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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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12th Sunday of Pentecost

- ***Weekend Masses:** Saturdays: Mass at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays: Mass at 10:30 a.m.
- ***Weekday Masses:** Tuesdays and Thursdays Mass at 12:00 Noon
Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays: No Mass. Pastor's office work.
- ***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 Servers:** Joe Roxby and 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.

12th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Ruth 1:15-19; Eph 3:1-13 and Mt 15:21-28

“O woman, great is Your faith.”

Yea, therefore did he put her off, that he might proclaim aloud this saying that he might crown the woman. “Be it unto you even as you will.” Now what he said is like this; “Your faith indeed is able to effect even greater things than these; nevertheless, Be it unto you even as you will.”

This was akin to that voice that said, Let the Heaven be, and it was, And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Do you see how this woman too contributed not a little to the healing of her daughter? For to this purpose neither did Christ say, “Let your little daughter be made whole,” but, Great is your faith, be it unto you even as you will; to teach you that the words were not used at random, nor were they flattering words, but great was the power of her faith.

The certain test, however, and demonstration thereof, he left to the issue of events. Her daughter accordingly was straightway healed.

But mark you, I pray you, how when the apostles had failed, and had not succeeded, this woman had success. So great a thing is assiduity in prayer. Yea, he had even rather be solicited by us, guilty as we are, for those who belong to us, than by others in our behalf. And yet they had more liberty to speak; but she exhibited much endurance.

And by the issue he also excused himself to his disciples for the delay, and showed that with reason he had not assented to their request. (St John Chrysostom, *Homilies on the Gospel of St Matthew*, LII)

From the desk of the pastor

Dear parishioners,

--If you have any 7-year-old child or grandchild ready to be prepared for First Communion, please call Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Courses may start soon.

--Please call the church office at 304-233-1688 every time you are unable to attend the church for a long period of time because of surgery or illness. We will be happy to mail you the weekly bulletin so that you keep informed about the life of the community. --Msgr Bakhos

Mahrajan Updating

Diamond Sponsors needed

We are going to self-sufficiency in affording EZ pop up tents for our booths. Most of our festival profit is going towards the tents rental. Msgr Bakhos ordered five tents for \$200.00 each. If you can sponsor one tent, your name will be listed as a “Diamond Sponsor” in the next year Ad Book. May the Blessed Mother reward you many fold in this life and in the next and bless the work of your hands. --Msgr Bakhos

50/50 Raffle winner

--The winner of the 50/50 Raffle was Mr. Jim Nolte, ticket # 633. His prize was \$9,680.00 Congratulations. He donated \$1,000 back to the church. Many Thanks to him and his family.

Lebanese Festival Yard Signs

THANK YOU to all who displayed a Lebanese Festival yard sign at their home and/or business. We appreciate your support. Please remember to remove the sign from your yard and return the sign-holder to the church. All sign-holders can be left inside the church entrance for pickup. Thanks again for your support!

Financial Report

Like every year, we could not publish the festival financial report until we pay all the bills. Some businesses and companies mail their bills at the end of the month which is August 31st. After we pay all the bills, we will publish the financial report in the bulletin. It will be around September 15th.

Mass Schedule, this Weekend: Sat.-Sunday, August 23-24

Saturday, August 23, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Ron Weisner
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

Sunday, August 24, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ 40-Day Mass for Kenny Joseph by the Joseph and Tucker Families
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, August 25: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, August 26 Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

Wednesday, August 27: No Mass. Office Work.

Thursday, August 28 Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Ray Tucker
- ✠ Robert & Laurel Kate Matiasek by their last will
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

Friday, August 29: No Mass. Office Work.

Mass Schedule, next Weekend: Sat.-Sunday, August 30-31

Saturday, August 30, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Janet Shutler
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

Sunday, August 31, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

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

Coming Parish Events

Sunday, September 21	Volunteers appreciation dinner after 10:30 Mass
November 2 thru 8	Fall Bake Sale. Orders due Saturday, November 8

Special Collection (weekends of August 24 and 31)

Dear Parishioners,

We received from our diocese the following:

“In light of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the surrounding regions, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has reached out to request our support in providing much-needed aid. This appeal covers the affected areas of Gaza, the Holy Land, Lebanon, and Syria. We ask that you take up a **special collection** in your parish on either **Sunday, August 24 or August 31**, to assist in these relief efforts.

