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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Christ is Risen! Truly Risen! Alleluia!

- ***Weekend Masses:** Saturdays: Mass at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays: Mass at 10:30 a.m.
- ***Weekday Masses:** Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays: No Mass. Pastor's office work.
Tuesdays and Thursdays Mass at 12:00 Noon
- ***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every 1st Saturday and Sunday of the month after Mass.
- ***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, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad, Gary Weisner.
- ***Choir Members:** Lou Khourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Holly Stahl.
- ***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer
- ***Altar Server:** 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.

Easter Sunday

Readings: Jon 2:1-11; 1 Cor 15:12-26 and Mk 16:1-8

In his appearances to his disciples after his resurrection, Jesus is sometimes not recognized by them. Mary Magdalene mistakes him for a gardener, and in Galilee, as they bring their boat to shore, his disciples do not recognize him at first. He is not quite the same. He looks different, for resurrection is so marvelous and so magnificent that it is a total transformation.

Yet in another sense, it is the same Jesus. He walks with them, He converses with them and even cooks breakfast and shares it with them. (John 21:13) Not only is He transformed, but so is the entire universe. It may look the same, but because of Jesus Christ the Lord, behold, all things are new.

The “hour” is fulfilled, the Passover is completed, the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. What else can one cry but ALLELUIA, Praise God!

ALLELUIA for “the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might, which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead.” (Ephesians 1:19-20)

ALLELUIA for “Death is swallowed up in victory ... Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:54, 57)

ALLELUIA: “If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you.” (Romans 8:11) We need not seek “proofs” of the Resurrection. We are that proof.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Turn off your cellular phone before you enter the church

It is a Common Sense that people silence or turn off their cellular phone before entering the church to pray and focus on prayers. Many public places display signs asking “Turn off your cell phone.” It is the right of every worshiper not to be disturbed while praying. Two signs are posted inside our church to this regard. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding. —Monsignor Bakhos

This Weekend, April 19-20: Easter Sunday

Saturday, of the Light, Easter Vigil, April 19: (choir will serve the Mass)

10:30 a.m.: Rite of Forgiveness & Communal Reconciliation

4:00 p.m.: Easter Vigil Mass & “Rite of Peace” (No Midnight Mass)

✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Pat Sengewalt

✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson and the Deceased members of the Elias Family by Tammy Strong

✠ Deceased Family members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby

Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection, Easter Sunday, April 20: (choir will serve the Mass)

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

✠ Mr. Nicholas Ghaphery and Nimnoom and Widad by Elias, Rania, Ibrahim Ghafari & Family

✠ Robert Saseen (Illinois) by his friends the Tarazi Family of Wheeling

Next Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, April 21: No Mass. Pastors’ day off.

Tuesday, April 22 Mass at 12:00 Noon:

✠ John F. Kukula (Birthday) by his wife Mary Rose Kukula.

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

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

Wednesday, April 23: No Mass. Pastors’ office work.

Thursday, April 24 Mass at 12:00 Noon:

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

✠ Gene & Dorothy Palsinelli by Rosali Conti

✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

Friday, April 25: No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

Next Weekend, April 26-27: New Sunday

Saturday, April 26 Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Isaac C. Nolte (Anniversary) by Janet Shutler
- ✠ Rosalie Olinski (Birthday) by Mary Ragase
- ✠ Deceased Family members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby

Sunday, April 27 Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Mickey McLaughlin (Anniversary) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ Kathleen and Stanley Olinski (Birthday) by Mary Ragase
- ✠ Robert Saseen (Illinois) by his friends the Tarazi Family of Wheeling

Diocesan Appeal fulfilled

- NiNi Miller in Memory of Danny & Milly Manners
- Judy Bedway in Memory of Nick Bedway
- Patrick J. & Laurie Henry in Memory of Robert "Herk" and Rose Marie Henry
- Robert Harris in Memory of Bob Wells

