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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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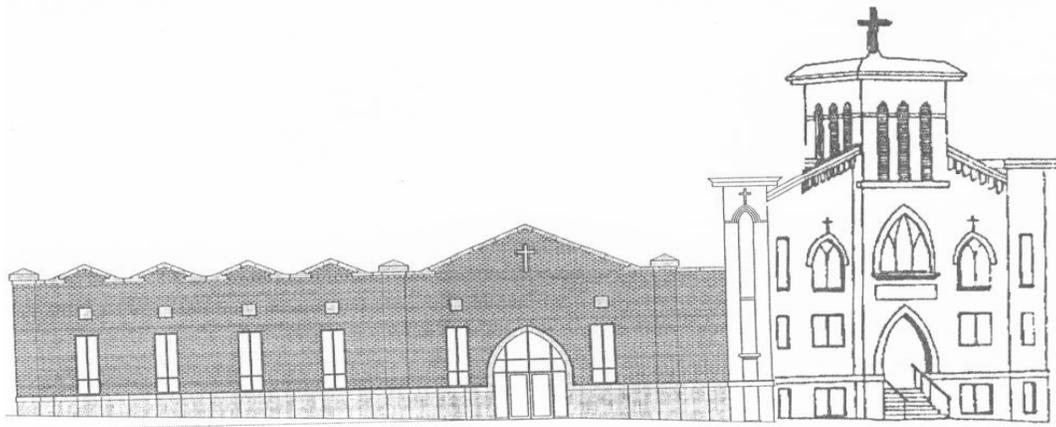
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All Saints & All Souls



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.** 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 of the month at 3:30 p.m. & 1st Sunday 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.
- *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 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, Shirley George, Allison Duffy, George Thomas, Ted Olinski, Earl Duffy, Lou Khourey, Robert Vawter, Jody & Abbie Seabright
- *Altar Boys: Louie Khourey & Dalton Haas
- *Cedar Club: Linda Duffy, President 242-6853
- *Women's Society: Sandra Dusick, President 232-7395



- *Remember the Church in your Last Will – Her prayers will accompany you to heaven
- *Please support Our Lady of Lebanon Church by patronizing our Advertisers
- *If you support the Church and need a Bulletin mailed to you, please call the Rectory
- ***Bulletin Announcements:** Submit all Bulletin Information to Fr. Bakhos. Deadline: Every Tuesday by Noon
- ***New Parishioners:** We welcome you with great joy and invite you to be officially listed as one of our parishioners
- ***Parking:** Saturday & Sunday—all spaces for parishioners; Monday through Friday—park ONLY in the 3 ALLEY spaces

Gospel Reflection: All Saints & All Souls

Readings: Heb 12:18-24 & Mt 25:31-46

One of the interesting things about the parables of Jesus is that most of the time we can find ourselves somewhere in the story. To read one of them is sort of like looking in a mirror –what you see is your own reflection looking back. The image is not always exact. Sometimes the details are blurred, but there’s something or someone with whom you can identify. And almost subconsciously, you find yourself thinking, “hey, this story is about me.”

With that thought in mind, let’s take another look at today’s Gospel reading. Jesus speaks of returning from heaven and sitting upon a throne with all the nations assembled before him. Then he tells us that he will separate the people into groups, placing one group on his left and the other on his right. Those on the right are told that they can enter the joys of heaven because they ministered to Jesus in his time of need. They are surprised by this and inquire as to when they did these good things for the Lord. And Jesus explains that by helping needy people, they were actually helping him.

Then the people on the left hear exactly the opposite message. They are denied entry to the joys of heaven because they turned their backs upon the Lord in his hour of need. They, too, are surprised by this statement and want to know where and when they were guilty of this neglect. And Jesus explains that by their refusal to help needy people, they were actually refusing to help him.

1- That’s the story as Jesus told it. Now, let me ask you a question about it. Where do you see yourself in the story? What person or group of persons do you most identify with? Do you belong with the helpers on the right or the non-helpers on the left? Well, I don’t know for sure, but I have a feeling that most of us would have difficulty completely identifying with either group, and yet we probably feel some kinship with both. There have been times when we have helped. We’ve given to charities. We have made donations to the Church, some of which goes to help the poor. We have taken food baskets to needy families at Christmas. We’ve visited the sick at home or in the hospital. All of us have done some of these things and more, but we also know that there have been other times when we’ve turned our backs and walked away. We have seen someone who needed our help and somehow have excused ourselves from giving that help. Thus, the real truth is that we can’t totally identify with either group. We sort of have one foot in each camp; we’ve worn two hats. Sometimes we have been selfish; at other times we have been generous. Sometimes we find ourselves really caring about people. At other times, life so overwhelms us that we find ourselves almost completely absorbed by our own problems. So the most honest place for us to stand would be somewhere between the helpers and the non-helpers. Some of us belong more to one, and some of us more to the other. But all of us are a little of both, and none of us is entirely either.

