidiac by Jim & Marsha Dellget

Building Project Income for April 2007

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

Total donations toward the Building Fund received in March 2007: \$52,794.00

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.

Church Financial Report as of April 1, 2007

Total Church Cash Accounts	\$628,130
Pledges Not Yet Received	\$121,140
Current Church Balance	\$749,270
Estimated Cost of the Building Project	Around \$850,000

Every dollars raised or donated to the church is earmarked toward the building project. Every benefactor received from the church signed statements about his/her donations toward the building project. During the last six years we did not spend any money from the budget other than on maintenance and bills. Please have courage and donate generously to enhance your church and feel proud to belong to her. Your parents built this church when you were children,

now it is your turn to build for your own children and future generations. The Blessed Mother deserves all our love and devotion.

Donations towards the Building Project during April 2007:

Donations Received	Gem Level Requested	Donor's Name & Date
\$50		Anonymous
\$200	Topaz	Mary Shipley (Memorial) (4.4.2007)
\$400	Ruby	Earl & Linda Duffy (4.11.2007)
\$400	Foundation	Altmeyer Funeral Home (4.13.2007)
\$500		Robert Harris (4.15.2007)

Upcoming Calendar of Events

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	Women's Society Meeting <i>after Mass</i>
Sunday, April 29	50/50 April Building Fund Raffle Drawing <i>after Mass</i>
Tuesday, May 1	Cedar Club Meeting at 7 p.m.
Sunday, May 6	First Communion & Confirmation Celebration & May Crowning
Sat.-Friday, May 12-18	Week of Masses for Mothers & Grandmothers
Sunday, May 13	Mothers Day
Sunday, May 20	Spaghetti Dinner <i>11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.</i>
Sunday, May 20	50/50 Mothers Day Building Fund Raffle Drawing <i>after Mass</i>
Friday, May 25	Cedar Club – Cooking Class – <i>see info in Bulletin</i>
Saturday, June 9	Rummage Sale <i>8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.</i>

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

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

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!

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 orders. (Please also continue to save paper grocery bags for our Spaghetti Dinner.)

Cedar Club 2007 Cooking Class Schedule (Thur., April 26th, at 6:30 p.m.)

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, 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

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

The Women's Society is sponsoring the Monthly 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. Your generosity and cooperation will enhance our Church.

Congratulations to Patty Smith who won the February 50/50 prize of \$120 and donated it back to the Building Fund along with the Women's Society donation of \$120.

Women's Society – Next Meeting (Sunday, April 29th, after Mass)

Plan to join the Women's Society on Sunday, April 29th, after Mass to finalize our upcoming activities and events.

Cedar Cub Meeting (Tuesday, May 1, at 7 p.m.)

The next scheduled Cedar Club Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Hostess will be Nini Miller.

May Crowning (Sunday, May 6th, at 10:30 a.m.)

All families with young girls (7-15 years-old) are encouraged to call the church at 233-1688 and schedule their children or grandchildren in the May Procession that will take place on Sunday, May 6th, during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. **Please call by Sunday, April 29th**, so that the proper number of flower bouquets may be ordered. May Queen (Rachel Thomas of Albany, Ohio), first attendant and all flower girls: *Andrea Frenn, Kenley George, Gina Haas, Ashley Musilli, Meggie Saludes, Samantha Shipley, Aundrea Spain, Rachel Thomas, Isabel Thomas*, ... are asked to arrive at the church in their spring dresses on Sunday, May 6th, at 10:00 a.m. so that the procession can be rehearsed and arranged. Parents are welcome to help.

First Communion & Confirmation Celebration (Sunday, May 6th)

On Sunday, May 6th, during the 10:30 a.m. Mass, Louie Khourey will be confirmed and Samantha Shipley will receive her First Communion. Congratulations to both these children.

Mother's Day Masses (Saturday, May 12th, to Friday, May 18th)

The best gift of love we can offer to our ONLY mother, who brought us to this life, is a Mass offered for her good health and long life, if she is still alive, OR for the repose of her soul,

if she has passed away. Our Lady of Lebanon Church is dedicating one week of prayers (**5 days of Masses**) for MOTHERS for the occasion of Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 13. All intentions will be published in the bulletin in the order received from now until May 14. Please pray for the soul of your mother.

Mother's Day: Mother Who "Drug" Us

God bless mothers who drugged us!

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young:

I was drug to church on Sunday morning and drug to church for weddings and funerals.

I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults.