Please forward the collected funds to the **Chancery Office** at your earliest convenience so that we can promptly transmit the support to those in need.”

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month

- August 25: Al Depto
- August 26: Nathan Wakim, Jessica George
- August 31: Joseph R. Simon

September 1: Janet Fadoul Wilson
 September 8: Carol Dougherty
 September 9: Gary Weisner, Patrick Stees, Lorenzo Ferrera
 September 10: Chris George
 September 18: Michael Duymich
 September 20: Regina Hancher, Gavin Hancher
 September 24: Luane Frazier

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,085.00	Sunday Collection
45.00	Candles
4.00	Coffee hour
375.00	Donation to the church
475.00	Donations inMemory of Mrs. Judy Ghaphery
1,386.00	Mahrajan
\$3,370.00	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)

NinI Miller, Becky Ferrera, Marge John, Earl & Linda Duffy, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Mary Ragase, 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,

What's New?

Congratulations on Your Baptism: Eleanor Smith

Nathan & Morgan Harris-Smith granted to their daughter Eleanor the honor to be the adopted daughter of God through the sacrament of Baptism, last Saturday, August 16th, at Our Lady of Lebanon Church. Eleanor is the granddaughter of Paul & Judy Harris. Godparents were: Darwin Smith & Veronica Mushet After the Baptism, a reception was held at the Church Cedar Hall for the family and friends. May Saint Sharbel, the patron saint of Eleanor, protect her and grant her along with her parents, godparents, and grandparents, good health and bright future.

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>

Lost & Found

If anyone lost an item at the Lebanese Festival, please call 304-218-3028.

Around Us

Clothes Selling at St. Michael church

At St. Michael Church, clothes are selling for .50cents each, coats \$3.00, shoes \$2.00 and everything else is priced as marked. Clothes range from newborn to Adult sizes.

Question & Answer (#29)

Question # 29: “Do angels really exist?”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the angels really exist as purely spiritual beings (i.e. beings which do not have bodies). Angels have intellect and will, that they can know and that they can love. They are persons, albeit not human persons, but angelic persons. They are immortal -a fact which Jesus himself teaches us when speaking about men who have attained the resurrection, saying, “for they cannot die any more, because they are equal to angels” (Lk 20:36). Angels are creatures surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness.

In the Maronite tradition the word “guardian angel” [MaLak HaRes] means “the watcher,” that is, those who keep watch or vigil. A better translation might be “the wakeful one,” those who never sleep, but stay always awake as “guardian angels” to protect us.

In the Old Testament, angel guarded the way into paradise after the Fall (Gn 3:24), kept Abraham from sacrificing his son Isaac (Gn 22:11), guided and protected the People of God on their way to the Promised Land (Ex 23:20-23).

In the New Testament, the angel Gabriel announced to Zechariah the birth of John the Baptizer (Lk 1:11-23), and to Mary the birth of Jesus, the Son of God (Lk 1:26-38), and to the shepherds the birth of our Savior (Lk 2:8-15). The angels served Christ in the desert after He was tempted by Satan (Mk 1:12-13), comforted Him in His agony at Gethsemane (Lk 22:43-44), and announced His glorious resurrection (Mt 28:1-7) and will accompany Him when He comes again on the last day to judge the living and the dead (Mt 25:31-46).

In a word, “With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God.”

Spirituality: Bible Tags

The Bible in 50 Words!

God made; Adam bit; Noah arked; Abraham split; Joseph ruled; Jacob fooled; Bush talked; Moses balked; Pharaoh plagued; People walked; Sea divided; Tablets guided; Promise landed; Saul freaked; David peeked; Prophets warned; Jesus born. God walked; Love talked; Anger crucified; Hope died; Love rose; Spirit flamed; Word spread; God remained.

Wisdom: How I write a Will

When young, we had few worldly possessions so we could not understand why we needed one. We had no worry about funeral expenses because our parents would give us a decent funeral and bury us. But over the years, we accumulate more personal possessions, and if we don't have a will, our estate went to probate which took months to reconcile.

