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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Entrance to Lent Cana Sunday

- ***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 Kourey, Mary Stees, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad
- ***Choir Members:** Lou Kourey, 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

Cana Sunday

Readings: Is 55:1-13; Rom 14:14-23 and Jn 2:1-11

Let us together with his disciples follow the Lord as he goes there, so that seeing that which he is about to do, we may also with them believe in him. “AND THE WINE FAILING, THE MOTHER OF JESUS SAID TO HIM: THEY HAVE NO WINE.” She, most kind and compassionate, has pity on their embarrassment. But from that source of tenderness what could flow but compassion? What wonder, I say, if that compassionate heart should show such tender consideration? For should any one hold sweet smelling fruit in his hand for half the day, will not the fragrance of it linger there for the remaining half? How much therefore did the power of love effect that heart where he rested for nine months? And it filled her soul before it filled her womb: and leaving the womb it departed not from her heart.

The answer of our Lord could seem stern and unfeeling: but he knew to whom he was speaking: and who it was that spoke she also knew. And that you may know in what manner she received his answer, or how great was her confidence in the compassion of her son, she says: “DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU.”

Lent Observances 2023

Then to all Christ said, “Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps” (Lk 9:23).

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics. Accordingly, the Pope, the Patriarch, and the American bishops have outlined obligatory fasting and abstinence. Our Eparchial Regulations are:

- 1- Ash Monday (February 20, 2023) and Great Friday (Good) Friday (April 7, 2023) are days of abstinence for all Catholics over the age of 14. On these two days, fasting as well as abstinence is also obligatory for those from the ages of 18-59. Abstinence means abstinence from meat and meat products. Fasting means no food from midnight to noon, except for plain water. No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.
- 2- All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat (and meat products) for everyone 14 years of age and older. Here again, Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused.
- 3- If there is a serious health problem, the obligation of fasting and abstinence would not apply.
- 4- Fasting from midnight to noon daily is optional
- 5- We strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer, penance, and charitable assistance toward the less fortunate and needy.

This Weekend: Feb.18-19: Entrance into Lent (Cana Sunday)

Saturday, February 18 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will

✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

Sunday, February 19 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Gaby Hobeish (brother-in-law of Msgr Bakhos) by the Frenn Family

✠ John Shibben by John & Tulane Mensore

✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton

2022 Ash Distribution Schedule

Ash Monday, February 20:

12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

✠ John Shibben by John & Tulane Mensore

✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton

5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton

✠ John Shiben by Marion Drews

Tuesday, February 21 at Noon:

✠ Anton Matesic (Anniversary) by Rosalie Conti

✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will

✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

Ash Wednesday, February 22:

12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

✠ John Shiben by John & Tulane Mensore

✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Thursday, February 23 at Noon:

✠ Judith Wolfe (Anniversary) by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone

✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Friday, February 24 at 5:30 p.m.:

Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and light dinner sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. Nabil Alkhouri

✠ Living & Deceased of Dr. Nabil & Nisrine AlKhouri

✠ John Shiben by William and Mary Beth Yeager

✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Next Weekend: Feb. 25-26: Sunday of the Leper

Saturday, February 25 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ John Shiben by Marion Drews

✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

Sunday, February 26 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Bryan Joseph by Cheryl & Dan Tucker and Family

✠ John Shiben by John & Tulane Mensore

✠ Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Stations of the Cross & Light Dinner (starting Friday, February 24)

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:30 p.m. Mass will be followed by the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Cross. The “*Stations of the Cross*” is a devotion which consists of following the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by recalling the fourteen prominent events that took place from the time of the trial under Pontius Pilate until His death and burial on Mount Calvary. Many Thanks to these generous families who sponsored light meatless dinners after the Stations of the Cross. If any other family wants to participate in the social hour, please ask and join the families listed below.

Date:	Volunteers Who Sponsor the Light Meals on Fridays during Lent:
1 st Friday, Feb. 24	Meal Sponsor: Dr. & Mrs Nabil Alkhouri
2 nd Friday, March 3	Meal Sponsors: Susan & Ron Burns
3 rd Friday, March 10	Meal Sponsors: Chris & Jeannette Wakim
4 th Friday, March 17	Meal Sponsor: Mary Stees and Libby Magnone
5 th Friday, March 24	Meal Sponsors: Liz & Jay Murad
6 th Friday, March 31	Meal Sponsor: George & Susan Saseen
Good Friday, April 7	Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club & Parishioners

Coming Parish Events

1 st week of May	Bake Sale
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June 17 or 18	Father Day Community Dinner
Sunday, August 13	Mahrajan (Festival) at Oglebay Park

Easter Lillies

Many Thanks to all who donated toward decorating the church during Easter. All donations small or great are appreciated, but only donations greater than \$20.00 are mentioned here. If you need to donate a flower in memory of a beloved family member, please write a note to Msgr. Bakhos