I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if uttered a profane four-letter word.

I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds.

I was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood; and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

For the Repose of the Souls of Our Departed Mothers & Grandmothers:

Katherine Chidiac & Hasibe Shaheen by their grandson Fr. Bakhos

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

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

Nimnoom Ghaphery by the Ghaphery Family

George Shia by Ed & Betty Shia

Mary Shipley by her daughter Thomasina & Family

Victoria John by the John Family

Marian Keegan by Marge and Louis John

Sarah Magruder & Janet Voitle by Denny & Barbara Magruder

Mothers and grandmothers of Bill & Carol Dougherty by Bill & Carol

Rose Fadoul & Nell Duffy by Earl & Linda Duffy

Eva Coury and Marianna Khoury by Dick & Rosemary Coury

Emilia Fitzgerald by Dick & Rosemary Coury

Adelaide Schuler (mother) by Paul & Irene Schuler

Anna Przelenski (mother) by Irene & Paul Schuler
Rosella Melko (grandmother) by Irene & Paul Schuler
Siham Frenn by the Frenn Family
LaVerne Thomas (mother of Diane) by the Frenn Family
Evelyn Hall (grandma of Diane) by the Frenn Family

For Good Health and Long Life of Our <u>Living Mothers & Grandmothers:</u>

Sadie Chidiac and my married sisters by Fr. Bakhos
Charlotte Khourey by her husband Lou and her children Emmalena & Louie
Marjorie John by her husband Louis John
Diane Frenn by her children Andreah & Justin Frenn

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

Mark your calendars now. Plan to enjoy our Spring Spaghetti Dinner, served in our Church Hall following Mass Sunday, May 20. Chairperson Tom George and our parishioners invite you and your friends to come and enjoy our food and hospitality. Help our Church make this our best Spaghetti Dinner yet! Invite your friends, co-workers and neighbors to attend. Every dollar of profit earned helps us reach our financial goal for the new Building Fund.

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 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12; are 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 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- Please save large, clean paper grocery or shopping bags and bring them to the Church any weekend so that we may use them to pack bake sale and "to go" orders.

5- If you can volunteer to work for the Spaghetti Dinner or have questions, please call the Church office at 233-1688.

Gift Basket Raffle Scheduled (Drawing: Sunday, May 20, after Mass)

Blue tickets 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 at the Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, May 20.**

The "Wine & Dine" Gift Basket for this raffle contains: \$20.00 Riesbeck's Gift Certificate, Starbucks coffee, 2 coffee cups, 2 wine glasses and 5 bottles of wine (Turning Leaf

White Zinfandel, Corbet Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon, Foxhorn Merlot, Little Boomey Chardonnay, and Georges Dubeuf Beaujolais). The Gift Basket Raffle is sponsored by the Women's Society in its effort to raise funds for our Building Fund. Josephine Weidman won the March "Think Spring" basket – proceeds were \$219.

Rummage Sale (Saturday, June 9 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.)

Our Rummage Sale is coming up on Saturday, June 9th, from 8 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Please save your items of all kind for this sale. Drop off dates will be listed later on. Any questions call Linda at 242-6853.

Refresh Your Lebanese Vocabulary ***FOODS***

Ba-Ba	Gha-Nooj	Grilled eggplants with lemon and Tahini (sesame paste)
Hum-Mus		Boiled Chick peas, smashed and mixed with Tahini (sesame paste)
Kaf-Ta		Seasoned, ground meat on the skewer, grilled
Kib-Bee		Crushed wheat mixed with ground meat and spices. Baked in trays
Koo-Sa	Meh-She	Zucchini stuffed with ground meat and rice and spices
Lu-Biye		Green beans cooked with meat, onions and tomato sauce. Served with rice
Me-Ja-Da-Ra		Lentils and rice cooked with onion
Shish	Ke-Bab	Cubed meat on the skewer with onions and green peppers
Ta-Boo-Le		Crushed wheat, chopped parsley, green onion and spices

Is Anyone Sick?

Please remember those hospitalized recently in your prayers:

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

Also please pray for:

Edith Vinci (Yorkville), Debbie Laughlin (Columbus), Bill Committee, John John, baby Steve Smay, Virginia Khourey Bryan (aunt of Lou Khourey), 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

\$925	Collection
\$328	Diocesan Appeal
\$71	Votive Candles
\$180	Parking
\$1,300	Donations to the Building Fund
\$50	Donation to church
\$2,854	Total. May the Blessed Mother reward you manifold!