That being the case, we may find ourselves wondering about the meaning of this parable. What is Jesus telling us here? What is it that he wants us to do? What kind of corrective action should we take? I suppose a typical response would be to take up a notch in our belts, blow on our hands, and go out to become full-time helpers. That would be a noble gesture, but I doubt if it would last very long. And even if it did, look where it would take us. Why, we would be the finest people in all the world, the generous benefactors of all the poor and needy. We would be the strong and the self-sufficient, ordained of God to render aid to the weak and incompetent. What an ego trip that would be –always giving help to others but never needing it ourselves. My friends, if we could achieve that status, or convince ourselves that we had achieved it, we would be so proud and arrogant that God himself could not endure us.

2- What we really need to do is go back and take a closer look at the parable, because we are missing the main point. The message is so simple that we’re walking right past it. Actually, there were not two groups of people in the story; there were three. There were the people who helped, and there were the people who refused to help, and there were the people who needed help. That last group is the one we’ve been overlooking; and it’s strange we would do that, because these are the people with whom Jesus chose to identify himself. He said that to help them was to help him, and to neglect them was to neglect him. This is the real message of the parable. Jesus took his stand with the needy people of this world and said in effect: “This is where I live. These are my people. I belong to them, and they belong to me.” Do you see the significance of that? Jesus not only cared about the needy and sought to help the needy, he completely identified himself with the needy. They were not

another group, separate and apart. They were his brothers and sisters. Their hunger was his hunger. Their loneliness was his loneliness. Their need was his need. He spoke of them, not in the third person, but the first person, because he, himself, belonged to the fellowship of the needy. And let's face it, friends, that's where you and I belong as well. It isn't as if the needy people of this world were another group over there somewhere. It isn't as if they are the people who need help, and we are the people who give help. Not that at all. We are all members of the same group; they are part of the family, and so are we. We all belong to the fellowship of the needy.

None of us is self-sufficient. I need your help, and you need mine. This is not an exclusive club. Everybody in the world is a member. The only outsiders are those who deliberately refuse to participate, and that still doesn't change the fact that they are one of us. We need each other, whether we ever get honest enough to admit it or not.

Who are the needy? I am; you are; everyone is. Today I may help you, but tomorrow I may need you to help me. We are all members of the same family, sharing our love, sharing our resources, sharing our needs.

Reflection: Do Not Be Afraid

Do not be afraid you are not good enough; God has created each one of us with a piece of his goodness within us.
Do not be afraid that you do not have enough to give; all God asks is that do what you can with what you have.
Do not be afraid that you are not successful enough, for God measures the hearts, not the results.
Do not be afraid that you are not loud enough in your praise or demonstrative in your religion, for God is praised most fully in the quiet, loving kindness we extend to one another.
Do not be afraid that you lack the courage or generosity to be a saint, for God gives us the grace to make miracles happen in the most ordinary of circumstances.
Do not be afraid that you are not loving enough, for God loves enough for all of us.

Prayers: Prayer of Abandonment

Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me as You will.
Whatever You may do, I thank You: I am ready for all, I accept all.
Let only Your will be done in me, and in all Your creatures.
I wish no more than this, O Lord.
Into your hands I commend my soul: I offer it to You with all the love of my heart,
For I love You, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into Your hands,
Without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for You are my Father.

Spirituality: Angels

What Do Angels Look Like?
Like the little old lady who returned your wallet yesterday.
Like the taxi driver who told you that your eyes light up the world, when you smile.
Like the small child who showed you the wonder in simple things.
Like the poor man who offered to share his lunch with you.
Like the rich man who showed you it really is all possible, if only you believe.
Like the stranger who just happened to come along, when you had lost your way.
Like the friend who touched your heart, when you didn't think you had one left to touch.
Angels come in all sizes and shapes, All ages and skin types.
Some with freckles, some with dimples, some with wrinkles, some without.
They come disguised as friends, enemies, teachers, students, lovers and fools.
They don't take life too seriously, They travel light.
They leave no forwarding address, They ask for nothing in return.
They wear sneakers with gossamer wings, They get a deal on dry cleaning.
They are hard to find when your eyes are closed, But They are everywhere you look when you choose to see.