- ✂ In Memory of the Murad and Tatalovich Families by Liz & Jay & Eva Murad
- ✂ In Memory of our beloved parents John T. & Cecilia John and D. William Burns by Ron & Susan Burns
- ✂ In Memory of husband Phil and Deceased Family members of Thomasina Geimer
- ✂ In Memory of Danny & Milly Manners by their daughter NiNi Miller
- ✂ In Honor of Chris and Jeannette Wakim
- ✂ In Honor of Ron Weisner
- ✂ In Honor of Jean Weisner
- ✂ In Honor of Frank & Anna Marie Duymich
- ✂ In Honor of Fran Saseen
- ✂ In Honor of Jackie & Pat Petros
- ✂ In Honor of Dr. & Mrs. Adel Frenn
- ✂ In Honor of Denise Ferris
- ✂ In Honor of Larry & Lillian Siebieda

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- February 21: Louie Khourey, Dennis Porter
- February 24: Mary Lee Porter
- February 27: MaryAnn Carl
- March 2: Ava Murad
- March 4: Jeff Sengewalt
- March 6: Kristen McLaughlin
- March 10: Liam George
- March 15: Shelby Imer
- March 18: Kenny Imer, Bill Stees, Patrick Petros

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$2,473.00	Sunday Collection
39.00	Candles
459.00	Easter Flowers
110.00	Valentine Dinner dance
200.00	Donation to the church
\$3,281.00	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)
Fred Jaquay, Tim Pack, Patty Olinsky, Earl Ragase, Bettie Jane Fadoul, Patrick Sengewalt, 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, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),

What's New?

Many Thanks

--To Chris and Jeannette Wakim, Ron & Susan Burns, Liz & Jay Murad and all those who donated items toward the Valentine Dinner Dance.

--To all the ladies and gentlemen who donated their labor and expertise in decorating and cleaning the Cedar Hall for the Party. Ladies and gentlemen, the church is so proud of you. May the Blessed Mother reward you many folds. Everyone was happy.

2nd Collection to help earthquake victims (Sat. & Sun, February 19 & 20)

“Dear Msgrs. and Fathers,

To do our part in helping the victims and families of the recent earthquake in Syria which has taken so many lives, we will be holding a special Second Collection on Saturday and Sunday, February 18 and 19.

I ask that you send your Second Collection to the Chancery Office by the end of February.

Thank you for your assistance. Chancery Office”

Congratulations on Your Baptism

Tony and Angela Petros-Trabert granted to their boy Cooper the honor to be the adopted son of God through the sacrament of Baptism, last Saturday, February 11th, at Our Lady of Lebanon Church. Cooper is the grandson of our beloved parishioners Pat and Jackie Petros. Godparents were: Adam Bonenberger and Mary Hill-Petros. After the Baptism, a nice Reception was held at the parents' home for the Family and friends. May the Blessed Mother protect him and grant him along with his parents, godparents, and grandparents, good health and bright future.

Lost & Found

A pin was found in the Cedar Hall. If any lady lost it, please describe it to Msgr Bakhos and have it.

Rummage Sale

The ladies of the church would appreciate any items to be donated toward the coming rummage sale in June. Please bring your items with you to the church and we will open the basement door for you. Many Thanks.

Discernment Weekend (March 24-26, 2023)

Wondering if the Lord is calling you to the priesthood in the Maronite church? Men aged 18-40 are invited for the weekend of fellowship, prayer, discussion and discernment on March 24-26, 2023 at the Maronite Seminary, Washington, DC. Information: 202-723-8831

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.

Welcome center tent needed

We need a generous person to sponsor a tent to be used as the welcome center at the entrance of the Mahrajan (Festival) this year. It is a heavy duty 10x15 feet with skirts and back wall. It cost \$475.00. Your donation is tax exempt. May God reward you manyfolds.

Spirituality: Prayer to Mary

Prayer to our Lady:

Holy Mary, Mother mild, bless our world through Christ your child. Heal the poor, the sick, the dying, and the refugee, whose mournful crying urges you to cover those with mercy as the earth the snows.

Wisdom: How to stay young?

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him/her.
 2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
 3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. " An idle mind is the devil's workshop," And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
 4. Enjoy the simple things.
 5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
 6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is God. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
 7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
 8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
 9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, to the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.
 10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.
- AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:
Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

Story

There is a city in Germany named Weinsberg. Overlooking the city, perched atop a high hill, stands an ancient fortress. The townspeople of Weinsberg are proud to tell about an interesting legend concerning the fortress.

According to the legend, in the 15th century, in the days of chivalry and honor, enemy troops laid siege to the fortress and sealed all the townsfolk inside. The enemy commander sent word up to the fortress announcing that he would allow the women and children to leave and go free before he launched a devastating attack.

After some negotiations, the enemy commander also agreed, on his word of honor, to let each woman take with her the most valuable, personal treasure she possessed, provided she could carry it out herself.

You can imagine the enemy commander's consternation and surprise when the women began marching out of the fortress ... each one carrying her husband on her back.

A Time to Laugh (50)

Human Nature

The man was a regular customer and the management did its best to please him. So when he complained one day that only one piece of bread was being given him with his meal, the waiter promptly brought him four slices.

"That's good," he said, "but not good enough.

I like bread -plenty of it."

So the next night he was given a dozen slices.

