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

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### ***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross***

- \***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 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 AlKhoury
  - \***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.

## ***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross***

Readings: Deut 17:14-20; 2 Tim 2:1-10 and Mk 10:35-45

The ambition of two disciples provoked this promise; the indignation of the other ten provoked the formulation of the new law, the law of the gospel. The disciples in this instance were exemplifying the rule governing Gentile society.

Jesus asserts the opposite rule as binding upon his society (vss.42-43). Here everything is turned bottom side up. Only the slave of all is qualified to govern all. And slavery to others is embodied in the act of dying for them. The only true king, it would seem, is a dead king. It is not at all surprising, then, when we reread the Gospel to find that the rejection of this rule lies behind all the rejections of Jesus, whether by the scribes, the crowds, the rich man, or the disciples. Yet the coming baptism will include the adoption of this rule. The baptism of the disciples will be fulfilled not simply by their suffering and death, but by their becoming slaves of all. This is why the New Testament can speak of all faithful believers as kings (Apoc 1:6, 9; 5:10; 1 Peter 2:9). When all are kings because all are slaves, such ambitions as those of James and John will be truly senseless.

## ***Mass Schedule, next Weekend: Sat.-Sunday, September 20-21*** ***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross***

### **Saturday, September 20, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Ray Tucker
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

### **Sunday, September 21, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Jack Fahey
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

## ***Weekdays Mass Schedule***

**Monday, September 22:** No Mass. Pastor's day off.

### **Tuesday, September 23, Mass at Noon:**

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Sister Jeanne Vidonic
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

**Wednesday, September 24:** No Mass. Office Work.

### **Thursday, September 25, Mass at Noon:**

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Ray Tucker
- ✠ Robert & Laurel Kate Matiasek by their Last Will
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

**Friday, September 26:** No Mass. Office Work.

## ***Mass Schedule, next Weekend: Sat.-Sunday, September 27-28*** ***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross***

### **Saturday, September 27, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Doug Emmerth
- ✠ Dennis Fahey (Birthday) by George & Patty Fahey
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

### **Sunday, September 28, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Lou & Charlotte Khourey
- ✠ Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone

## ***Coming Parish Events***

Sunday, September 21	Volunteers appreciation dinner after 10:30 Mass
Saturday, September 27	First Communion class at 11:00 am inside the church
November 10 thru 15 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, November 10: dicing onions Tuesday, November 11: Browning meat Wednesday, November 12: Baking kibbee Thursday, November 13: Meat Pies Saturday, November 15: Orders pick-up

## ***First Communion Classes***

First Communion classes will take place at our church every other Saturday starting on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Children 7 year old are eligible to attend accompanied by their parents or guardians. Please call Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688

## ***Mahrajan Updating***

### ***Golden Sponsors needed***

- Arch for Mahrajan entrance sponsored by Assad Rahi (he will be Diamond Sponsor in next year Ad Book)
- In the next Mahrajan 2026, We will welcome our guests at the entrance Arch and offer them Four or five \$100.00 cash Door Prizes in return of having their addresses in order to keep them informed about our festival program, food and activities.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in Honor of Don & Lori Nickerson (Their names will be written on the Golden Level in Ad Book)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in Honor of Rose Hebdo-Oberst (Ohio) (Her name will be written on the Diamond Level in Ad Book)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in Honor of Rose Hebdo-Oberst (Ohio) (Her name will be written on the Diamond Level in Ad Book)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize in Honor of (Please sponsor me)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize in Honor of (Please sponsor me)

## ***All Souls Two Week Masses*** (From November 1<sup>st</sup> until November 9<sup>th</sup>)

The weekend Masses will be followed by the Prayer of Incense for the Repose of All Souls.