Mass Intentions

THIS WEEK, November 1-7: "Week of All Saints and All Souls"

Saturday, November 1 at 3:30 p.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, November 2 after 10:30 am Mass: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

From Saturday, November 1 until Friday, November 7th, all Masses will be offered for:

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

Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL)

Deceased of the Chidiac Family by Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, Pastor

Deceased of the Habib & Nabiha Khourey Family by Virginia Khourey Bryan

Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Emmalena & Louie

Thomas Jalad & Simon & Fannie Di-Domenico by Anna Jalad

Deceased of the Duffy & Fadoul Families by Mickey, Linda & Allison Duffy

Mary K. Ferris by Thomas & Denise Ferris

Deceased of the family of Abdo Habita & Mary Zaid Ferris by Thomas & Denise Ferris

Deceased of the Saseen & Schlog Families by Bob & Fran Saseen

Cathy (Sharp) Howard by the Sengewalt Family

Mr. & Mrs. Ira Sengewalt by the Sengewalt Family

Robert L. Rose by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt & Family

John F. Kukula by Mary Rose Kukula & Family

Deceased members of the Coury (Barket) & Aowad (Sadie Coury) Families by Lucille Coury Gibbons & Family

Barkett & Sadie Coury by their children Louie, Charlie, Eva and Lucy

Deceased of the Jacobs & Dusick Families by Sandra Dusick

Joseph & Victoria John by the John Family

John & Marion Keegan by Marge & Lou John

The Long & Condelli Families by Sylvia Long

The Habdo Family by Bill & Carol Dougherty

Deceased Family Members of Thomasina Geimer

Richard L. Weekly, I, by his wife Jean & children: Richard, Pat & Tina

Francis P. Emmerth, Sr. & Anna O'Neill Emmerth by daughters: Mary, Helen & Jean

Charles F. Custer by his mother Mary Custer

Judy Custer by mom Mary

Peg Emmerth by her sisters: Mary, Helen & Jean

Francis P. Emmerth, Jr. by sisters Helen, Sis & Jean

Joseph A. Benline by his wife Helen

The Deceased members of the Garvey & Yost Families by Kay Garvey

Nancepe & Helen Saseen by Rosella Saseen

Ben and Donald Roski by Rosella Saseen

Joseph & Anne Bott by Jim & Sue Brubach

Albert & Beulah Brubach by Jim & Sue Brubach

Deceased husband Roland and members of the John Family by Julia Tappe

Deceased Family members of Msgr. Paul Abraham by Betty Joseph Abraham

Deceased members of McCutcheon & Sobota Families by Peggy Justice & Barbara Sobota

Sobota & McCutcheon Families by Barbara Sobota & Peggy Justice

Helen Fielding and Augie Montalbano by daughter Nikki & Joe Popovich

Mary & George Popovich by son Joe & Nikki Popovich

Deceased Family members of Nimon & Mariam Joseph by the Family

Deceased Family members of Albert & Anita Weisner by George & Jean Weisner & Family

Deceased Family members of Andrew & Louise Bishop by George & Jean Weisner

Deceased Family members of Maroon & Mary Catherine Habeb by George & Jean Weisner

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Deceased Family members of Oscar & Amelia Schmeichel by George & Jean Weisner & Family

Deceased members of Bentz and Sengewalt Families by Millet & Susie Fadoul & Family

Annette Aprea by Susie & Millet Fadoul

Betty Francis by Millet & Susie Fadoul

Elaine & Jay Cybulski by Millet & Susie Fadoul

Bob Wiles by Millet & Susie Fadoul

The Shia Family by Betty Shia

The Mattes Family by Betty Shia

John Jalad Sr. & Charles & Anna Przelenski by Irene Schuler

Daniel and Adelaide Schuler by Paul Schuler

James & Emma Dellget by Rex & Rita Strawn

Harold & Virginia Strawn by Rex & Rita Strawn

Lawrence & Pauline Shalvey by daughters Peggy & Nancy Shalvey

The Henning & Bott Families by Don & Roberta Henning

Ronald Canestraro by Charlotte Canestraro

Michael and Helen Franko by Charlotte Canestraro

Bart & Teresa Canestraro by Charlotte Canestraro

Andrew & Mary Demsko by daughter Rosemary Cornish

Members of the Demsko, Cebulski & Franks Families by Rosemary Cornish

Sarah & Earl Magruder by Denny & Barbara Magruder

Janet & Harry Voitle by Denny & Barbara Magruder

Deceased members of Anna & Constantine Shia by The Family

Julia Joseph Campion by Janice Myer

David & Tamamie Joseph & Family by daughter Cecilia

NEXT WEEKEND, November 8-9: "Dedication of the Church"

Saturday, November 8: Our Bishop Robert Shaheen Celebrates Mass

4:00 p.m.: Intentions of all the Benefactors of Our Church

Sunday, November 9: Our Bishop Robert Shaheen celebrates Mass

10:30 a.m.: In Honor of His Excellency Bishop Robert Shaheen, Fr. Bakhos, Msgr. Paul Abraham & all the priests who have served our church by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

