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### *7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection*

- \***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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## ***7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection***

Readings: Lev 19:1-18; Eph 1:15-23 and Jn 13: 31-35

All of life is a journey on the way to God's kingdom. Sometimes we move ahead of the shepherd who leads us; at other times we fall behind. Many times we retrace our steps. Whether moving forward, backward, or in circles, we must undergo many trials so as to enter God's reign. Though many doors are closed to us, other opportunities are open.

John's vision is like an open door to heaven. All the chaos and perils of the present age vanish as a renewed world comes forth. The glorious splendor of God's dwelling place on earth is imaged as a new Jerusalem coming down from heaven. Like a beautiful bride the church comes forth to meet her spouse. God promises to be faithfully with us. Our tears are wiped away as God makes all things new.

As Jesus faces the pain and agony of the cross, he raises his eyes to the glories prepared for God's faithful ones. Jesus knows that we will grieve in his absence, so he consoles us with his abiding love. Though he is far removed from our human sight, others will see him by the love we share. Jesus shows us how to love by his own self-giving. When the world sees our compassionate care for one another, it will truly be heaven on earth. For Reflection: Whom am I being asked to love today? Whose tears can I wipe away?

### ***This Weekend, May 31- June 1; 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection***

#### **Saturday, May 31 Mass at 4:00 p.m.: (Ascension Mass)**

- ✠ Bertha Nolte (Anniversary) by Janet Shutler
- ✠ Deceased Family members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave and Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Special Intention

#### **Sunday, June 1 Mass at 10:30 a.m.: (Ascension Mass)**

- ✠ James "Jr." Purpura by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family
- ✠ George & Martha Saseen (Wedding Anniversary) by George & Susan Saseen and Family

### ***Weekdays Mass Schedule***

**Monday, June 2:** No Mass. Pastors' day off.

#### **Tuesday, June 3 Mass at 12:00 Noon:**

- ✠ Tom Ferris (Anniversary) by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

**Wednesday, June 4:** No Mass. Pastors' office work.

#### **Thursday, June 5 Mass at 12:00 Noon:**

- ✠ Richard W. Frazier (Anniversary) by his wife Luane and sons John and Rick
- ✠ Mary Zaid Stees (Birthday) by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

**Friday, June 6:** No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

### ***Next Weekend, Sat-Sun. June 7-8: Pentecost Sunday***

#### **Saturday, June 7 Mass at 4:00 p.m.: (Pentecost Mass)**

- ✠ Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris
- ✠ Deceased Family members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt

#### **Sunday, June 8 Mass at 10:30 a.m.: (Pentecost Mass)**

- ✠ Alma Erbacher (Birthday) by Patrick & Laurie Henry
- ✠ Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ John Shiben by his wife Dee Shiben

## ***Kibbee & Meat Pies for Sale***

Delicious Kibbee and Meat Pies, made by the ladies & gentleman of our church, are ON SALE now!

We have a limited quantity of Kibbee and Meat Pies leftover from our May Bake Sale.

Kibbee: Vacuum sealed, frozen, and packaged in a pack of 12 = \$48.

Meat Pies: Individually wrapped and frozen = \$6 each.

Quantities are selling fast. Call or text Susan 304-218-3028 or Liz 304-281-7948 to purchase.

THANK YOU!

## ***Rummage Sale (Sat. June 21 and Sat. June 28)***

Our parish rummage sale is set for Saturday, June 21 st and again on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. Please no more drop off's at this time. Thank you.

## ***Coming Parish Events***

Sunday, June 15	Father's Day. Complimentary brunch after Mass to be served by the ladies.
Sat. June 21 and Sat. June 28	Our Parish Rummage sale from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm in the old basement of the church.
Thanksgiving Bake Sale	???????