According to *Consumer Reports* magazine, as many as 66% of Americans are aware they need a will but do not have one. And among those who do have wills, many are out of date or defective. While there is no legal requirement that a will be drawn up by a lawyer, there are pitfalls associated with the do-it-yourself version. Since at the time a will comes into effect, the person who made the will is not available to explain him or herself or to correct any mistakes, there is little room for error. Seeking the advice of an attorney will help you avoid the mistakes that might invalidate your wishes.

Many people put off making a will for as long as possible. They can find numerous reasons to avoid the issue, including: It's too expensive. My estate is too small. I'll do it later. Among the notables who died without a valid will (or no will at all) are Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, Ulysses S. Grant, Howard Hughes, Martin Luther King, Jr., Buddy Holly, Lenny Bruce, Billie Holiday, Marvin Gaye, Sam Cooke, Cass Elliot, Sonny Bono, Tiny Tim, Karl Marx and Pablo Picasso. If you have not yet written your will, you are in good company!

However, a will can do many things for you and your beneficiaries:

- 1- It affords you an opportunity to put your affairs in order as a faithful steward of the goods God has given you.
- 2- It can guard against complications or serious problems for your family, especially if you have dependent children.

- 3- It can ensure that your wishes are fulfilled.
- 4- It can conserve your assets, limit the costs of probate and reduce or even eliminate estate taxes.
- 5- It can give you peace of mind knowing that your temporal affairs are in order.
- 6- It can help you donate to deserving causes with a bequest.

Some wills are quite simple while others are exceedingly complex. Your will should reflect the decisions you have made and the ideas you want carried out by those you leave behind.

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.

Jokes (180)

Love

When a factory was burning down, the aged owner of the building was there weeping aloud at his loss. "DAD, WHAT ARE YOU WEeping FOR?" said his son, "HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT WE SOLD THE FACTORY FOUR DAYS AGO?"

That instantly stopped the old man's tears.

Love

A saleswoman sold a brightly colored pair of trousers to a lad who seemed delighted with his purchase. The next day he was back to say he wanted to return the trousers. His reason, "MY GIRLFRIEND DOES NOT LIKE THEM."

A week later he was back again, all smiles, and wanting to buy the trousers. "HAS YOUR GIRLFRIEND CHANGED HER MIND?" asked the saleswoman.

"NOPE," said the young fellow, "I'VE CHANGED THE GIRL."

Love

Mother: "WHAT DOES YOUR GIRLFRIEND LIKE IN YOU?"

Son: "SHE THINKS I'M HANDSOME, TALENTED, CLEVER AND A GOOD DANCER."

Mother: "AND WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT HER?"

Son: "SHE THINKS I'M HANDSOME, TALENTED, CLEVER AND A GOOD DANCER."

Religion

Pilot to passengers in mid-flight: "I REGRET TO INFORM YOU WE ARE IN TERRIBLE TROUBLE. ONLY GOD CAN SAVE US NOW."

A passenger turned to a priest to ask what the pilot had said and got this reply: "HE SAYS THERE'S NO HOPE!"

Famous Quotes (71)

--If you would convince a man that he does wrong, do right. Men will believe what they see. (Henry David Thoreau)

--You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips. (Oliver Goldsmith)

--Always do right. This will surprise some people and astonish the rest. (Mark Twain)

--Aim at perfection in everything, though in most things it is unattainable; however, they who aim at it, and persevere, will come much nearer to it than those whose laziness and despondency make them give it up as unattainable. (Lord Chesterfield)

--If you expect perfection from people, your whole life is a series of disappointments, grumbling and complaints. If, on the contrary, you pitch your expectations low, taking folks as the inefficient creatures which they are, you are frequently surprised by having them perform better than you had hoped. (Bruce Barton)

--Before we set our hearts too much upon anything, let us examine how happy those are who already possess it. (Rochefoucauld)

--Do not anticipate trouble, or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight. (Benjamin Franklin)

--Don't fall before you are pushed. (English proverb)

--To know the road ahead, ask those coming back. (Chinese proverb)