Sanctuary Painting Fund Update

Dear parishioners, upon request of all our devoted generous parishioners, the Parish Council and Fr. Bakhos decided to obtain estimates and raise funds to paint the sanctuary. It has been almost 30 years since the last painting and needs done at this time. The scaffolding, patching and painting will start when enough funds are raised. We will start the fundraising project now and hope to have sufficient funds raised by May-June 2009 to allow us to undertake this project. All donations will be earmarked toward the "Sanctuary Painting Fund." A special plaque will be mounted in the church stating: "Please pray for the benefactors who painted the sanctuary in 2009". Please make a generous contribution and become a member of this prayer list. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

Generous Donors & Benefactors of this month toward the "Sanctuary Painting Fund":

Donations Received	Sanctuary Painting Fund Donor's Name & Date
\$100	Nancy Joseph (10.27.2008)
\$500	Manell Brice (10.27.2008)
\$200	Peggy Justice and Mike & Barbara Sobota (10.29.2008)

May all generous parishioners, friends and benefactors be rewarded in good health and heavenly bliss.

Building Project Update

Donations toward the Building Project

Donations to the Building Project during September 2008: \$30,428

Donations to the Building Project during October 2008: \$29,000

Generous Donors & Benefactors of this month toward the Building Project:

Donations Received	Item Sponsored	Donor's Name & Date
\$400	Foundation	Altmeyer Funeral Home (10.24.2008)
\$1,000	Alexandrite	Catherine Arthur (10.25.2008)
\$101		50/50 Raffle – Women Society Fundraising (10.26.2008)
\$50	Memorial	In Memory of Betty Joseph by Patti Smith (10.28.2008)
\$50	Memorial	In Memory of Betty Joseph by Eugene Jebbia & Robyn Ruttenberg (10.29.2008)
\$20	Memorial	In Memory of Betty Joseph by Mickey & Linda Duffy (10.29.2008)

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Our Lady of Lebanon Community Calendar

Sunday, November 2	“Wine & Kisses” Gift Basket Drawing – <i>after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>
Sun.-Fri., Nov. 2 to 7	Week of All Souls Masses
Friday, November 7	Preparation of Hall for the Dedication – <i>beginning at 9 a.m.</i>
Saturday, November 8	Dedication and Reception – <i>5 p.m. to 8 p.m.</i>
Sunday, November 9	Dedication and Reception – <i>11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</i>
Monday, November 10	Cedar Club Meeting – <i>7 p.m.</i>
Sat.-Sun., Nov. 15 & 16	Cedar Club Pre-Holiday Sale – <i>10 a.m. to 6 p.m.</i>
Sunday, November 23	Women’s Society Meeting – <i>after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>
Sunday, November 30	Women’s Society 50/50 Building Fund Raffle Drawing – <i>after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>
Sunday, December 7	Parish Christmas Party – <i>5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome</i>
Sunday, December 7	Cedar Club YMCA Raffle Drawing
Sunday, December 14	Parish Children’s Christmas Party – <i>11:30 a.m.</i>
Sunday, December 28	Women’s Society 50/50 Building Fund Raffle Drawing – <i>after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>

All Saints Feast Day (Saturday, November 1st)

All Souls Feast Day (Sunday, November 2nd)

Gift Basket Raffle Drawings (Sunday, November 2; December 21)

“Wine & Kisses” is the theme for the Gift Basket Raffle (on goldenrod paper). The drawing will be held following Mass on Sunday, November 2. (**Note: This date has been changed to avoid detracting from the Dedication of our new Building Project.**) This gift basket will contain 6 bottles of wine: *Bolla Valpolicella, Turning Leaf Pinot Noir, Debanne’ Riesling, Mogen David Concord, Robert Mondavi Woodbridge Merlot and Bolla Bardolino* (donated by Carol Dougherty, Sandra Dusick, Kay Garvey, Anna Jalad, Charlotte Khourey and Mary Thomas) *and assorted Hershey “Kisses.”*

A "Christmas Gift Basket" will be the theme for our next Gift Basket Raffle (on cherry paper). The drawing will be held following Mass on Sunday, December 21. This basket will contain: Riunite, Christmas towel, Christmas ornament, 2 Christmas picture frames, and much more. ??

The Gift Baskets Raffle is sponsored by the Women's Society and tickets are available now at \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Or, if you want a better bargain, **triple your chances of winning and send in 18 ticket stubs at one time for only \$10.00** (3 sheets of tickets) at the church entrance, in our weekly Bulletin and at our upcoming Spaghetti Dinner (or call the church office at 233-1688 or call Kay at 232-0492).