Special day remembrance during these two week Masses for All Souls:

Sunday, November 2:

✠ Steve & Elizabeth Harasuik (Wedding Anniversary) by George & Susan Saseen and Family

Sunday, November 9:

✠ Sara (Joseph) McLaughlin (Anniversary) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

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

## ***Masses for All Souls***

- ✠ Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Virginia Khourey Bryan & Deceased of the Nabihah & Habib Khourey Family by the Khourey Family
- ✠ Deceased of the Nader Family by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Youssef Chahine by his wife Jocelyne and Family (PA)
- ✠ Deceased of the Chidiac Family by Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac
- ✠ John Shibben by his wife Dee
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb & Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)
- ✠ Sarah Harb (sister of Benefactor Jamil Harb) by the Family
- ✠ Najla Nassar and Nawal El-Hage by Anthony & Rena Nassar and Family
- ✠ Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise
- ✠ Deceased of the Gibbons and Otterbecks Families by Ron & Kim Gibbons
- ✠ Deceased of the Coury Family by Ron & Kim Gibbons

- † Helen & Al Schroeder by their son Mark and daughter Jane Wine
- † Suzanne Bush by Mark Schroeder
- † Martha Paul by Mark Schroeder
- † Frank Schroeder by Mark Schroeder
- † Deceased of Sara (Joseph) McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † John & Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † Deceased of Elias & Selma Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † Mike Joseph by his wife Vickie Joseph
- † Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Mildred Daniel by Vickie Joseph
- † Sam Daniel by Vickie Joseph
- † Rosemary Coury by Dick Coury
- † Eva Coury by Dick Coury
- † Marianna Khoury by Dick Coury
- † Attorney Edward Khoury by Dick Coury
- † Attorney Clinton Coury by Dick Coury
- † Thomas A. & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris
- † Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family
- † Mary Piko and Lottie Elwartoski by Marcia Laughlin
- † George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen and Family
- † Steve & Elizabeth Harasuik by George & Susan Saseen and Family
- † Debbie Saseen by George & Susan Saseen and Family
- † Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol Dougherty (OK)
- † Deceased of the Hebdo Family by Carol Dougherty (OK)
- † Elias & Siham Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Zack, Andreah & Christian Riedel
- † Jim & LaVerne Thomas by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Zack, Andreah & Christian Riedel
- † Deceased of the Rahi and Rouhana Families by Alicia & Scott Peklinski
- † Kenny Joseph by his wife Nancy Joseph and the Tucker Family
- † Bryan Joseph (grandson) by Nancy Joseph and the Tucker Family
- † Martha Ruggiero and Lucy Gibbons by Rose Marie and Jim Carroll
- † Abdoo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Connell
- † Bernard & Marie Connell by Jim & Pat Connell
- † Deceased of the Bott Family by Don & Roberta Henning
- † Deceased of the Henning Family by Don & Roberta Henning
- † Dolores & George A. Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Philip & Betty Lou Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Alfred Felici by Francie Felici and Brian Felici and Stephanie Richards and Families
- † Deceased of the Glaser and Boehm Families by the Family
- † Bob Sengewalt by Dave and Debbie Sengewalt and Family
- † Cathy (Sharp) Howard by Dave and Debbie Sengewalt and Family
- † Deceased members of the Shutler Family by Janet Shutler
- † Deceased members of the Nolte Family by Janet Shutler
- † Dolores and Reszo Palotay by the Palotay Family
- † Diane Palotay by the Palotay Family
- † Jerrie Williams by the Palotay Family
- † Walter Elwartoski by his son Richard Elwartoski
- † Lottie Elwartoski by her son Richard Elwartoski
- † Samuel J. Hebdo by his daughter Rose Oberst
- † Vincent & Agnes Jacovetty by Patty & George Fahey
- † Dennis & Jane Fahey by George & Patty Fahey

✠ Jim Fahey by George & Patty Fahey

✠ Sam, Robert & Vincent Lee Jacovetty by George & Patty Fahey

## ***Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month***

September 24: Luane Frazier

September 26: Mary Rose Kukula

October 4: Leo Bleifus

October 6: Joe Popovich, Frank Duymich

October 10: Linda Duffy

October 15: Denise "Nini" Miller

October 16: Karen John, Natalie DeMuth Mulvey

October 20: Courtney Sengewalt

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

\$854.00	Sunday Collection
43.00	Candles
200.00	Donation to the church
250.00	Utilities
\$1347.00	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, Nini Miller, Becky Ferrera, Marge John, 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,

## ***In our Mailbox***

Dear Msgr Bakhos,

We received your donation of \$130.00 to be used toward the Adult Day Care Center. We thank you so much and please thank your parishioners for us. Also, please know that we keep you and your parishioners in our prayers. May God bless your parish and make it prosper. -- The Antonine Sisters, North Jackson, Ohio

## ***Around Us***

The Office of Vocations of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles and the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn will hold a discernment weekend from Friday, October 31st to Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary in Washington, DC.