Coming Parish Events

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| Sunday, May 4 | May Procession. Ma'lia Shia will be the May Queen. |
| May 10 - May 18 | Masses for the Deceased and Living Mothers and grandmothers. Please submit your Mass Form to Msgr. Bakhos to publish your intentions. |
| Sunday, May 11 | Mother Day |
| Spring Bake Sale | Kibbee baking: Wednesday, May 14 Meat pie baking: Thursday, May 15 Order pick-up: Saturday, May 17 |
| Sunday, June 15 | Father's Day |
| Thanksgiving Bake Sale | ??????? |

Festival (Mahrajan) News (Sunday, August 10 from 11 to 6pm)

--**Outdoor Mass** at Oglebay at 10:00 a.m. Booths open after Mass. No Mass at the church on August 10th.

--**Table Reservations** (ready to be reserved):

1-Under the Tent = \$130. One (1) table and eight (8) chairs under the tent.

2-Open-air = \$65. One (1) wooden picnic table in open-air (under the trees).

Reservation due date: May 15, 2025. Please call Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688 to reserve a table.

--**50/50 RAFFLE Tickets \$10,000 Prize** (Ready for sale):

...The festival 50/50 Raffle tickets are now ready for sale for \$20 per ticket! We have only printed 1,000 tickets. If all tickets are sold, there is an opportunity to win \$10,000 Cash! Tickets can be purchased from Monsignor Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Once received, Monsignor will fill-out the raffle ticket and mail the stub to the buyer. THANK YOU for helping us defraying the expenses of the Festival.

--**Lebanese Festival Photographs Needed:**

The Lebanese Festival Committee is asking for any exceptional photographs you have from the 2024 festival. The committee would like to use the photographs to update the brochure and other advertising materials. We are specifically looking for photos of families enjoying the festival, guests dancing, and the OLOL Dance Troupe dancing. Please contact Monsignor Bakhos or Susan John if you have photographs that you would be willing to share for publication.

Masses for the Living & Deceased mothers & grandmothers
From Saturday, May 10 until Sunday, May 18:

Masses for the Deceased Mothers and Grandmothers

† Special Remembrance on these special days:

--on May 11: Gladys Howard by Lou, Charlotte & Louie Khourey

--on May 11: Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone

--on May 17: Earl Ragase (Birthday) by his wife Mary Ragase

--on May 18: Rose Olinski (Anniversary) by Mary Ragase

† Deceased mothers & grandmothers of Jamil Harb (MI)

† Louise N. Khourey & Gladys V. Howard by Lou & Charlotte and Emmalena and Louie

† Emily Nader & Nabiha "Lena" Khourey by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

† Minnie Church Riggs & Cassandra "Cassie" Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

† Sadie Chidiac (mother), Kathrine & Hasibi (grandmothers) by Msgr. Bakhos

† Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart

† Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

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

† Eva M. Coury by her son Richard Coury

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

† Mary Ann Coury by Richard Coury

† Sara (Joseph) McLaughlin & Selma Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

† Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

† Pearl (Nolte) Shutler & Isabelle (Frey) Nolte by Janet Shutler

† Clara Shutler by Janet Shutler

† Shirley Elias Nickerson & Amelia Elias by their Loving Family

† Mariam Joseph & Mary Catherine Habeb by Jean Weisner and Family

† Chamse Rahi and Marie Rouhana by the Peklinsky Family

† Dorothy Schweizer by Mary Lee & Dennis Porter

† Viola Porter by Mary Lee & Dennis Porter

† Martha Saseen by her son George Saseen

† Elizabeth Harasuik by her daughter Susan Saseen

† Mary K. Ferris by Denise Ferris

† Georgette Joseph, Nancy Valles & Betty Allen by Vickie Joseph

† Anne Bott & Angela Henning by Don & Roberta Henning

† Dolores M. Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros

† Betty Lou Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros

† Ginny, Martha, Anna Shia & Edna Jochum by their children & grandchildren

† Lucille Gibbons by Bob & Paula Gibbons

† Elizabeth A. Magnone, Giovanni Magnone, Josephine Ferris, Nancy Coffield, Isabel Wolfe, Mary K. Ferris, Bess Garcia, Mary Stees and Zaid Ferris by Libby G. Magnone