Buy or sell the tickets, and return the completed stubs as soon as possible in the collection or by mail to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Please write: Gift Basket Raffle on the "Memo" line if you pay by check (or write it on the envelope if you return your payment in the weekly collection). Look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

For more information, contact the church office at (304) 233-1688. Your generosity and cooperation enhances our Church. Congratulations to August "Pamper Yourself" Gift Basket winners: Mary Custer won 1st Prize; Pam Gary won 2nd Prize.

Helpers Needed to Prepare for the Dedication (Friday, Nov. 7, at 9 a.m.)

Men and women are asked to come to the Cedar Hall on Friday, November 7th, at 9 a.m. to help prepare for the Dedication of our new building addition. We will be setting up the hall and making other preparations for the weekend reception. If you can help during the Dedication, please call Carol at 1-740-782-0146.

Dedication Date (Saturday & Sunday, November 8 & 9)

Our Bishop, Most Rev. Bishop Robert Shaheen of Saint Louis, Missouri, will dedicate our building project on the **weekend of November 8 & 9**. Our humble bishop likes simplicity in all events. He will celebrate the Masses on Saturday and Sunday of that weekend. Following both Masses, a reception will welcome all donors and parishioners to gather in the Cedar Hall to greet the Bishop and enjoy the hall. There will be no formal schedule of events because the Cedar Hall cannot accommodate seating for more than 160 guests at one time. Simplicity makes beauty.

Cedar Club Meeting (Monday, November 10, at 7 p.m.)

The Cedar Club will hold its next meeting on Monday, November 10th, at 7 p.m. Hostesses for the evening are Susan and Cecilia John. Come and enjoy the parish fellowship.

Pre-Holiday Sale (Saturday & Sunday, November 15 & 16)

The Cedar Club is sponsoring a Pre-Holiday Sale on Saturday and Sunday, November 15 and 16, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Cedar Hall. There will be gifts items for the holiday or other occasions... gifts for sale of all kind – large or small. A bake sale will be in progress along with sandwiches, chips, soft drinks and coffee. Come over either before or after Mass and help make this event a success.

PS.: Our thank you in advance to anyone willing to bake or donate an item such as fudge, cookies, pies, cakes, breads, etc., for the bake goods table. All goodies can be dropped off on Friday, November 14th, from noon to 5:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall or call Linda Duffy at 242-6853 or Luane Frazier at 242-7437 to make other arrangements.

Monthly 50/50 Building Fund Raffle (Drawing: Sunday, November 30)

The Women's Society continues to sponsor the Monthly 50/50 Building Fund Raffle. Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Proceeds will benefit the Building Fund.

The drawing –from entries received **from the November tickets** (printed on green paper) provided at the church entrance and in the weekly church bulletin– will take place in the Social Hall following Mass on **Sunday, November 30**.

Buy or sell the tickets, and return the completed stubs as soon as possible in the collection or mail to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Please write as "Memo": 50/50 Raffle. For more information or additional tickets, contact the church office at (304) 233-1688.

Congratulations to the October 50/50 winner of \$100: Nancy Joseph who donated her prize to the Sanctuary Painting Fund.

Special Thanks from all the members of the Women's Society to every one of you who weekly or monthly support Our Lady of Lebanon Church by purchasing chances on the two raffles we sponsor: the 50/50 Monthly Raffles and the occasional Gift Basket Raffles. Since we began sponsoring these fundraising raffles in October of 2002, Fr. Bakhos accounts reflect that the Women's Society has raised \$16,422 and donated all this amount toward the new kitchen equipment in the new hall. Many people who won cash prizes also donated their prize back to the building project, the poor box or made some other type of contribution from their winnings. Special thanks goes to Mary Lish who initiated the raffles at our October meeting that year. Even the smallest donations have increased many times over to help make these improvements for our church. Your generosity and support through the years has improved our Church tremendously. We could not have had this success without YOU! May the Blessed Mother reward you manifold and we ask for your continued support.

Women's Society November Meeting (Sunday, November 23, after 10:30 a.m. Mass)

Plan to join the Women's Society at our November meeting to finalize plans for our Parish Christmas Party and the Children's Christmas Party as well as other upcoming events. Everyone is welcome to join.

YMCA Raffle Drawing Date Changed (Drawing Moved to Sunday, December 7)

The Cedar Club has changed the date of the drawing for the YMCA 1-Year Membership Raffle to Sunday, December 7th. For more information, call Linda Duffy at 242-6853.

Parish Christmas Party at Our New Hall (Sunday, December 7, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.)

Set aside the date and plan to attend our Christmas Party here at Our Lady of Lebanon Church in our new Cedar Hall on Sunday, December 7th. The ever-popular singer **George Suhon** will provide the evening's entertainment and everyone in attendance will be entered for Door Prizes. (Women's Society members may bring Door Prizes any time and leave them at the church office.)