If you know of anyone discerning a vocation to the priesthood, or if anyone wants more information, please fill out the following form: <https://forms.gle/vS767wXLcavCesDH9>

This is an opportunity for those discerning their vocation to experience a weekend in the life of a seminarian by joining the Divine Liturgy, Adoration, meals, prayers, and spending time together at the Seminary.

For more information, please ask Msgr Bakhos

## ***Question & Answer (#33)***

Lack of Adherence to Church Teaching

As Catholics we believe what the Church authoritatively teaches on matters of faith and morals, for to hear the voice of the Church, on matters of faith and morals, is to hear the voice of Christ himself. To give selective assent to the teachings of the Church not only deprives us of her life-giving message, but also

seriously endangers our communion with her.

Some Catholics may not fully understand the Church's doctrinal and moral teaching on certain issues. They may have certain questions and even uncertainties. In these situations of honest doubt and confusion, they are welcome to partake of Holy Communion, as long as they are prayerfully and honestly striving to understand the truth of what the Church professes and are taking appropriate steps to resolve their confusion and doubt. Individuals who experience serious difficulties with or doubts about Church teaching should carefully study those Church teachings from authentic sources and seek advice from a confessor or pastor.

If a Catholic in his or her personal or professional life were knowingly and obstinately to reject the defined doctrines of the Church, or knowingly and obstinately to repudiate her definitive teaching on moral issues, however, he or she would seriously diminish his or her communion with the Church. Reception of Holy Communion in such a situation would not accord with the nature of the Eucharistic celebration, so that he or she should refrain.

### ***Spirituality: Car not Bible***

I wanted a car ... not a Bible!

A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealers showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted. As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study, told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and how much he loved him. He handed him a beautifully wrapped gift box.

Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible, with his name embossed in gold.

Angrily, he raised his voice to his father and said, "With all your money you give me a Bible?" He stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible behind.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful family, but realized his father was very old. He thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. But before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to him. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house, sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important documents and saw the Bible, new, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. His father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt 7:11, "And if you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father which is in Heaven, give to those who ask Him?"

As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words...

PAID IN FULL.

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

### ***Wisdom: The two wolves***

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that was going on inside himself. He said, "My son, it is between 2 wolves. One is evil: anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. The other is good: joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one I feed."

### ***Story: Music in the Metro station***

Perception, Something To Think About.

Washington, DC Metro Station on a cold January morning in 2007. The man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time approx. 2 thousand people went through the station, most of them on their way to work. After 3 minutes a middle aged man noticed there was a musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds and then hurried to meet his schedule.

4 minutes later: The violinist received his first dollar: a woman threw the money in the hat and, without stopping, continued to walk.

6 minutes: A young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then looked at his watch and started to walk again.

10 minutes: A 3-year old boy stopped but his mother tugged him along hurriedly. The kid stopped to look at the violinist again, but the mother pushed hard and the child continued to walk, turning his head all the time. This action was repeated by several other children. Every parent, without exception, forced their children to move on quickly.

45 minutes: The musician played continuously. Only 6 people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The man collected a total of \$32.

1 hour: He finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed. No one applauded, nor was there any recognition.

No one knew this, but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days before Joshua Bell sold out a theater in Boston where the seats averaged \$100.

This is a true story. Joshua Bell playing incognito in the metro station was organized by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about perception, taste and people's priorities.

The questions raised:

-In a common place environment at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty?

-Do we stop to appreciate it?

-Do we recognize talent in an unexpected context?

One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be this: If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments ever made. How many other things are we missing?