What's New?

Masses for Virginia Tech Victims

Fr. Bakhos and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon church are very saddened for the victims of the shooting in Virginia Tech. Masses were offered all this week for the repose of their souls and for the consolation of their parents and friends. It is indeed a big loss.

Diocesan Appeal 2007

Many Thanks to those who fulfilled their 2007 Easter Obligation of at least \$35.00. Our share toward our Diocese was \$2,800. With the grace of God and your generous cooperation and faith we just made it to the exact amount. Our collection for the Diocesan Appeal will be sent to the Diocese to help our bishop defray the expanses he has to pay. May God bless you abundantly. *We received the last contributions toward the Diocesan Appeal from: Holly & Shirley Bine (\$70), Josephine Joseph, Larry Breiding, John & Rose Palmer,*

Congratulations on Your Baptism

David & Angela Waligora, of Baffalo, New York, granted to their daughter **Carolyn Jane** the honor to be the adopted daughter of God through the sacrament of Baptism, last Saturday, April 14th, at Our Lady of Lebanon Church. The baby angel Carolyn is the granddaughter of Fr. Bakhos' best friends, Kenny & Patty Billick of Dallas Pike. Godparents were: **William & Debra Fugle**. After the Baptism, a reception was held at the Church hall for the family and friends. May **Saint Agnes**, the patron saint of **Carolyn Jane** protect her and grant her along with her parents, godparents, and grandparents, good health and bright future.

Confirmation Class from Franklin, West Virginia Visited Us

On Saturday, April 21st, at 11:15 a.m., our church welcomed the confirmation class of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, from Franklin, WV. The candidates accompanied by their parents and Pastor Fr. Mario Claro met with Fr. Bakhos who explained to them the similarities and differences between the Maronite Rite and the Roman Catholic Rite.

Many Thanks from the Pastor

I am very grateful and humbled by the support I received during Easter from generous parishioners and loving friends. Thanks for thinking of me and for considering me a family member. You, my benefactors are in my prayers every day. --Your servant, Fr. Bakhos

2nd Collection Time Change

Dear Parishioners:

Our Diocese requests a few second collections throughout the year. Effective immediately, ushers will collect both collections immediately after the homily – one after the other. The first collection goes toward the church funds and the second one toward a specific intention. Please note this change. Thanks for your generous cooperation and dedication.

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. Many thanks to Lou Khourey and Earl Duffy who joined the choir. Singing is praying twice. It is a great honor to glorify God with our voice like the angels in heaven.

Mahrajan Souvenir Book in progress

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

You will receive by mail this week a letter from the church soliciting ads for our "2007 Mahrajan Souvenir Book." Please put an ad or be an ambassador for the church and ask your friends, family members or the businesses you frequent to buy an ad. There are different sizes and different costs for ads. All proceeds benefit our building project coming soon. Thank you for your dedication to the church. Fr. Bakhos

Around Us

Wheeling Catholic Elem. Spaghetti Dinner (Sun., April 22, Noon-4 p.m.)

The Eighth Grade Class of Wheeling Catholic Elementary School (at 77 - 14th Street) is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner in the Gym. Tickets cost \$6.00 a person for the complete meal – Eat in or Take Out.

Dinner to Benefit the Gabriel Project (Monday, April 30th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.)

The Annual Benefit Dinner will be hosted by the Gabriel Project of West Virginia on Monday, April 30, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Generations Restaurant, Wheeling. Donation per ticket is \$25 (Proceeds benefit Gabriel Project families and babies in need by providing tangible baby items and outreach and referral services. Please call 304-242-1678 for tickets

Slovak Style Luncheon (Sunday, May 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Where: St. John, (Rosary Hall) 622 Main Street, Benwood

Menu: Cabbage Rolls, Kielbasa & Kraut, Cabbage & Noodles, Pierogies, Green Beans, Ham & Potatoes, Salad, fruit cup, bread & butter, plus ethnic desserts and drink

Cost: Adults – \$7.00 and children – \$3.00.

Information: Call Trudy at 232-7284

Red Cross Blood Donation needed (Monday, May 7 from 9 am to 3 pm)

Where: US District Court/Jury Assembly Room at 1125 Chapline Street, Wheeling

(To know about other dates, please call 547-4184)

Wheeling Central Athletic Dept. Steak Fry (Saturday, May 11, 6-11 p.m.)