## ***Masses for the Living & Deceased Fathers & grandfathers***

*From Saturday, June 14 until Sunday, June 22:*

### ***Masses for the Deceased Fathers and Grandfathers***

Special Remembrance on special days:

On June 14: † Earl & Helen Ragase by Mary Ragase

† Pearl (Nolte) Shutler (Anniversary) by her daughter Janet Shutler

† Rosemarie Henry (Birthday) by Patrick and Laurie Henry

† Robert "Henk" Henry (Birthday) by Patrick and Laurie Henry

On June 15: † Mary Miller (Birthday) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

† Mary Stees (Birthday) by Denise Ferris

On June 19: † Alois Marchy (Anniversary) by Mary Ragase

† Denise Ferris (Birthday) by Libby G. Magnone

On June 21: † Cathy (Sharp) Howard (Anniversary) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

† Mariam Joseph (Anniversary) by the Weisner and Joseph Families

On June 22: † Sara (Joseph) McLaughlin (Birthday) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

† Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone

† Habib Khourey, Louis Khourey Sr., & Nassif Nader by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

† Charles "Pud" Howard, Bruce Cody Riggs and Franklin C. Howard by Lou & Charlotte & Family

† Adib Chidiac (father) & Nadim Chidiac (brother) and my grandfathers by Msgr. Bakhos

† Aziz Kazour and Youssef Chahine by Jocelyne Chahine and Family (Pittsburgh)

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

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

† Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

† Ray McLaughlin, Sr. and Elias Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

† John Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

† Dana Burkhart by his wife Carol Burkhart

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

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

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

† Robert J. Shutler, Sr. and Harry J. Nolte and Fred Shutler by Janet Shutler

† Harry F. Nolte by Janet Shutler

† Alfred Felici by Francie Felicie and children Stephanie Richards and Brian Felici

- † Donald A. Nickerson Sr. and Albert Nickerson by their Loving Family
- † Nimon Joseph and Maroon Habeb by Jean Weisner and Family
- † William Schweiger by Mary Lee & Dennis Porter
- † Hurry Porter by Mary Lee & Dennis Porter
- † George Saseen by his son George Saseen
- † Steve Harasuik by his daughter Susan Saseen
- † Thomas Ferris by Denise Ferris
- † Mike Joseph and Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Albert Valles and Clay Allen by Vickie Joseph
- † Joseph Bott and John Henning by Don & Roberta Henning
- † George A. Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Philip G. Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Thomas Jochum Jr. and Sr. by Sue, children and grandchildren
- † Tim and Gus Shia by their children and grandchildren
- † Robert Armstrong by Bob & Paula Gibbons
- † Abdo Ferris, Nicholai Magnone, Tom Ferris, Ted Ferris, Wm. Magnone, John Ferris, Greg Ferris, Ray Young, Sr. by Libby G. Magnone
- † Tony George and Sam George by Margaret George (MN)
- † Albert Stiles by Margaret George (MN)
- † Elias Frenn and Jim Thomas by Dr. Adel, Diane and Justin Frenn
- † Robert and Charles by Carol Dougherty (OK)
- † William Dougherty by Lisa Kennedy
- † George Alan Weisner by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Al Schroeder by his son Mark Schroeder and his daughter Jane Wine
- † Ray Palotay by the Palotay and Jarrett Families
- † Fred Oser by Debbie & Mark Huffman
- † Allen Huffman by Debbie & Mark Huffman
- † Barkett Coury and Al Otterbeck and Sadie Coury by Ron & Kim Gibbons
- † Joseph Duffy and George Fadoul by Earl & Linda Duffy
- † Angelo Palsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- † Michael T. Hatty, Louis M. Hatty and Joseph P. Hatty by Judge Michael P. Hatty & Family
- † Richard Frazier by his wife Luane and sons Rick and John
- † Vincent Jacovetty by Patricia & George Fahey
- † Dennis Fahey by George & Patricia Fahey
- † Albert Togliatti by GiGi Rice
- † Khalil Harb by GiGi Rice
- † Robert Glaser by his Family
- † Albert Boehm by his Family
- † Melo Wakim and John G. Wakim by Chris & Jeannette Wakim and Family
- † William M. Yeater Jr and William M. Yeater Sr. by Chris & Jeannette Wakim and Family
- † Lawrence J. Belt by Chris & Jeannette Wakim and Family
- † George Popovich, Mike Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Augie Montalbano, Don Fielding, Stan Fielding, Nick Stan, Joe Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Donald Vince and Constantine (Gus) Shia by their Children and grandchildren
- † Samuel John Hebdo by Rose (Hebdo) Oberst
- † John T. John and D. William Burns by their loving children Susan and Ron Burns
- † Thomas John, David Joseph and Donald Burns by their loving grandchildren Susan and Ron Burns
- † Danny Manners by NiNi Miller
- † Abdoo Saseen and Bernard Connell by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell
- † Robert “Herk” Henry and James Henry by Patrick Henry
- † Tim Stanton and William Sayre by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sofka