## *Jokes (185)*

### *Stolen Watermelon*

Three boys accused of stealing watermelons were brought to court and faced the judge nervously, expecting the worst, for he was known to be a severe man.

He was also a wise educator. With a rap of his gavel he said: "Any man in here who never stole a sinle watermelon when he was a boy, raise his hand." He waited. The court officials, policeman, spectators, and the judge himself, kept their hands on the desks in front of them.

When he was satisfied that not a single hand was raised in the court, the judge said: "Case Dismissed."

### *Sample*

When the young rabbi succeeded his father everyone began to tell him how completely unlike his father he was. "On the contrary," replied the young man. "I'm exactly like the "old man. He imitated no one. I imitate no one."

### *Fear*

"SO, THIS WAS YOUR FIRST FLIGHT. WERE YOU SCARED?"

"WELL, TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I DIDN'T DARE PUT MY FULL WEIGHT DOWN ON THE SEAT."

### *Overactive Fork*

"What are you planning to do about that excess weight you're carrying around?" the doctor asked the patient.

"I just can't seem to lose the weight," the patient said. "Must be an overactive thyroid."

"The tests show your thyroid is perfectly normal," the doctor said. "If anything is overactive, it's your fork."

## *Due Process*

A thief picked a man's pocket on a crowded elevator. As the result of quick police action, he was arrested and brought before the local magistrate. "You are charged with stealing another person's wallet," said the magistrate. "How do you plead: guilty or not guilty?"

The pickpocket replied, "How can I tell, Your Honor, until I have heard the evidence?"

## *The Voice from Above*

Two big city coaches from the University of Washington were snooping around in Washington State country. It was winter, and they heard that one of the specialties of the area was ice fishing, so they decided to try their hand at it. They went to a sporting goods store and bought all the necessary paraphernalia—lines, poles, lures, bait, a small power saw, a tent, a camp stove—the whole bit—and then they found some ice, pitched their tent, and started to cut a hole in the ice. Just as they got into the spirit of the thing, a loud, awesome voice from above proclaimed, "There's no fish under the ice."

Well, that stopped them for a minute, and they looked quizzically at each other; but then, embarrassed to acknowledge this eerie voice to each other, they turned back to their saw and the ice. Just as they got going again they heard the voice again: "There's no fish under the ice."

They stole embarrassed looks at each other but kept on sawing. Now, a third time, even louder than before, the booming voice thundered at them: "There's no fish under the ice."

Finally, one of them could stand it no longer, stood up, and cried out, "Is that you, Lord?"

And the voice boomed out, "No, this is the manager of the ice skating rink."

## *Famous Quotes (75)*

--"Women are told today they can have it all: career, marriage, children. You need a total commitment to make it work. Take a close look at your child. He doesn't want to be bright, talented, chic or smart: any of those things. He just wants you to love him. He will be the one who pays the price for your wanting to have it all ... There are two keys: one, believe in yourself; two, love. You must ooze it from every pore. Love your work, your husband and your child, not just to hear his needs, but to feel his needs. For your husband you must reserve that thirtieth hour of the day when he has you all alone to himself. If you wonder when you'll get time to rest, well, you can sleep in your old age if you live that long." (Beverly Sills)

--"I don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains. My advice is: Go outside, to the fields, enjoy nature and the sunshine, go out and try to recapture happiness in yourself and in God. Think of all the beauty that's still left in and around you and be happy!" (Anne Frank)

--"Life is short and we never have enough time for gladdening the hearts of those who travel the way with us. O, be swift to love! Make haste to be kind." (Henri F. Amiel)

--"If you have a friend worth loving, Love him. Yes, and let him know That you love him, ere life's evening, tinge his brow with sunset glow.

Why should good words ne'er be said, of a friend till he is dead?" (Daniel W. Hoyt)

--"If you love me, let it appear." (Saint Augustine)

--"Talk not of wasted affection! Affection never was wasted." (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

--"Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation for it is better to be alone than in bad company." (George Washington)

--"Forsake not an old friend; for the new is not comparable to him: a new friend is as new wine; when it is old, you shall drink it with pleasure." (Old Testament)

--"Better fare hard with good men than feast it with bad." (Thomas Fuller)