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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Birth of St. John the Baptist

***Weekday Masses:** Mondays and Wednesdays: No Mass. Pastor's office work.
Tuesdays and Thursday at 12:00 Noon [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]
Fridays: No Mass. Pastoral visitations.

- ***Confession:** Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment
- ***Baptism:** Please call the Pastor as soon as baby is born; at least one Godparent must be Catholic
- ***Weddings:** Please make arrangements at least **six** months in advance before any other plans are made
- ***Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Pastor at 304-233-1688
- ***Parish Council:** Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad
- ***Choir Members:** Lou Khourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Holly Stahl
- ***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer
- ***Altar Server:** Earl Duffy and Joe Roxby
- ***Altar Boy:** Christopher AlKhouri
- ***Cedar Club:** Linda Duffy, President
- ***Women's Society:** Jeannette Wakim, President



- ***Bulletin Announcements:** Submit all Bulletin Information to Msgr. Bakhos by Noon on Tuesday every week
- ***New Parishioners:** We welcome you with great joy & invite you to officially register as one of our parishioners
- ***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven

Birth of St. John the Baptist

Readings: 1 Sam 1:9-11; Gal 4:21-5:1 and Lk 1:57-66

Following the close parallel which St. Luke establishes between Jesus and John the Baptizer in his infancy narrative, the liturgy also celebrates two births: the birth of the Messiah at the winter solstice, and the birth of the Precursor at the summer solstice. This clearly shows the importance given to John the baptizer.

He is a strange destiny. On the one hand, a saintly intolerance of the things of this earth. "He shall drink neither wine nor any strong drink." Yet also, hand in hand with this rugged austerity, an intense spiritual joy. Twice in his life he trembles with joy: in his mother's womb, and when as a grown man, he points to the Messiah. Until he has found him he remains "The voice crying in the wilderness", that arena of spiritual warfare between a fallen world and the kingdom which is to come. God speaks in hearts which have abandoned all else.

In the desert regions along the Jordan, John rises up 'In the spirit and power of Elijah', as the great preacher of judgment. With his burning words and his baptism in water, he is to bring back the sons of the covenant to the Lord their God, before the deluge of fire. He is therefore the great successor of Noah whose primeval judgment by water foreshadowed the final judgment and foretold the waters of baptism which save us from impending retribution.

But more than all that, John appears as the friend who brings the bride to the bridegroom, and then goes quietly away. He turns all hearts towards Jesus. Then, eager to decrease so that Jesus may increase, he chooses to be forgotten and abandoned. Is not this the passion which makes manifest the extent of his faith and perfects the identification between servant and master?

This Weekend, Dec 3-4: Birth of St. John the Baptist

Saturday, December 3 at 4:00 p.m.: (Christmas Novena after Communion)

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, December 4 at 10:30 a.m.: (Christmas Novena after Communion)

- ✠ Cathy Sharp Howard (Birthday) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Living & Deceased of the Duffy and Fadoul Families by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Siham Frenn (Anniversary) by Dr. Adel, Diane, Justin and Zack & Andrea Riedel

Next Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, December 5: No Mass. Pastor day off.

Tuesday, December 6: Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Wednesday, December 7: No Mass. Office work

Thursday, December 8: Mass at Noon: Immaculate Conception Feast Day

- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

Friday, December 9: No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

Next Weekend, Dec 10-11: Revelation to St. Joseph

Saturday, December 10: Mass at 4:00 p.m.: (Christmas Novena after Communion)

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, December 11: Mass at 10:30 a.m.: (Christmas Novena after Communion)

- ✠ Intentions of the Benefactors and Volunteers of our church
 ✠ Deceased of our parishioners

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 13 th	OLOL Women's Society Meeting after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday, December 18 th	Drawing for the Winner of the Women's Society 50/50 Raffle
Sunday, December 18 th Msgr. Bakhos 31 st Anniversary	Msgr. Bakhos will celebrate his 31 st Anniversary to the Priesthood on Sunday, December 18 th . He was ordained in Sydney, Australia on December 21 st , 1991. He has served our church for 21 years.

