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## ***Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church***

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### ***Feast of Saints Peter and Paul***

- \***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 Servers:** Joe Roxby and Christopher AlKhouri
  - \***Cedar Club:** Linda Duffy, President
  - \***Women's Society:** Jeannette Wakim, President
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- \***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.

## ***Feast of Saints Peter and Paul***

Readings: Wis 7:7-14; 2 Cor 11:21-30 and Mt 16:13-20

During first Communion preparation class I would bring all the children into the church's sanctuary. I would have each child sit in the celebrant's chair to see what it is like to be the priest. One boy sat in the big chair and proclaimed to his class: "All my life I've wanted to sit in this chair!" I asked him what he wanted to be when he grew up. He looked up and stated: "I want to be a priest!" I invited him then to tell us what would be the first thing he would do as a priest. He gazed around and declared: "I would get a smaller chair!".

The gift of God's call to each of us is certainly a mystery, and sometimes it is awakened by the tiniest of events. Today in our readings we have the mystery of the calls of Peter and Paul: Peter as the head of the Church and Paul as the witness of the risen Christ. This certainly weren't "chairs" in which Peter and Paul willingly chose to sit, but they were hoisted into them by the power of Jesus' word and mission. It took many centuries for the Church to come to a true understanding of what the charisma of these apostles' leaderships would mean.

In honoring Peter and Paul's vocations today we also honor our vocation. Like Peter and Paul we are called to be active members of the Christian community. We are called to be spiritual leaders of our children, our families, and our parish. As Peter and Paul and their successors are called to be true shepherds of the Church, let us also take up our roles as shepherds of the flocks entrusted to us. We pray with the psalmist: "With your rod and your staff... give me courage" (Psalm 23:4).

### ***This Weekend, June 28-29: Feast of Saints Peter and Paul***

#### **Saturday, June 28 Mass at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt (Birthday) by Dave and Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Deceased Family members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

#### **Sunday, June 29 Mass at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Deceased of the Rouhana and Rahi Families by the Peklinsky, Storm, Howarth and Rahi Families
- ✠ Deceased Family members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

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

**Monday, June 30:** No Mass. NAM Convention.

**Tuesday, July 1:** No Mass. NAM Convention.

**Wednesday, July 2:** No Mass. NAM Convention.

**Thursday, July 3:** No Mass. NAM Convention.

**Friday, June 27:** No Mass. NAM Convention.

### ***Next Weekend, Sat-Sun. July 5-6: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

#### **Saturday, July 5 Mass at 4:00 p.m.: Benediction will follow Mass**

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave and Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise
- ✠ Judy Ghaphery by Mrs. Jean Weisner

#### **Sunday, July 6 Mass at 10:30 a.m.: Benediction will follow Mass**

- ✠ Living & Deceased of the Duffy, Fadoul and Shedeed Families by Mickey & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Bill Blazier by Kathleen Sokol & Family

### ***Coming Parish Events***

Food Handling Classes	Thursday, July 17 at 5:30 pm at our Cedar Hall. (Please call Jeannette 304-551-3934 for information)
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Fall Bake Sale	???????
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## ***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***

July 3:	Larry Ferrera
July 5:	Bill Committee
July 10:	Andee Ferrera
July 11:	Allison Duffy-Totterdale, Justin Wilson
July 12:	Shaun Hancher, Deana Ferrera
July 14:	Chloe Imer
July 15:	Denny Albaugh
July 16:	Payton Wilson, Pam Obyc
July 20:	Shirley George
July 22:	Grace Klein, Mark Boehm
July 25:	Ma'lia Shia
July 26:	Anna Marie Duymich
July 30:	Dee Shiben, Susan John Burns

## ***Your Church Support Last Week***

\$866.00	Sunday Collection
40.00	Candles
26.00	Coffee hour
430.00	Donation to the church
1,400.00	Mahrajan
5.00	Utilities
1,500.90	Rummage sale
\$4,267.90	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,

## *Around Us*

### *Lebanese FunFest*

Where: St. Maron church at 1555 S. Meridian Road in Youngstown, OH 44511

When: Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

-Entertainment: live music featuring two popular bands, The Vegas Band on Saturday, and RDNA on Sunday,

-Menu: Lebanese foods and a full premium bar including rare, crafted bourbons.

-Games, a \$3000 raffle, and a Kids' area with bounce houses and games. Admission and parking are free.