† Charlotte George and Beatrice Stiles by Margaret George (MN)

† Maryanna George by Margaret George (MN)

† Cecilia Habdo Mays & Sada Habdo by Carol Dougherty (OK)

† LaVere Thomas and Siham Fredd by Dr. Adel, Diane & Dustin Frenn

† Anita Martha Weisner & Mariam Joseph by Mary Beth Weisner

† Helen Schroeder by her son Mark Schroeder & her daughter Jane Wine

† Dolores Palotay by the Palotay & Jarrett Families

† Fran Huffman by Debbie & Mark Huffman

† Lucy Gibbons & Ann Otterbeck & Sadie Coury by Ron & Kim Gibbons

† Nell Duffy & Rose Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy

† Eileen M. Hatty, Mary Ann Hatty & Cecilia F. Hatty by Judge Michael P. Hatty & Family

- † Rose Ann Palsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- † Lance Crawley by Rosalie Conti
- † Agnes Jacovetty by Patricia & George Fahey
- † June Fahey by George & Patricia Fahey
- † Mary (Joseph) Shipley & Salema (Awed) Joseph by Thomasina Geimer
- † Annette Togliatti by GiGi Rice
- † Sadie Harb by GiGi Rice
- † Viola Jeannette Yeater and Viola J. Belt by Chris & Jeannette Wakim and Family
- † Laura Z. Wakim and Edna Wakim by Chris & Jeannette Wakim and Family
- † Margaret Glaser by her Family
- † Ella Boehm by her Family
- † Mary Popovich, Kay Popovich and Anna Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Helen Fielding, Freda Hartman and Angela Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Emily Shia Vince and Anna Shia by their children and grandchildren
- † Patricia Gompers by the Matt Gompers Family
- † Sharon Rose Wetzal and Lilly Hebdo by Rose Sharon Hebdo
- † Cecilia John and Carol Burns by their loving children Susan and Ron Burns
- † Sadie John, Tamamie Joseph and Sarah Burns by their loving grandchildren Susan and Ron Burns
- † Milly Manners by NiNi Miller
- † Dorothy Saseen and Marie Connell by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell
- † Mary Jean Stanton and Theresa Sofka by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sofka
- † Anna Spyra by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sofka
- † Rosemarie Henry and Alma Erbacher Welty by Patrick Henry
- † Barbara Orr Wynsel by Laurie Henry
- † Bernadine Elias by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Violet Golebiewski by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Virginia Porchiran and Ann Ragus by Kathleen George and Family

Masses for the Living Mothers and Grandmothers

- † Barb McLaughlin by Brad McLaughlin and Kristen Graney
- † Barb McLaughlin by Nathan and Shane Graney
- † Charlotte Khourey by her children Emmalena and Louie
- † My sisters by Msgr. Bakhos
- † Susan Saseen by her granddaughter Ginny Naswadi
- † Nancy Valles by Vickie Joseph
- † Josie Fertig, Arlene Magnone, Caroline McDowell, Carla Ferris, Lacey Magnone, Amanda Buzzard, Maria Rayl, Brea Wayt, Angela Snyder, Sherry Sullivan by Libby G. Magnone
- † Diane Frenn and Brenda Riedel by Dr. Adel and Justin Frenn and Andreah, Zack & Christian Riedel
- † Margaret Jean Joseph Weisner by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Dolores Oser by Debbie & Mark Huffman
- † Nikki J. Lenz by Joe & Nikki Popovich, PJ Lenz, Lindsay and Luke Lenz
- † Nikki A. Popovich by Joe Popovich