Christmas Poinsettias in Memory of:

Please donate toward decorating the altar with poinsettias during Christmas. Every poinsettia cost \$25.00

- ✠ Louis N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr. & Gladys Howard by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family
- ✠ In Memory of Leslie & Jerry Jr. by Jerry McGlumphy
- ✠ In Memory of Tom Ferris by his daughter Denise Ferris
- ✠ In Memory of Mary K. Ferris by her daughter Denise Ferris
- ✠ In Memory of Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt and Family
- ✠ In Memory of Ray, Sara, Nick & Gary McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ In Memory Elias & Selma Joseph Family by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ In Memory John & Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ In Honor of Mary Lish
- ✠ In Memory of Rita Strawn by Rex Strawn
- ✠ In Memory of the Strawn & Thomas Families by Rex Strawn
- ✠ In Memory of Danny & Milley Manners by NiNi Miller
- ✠ In Memory of Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Joseph & Weisner Families
- ✠ In Honor of Frank, Anna Marie and Michael Duymich
- ✠ In Memory of the Wakim Family by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- ✠ In Memory of the Yeater Family by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- ✠ In Memory of the AlKhouri & AlAhmar Families by Dr Alkhouri and Family
- ✠ In Memory of my husband Rick Frazier by his wife Luane Frazier & my mother Cecilia Ann Murad
- ✠ In Memory of Ralph & Mary Joseph Shipley & Deceased Family by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ In Memory of Phillip Geimer by his wife Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ In Memory of Adboo and Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Patty Saseen Connell
- ✠ In Memory of the Saseen and Schlog Families mainly Bob by Fran Saseen
- ✠ In Memory of Shirley Elias Nickerson and Deceased Members of the elias Family by Tammy Strong
- ✠ In Honor of Ron Weisner

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- December 7: Christina Committee Zdilla
 December 12: Lou Khourey
 December 19: Chris Wakim
 December 21: Millet C. Faddoul Jr.
 December 22: Millet C. Fadoul
 December 25: Shelly Hancher
 December 27: Luke Lenz, Jay Murad
 December 29: Jeff Bentz

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,045.00	Sunday Collection
220.00	Bake sale

360.00	Bulletin Ads
53.00	Candles
41.00	Coffee Hour
90.00	Christmas Dinner
50.00	Donation to the church
225.00	Christmas poinsettias
90.00	Raffles
20.00	Festival (T-Shirt sale)
\$2,194.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy, Susan Burns, Liz Murad

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

(Note: Please call Msgr. Bakhos if you need your name added to our Prayer List. HIPPA regulations)

Julia Schiess (FL) daughter of Leo Bleifus, (Renee Beabout (daughter of Marge John), Mary Stees, Rex Strawn, Viola J. Yeater (mother of Jeannette Wakim), Mary Thomas, Jack Hogan (infant son of Mark & Michaela Hogan & great nephew of Lou Khourey), Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, John Shiben, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),

What's New?

Condolences: Chamse Rahi

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the **Rahi** Family on the loss of their beloved **Chamse** who passed away in Wheeling. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Church on **Saturday, December 3**. The choir of the church served the funeral Mass. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid and we extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow.

Bulletin Ad Page

We are preparing the ad page at the back of our weekly bulletin. It is a good way to advertise your business and to support the church in defraying the cost of printing the bulletins. Please call Msgr Bakhos if you would like to place a personal or business ad. Cost is \$120.00 for a single space ad for the entire year. You can purchase more adjacent ads.

Two Raffles Offered by OLOL Women's Society *(See dates below)*

A **Thanksgiving Gift Basket Raffle Drawing** has been scheduled for **Sunday, November, 20**, by the Women's Society. It contains over 30 items including: 3 Gift Certificates totaling \$110, 3 bottles of wine, a set of 4 hand painted glasses, several kitchen items, fall and Thanksgiving decorations, table decorations, baking items, etc.

Also, a **50/50 Raffle Drawing** has been scheduled for **Sunday, December 18**.

You should receive chances in the mail for both raffles or pick up a **Gold** copy for the **Gift Basket Raffle** or a **Green** copy for the **50/50 Raffle** at the back of our church.

Please be sure to complete and return the completed stubs your donation for the chances to our church by the deadlines listed above. Chances are \$1.00 for one; \$5.00 for 6; or \$10 for all 18 of the same raffle.

Mahrajan Update *(Sunday, August 13, 2023)*

Next year's date:

Next year we will celebrate our 90th Lebanese Festival (Mahrajan) at Oglebay Park on Sunday, August 13, 2023.

Mahrajan Mailing List:

If you have a friend or know someone who would be interested in receiving correspondence about next year's Festival, please submit their addresses to Msgr. Bakhos.