## *Question & Answer (#22)*

**Question #22: “How did we get the Bible?”**

**Answer #22:** There are two answers to your question: one from history, the other from theology. We don't have space here to go into detail about the history of the Bible. Suffice it to say that the Bible as we know it today was composed over a period of almost a thousand years. The Old Testament books were written mainly in Hebrew; the New Testament in Greek. They were copied by hand and preserved with remarkable accuracy, as archeological findings such as the Dead Sea Scrolls confirm.

The theological answer to your question is easier to state: God inspired the biblical writers to write the Bible we have today. That means without revoking their freedom, God so moved them that they wrote what He wanted them to write. In that sense, God is the primary Author of the Bible with the human authors serving as His instruments. This is the doctrine of biblical inspiration. It means the Bible is the Word of God without ceasing also to be the words of men.

## *Giving in Scriptures*

But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. (II Corinthians 8:7)

And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. (II Corinthians 8:10-11)

Command those who are rich in this present world not be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. (I Timothy 6:17-19)

I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. (11 Corinthians 8:8)

## *Spirituality: The Whole Christ*

*How does Jesus of Nazareth influence me who am centuries removed from him by time and thousands of miles by space?*

Our Lord can influence our day because he left us a beautiful example of a holy, moral life that we should follow. We too, can be forgiving as he forgave those who crucified him; we can be gentle as he was gentle to little children, humble as he was before those who would make him an earthly king; and prayerful as he was in the long vigils on the mountaintops. Countless, indeed, are the heroic, self-sacrificing, and saintly deeds of our own day, which have had as their inspiration the example of him who left the heavens to teach us to be the kind of people God from all eternity wished us to be.

(...) So the whole Christ embraces not only the earthly life in which he redeemed, but also the glorified and mystical life by which he pours out the fruits of redemption upon the world. For the present it suffices us to know that he is not only our Truth because of his teaching, not only our Way because of his example, but also

our Life because he is our Savior and Redeemer.

His life is not something gone from us, but living among us, making our lives livable, hopeful, and glad. Our eyes need not look back to Bethlehem, for the Wise Men and the simple shepherds are still at the feet of Christ. There is nothing past in him who is eternal. There are no memories of him who is the "same yesterday, today, and tomorrow." There are no distances from here to Galilee, for he who is divine has pitched his tent in the very center of our hearts and civilization, because he is Eternal Life.

*Bishop Fulton SHEEN, In the Fullness of Time, p.11-14.*

## ***Wisdom: Warning***

It's that time of year again, that special season for phone scams. Your best defense is information. After all, you're less likely to be victimized if armed with sound information and caution when confronted with unknown or suspicious calls.

Most phone scams tie back to the "809" area code. This area code, based in the Bahamas, has extremely high rates attached. In fact, one call to the "809" area code can easily run up a bill exceeding \$100. The following are common scams:

You get home and find the message light blinking on your answering machine. The message asks you to call a number beginning with area code "809" to receive information about a family member who has been ill. (They may also tell you someone has been arrested or has died, you've won a prize or need to pay a bill, etc....) Concerned or curious, you make the call and often end up talking to someone claiming to speak broken English, which will keep you on the line as long as possible. Or, sometimes you just get a long recorded message. The bottom line is, when your phone bill comes, you see a incredibly large charge to your account.

You receive a fraudulent e-mail message like this one: "Subject: Unpaid Account. I am writing to give you a final 24 hours to settle your outstanding account. If I have not received the settlement in full, I will commence legal proceedings without further delay. If you would like to discuss this matter to avoid court action, call Mike Murray at Global Communications at 1-809-496-2700."

The newest twist to this scam is to page people using the "809" numbers. With the new area code changes, people unknowingly return these calls. When the bill comes, there are huge charges for the calls.

Scams of this type are extremely hard to prosecute since the call was actually made. And, since the calls deal with a foreign phone company, they are not subject to US rules or regulations.

The best advise is simple: If you don't know the caller or the area code is "809," don't respond.

## ***Story***

A picture began circulating. It should be "The Picture of the Year," or perhaps, "Picture of the Decade." It won't be. In fact, unless you obtained a copy of the US paper which published it, you probably would never have seen it.

The picture is that of a 21-week-old unborn baby named Sam, who is being operated on by surgeon named Joseph. The baby was diagnosed with spina bifida and would not survive if removed from his mother's womb. Little Sam's mother is an obstetrics nurse. She knew of Dr. Joseph's remarkable surgical procedure. Practicing in Ney York, he performs these special operations while the baby is still in the womb.