Wheeling Central Athletic Department will hold a Steak Fry on Saturday, May 11, from 6-11 p.m. at the Italian American Club (Elm Grove). Tickets are \$20 a person. Reservations: Call Cindy at 233-6423.

Wheeling Catholic Elementary Kentucky Derby (Fri., May 11, 6:30 p.m.)

The Wheeling Catholic Elementary Kentucky Derby (Food, fun, and entertainment including a Hat Parade, live "Horse" race, Music) will be held at the Wheeling Artisan Center, Friday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$40 a ticket/\$75 a couple. Proceeds Benefit Angel Scholarship Program. For information, call 233-1515.

Story: Are You Hungry?

The man slowly looked up. This was a woman clearly accustomed to the finer things of life. Her coat was new. She looked like that she had never missed a meal in her life. His first thought was that she wanted to make fun of him, like so many others had done before. "Leave me alone," he growled.

To his amazement, the woman continued standing. She was smiling -her even white teeth displayed in dazzling rows. "Are you hungry?" she asked.

"No," he answered sarcastically. "I've just come from dining with the president. Now go away." The woman's smile became even broader. Suddenly the man felt a gentle hand under his arm. "What are you doing,

lady?" the man asked angrily. "I said to leave me alone." Just then a policeman came up. "Is there any problem, ma'am?" he asked.

"No problem here, officer," the woman answered. "I'm just trying to get this man to his feet. Will you help me?" The officer scratched his head. "That's old Jack. He's been a fixture around here for a couple of years. What do you want with him?"

"See that cafeteria over there?" she asked. "I'm going to get him something to eat and get him out of the cold for awhile."

"Are you crazy, lady?" the homeless man resisted. "I don't want to go in there!" Then he felt strong hands grab his other arm and lift him up. "Let me go, officer. I didn't do anything." "This is a good deal for you, Jack," the officer answered. "Don't blow it."

Finally, and with some difficulty, the woman and the police officer got Jack into the cafeteria and sat him at a table in a remote corner. It was the middle of the morning, so most of the breakfast crowd had already left and the lunch bunch had not yet arrived.

The manager strode across the cafeteria and stood by the table. "What's going on here, officer?" he asked. "What is all this. Is this man in trouble?" "This lady brought this man in here to be fed," the policeman answered.

"Not in here!" the manager replied angrily. "Having a person like that here is bad for business." Old Jack smiled a toothless grin. "See, lady. I told you so. Now if you'll let me go. I didn't want to come here in the first place.

The woman turned to the cafeteria manager and smiled. "Sir, are you familiar with Eddy and Associates, the banking firm down the street?" "Of course I am," the manager answered impatiently. "They hold their weekly meetings in one of my banquet rooms."

"And do you make a goodly amount of money providing food at these weekly meetings?" "What business is that of yours?" "I, sir, am Penelope Eddy, president and CEO of the company." "Oh."

The woman smiled again. "I thought that might make a difference." She glanced at the cop who was busy stifling a giggle. "Would you like to join us in a cup of coffee and a meal, officer?" "No thanks, ma'am," the officer replied. "I'm on duty." "Then, perhaps, a cup of coffee to go?" "Yes, ma'am. That would be very nice." The cafeteria manager turned on his heel. "I'll get your coffee for you right away, officer." The officer watched him walk away. "You certainly put him in his place," he said. "That was not my intent. Believe it or not, I have a reason for all this."

She sat down at the table across from her amazed dinner guest. She stared at him intently. "Jack, do you remember me?" Old Jack searched her face with his old, rheumy eyes "I think so -mean you do look familiar."

"I'm a little older perhaps," she said. "Maybe I've even filled out more than in my younger days when you worked here, and I came through that very door, cold and hungry." "Ma'am?" the officer said questioningly. He couldn't believe that such a magnificently turned out woman could ever have been hungry.

"I was just out of college," the woman began. "I had come to the city looking for a job, but I couldn't find anything. Finally I was down to my last few cents and had been kicked out of my apartment. I walked the streets for days. It was February and I was cold and nearly starving. I saw this place and walked in on the off chance that I could get something to eat."

Jack lit up with a smile. "Now I remember," he said. "I was behind the serving counter.

You came up and asked me if you could work for something to eat. I said that it was against company policy." "I know," the woman continued. "Then you made me the biggest roast beef sandwich that I had ever seen, gave me a cup of coffee, and told me to go over to a corner table and enjoy it. I was afraid that you would get into trouble. Then, when I looked over, I saw you put the price of my food in the cash register. I knew then that everything would be all right." "So you started your own business?" Old Jack said.