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month

- April 28: Ann Marie Weisner Serafin
- April 29: Jeannette Wakim
- May 5: Eden DeMuth
- May 6: Nikki Lenz
- May 16: Jacqueline Petros
- May 17: Tina Kitlak, David Weisner
- May 18: Millet L. Fadoul
- May 20: John Fadoul

| <i>Your Church Support Last Week</i> | |
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| \$2,395.00 | Sunday Collection |
| 30.00 | Candles |
| 70.00 | Coffee hour |
| 2,740.00 | Mahrajan |
| \$5,235.00 | Total Deposits: May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home! Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Susan Burns, Liz Murad, Mark McLaughlin |

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)

Brian Bleifus, Earl & Linda Duffy, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Mary Ragase, Becky Ferrera, Gavin Hancher, Monroe DeLuca, Sally Sengewalt, Mary Zigler (sister of Lillian Siebieda), Dolores Oser, Anthony Wakim, Fran Saseen, Sandra DeMuth, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Patty Olinsky, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Denny Albaugh, Rita Rae Sage,

What's New?

Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome every Christian and every Family into our church. We are happy that you are benefiting spiritually from our rich eastern catholic faith and tradition. We will be honored to serve you in all your needs. Please write your address on a sheet of paper and drop it in the collection basket so that we can mail you information about our events. Thanks you for your cooperation. —Monsignor Bakhos

Rummage Sale Items Drop off (all Year Long)

Please bring with you to the church all the items you wish to donate toward the Rummage Sale. Items are accepted all year long. The Cedar Club and the Women Society raise funds to cover the Building Insurance of our church which exceeds \$22,000. Any donation is accepted and helpful. We will open the basement door for you anytime. Please call 304-233-1688

Question & Answer (#11)

Question: “How can God change my life?”

Answer: God made you. He knows everything you ever did or will do. Scripture says He even knows the number of hairs on your head (Luke 12:7). By humbling ourselves and asking for His guidance, He will lead us to peace and happiness in this life and eternal joy in the next. Not allowing God to work in your life is like swimming upstream — you simply will not get anywhere that really counts. All achievements will be in vain. However, with God every action has purpose and meaning.

Giving in Scriptures (Giving Plan)

Today, we hear a great deal about the importance of a savings plan or an investment portfolio in order to provide for our secure future.

Yet not as much is written or spoken about the importance of establishing a personal giving plan so that others can have a secure present.

Evangelist Billy Graham said: ‘God has given us two hands — one to receive with and other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding, we are channels made for sharing.’

The truth is that all of us have the power to make a difference. Often all it takes is a plan of action. The prophet Isaiah wrote: “The scoundrel’s methods are wicked, he makes up evil schemes to destroy the poor with lies, even when the plea of the needy is just. But the noble can make noble plans, and by noble deeds he stands.” (Isaiah 32:7-8). Have you established your giving plan?

Spirituality: Salvation

We want to be saved, but in our own way, not God's

Very often one hears it said that people ought to be free to worship God, each in his own way. This indeed is true, so far as it implies freedom of conscience and each person's duty of living up to the special lights that God had given him. But it can be very wrong if it means that we worship God in *our* way and not His. Consider an analogy: The traffic situation would be tangled and desperate if we said that the American way of life allowed every person to drive a car in *his* or *her* way and not according to the traffic laws. Catastrophe would result if patients began saying to the doctor: "*I want to be cured in my own way, but not in yours,*" or if citizens said to the government: "*I want to pay my taxes, but in my own way and not in yours.*" Similarly, there is a tremendous egotism and conceit in those popular articles and lectures entitled: "*My Idea of Religion,*" or "*My Idea of God.*" An individual religion can be as misleading and uninformed as an individual astronomy or an individual mathematics.

Persons who say: "*I will serve God in my way, and you serve God in your way,*" ought to inquire whether it would not be advisable to serve God in God's Way. But it is precisely this prospect of a stable, universally true religion that frightens the modern soul. For if his conscience is uneasy, he wants, instead, a religion that will leave out hell. If he has already married again against the law of Christ, he wants a religion that does not condemn divorce. Such a reservation means that a person wants to be saved, not in God's way, but in his. In thus refusing to moult his vain desires, he misses the flight to that: "*Love that leaves all other beauty pain.*"

--Bishop Fulton Sheen, *Peace of Soul*, pp.57-58.