All parishioners and guests are welcome to attend and join together for a great time! The menu will be: *Baked Steak, Mashed Red-skinned Potatoes, Gourmet Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls & Butter, a choice of Pies for Dessert and Beverage.*

Tickets are only \$10.00 each for the complete meal, entertainment and door prizes. If you have not paid or made a reservation to be included in the fun and festivities yet, call the church office at 233-1688 or contact Sandra Dusick at 232-7395.

Reservations should be made by Sunday, November 30th, to guarantee that enough food may be ordered. Be sure checks are made payable to Our Lady of Lebanon church and clearly marked "Christmas Party" on the Memo Line of your check. Please include the names of each person attending (needed for the table setting). Join us to celebrate this year of blessings in our new Cedar Hall.

Children's Christmas Party (after Mass on Sunday, December 14)

The Women's Society invites all parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church to bring their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to the Children's Christmas Party planned for Sunday, December 14th, following 10:30 am Mass. Santa will come to the party to visit with each child.

Happy Birthday

November 4:	Kenneth Joseph, Libby G. Magnone, Dalton Haas
November 6:	William Sterling
November 8:	Staci Duffy, Mark Wilson
November 9:	Elizabeth A. Magnone
November 13:	Rosella Saseen
November 15:	Rena Bratton
November 18:	Emily Vince, Rose Vargo
November 19:	Elizabeth Olako

November 20: Larry Breiding
 November 22: Cecilia John
 November 26: Mary Lish

Please Pray For Vocations To The Priesthood

Lord, you commissioned your apostles to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Call and send many candidates to the priesthood and religious life that they may be a sign of your light to the world. The *Maronite Servants of Christ the Light* invite young women to discern a vocation to religious life. Visit our website at maroniteservants.org.

Do You Have a Vocation to the Priesthood?

The Office of Vocations along with the Seminary are pleased to announce the second *Discernment Weekend*, which will take place, November 14, 15 and 16 of this year at our seminary in Washington, D.C. Rev. Beggiani along with the Seminarians will provide those who attend with a very positive experience. If anyone feels having a vocation to the priesthood, please contact Fr. Bakhos for more information. The seminary will accommodate all candidates. Deadline for registration is November 5th.

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently In Your Prayers:

Sam Elias, Betty Shia, John Shibben, Jean Weekly, Catherine Arthur

Also please pray for those who asked us to pray for them:

John John, Laura Wellman, Bonnie Shaw, Lucia Shinsky, Rose Vargo, Amy Dunbar, Gene Singleton (Parkersburg), Chelsea Bleifus, Jean Weisner, Rosella Saseen, Josephine Joseph, Jerry Saseen, Laura Hunter, Susan Herbst (MN), Edward Khoury, Jim & Judy Miller, Lucille Gibbons, Mary Piko, Paul Schuler, Louis John, Mike Sobota, John John, Shipley Shipley, Theresa Sofka, Joe Linton, Marion & Laura Wellman, Bernard Olako, Kathy Siebieda (daughter of our architect), Andy Kaminski (San Diego), Martha Ruggiero and her son Philip, Ervin Splatt (WI), Debbie Laughlin (Columbus), Jennie Bedway (PA), Virginia Khourey Bryan (aunt of Lou Khourey) (Toledo, OH), Mary Ryncarz (Shadyside, OH), Manell Brice (Arlington, VA), Rose Mary Bris-Roybal (Albuquerque, NM), Clara Joseph-Malone (Josephine Joseph's daughter), John Vawter and his mother (brother and mother of Dr. Rob Vawter)

Your Church Support Last Week

1,118	Collection
326	Utilities
56	Candles
1500	Building Fund
20	Parking
100	Donation to Church
66	Refunds
3,186.00	Total. May God reward you many fold

What's New?

Parish Condolences: Betty Joseph

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the **Joseph** family on the loss of their beloved **Betty** who passed away in Wheeling, **last Friday, October 24th**. Fr. Bakhos celebrated the Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Church on Monday, October 27th, at 10:00 a.m. The choir of the church served the Mass and the Women's Society served the Mercy Meal at

the Cedar Hall in our church after the interment. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid **Betty** and we extend the parish's condolences to *her* Family in their time of sorrow.

Our Lady of Lebanon Church is so grateful to **Betty's** family for directing all memorial contributions toward the new Building Project funds. May *her* Memory be eternal. AMEN

Many Thanks

Many Thanks to Bob & Fran Saseen for donating a wheelchair for the side entrance of the church. Physically challenged parishioners and guests will use it when entering the church premises from their cars. May the Blessed Mother reward you with good health and long life.

Thanks also to...

Christine Faulkner who donated additional toys and prizes for the Children's Booth at our 2009 Mahrajan. May the Blessed Mother reward you for your generosity.