"I got a job that very afternoon. I worked my way up. Eventually I started my own business that, with the help of God, prospered." She opened her purse and pulled out a business card. "When you are finished here, I want you to pay a visit to a Mr. Lyons. He's the personnel director of my company. I'll go talk to him now and I'm certain he'll find something for you to do around the office." She smiled. "I think he might even find the

funds to give you a little advance so that you can buy some clothes and get a place to live until you get on your feet. And if you ever need anything, my door is always opened to you."

There were tears in the old man's eyes. "How can I ever thank you," he said.

"Don't thank me," the woman answered. "To God goes the glory. Thank Jesus. He led me to you."

Outside the cafeteria, the officer and the woman paused at the entrance before going their separate ways. "Thank you for all your help, officer," she said.

"On the contrary, Ms. Eddy," he answered. "Thank you. I saw a miracle today, something that I will never forget.

Reflections: Do It Anyway

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered;

forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives;

be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;

succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;

be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;

build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;

be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people often forget tomorrow.

do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;

it was never between you and them, anyway.

(Mother Teresa had this poem engraved on one of the walls in her convent)

Reflection: A Good Friend

You're... My friend, my companion, through good times and bad, my friend, my buddy, through happy and sad, beside me you stand, beside me you walk, you're there to listen, you're there to talk, with happiness, with smiles, with pain and tears, I know you'll be there, throughout the years! You are all good friends to me and I am grateful to you.

Maronites = Catholics of the East ***History Of the Maronites (30)***

(5) The Liturgy

The Maronite is a Syrian Rite, Syriac being the liturgical language, though the Gospel is read in Arabic for the benefit of the people. Many of the priests, who are not sufficiently learned to perform the Liturgy in Syriac, use Arabic instead, but Arabic written in Syriac characters (*Karshuni*). The liturgy is of the Syrian type, i.e., the liturgy of St. James, but much

disfigured by attempts to adapt it to Roman usages. Adaptation, often useless and servile, to Roman usages is the distinguishing characteristic of the Maronite among Oriental Rites. This appears, not only in the Liturgy, but also in the administration of all the Sacraments. The Maronites consecrate unleavened bread, they do not mingle warm water in the Chalice, and they celebrate many Masses at the same altar. Communion under both kinds was discouraged by Gregory XIII and at last formally forbidden in 1736, though it is still permitted for the deacon at high Mass. Benedict XIV forbade the communicating of newly baptized infants. Baptism is administered in the Latin manner, and since 1736 confirmation, which is reserved to the bishop, has been given separately. The formula for absolution is not deprecative, as it is in other Eastern Rites, but indicative, as in the Latin, and Maronite priests can validly absolve Catholics of all rites. The orders are: tonsure, *psalte*, or chanter, lector, sub-deacon, deacon, priest.

Ordination as *psalte* may be received at the age of seven; as deacon, at twenty-one; as priest, at thirty, or, with a dispensation, at twenty-five. Wednesday and Friday of every week are days of abstinence; a fast lasts until midday, and the abstinence is from meat and eggs. Lent lasts for seven weeks, beginning at Quinquagesima; the fast is observed every day except Saturdays, Sundays, and certain feast days; fish is allowed. There are neither ember days nor vigils, but there is abstinence during twenty days of Advent and fourteen days preceding the feast of Sts Peter and Paul. Latin devotional practices are more customary among the Maronites than in any other Uniat Eastern Church -- benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the Way of the Cross, the Rosary, the devotion to the Sacred Heart, etc.

(6) *The Faithful*

In the interior of the country the faithful are strongly attached to their faith and very respectful to the monks and the other clergy. Surrounded by Mussulmans, schismatics, and heretics, they are proud to call themselves Roman Catholics; but education is as yet but little developed, despite the laudable efforts of some of the bishops, and although schools have been established, largely through the efforts of the Latin missionaries and the support of the society of the Ecoles d'Orient, besides the Collège de la Sagesse at Beirut. Returning emigrants do nothing to raise the moral and religious standard. The influence of the Western press is outrageously bad. Wealthy Maronites, too often indifferent, if not worse, do not concern themselves about this state of affairs, which is a serious cause of anxiety to the more intelligent and enlightened among the clergy. But the Maronite nation as a whole remains faithful to its traditions. If they are not exactly the most important community of Eastern Uniats in point of numbers, it is at least true to say that they form the most effective fulcrum for the exertion of a Catholic propaganda in the Lebanon and on the Syrian coast.

