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

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### ***9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

- \***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.

## **9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

Readings: Is 61: 1-10; 2 Cor 5:20-6:10 and Lk 4:14-21

Though they differ from one another in essence and not only in degree, the common priesthood of the faithful and the ministerial or hierarchical priesthood are nonetheless interrelated. Each of them in its own special way is a participation in the one priesthood of Christ. The ministerial priest, by the sacred power he enjoys, moulds and rules the priestly people. Acting in the person of Christ, he brings about the eucharistic sacrifice, and offers it to God in the name of all the people. For their part, the faithful join in the offering of the Eucharist by virtue of their royal priesthood. They likewise exercise that priesthood by receiving the sacraments, by prayer and thanksgiving, by the witness of a holy life, and by self-denial and active charity.

It is through the sacraments and the exercise of the virtues that the sacred nature and organic structure of the priestly community is brought into operation. Incorporated into the Church through baptism, the faithful are consecrated by the baptismal character to the exercise of the cult of the Christian religion. Reborn as sons of God, they must confess before men the faith which they have received from God through the Church. Bound more intimately to the Church by the sacrament of confirmation, they are endowed by the Holy Spirit with special strength. Hence they are more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith both by word and by deed as true witnesses of Christ.

Taking part in the Eucharistic sacrifice, which is the fount and apex of the whole Christian life, they offer the divine Victim to God, and offer themselves along with it. Thus, both by the act (if oblation and through holy communion, all perform their proper part in this liturgical service, not, indeed, all in the same way but each in that way which is appropriate to himself. Strengthened anew at the holy table by the Body of Christ, they manifest in a practical way that unity of God's People which is suitably signified and wondrously brought about by this most awesome sacrament.

(Vatican II, *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, nn 10,11)

### ***Next Weekend, Sat-Sun. Aug. 2-3: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

#### **Saturday, August 2 Mass at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Patricia H. Belby
- ✠ Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris
- ✠ Deceased Members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby

#### **Sunday, August 3 Mass at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne & Family
- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Jack Fahey

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

<b><u>Monday, August 4:</u></b>	No Mass. Festival Preparations.
<b><u>Tuesday, August 5:</u></b>	No Mass. Festival Preparations.
<b><u>Wednesday, August 6:</u></b>	No Mass. Festival Preparations.
<b><u>Thursday, August 7:</u></b>	No Mass. Festival Preparations.
<b><u>Friday, August 8:</u></b>	No Mass. Festival Preparations.

### ***This Weekend: Sat-Sun., Aug 9-10: Assumption and Festival***

#### **Saturday, August 9 at 4:00 pm: Mass of the Assumption at the church**

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Gary Weisner
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Pat Sengewalt
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

#### **Sunday, August 10 at 10:30 am: Outdoor Mass of the Assumption at Oglebay Park**

- ✠ Mr. Nicholas Ghaphery and Nimnoom and Wadad by Elias , Rania Ibrahim Ghafari and Family

✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson and Deceased of the Elias Family by Tammy Strong  
 ✠ Intention of all the Benefactors and Volunteers of our church

## Coming Parish Events

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):

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

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!

-- **NEW at the 2025 Lebanese Festival!**

The Lebanese Festival Committee has exciting news to share with you! This year, we have added two new menu items to our festival: **ALMAZA Lebanese Beer** – A pure malt beer imported from Lebanon and **Pistachio & Kataifi Chocolates** – The OLOL church version of the viral Dubai Chocolate bar featuring a pistachio cream and crunchy Kataifi filling covered in milk or dark chocolate. Please be sure to try these two new items! Many thanks to Mark McLaughlin and Emmalena Khourey for bringing these new items to the festival committee!

--**Many Thanks** to Dr. Adel & Diane Frenn and Gary Weisner and Ron & Mary Beth Weisner & their sister Ann Marie Serapin for sponsoring each the three inflatables for the children to play and enjoy themselves at the Festival. It is highly appreciated. Each donation was \$450.00. To honor the donors their names will be on the Diamond level in next year Ad Book.

--**Many Thanks** to a generous anonymous Benefactor for making a donation toward the church dance troupe.

--**Many Thanks** to Andrew and Katrina Smay for accepting to be the chairpersons of the Children Inflatables. Also many thanks to Tracy Shia and David Coram to help Andrew in the children game area.

## Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month

- August 10: Thomasina Geimer
- August 16: Tara George Musilli
- August 17: Judy Bedway
- August 20: Tricia Committee
- August 23: Georgene Weisner Manning
- August 25: Al Depto
- August 26: Nathan Wakim, Jessica George
- August 31: Joseph R. Simon
- September 1: Janet Fadoul Wilson

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$980.00	Sunday Collection
51.00	Candles
4.00	Coffee hour

300.00	Donation to the church
3,308.00	Mahrajan
\$4,643.00	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 and Bob 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,

## ***Want's New?***

## ***Lebanese Election 2026***

If you have a Lebanese Citizenship and you are willing to vote in the upcoming parliamentary election in Lebanon, please call Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688 for more details. A petition is available online: <https://chnng.itHNkf2bcvGL>

## ***Question & Answer (#27)***

Question #27: "Why is religion so important in our lives?"

Answer #27: It depends on what you mean by "religion." Not all religions are true or equally true, so religion as such is neither good nor bad. If by "religion" you mean the truths about God and man's relation to Him, that is important because it's true. It's the way things are. True religion is important because it helps us to know the Ultimate Reality, God.

True religion is also important because it helps us fulfill our purpose, both as individuals and as a society. God made us for a purpose and unless we consult what He has revealed about that purpose and live accordingly, we shall be failed creatures, as useless as a screen door on a submarine or a bathing suit in a snow storm.

Because true religion reveals why we're here, it shows us the meaning of life. It can keep us from despair and prepare us for the fulfillment of our existence in the next life. It also provides guidelines for human society. Imagine what things would be like without the moral laws and principles true religion provides. Everyone would do what he or she selfishly liked without any regard for others. This would lead to complete self-indulgence, which leads to all types of vice and sin. True religious belief teaches us to get out of ourselves and turn to God and others.

## ***Spirituality: Angels***

Angels are the guardians of hope and wonder, the keepers of magic and dreams.

Wherever there is love, an angel is flying by.

Your guardian angel knows you inside and out and loves you just the way you are.

Angels keep it simple and always travel light.

Remember to leave space in your relationships so the angels have room to play.

Your guardian angel helps you find a place when you feel there is no place to go.

Whenever you feel lonely, a special angel drops in for tea.

Angels are with you every step of the way and help you soar with amazing grace.

After all, we are angels in training, all we have to do is spread our wings and fly.

## ***Wisdom: What is failure?***

Failure doesn't mean: you are a failure; it means: you have not succeeded.

Failure doesn't mean: you accomplished nothing; it means: you have learned something.

Failure doesn't mean: that you have been a fool; it means: you had a lot of faith.

Failure doesn't mean: you've been disgraced; it means: you were willing to try.

Failure doesn't mean: you don't have it; it means: you have to do something in a different way.

Failure doesn't mean: you are inferior; it means: you are not perfect.

Failure doesn't mean: you've wasted your life; it means: you have a reason to start afresh.

Failure doesn't mean: you should give up; it means: you must try harder.

Failure doesn't mean: you'll never make it; it means: it will take a little longer.

Failure doesn't mean: God has abandoned you; it means: God has a better way for you.

## *Story*

If a picture is worth a thousand words, what do you suppose a video image is worth? What about a video image of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament?

I oversee our religious community's web site. I had the idea to provide a live image of our Eucharistic Adoration chapel, which is uploaded every minute twenty—four hours a day, seven days a week so the web cam can bring Jesus closer to people through their computers. I quickly learned that this image was indeed worth much more than a thousand words.

I have received e-mails from homebound people who praise the web cam as a great comfort when they cannot get to church. People with insomnia have written to say they use it during long nights when sleep eludes them. Others use it as a home oratory where the family can gather in prayer. One psychiatrist uses it to pray with her patients during treatment.

This feedback confirmed to me that the web cam was the next best thing to being there. But there was one use that I never could have imagined a game. Since some of our monks occasionally pass in front of the camera for a moment, a group of office workers turned this cyber image into the "Spot the Monk" game.

A non-Catholic named Richard wrote to tell me about it: Brother John, in my quest to see a monk on your monk-cam, I have set up a web ring of a few friends of mine to watch the monk—cam at most hours of the day. This is the exciting part: Sarah saw a monk! I was not fortunate enough to lay eyes on him, but I know you guys are out there! Thank you for putting your web cam up.

We love it!"

I must admit, I never envisioned the "Spot the Monk" game, but neither did I envision what would follow. Because of this game, Richard started reading articles on our web site. In his next email to me, he wanted information about becoming Catholic. I directed him to a Catholic parish and sent him the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Richard eventually was received into the Catholic Church. Now, he tries to attend adoration daily at his local parish.

Little did Richard realize that by trying to spot a monk, he would find Jesus. Now that is a game worth playing.

## *Jokes (178)*

### *Paradise*

The old man had lived most of his life on what was considered to be one of the loveliest islands in the world.