Papal Blessing for Your Wedding Anniversary

If you need an original decorative and beautiful Papal Blessing on the occasion of your 25th, 50th, or ...th Wedding Anniversary, ask Fr. Bakhos who obtains it for you directly from Rome with the photo of the Pope on it via his friends at the Archdiocese of Minnesota.

Renew Your Bulletin Ad for 2009

If you need to purchase an ad on the back of our popular weekly bulletin, please contact the church office at 233-1688 to see if any spot is available.

2009 Bulletin Mail Subscription Now Due

If you are unable to attend the church and wish to receive the Weekly Bulletin by mail, please send \$50 to cover the cost of mailing it to you throughout the year 2009.

Spirituality

Fr. Bakhos is willing to enhance the spiritual life in the parish. The day of the week and time is flexible: For Please call Fr. Bakhos at 233-1688 to register for the following: Bible Study, First Communion Class (age 7 or older), Confirmation Class (ages 12-15). Classes will start if enough candidates are interested.

Endowment Fund to Keep Our Church Open and Alive

Enroll yourself with the benefactors in the daily Mass intentions

Fr. Bakhos, on behalf of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, will establish an Endowment Fund CD account to support and maintain our church for the years to come. Many parishioners –mainly those who have no one to inherit their property or money– are willing to donate all or part of their assets to the church. These earmarked donations will be saved in the Endowment Fund. Only the yearly interest will be withdrawn and spent to pay for church utilities and general maintenance. We understand that some members of our community cannot support our church as they would like to because of the need to retain funds for their retirement years. But after their death, their donation will bring stability and security to the church in the long run for its future. All benefactors will be enrolled in the daily Mass offering.

Please put it in writing in your will as Fr. Eugene Jacobs did. The following is suggested wording:

(I, , hereby give, devise and bequeath the sum of \$..... (or specify described real or personal property) to the Church of Our Lady of Lebanon, a non-profit organization located at 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. I want my donation to be deposited in the Endowment Fund account designated to maintain and support the church. I also wish to be enrolled as benefactor in the daily Mass intentions.)

Special Contributions at the End of the Year

Please consider a special year-end tax deductible gift to your church this year. During the last few years, all donations toward the building project have made the difference. Without your generosity we would not be enjoying our new facility now. Please be one of the donors and gain build treasures for yourself in heaven. May the Lord God reward you one hundred fold.

Poor Box

Please consider sharing your blessings with the brothers and sisters of Christ who knock at our door daily. Many people in the area need assistance in many ways. Some are in dire need some are not, but 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. Fr. Bakhos is using his judgment to help the poor on your behalf and asks each of them to pray for you.

In Our Mailbox

Dear Fr. Bakhos, "Thank you for your beautiful letter and for keeping all the family in your prayers as you are in ours. I love the bulletin and my profound thanks to all who work in it. Enclosed also is another check, this one is for \$500.00 for our church's building expenses. Gratefully, Manell Brice, Arlington, VA"

Around Us

Shadow Days at Lyceum Preparatory School (Tuesdays, November 4th & 11th)

The Lyceum Preparatory School will welcome students for "Shadow Days" on Tuesdays, Nov. 4th and 11th. Students who are interested in the school and wish to "shadow" current students through an average day of classes are encouraged to call the school at 232-8088 for more info. and to make arrangements for the visit.

World Community Day Luncheon (Friday, November 7, at Noon)

What: Church Women United World Community Day
Topic: Prison Ministry with speaker Donna Berka
Where: Salvation Army Church, 3333 Eoff Street, Wheeling
Reservations: by November 3 with Peggy Blatt at 242-7683, or Doris Mitchell at 238-0166

St. Al's Variety Show 2008 – Hit Parade (Friday- Saturday, November 7-8, 8 p.m.)

Where: OVMC Nurses' Auditorium. Cost: \$5 for Adults; \$4 for Seniors & Children under 12
Info: Call Jo Ann McKee at 232-2897 or Roe Henry at 232-2985

Boatsie to Send Christmas Stockings (Due: Sunday, November 9, at OLOL)

Brighten the day for our solders in Iraq and Afghanistan. Send a donation or buy a 13-inch to 19-inch red felt stocking and fill it (with items ranging from \$20-\$25 each). Then slip stitch or safety pin the top closed. Please attach an envelope with \$1.00 to help with shipping costs and return stockings to Our Lady of Lebanon Church by Sunday, November 9 (or to Boatsie at 33 Forest Hills Drive, Wheeling, by November 10th). Items to include: A personal note, letter or card of encouragement; food (chocolate Christmas candy, candy canes, hot chocolate packages, apple cider mix, slim jims, gummy candy, Twizzlers, gum, trail mix, dried fruit, life savers); Games (yo-yo's, small vinyl/Nerf/novelty balls, hacky-sacks, playing cards); Travel Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, wet wipes, hand sanitizers, chap stick, tissues); Clothing (black or white crew socks size L or XL); Other items (AT&T 120 minute phone cards, AA & AAA batteries).