A Time to Laugh (449)

Sharing Is Part of Community

A certain fellow was about to make his first parachute jump. The plane carried him up to the proper altitude and he was told, "This is it, friend—jump!" So he leaped from the plane, counted to ten, and pulled the rip cord, but nothing happened. He was falling rapidly toward the earth and his life was flashing before his eyes. He pulled his second emergency cord. Nothing happened.

Just then he looked down toward the earth and was surprised to see another man hurtling up toward him from the earth. He couldn't believe his eyes. As the two men passed each other, the falling parachutist yelled, "Do you know anything about parachutes?"

The ascending man cried out, "No. Do you know anything about gas stoves?"

Spectators Versus Active Participants

Just remember: Every baseball team could use a man who plays every position perfectly, never strikes out, and never makes an error. The trouble is, there is no way to make him lay down his hot dog and come down out of the stands.

Wise Requests

We all admire the wisdom of those who come to us for advice.

Shark Pictures

While fishing off the Florida coast, a tourist capsized his boat. The man was not sure if it was safe to swim to shore, so when he saw a man with a camera standing on the shore, he called out to him, "Are there any alligators in these parts?"

"Nope," the man answered. "There used to be some, but they are long gone."

Feeling assured of his safety, the man began to swim toward shore. While swimming, he began to wonder what happened to the alligators. He stopped swimming for a moment and shouted to the man with the camera on shore, "What happened to the alligators?"

The man with the camera who stood on shore replied, "These waters are too shark-infested for alligators to last long."

The man with the camera who stood on shore got some great pictures.

Finding Valuable Plants

When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it was a valuable plant.

Posted in the Elevator

At work is the usual warning sign: "In case of fire do not use elevator." Scrawled in pen beneath it is this addendum: "Use water."

Wisdom: Optimistic Attitude

I'm always fascinated by stories of people who have managed to develop a different mental attitude than that commonly held by those around them: the poor man who refuses to think poor, the sick woman who focuses on what she can do rather than on her handicap. Such people display the kind of attitude suggested by the old story of the boy who was given a roomful of manure and deduced that there must be a gift of a pony nearby.

You tiptoed into my dream, like sweet fragrance of spring.

You whispered sweet lullabies, the songs that angels sing.

You gave yourself so freely, asking nothing in return.

You are the example, a lesson for us to learn.
Your spirit roams the stars, like a comet in the sky.
You gave away the answers, when you were asked to reply.
You opened up your heart, and shared your gift of love.
To me you are not a friend, but an angel from above.
I cannot put into words, just what you mean to me.
You are more close to heaven, than I could ever be.
Set your own pace when someone is pushing you, it's ok to tell them they're pushing.
Take nothing for granted, watch water flow, the corn grow, the leaves blow, your neighbors mow. Allow yourself time to be lazy and unproductive. Rest isn't a luxury, it's a necessity.
Listen to the wind blow. It carries a message of yesterday and tomorrow... And now..... Now counts. Rest on your laurels. They bring comfort whatever their size, age or condition.
Talk slower. Talk less. Don't talk. Communication isn't measured by words.
Quit planning how you're going to use what you know, learn or possess.
God's gifts just are. Be grateful and their purpose will be clear.
When you walk with someone, don't think about what you'll say next.
Thoughts will spring up naturally if you let them.
Learn to stand back and let others take their turn as leaders.
There will always be new opportunities for you to step out in front again.
Divide big jobs into little jobs.
If God took six days to create the universe, can you do any better?
Direct your life with purposeful choices, not with speed and efficiency.
The best musician is one who plays with expression and meaning, not the one who finishes first. Take a day off alone..... make a retreat.
You can learn from monks and hermits without becoming one. Pet a furry friend. You will give and get the gift of now. Work with your hands.... It frees the mind.
Take time to wonder.... without wonder, life is merely an existence.
Sit in the dark... It will treat you to see and hear, taste and smell.
Once in awhile, turn down the lights, the throttle, the invitations.
Less really can be more. Let go. Nothing is usually the hardest thing to do... but often it is the best.
Taste your food. God gave it to delight as well as nourish.
Notice the sun and the moon as they rise and set.
They are remarkable for their steady pattern of movement, not their speed.
And as you ramble on thru life my dearest friend.....
Keep your eye upon the doughnut, and not upon the hole.