- ✠ Steve Sofka by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sofka
- ✠ Samuel Elias by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- ✠ Alphonse Golebiewski by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- ✠ Rudy Porchiran and Joe Ragus by Kathleen George and Family
- ✠ Paul Hankish by Rose Hankish
- ✠ George Lenz by Nicky Lenz and Family
- ✠ George Popovich and Augie Montalbano by his granddaughter Nicky and Family
- ✠ Walter Elwartoski by his son Richard Elwartoski
- ✠ Constantino Cetorelli by Larry & Lillian Siebieda
- ✠ Friend Blake by Larry & Lillian Siebieda
- ✠ Josef Siembieda by Larry & Lillian Siebieda
- ✠ Nicola Caputi by Larry & Lillian Siebieda
- ✠ Orval A. Blake Sr. by Larry & Lillian Siebieda
- ✠ Matthew Siebieda by Larry & Lillian Siebieda
- ✠ Russell Wetzel by Rusty Wetzel
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

### *Masses for the Living Fathers and Grandfathers*

- ✠ Louis H. Khourey by his children Emmalena and Louie
- ✠ George Saseen by his granddaughter Ginny Naswadi
- ✠ Louis Valles by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Trent Jochum by Alec, Sarah and Katie
- ✠ Nick Magnone, Bill Stees, Josh McDowell, John Ferris, Nicky Magnone, Chuck Rayl, Travis Wayt by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Dr. Adel Frenn by Diane and Justin Frenn and Andreah, Zack & Christian Riedel
- ✠ Chris Wakim by Laura Chapman and Jackson and Eloise and Chris (Nathan) Wakim
- ✠ Joe Popovich by Nikki Popovich, PJ, Nikki J, Lindsay and Luke Lenz
- ✠ PJ Lenz by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ PJ Lenz by his wife Nicky and children Lindsay and Luke
- ✠ Joe Popovich by his daughter Nicky and Family
- ✠ Larry Siebieda by Jeremy Siebieda and Kathy Logan
- ✠ Butch Dennis by Annette Wetzel
- ✠ Mark McLaughlin by his children Brad and Kristen and grandchildren Nathan and Shane

### *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.

--**Youth Dance Troupe:** We are calling all parish youth interested in the OLOL Dance Troup practices for the Festival will begin on Sunday, June 1, immediately following 10:30 a.m, Mass. Please contact Mariana Alkhouri at 304-231-6234. If you are interested. Yalla!

### *Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month*

June 1: Billy Committee

June 2:	Debbie Sengewalt
June 5:	Earl "Mickey" Duffy, Kenly George
June 7:	Jean Weisner
June 9:	Ava DeMuth
June 14:	P.J. Lenz, Kathy Boehm
June 15:	Becky Joseph Ferrera, Grace Ferrera
June 20:	Nick Ghaphery, Jr., Michelle Shia
June 23:	Mary Beth Weisner
June 27:	Lindsay Lenz

<b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b>	
\$1,188.00	Sunday Collection
52.00	Candles
13.00	Coffee hour
20.00	Donation to the curc
1,175.00	Mahrajan
690.00	Bake sale
\$3,138.00	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), 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,