Wisdom: Tomorrow

The window of Tomorrow, God keeps covered from view,
 But no matter what may be, his light will come shining through.
 God knows our human frailty and because He loves us so,
 Gives us light for each new day, the future not to know.
 So, worry not about the morrow, live in God's Light this day,
 Its precious moments come not again, don't let them slip away.
 And, be not anxious about tomorrow, for soon it will become today
 Bringing with it God's Guiding Light to direct the uncertain way.
 One day the window will be no more, in its place there will be a door
 For us to enter in a glorified way, our Light, with God's, forever to stay.

Story: The weigh of one Mass

One day many years ago, in a little town, a gentleman was in deep conversation with the butcher when an elderly woman entered the shop. The butcher broke off the conversation to ask the old woman what she wanted. She had come to beg for a little meat but had no money. The gentleman was amused at the conversation which ensued between the poor woman and the butcher.

"Only a little meat, but how much are you going to give me?"

"I am sorry I have no money but I'll hear Mass for you."

Both the butcher and the gentleman were good men but very indifferent about religion, so they at once began to scoff at the old woman's answer.

"All right then," said the butcher, *"you go and hear Mass for me and when you come back, I'll give you as much meat as the Mass is worth."*

The woman left the shop and returned later. She approached the counter and the butcher seeing her said: "*All right then we'll see.*" He took a slip of paper and wrote on it: "*I heard a Mass for you.*" He then placed the paper on the scales and a tiny bone on the other side but nothing happened. Next, he placed a piece of meat instead of the bone, but still the paper proved heavier. Both men were beginning to feel ashamed of their mockery but continued their game. A large piece of meat was placed on the balance, but still the paper held its own. The butcher exasperated, examined the scales, but found they were all right. "*What do you want my good woman? must I give you a whole leg of mutton?*" At this he placed the leg of mutton on the balance, but the paper outweighed the meat. A larger piece of meat was put on, but again the weight remained on the side of the

paper. This so impressed the butcher that he was converted, and promised to give the woman her daily ration of meat. As for the gentleman, he left the shop a changed man, an ardent lover of daily Mass. Two of his sons became priests, one a Jesuit and the other a religious of the Sacred Heart. He advised them to say Mass well every day and never miss the Sacrifice of the Mass through any fault of their own.

Jokes (163)

Grace

A family of refugees was very favorably impressed with America -especially the six-year-old daughter who rapidly adopted the view that everything American was not only the best but also perfect.

One day a neighbor told her she was going to have a baby, so little Mary marched home and demanded to know why she couldn't have a little baby too.

Her mother decided to introduce her to the facts of life right there and, among other things, explained that it took about nine months for a baby to arrive.

"Nine months!" exclaimed Mary indignantly. *"But mother, aren't you forgetting that this is America?"*

Grace

"Mummy, I want a baby brother."

"But you've just got one."

"I want another."

"Well, you can't have one so soon. It takes time to produce a baby brother."

"Why don't you do what daddy does at the factory?"

"What's that?"

"Put more men on the job."

Prayer

They had made it their custom to invite their pious aunt to go with them on their picnic each year. This year they forgot. When the invitation did come at the last minute, she said: *"It's too late now. I've already prayed for rain."*

Love

When Earl Mountbatten, the last Viceroy of India, announced that his nephew, Prince Philip, was engaged to Princess Elizabeth, Mahatma Gandhi said to him: *"I am delighted that your nephew is going to marry the future queen. I should like to give them a wedding present, but what can I give them? I have nothing."* *"You have your spinning wheel,"* said the Viceroy. *"Get to work and spin them something."*

Gandhi made them a tablecloth, which Mounbatten sent to Princess Elizabeth with this note: *"This you lock up with the crown jewels."*

... For a man who said spun it: *"The British must depart as friends."*

Famous Quotes (58)

Matthew Chapter 6: 19-23 (Teaching About Heaven)

Jesus said:

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light; but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be in darkness. And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be.