- 1- Helpers are needed at the WV National Guard Facility to stuff donated items into stockings on Saturday, November 8th, beginning at 9 a.m. For information or to volunteer, call Janell Loh at (304) 243-0675. Additional information is on their web site www.boatsie.com

Maronites = Catholics of the East

History of the Maronites (29)

The Maronite Church, an Eastern Catholic Church in communion with Rome, has a history reaching back to the fifth century. The monks of the monastery of St. Maron, from which the Church takes her name, were fierce opponents of the Monophysite heresy who learned to be independent during the violent theological struggle. At one point, the Monophysites killed three hundred fifty monks loyal to the teachings of the council of Chalcedon. Correspondence of the time between St. Maron and Pope Hormisdas reveals that Rome recognized a degree of autonomy among the Maronites even then.

In the seventh century, during the conflict with the Arabs, the patriarchs of Antioch moved to Constantinople and were appointed by the emperor, thus leaving the Chalcedonians in Syria without a patriarch. In response, the monks of St. Maron and other local bishops elected the first Maronite patriarch in 685. By the mid-eighth century, most Maronites had moved to Lebanon and established a tightly-knit Christian society presided over even in temporal affairs by the patriarch. The Crusades brought the Maronites into direct contact with the West, and in 1215 the Maronite patriarch participated in the Fourth Lateran Council and later received the pallium from Pope Innocent III.

From that time on, ties have been very strong between the Maronites and Rome, leading to a degree of Latinization of this Oriental Church. The use of the Aramaic language, however, has been retained in the Maronite Liturgy.

Because of constant political turmoil and intermittent war with Muslims, many Maronites have left Lebanon. The Maronite patriarch still resides in [Lebanon] but has jurisdiction over dioceses in Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Australia, Brazil and the United States.

Story: Welcome to Hell

This is a great glimpse of reality.

While walking down the street one day, a US senator is tragically hit by a truck and dies. His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance.

'Welcome to heaven,' says St. Peter. 'Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you.'

'No problem, just let me in,' says the senator.

'Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in hell and one day in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity.'

Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in heaven,' says the senator.

'I'm sorry, but we have our rules.'

And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him.

Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. They run to greet him, shake his hand and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the common people. They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne.

Also present is the devil – really a very friendly guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it is time to go.

Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises.... The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him. 'Now it's time to visit heaven.'

So, 24 hours pass with the senator joining a group of contented souls floating from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time, and, before he realizes it, the 24 hour have gone by and St. Peter returns.

'Well, then, you've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity.' The senator reflects for a minute, then answers: 'Well, I would never have said it before, I mean heaven has been delightful and all, but I think I would be happier in hell.'

So St. Peter escorts him down to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell.

Now the doors of the elevator open and he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage. He sees all his friends dressed in rags picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more trash falls from above.

The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder.

'I don't understand,' stammers the senator. 'Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne and danced and had a great time. Now there's nothing but a wasteland full of garbage and all of my friends look miserable. What happened?'

The devil looks at him, smiles and says.....

'Yesterday we were campaigning. Today you voted!!' WELCOME TO HELL!

Joke (513)

We All Manufacture

We are all manufacturers – some make good, others make trouble..., and still others make excuses.

Age-Old Bargain

A woman was more athletically inclined than her husband and frequently engaged in biking, canoeing, and other strenuous activities. Several years ago, when her husband was sixty, he came inside after a day of yard work and collapsed into his favorite easy chair, bemoaning the aches and pains of his advancing age.

Attempting to comfort him, the woman reminded her husband that when they were newlyweds, they had looked forward to growing old together.

"Yes," he replied, "but you haven't kept your end of the bargain."

Far-Reaching Weight Loss

A doctor recommended a way to lose weight to his patient-run five miles a day for the next hundred days and lose fifty pounds. One hundred days later, the patient called his doctor and complained that he did not like this weight-loss program.

The doctor asked the patient if he had lost fifty pounds.

The patient said that he had.

"So what's the problem?" asked the doctor.

The patient answered, "The problem is that I am five hundred miles from home."

Working Out Revenge

Those who are "workout-challenged" can take comfort in the fact that every five minutes of every single day someone in an exercise class pulls a muscle.

The Folly of Fitness

--My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was sixty. She's ninety-seven now, and we don't know where she is.

--The only reason I would take up jogging is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

--I joined a health club last year. Spent about four hundred bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to show up.

--I have to exercise in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

--I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

--I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

--The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.

--If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

-- I don't jog. It makes the ice jump right out of my glass.