Spirituality: On the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fulgens Corona

His Holiness Pope Pius XII

Encyclical Proclaiming a Marian Year, September 8, 1953 (*continued*)

16. Wherefore, right from ancient Church times, this tenet of doctrine both among pastors and in the minds and hearts of the people became daily more illustrious and more widespread. The writings of the Fathers bear witness to it; the Councils and the acts of the Roman Pontiffs declare it; and, finally, the ancient liturgies, in whose oldest sacred books this feast is mentioned as traditional, testify to it.

17. And even among all the communities of Oriental Christians which long since have broken away from the unity of the Catholic Church, there were not wanting, nor are there wanting, those who, although animated by prejudices and wrong opinions, have embraced this doctrine and celebrate annually the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception; which would undoubtedly not be so, had they not received this doctrine from ancient times, before they were cut off from the one fold.

18. It is therefore, a pleasure for us, a full century having passed since the Pontiff of immortal memory, Pius IX, solemnly proclaimed this singular privilege of the Virgin Mother of God, to summarize the whole doctrinal position and conclude in these words of the same Pontiff, asserting that this doctrine "vouched for in Sacred Scripture according to the interpretation of the Fathers, is handed down by them in so many of their important writings, is expressed and celebrated in so many illustrious monuments of renowned antiquity, and proposed and confirmed by the greatest and highest decision of the Church" (Bull *Ineffabilis Deus*), so that to pastors and faithful there is nothing "more sweet, nothing dearer than to worship, venerate, invoke and praise with ardent affection the Mother of God conceived without stain of original sin. (*Ibidem.*)

19. But that most precious gem with which, one hundred years ago, the sacred diadem of the Blessed Virgin was adorned, seems to Us today to shine with brighter light, since by Divine providence it fell to Our lot, toward the close of the Jubilee Year of 1950--We recall it with gratitude-- to define that the Mother of God was assumed body and soul into Heaven; and thus to satisfy the wishes of the faithful, which had been more urgently expressed after the solemn definition of the Immaculate Conception. For then, as we Ourselves wrote in the apostolic letter *Munificentissimus Deus* (AAS, 42: 754) "the faithful were moved by a certain more ardent hope that the dogma also of the corporal Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven should be defined as soon as possible by the supreme magisterium of the Church."

20. Henceforth, it seems that the faithful can with greater and better reason turn their minds and hearts to the mystery of the Immaculate Conception. For the two dogmas are intimately connected in close bond. And now that the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven has been promulgated and shown in its true light--that is, as the crowning and complement of the prior privilege bestowed upon her--there emerge more fully and more clearly the wonderful wisdom and harmony of the Divine plan, by which God wishes the most blessed Virgin Mary to be free from all stain of original sin. (*To be continued in the next bulletin*)

Wisdom: Do You Think you know everything?

DO YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING?

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.

A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

A snail can sleep for three years.

Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds. Dogs only have about 10.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

If the population of China walked past you, in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

If you are an average American, in your whole life, you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights. It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "lollipop" with your right.

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious."

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks; otherwise it will digest itself.

...Now you do know everything (*or Almost!*)

Story: A miracle gave me chills

One afternoon, a couple was traveling on the road when all of a sudden at a far distance they saw woman in the middle of the road asking them to stop.

Far in the distance, the wife told her husband to keep on driving because it might be too dangerous, but the husband decided to pass by slowly so he wouldn't stay with the doubt on his mind of what might have happened and the chances of anyone being hurt.

As they got closer, they noticed a woman with cuts and bruises on her face as well as on her arms. They then decide to stop and see if they could be of any help. The cut and bruised woman was begging for help telling them that she had been in a car accident and that her husband and son, a new born baby, were still inside the car which was in a deep ditch. She told them that the husband was already dead but that her baby seemed to still be alive.

Down in the Ditch, the husband that was traveling decided to get down and try to rescue the baby and he asked the hurt woman to stay with his wife inside their car.

When he got down he noticed two people in the front seats of the car, but he didn't pay any importance to it and took out the baby quickly and got up to take the baby to it's mother.

Where did she go? When he got up, he didn't see the mother anywhere so he asked his wife where she had gone. She told him that the woman followed him back to the crashed car. The man decided to go look for the woman, he noticed that clearly the two people in the front seats were dead; a woman and a man with both their seatbelts on. When he looked closer, he noticed that it was the exact same woman that was begging them for help in the beginning.

Do you think that it was a miracle of God? The Baby now lives with family members and he will live to tell the story.