### ***From our Diocese***

The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light will host a Discernment Retreat Weekend (June 6-8th) at their Mother of the Light Convent, 856 Tucker Rd Dartmouth, MA. Please share the information with your communities for those who may be interested. Also, if anyone would like to contact the other religious congregations, please give them the following information:

Antonine Sisters: Sister Samia Abou-Shakra at [anto9srs@aol.com](mailto:anto9srs@aol.com)

Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family: Sister Rose Therese Tannous at [rosetheresetannous@gmail.com](mailto:rosetheresetannous@gmail.com)

With sincere best wishes and prayers, I remain

Yours in Christ, Bishop A. Elias Zaidan, Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon

### ***Do you want to be a nun? Here is your calling***

-Maronite sisters of the Holy Family-California

-Young women age 18-35

-Spiritual retreat via Zoom on Wednesday, June 4, June 18 or July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm CA time

-To participate and register, call sister Rose Therese Tannous at 657-657-4422 by May 28<sup>th</sup>

### ***Question & Answer (#17)***

**Question #17:** "If the sun and the moon mark the days and they were created on the fourth day, how could the other days have come about?"

**Answer #17:**

Your question shows one of the problems with accepting the Genesis story as a complete, literal history of creation. Of course, some of the book of Genesis is historical -the existence of Abraham, for example. But, Catholicism allows us to interpret other parts of it figuratively, so long as our interpretations do not contradict other Catholic doctrines.

For example, we aren't forced into the restrictive interpretations of the creation presented by some Protestant Fundamentalists. We don't have to assume all narratives in the opening chapters of Genesis are strictly historical or historical in every detail, in order to believe there was a Creation and Fall of Man, for example. When we think of the writer of Genesis (Chapter 1) as expressing the creation of the world in poetic fashion, the problem you mention vanishes.

According to Genesis 1, God created and distinguished light and darkness on the "first day." This "day," however, isn't so much a 24-hour period as a poetic way of showing how God created things in stages, in an orderly fashion, fitting each thing in its proper place. After God created "light," for instance, He then created realms or places for things the sky, separating it from the waters covering the earth, the oceans from dry land. Finally, He populated these places with things -first, plants on land, then sun, moon and stars in the sky, and then sea creatures and birds. On the final "day" of creation, God created the land animals, and, after this, man.

As the Genesis writer describes it, God went from the most basic creatures to the highest, most complex -man, made in God's image- creating a place for each beforehand. This shows in a poetic form, rather than in a strictly scientific description, that God created things in an orderly fashion because He is a God of order, not chaos.

So, the historical truth of the Genesis creation story is one thing -God did create the world and man. How that truth is recounted, poetically, is another.

### ***Giving in Scriptures***

"There are two kinds of people in the world, the Givers and the Takers.

The Takers may eat better, but the Givers sleep better."

*Danny Thomas, Founder of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.*

### ***Spirituality: Selfishness***

There is nothing so dangerous for a civilization as softness, and there is nothing so destructive of personality as a want of discipline. Arnold Toynbee, the historian, tells us that, out of twenty-one civilizations which have vanished, sixteen collapsed because of decay within. Nations are not often murdered; they more often commit suicide. That is the sinister meaning of our present mood of selfishness and love of pleasure, our affirmation of our own egotism, our widespread refusal to discipline the self. Although two world wars have imposed upon us many sacrifices that we have accepted willingly, even these have not been sufficient to make us perform the greatest sacrifice of all -to give up the illusion that a person is most self-expressive when he allows the animal to gain mastery over the spirit.

We are scandalized at seeing what the release of the sub-human has done to the Fascists, Nazis, and Communists. Yet we have not learned that the same deleterious effects can be present in the individual who, starting with the philosophy that he is only a beast, immediately proceeds to act like one. To just the extent that a person is unmortified in his selfish passions, it becomes necessary for some external authority to control and subdue those passions. That is why the passing of morality and religion and asceticism from political life is inevitably followed by a police state, which attempts to organize the chaos produced by that selfishness. Law gives way to force; ethics is replaced by the secret police. *"There is no correlation between the degree of comfort enjoyed and the achievement of civilization. On the contrary, absorption in ease is one of the most reliable signs of present or impending decay". --Bishop Fulton Sheen, Peace of Soul, 1949, pp.180-181.*

### ***Wisdom: The value of one member***

Ten little members standing in a line. One disliked the minister, then there were nine.