Now that he had returned

to spend his retirement years in the big city someone said to him: "IT MUST HAVE BEEN WONDERFUL TO LIVE FOR SO MANY

YEARS ON AN ISLAND THAT IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE WONDERS OF THE WORLD."

The old man gave that some thought, then said, "WELL, TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, IF I HAD KNOWN IT WAS SO FAMOUS, I'D HAVE LOOKED AT IT."

### *Creative Painter*

In the early 1850's American painter, James McNeill Whistler, spent a brief -and academically unsuccessful—period at West Point, the U.S.Military Academy. The story goes that when he was assigned to draw a bridge he

drew a romantic stone one, complete with grassy banks and two small children fishing from it. “GET THOSE CHILDREN off that bridge” said the instructor. “THIS IS AN ENGINEERING EXERCISE.”

Whistler got the kids off the bridge, drew them fishing from the bank of the river and resubmitted the drawing. The angry instructor yelled: “I TOLD YOU TO REMOVE THOSE CHILDREN. GET THEM COMPLETELY OUT OF THE PICTURE!”

But the creative urge was too strong in Whistler. His next version had the children “COMPLETELY OUT OF THE PICTURE” indeed. They were buried under two small tombstones on the river bank.

## *Novelists*

A group of college students begged novelist Sinclair Lewis to give them a lecture, explaining that all of them were to become writers themselves.

Lewis began with: “HOW MANY OF YOU REALLY INTEND TO BE WRITERS?” All hands were raised. “IN THAT CASE, THERE IS NO POINT IN MY TALKING. MY ADVICE TO YOU IS: GO HOME AND WRITE, WRITE, WRITE ..... With that, he returned his notes to his pocket and left the room.

## *Famous Quotes (68)*

--We should be modest and circumspect in expressing an opinion on the conduct of such eminent men, lest we fall into the common error of condemning what we do not understand. (Marcus Fabius Quintilianus)

--You should not say it is not good. You should say you do not like it; and then, you know, you're perfectly safe. (James McNeill Whistler)

--Never judge a work of art by its defects. (Washington Allston)

--Refrain from correcting a friend's misuse or mispronunciation of a word in the presence of others. If he says, “integrate” when he means “correlate”—let it go! If you correct him publicly, you draw attention to his mistake and embarrass him. (Lillian Eichler Watson)

--Rest satisfied with doing well, and leave others to talk of you as they please. (Pythagoras)

--A 36-year old female had an accident several weeks ago and totaled her car.

A resident of Kilgore, Texas, she was traveling between Gladewater and Kilgore. It was raining, though not excessively when her car suddenly began to hydroplane and literally flew through the air. She was not seriously injured but very stunned at the sudden occurrence!

When she explained to the highway patrolman what had happened he told her something that every driver should know NEVER DRIVE IN THE RAIN WITH YOUR CRUISE CONTROL ON. She had thought she was being cautious by setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe consistent speed in the rain.

But the highway patrolman told her that if the cruise control is on and your car begins to hydroplane -- when your tires lose contact with the pavement, your car will accelerate to a higher rate of speed and you take off like an airplane. She told the patrolman that was exactly what had occurred.

The highway patrol estimated her car was actually traveling through the air at 10 to 15 miles per hour faster than the speed set on the cruise control.

The patrolman said this warning should be listed, on the driver's seat sun-visor - NEVER USE THE CRUISE CONTROL WHEN THE PAVEMENT IS WET OR ICY, along with the airbag warning.

We tell our teenagers to set the cruise control and drive a safe speed - but we don't tell them to use the cruise control only when the pavement is dry.

The only person the accident victim found, who knew this (besides the patrolman), was a man who had had a similar accident, totaled his car and sustained severe injuries.

--Let the fear of a danger be a spur to prevent it; he that fears not, gives advantage to the danger. (Francis Quarles)

--Never expose yourself unnecessarily to danger; a miracle may not save You ... and if it does, it will be deducted from your share of luck or merit. (The Talmud)

--Don't play for safety. It's the most dangerous thing in the world. (Hugh Walpole)

--Put your trust in God, but keep your powder dry. (Oliver Cromwell)

--If you are out of trouble, watch for danger. (Sophocles)

--After victory, tighten your helmet cord. (Japanese proverb)

--Why do not go out on a limb? Isn't that where the fruit is? (Frank Scully)

--Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat. (Theodore Roosevelt)

--When you have no choice, mobilize the spirit of courage. (Jewish proverb)

--If you greatly desire something, have the guts to stake everything on obtaining it. (Brendan Francis)

--If you know how to spend less than you get, you have the philosopher's stone ... Beware of little expenses. A small leak will sink a great ship ... Are you consult your fancy, consult your purse. (Benjamin Franklin)