"Good," he said. "But you're still being frugal, aren't you?"

Even a basketful of slices on the table next day did not stop his complaints.

So the manager decided to fix him. He had a colossal loaf of bread baked specially for him. It was six feet long and three feet wide. The manager himself, with the help of two waiters brought it in and laid it on an adjoining table, then waited for the reaction.

The man glared at the gigantic loaf, then looked at the manager and said, "So we're back to one piece again!"

Relationships

An active young woman showed signs of stress and strain. The doctor prescribed tranquilizers and asked her to report to him after a couple of weeks.

When she came back he asked her if she felt any different. She said, "No. I don't. But I've observed that other people seem a lot more relaxed."

(All too frequently, we see people, not as they are, but as we are)

Spirituality

When Buddha first embarked upon his spiritual quest he practiced many austerities.

One day two musicians happened to pass by the tree under which he was sitting in meditation.

One was saying to the other, "Do not tighten the strings of your sitar too much or they will snap. Do not keep them too loose either or they will produce no music. Keep to the middle path."

Those words hit Buddha with such force that they revolutionized his whole approach to spirituality. He was convinced they had been said for him. From that minute on he gave up all his severities and began to follow a way that was easy and light, the way of moderation. In fact, his approach to enlightenment is called the Middle Path.

Human Nature

(A missionary, somewhere in the tropics, decided to impress his parishioners by taking some of them for a ride in a plane. The plane glided over their villages and hills and forests and rivers. Occasionally they would look out of their windows but on the whole they did not seem to be one bit impressed).

Back on the ground his flock trooped out of the plane without word of comment. Anxious to get some response, the missionary exclaimed, "Wasn't it wonderful? Think of what human beings have achieved! There we were, up in the sky, above the houses, above the trees, above the mountains, looking down on the earth!"

The group listened impassively. Finally, their leader spoke: "Insects can do it," he said.

(And what's more, they're happy!)

After several thousands years we have advanced so much, that we bolt our door and windows at night while the less "advanced" natives sleep in open huts.)

Healing Love

An 85-year-old woman was being interviewed on her birthday. What advice would she have for people her age, the reporter asked.

"Well," said the old dear, "at our age it is very important to keep using all our potential or it dries up. It is important to be with people and, if it is at all possible to earn one's living through service. That's what keeps us alive and well."

"May I ask what exactly you do for a living at your age?"

"I look after an old lady in my neighborhood," was her unexpected, delightful reply.

Famous Quotes (47)

--The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

--Men's hearts ought not to be set against one another, but set with one another, and all against evil only.

(Thomas Carlyle)

--Human kindness has never weakened the stamina or softened the fiber of a free people. A nation does not have to be cruel in order to be tough. (Franklin Roosevelt)

--When the bridegroom arrived, those who were ready went in and the others met with a closed door. They missed their moment. We must not miss ours. Is it too late for us? Only if we let the oil run out. (Sr. Mary Krug)

--Stay optimistic and try to see an opportunity in every calamity; not pessimistic and see a calamity in every opportunity.

--The optimist sees the donut, the pessimist the hole.

--There is always a good side to every situation.

--View every problem as an opportunity.

--When it is dark enough, you can see the stars.

--“A man would do nothing, if he waited until he could do it so well that no one at all would find fault with what he has done.” (Cardinal John NEWMAN)

--God cannot fill you unless you empty yourself.

--God cannot enrich you unless you impoverish yourself.

--God cannot exalt you unless you humble yourself. (Bishop Fulton SHEEN)

--If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich. (John F. Kennedy)

--A poet says: “Sit on the edge of dawn, the sun rises upon you. Sit on the edge of night, stars shine upon you. Sit on the edge of the river, the nightingale sings to you. Sit on the edge of silence, God talks to you”.

--Who sits in solitude and is quiet has escaped three wars: hearing, speaking, seeing; yet against one thing shall he continually battle: that is, his own heart. (Abbot ANTHONY)

--Here on earth, we have already both Hell and Heaven -in our passions and in our experience of God. (Father YELCHANINOV)

--The Christian is far more pagan than he knows; the pagan is more Christian than he admits. (Rosalind MURRAY)

--"Nothing is more certain than that a general profligacy and corruption of manners make a people ripe for destruction. A good form of government may hold the rotten materials together for some time, but beyond a certain pitch, even the best constitution will be ineffectual, and slavery must ensue." (John Witherspoon)

--Good friends are like stars.... You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

--Don't frown. You never know who is falling in love with your smile.

--What do you do when the only person who can make you stop crying is the person who made you cry?

--Nobody is perfect until you fall in love with them.

--Everything is okay in the end. If it's not okay, then it's not the end.

--Most people walk in and out of your life, but only friends leave footprints in your heart.

--Remember, every minute spent angry is sixty seconds of happiness wasted.

--May today there be peace within you. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

--"I believe that friends are quiet angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly."

--If you have not chosen the kingdom of God first, it will in the end make no difference what you have chosen instead.

--"Don't be afraid of the space between your dreams and reality. If you can dream it, you can make it so." (Belva Davis)