During the procedure, the doctor removes the uterus via C-section and makes a small incision to operate on the baby. As Dr. Joseph completed the surgery on Sam, the little guy reached his tiny, but fully developed hand through the incision and firmly grasped the surgeon's finger. Dr. Joseph was reported as saying that when his finger was grasped, it was the most emotional moment of his life, and that for an instant during the procedure he was just frozen, totally immobile.

The photograph captures this amazing event with perfect clarity. The editors titled the picture, "Hand of Hope." The text explaining the picture begins, "The tiny hand of 21-week-old fetus Sam emerges from the mother's uterus to grasp the finger of Dr. Joseph as if thanking the doctor for the gift of life." Little Sam's mother said they "wept for days" when they saw the picture. She said, "The photo reminds us pregnancy isn't about disability or an illness, it's about a little person."

Sam was born in perfect health, the operation 100 percent successful.

Don't tell me my God isn't an awesome God!!!!

## *Jokes (173)*

### *Love*

Abbot Anastasius had a book of very fine parchment which was worth twenty pence. It contained both the Old and New Testaments in full. Once a certain monk came to visit him and, seeing the book, made off with it. So that day when

Anastasius went to his scripture reading he found that it had gone and knew at once that the monk had taken it. But he did not send after him for fear that he might add the sin of perjury to that of theft.

Now the monk went into the city to sell the book.

He wanted eighteen pence for it. The buyer said: *"Give me the book so that I may find out if it is worth that much money."* With that, he took the book to the holy Anastasius and said: *"Father, take a look at this and tell me if you think it is worth as much as eighteen pence."*

Anastasius said: *"yes, it is a fine book. And at eighteen pence it is a bargain."* So the buyer went back to the monk and said: *"Here is your money. I showed the book to Father Anastasius and he said it was worth eighteen pence."*

The monk was stunned. *"Was that all he said? Did he say nothing else?"*

*"No, he did not say a word more than that."*

*"Well, I have changed my mind and don't want to sell the book after all."*

Then he went back to Anastasius and begged him with many tears to take the book back but Anastasius said gently: *"No, brother, keep it. It is my present to you."* But the monk said: *"If you do not take it back I shall have no peace."*

After that the monk dwelt with Anastasius for the rest of his life.

### *They mean business*

Little Zachary was doing very badly in math.

His parents had tried everything... Tutors, Mentors, flash cards, Special learning centers. In short, everything they could think of to help his math.

Finally, in a last ditch effort, they took Zachary down and enrolled him in the local Catholic school. After the first day, little Zachary came home with a very serious look on his face. He didn't even kiss his mother Hello. Instead, he went straight to his room and started studying. Books and papers were spread out all over the room and little Zachary was hard at work. His mother was amazed. She called him down to dinner.

To her shock, the minute he was done, he marched back to his room without a word, and in no time, he was back hitting the books as hard as before. This went on for some time, day after day, while the mother tried to understand what made all the difference. Finally, little Zachary brought home his report card. He quietly laid it on the table, went up to his room and hit the books. With great trepidation, his Mom looked at it and to her great surprise, Little Zachary got an "A" in math. She could no longer hold her curiosity.

She went to his room and said, "Son, what was it? Was it the nuns?" Little Zachary looked at her and Shook his head, no. "Well, then," she replied, was it the books, the discipline, the structure, the uniforms? "WHAT WAS IT ALREADY?"

Little Zachary looked at her and said, "Well, on the first day of school when I saw that guy nailed to the plus sign, I knew they weren't fooling around."

## *Famous Quotes (60)*

Be Fair When You Judge Other People

Jesus said, "Do not judge other people. Then you will not be judged. You will be judged in the same way you judge others. You will be measured in the same way you measure others. "You look at the bit of sawdust in your friend's eye. But you pay no attention to the piece of wood in your own eye. How can you say to your friend, 'Let me take the bit of sawdust out of your eye'? How can you say this while there is a piece of wood in your own eye? You pretender! First take the piece of wood out of your own eye. Then you will be able to see

clearly to take the bit of sawdust out of your friend's eye. "Do not give holy things to dogs. Do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they might walk all over them. They might turn around and tear you to pieces."  
(Matthew 7: 1-6)