A Time To Laugh (39)

Human Nature

Two game-hunters were involved in a lawsuit against each other. One of them asked his lawyer if it wouldn't be a good idea to send the judge a brace of partridges. The lawyer was horrified. "This judge prides himself on his incorruptibility," he said. "A gesture like this will have just the opposite effect from the one you intend."

After the case was over -and won- the man invited his lawyer to dinner and thanked him for the advice concerning the partridges. "I did send them to the judge, you know," he said, "on behalf of our opponent."

Oooooooooooooooooops!

A state trooper spied a car pattering along at 22 MPH. So he turned on his lights and pulled the driver over. Approaching the car, he noticed that five old ladies were inside, and they looked wide-eyed and terribly pale. The driver pleaded with him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?" "Ma'am," the officer replies, "You weren't speeding, but driving slower than the speed limit can also be dangerous." "I beg to differ, sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly: twenty-two miles an hour!" the old woman said. The State Police officer, chuckling, explained to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... Is everyone in this car, ok? These women seem awfully shaken," the officer asked. "Oh! they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119."

The Loving Husband

Several men are in the locker room of a golf club. A cell phone on a bench rings and a man engages the hands free speaker-function and begins to talk. Everyone else in the room stops to listen.

MAN: "Hello." WOMAN: "Honey, it's me. Are you at the club?"

MAN: "Yes" WOMAN: "I am at the mall now and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$1,000. Is it OK if I buy it?"

MAN: "Sure, ...go ahead if you like it that much." WOMAN: "I also stopped by the Mercedes dealership and saw the new 2003 models. I saw one I really liked."

MAN: "How much?" WOMAN: "\$60,000"

MAN: "OK, but for that price I want it with all the options." WOMAN: "Great! Oh, and one more thing.... The house we wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking \$950,000."

MAN: "Well, then go ahead and give them an offer, but just offer \$900,000."

WOMAN: "OK. I'll see you later! I love you!" MAN: "Bye, I love you, too."

The man hangs up. The other men in the locker room are looking at him in astonishment.

Then he asks: "Anyone know who this phone belongs to?"

Spirituality

Buddha was once threatened with death by a bandit called Angulimal. "Then be good enough to fulfill my dying wish," said Buddha. "Cut off the branch of that tree." One slash of the sword, and it was done! "What now?" asked the bandit. "Put it back again," said Buddha.

The bandit laughed, "You must be crazy to think that anyone can do that."

"On the contrary, it is you who are crazy to think that you are mighty because you can wound and destroy. That is the task of children. The mighty know how to create and heal."

Famous Quotes (39)

- Better to write for yourself and have no public, than to write for the public and have no self. --Cyril Connolly
- I write for myself and strangers. The strangers, dear Readers, are an afterthought. --Gertrude Stein
- I think it's bad to talk about one's present work, for it spoils something at the root of the creative act. It discharges the tension. --Norman Mailer
- The greatest thing in style is to have a command of metaphor. --Aristotle
- Make 'em laugh; make 'em cry; make 'em wait. --Charles Reade
- Once in seven years I burn all my sermons; for it is a shame if I cannot write better sermons now than I did seven years ago. --John Wesley
- When we see a natural style we are quite amazed and delighted, because we expected to see an author and find a man. --Blaise Pascal
- Nothing goes by luck in composition. It allows of no tricks. The best you can write will be the best you are.
- Every sentence is the result of a long probation. The author's character is read from title-page to end. Of this he never corrects the proofs. --Henry David Thoreau
- It is better to suffer wrong than to do it, and happier to be sometimes cheated than not to trust. Samuel Johnson
- We ought never to do wrong when people are looking. Mark Twain
- The man who says, "I may be wrong, but does not believe there can be any such possibility. Kin Hubbard
- This is a youth-oriented society, and the joke is on them because youth is a disease from which we all recover. Anonymous
- It costs a great deal to be reasonable; it costs youth. Madame de La Fayette
- Don't laugh at a youth for his affectations; he's only trying on one face after another till he finds his own. Logan Pearsall Smith
- It is always self-defeating to pretend to the style of a generation younger than your own; it simply erases your own experience in history. Renata Adler
- Let no man despise your youth. 1 Timothy 4:12
- Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth. Ecclesiastes 12:1
- Youth is that period when a young boy knows everything but how to make a living. Carey Williams
- During the first period of a man's life the greatest danger is: not to take the risk. S. A. Kierkegaard
- One stops being a child when one realizes that telling one's trouble does not make it better. Cesare Pavese
- The denunciation of the young is a necessary part of the hygiene of older people, and greatly assists the circulation of the blood. Logan Pearsall Smith