Nine ambitious members offered to work late. One forgot her promise, then there were eight.

Eight creative members had ideas good as heaven. One lost enthusiasm, then there were seven.

Seven loyal members got into a fix. They quarreled over projects, then there were six.

Six members remained with spirit and drive. One moved away, then there were five.

Five steadfast members wished there were more. One became indifferent, then there were four.

Four cheerful members who never disagree, 'til one complained of meetings, then there were three.  
 Three eager members! What did they do? One got discouraged, then there were two.  
 Two lonely members, our rhyme is nearly done. One joined a sports team, then there was only one.  
 One faithful member was feeling rather blue, met with a neighbor, and then there were two.  
 Two earnest members each enrolled one more, doubling their number, then there were four.  
 Four determined members, just wouldn't wait, 'til each one won another, then there were eight.  
 Eight excited members signed up sixteen more. In another six verses, there'll be a thousand twenty-four.

### ***Story: A glass of milk***

One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door.

Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water. She thought he looked hungry so brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it slowly, and then asked, *"How much do I owe you?"* *"You don't owe me anything,"* she replied. *"Mother has taught us never to accept pay for a kindness."* He said... *"Then I thank you from my heart."*

As Dr. Mike left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Year's later that young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Dr. Mike was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes.

Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room.

Dressed in his doctor's gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to the case. After a long struggle, the battle was won. Dr. Mike requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval.

He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge and the bill was sent to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally, she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill.

She read these words: *"Paid in full with one glass of milk!"*

Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed: *"Thank You, God, that Your love has spread abroad through human hearts and hands."*

### ***Jokes (169)***

86-year old lady's letter to bank ...

[Shown below, is an actual letter that was sent to a bank by an 86 year old woman. The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in the New York Times.]

Dear Sir:

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my check with which I endeavored to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations, three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his presenting the check and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honor it.

I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my entire pension, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only eight years. You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account \$30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank. My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways. I noticed that whereas I personally answer your telephone calls and letters, when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become. From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person.

My mortgage and loan repayments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank, by check, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate.

Be aware that it is an offense under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope. Please find attached an Application Contact which I require your chosen employee to complete. I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative. Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof. In due course, at MY convenience, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me.

I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modeled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service. As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Let me level the playing field even further. When you call me, press buttons as follows:

**IMMEDIATELY AFTER DIALING, PRESS THE STAR (\*) BUTTON FOR ENGLISH**

#1. To make an appointment to see me. #2. To query a missing payment. #3. To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there. #4. To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping. #5. To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature. #6. To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home. #7. To leave a message on my computer, a password to access my computer is required. Password will be communicated to you at a later date to that Authorized Contact mentioned earlier. #8. To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 7. #9. To make a general complaint or inquiry. The contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service. #10. This is a second reminder to press (\*) for English. While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement. May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous New Year?

Your Humble Client

(Remember: This was written by an 86 year old woman) “YA JUST GOTTA LOVE US SENIORS !!!!!” And remember: Don't make old ladies mad. They don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to set them off.

## ***Famous Quotes (62)***

Jesus' teaching on True and False Prophets and Disciples

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you pretending to be sheep. But on the inside, they are hungry wolves. You can tell each tree by its fruit. Do people pick grapes from bushes? Do they pick figs from thorns? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit. But a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree can't bear bad fruit. And a bad tree can't bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down. It is thrown into the fire. 20 You can tell each tree by its fruit.

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven. Only those who do what my Father in heaven wants will enter. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord! Lord! Didn't we prophesy in your name? Didn't we drive out demons in your name? Didn't we do many miracles in your name?’ Then I will tell them clearly, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who do evil!’ (Matthew 7: 15-23)