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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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7th Sunday of Resurrection

- ***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.

Gospel Reflection: 7th Sunday of Resurrection

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

On the night before he died, Jesus told his followers, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward” (in 13:36). In spite of the pain and agony of the cross, Jesus raises our eyes to the glories prepared for God’s faithful ones. With God’s promise to be with us, the trials of the present age vanish. “See, I am making all things new” (Rev 21:5a), God tells us as our tears are wiped away, and we catch a glimpse of a world in which “mourning and crying and pain will be no more”.

As we persevere in following Christ, we undergo many trials before we can “enter the kingdom of God” (Acts 14:22b). Through Jesus’ own self-giving, we entrust ourselves “to the Lord in whom” we have “come to believe” (v 23b). He reminds us, “Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (Jn 13:34). When the world sees our compassionate care for others, it will truly be heaven on earth.

Flowers to the Blessed Mother During May

May the Blessed Mother shower her graces upon all the generous parishioners who sponsored Flowers to decorate her altar during the month of May consecrated to her devotion.

May 10th	The Women Society and Jeannette Wakim
May 17 th	Susan John Burns, Liz Murad
May 24th	Libby G. Magnone, Patrick Stees, Pam Obyc, Kathleen George
May 31st	Thomasina Geimer, Luane Frazier and Becky Ferrera

This Weekend Mass Schedule. Sat-Sun. May 16-17

Saturday May 16, Mass at 4:00 p.m.: Mass for the Living & Deceased mothers & grandmothers

Sunday May 17, Mass at 10:30 a.m.: Mass for the Living & Deceased mothers & grandmothers

Weekdays Mass schedule

Monday May 18: No Mass. Pastor’s day off.

Tuesday May 19, Mass at Noon.

† Rose Olinski (Anniversary) by Mary Ragase

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

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

Wednesday May 20: No Mass.

Thursday May 21, Mass at Noon:

† Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise

† Lottie & Walter Elwartoski (Anniversary) by their son Richard

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

Friday May 22: No Mass.

Next Weekend Mass Schedule. Sat-Sun. May 23-24

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

† Robert Rose and Dave Sengewalt by the Family

† Thomas Hicks by Anna Bris

† Linda Mason by Judy Noll

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

† David & Tamamie Joseph by Ron & Susan (John) Burns

† Fran Saseen by Michelle & Jay McGowan

† Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

Coming Events in a Glimpse

Sunday, May 17	Cedar Club meeting after 10:30 am Mass
Dance Troupe practice May 17, 24, 31	Lasts for 45 minutes directly after 10:30 am Mass. May 17, 24, 31 and June 7, 14, 28 and July 12, 19, 26
Saturday, June 6	Rummage Sale from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
June 20 – June 28	Fathers and grandfathers' Day Masses
Sunday, August 9	Mahrajan (Lebanese Festival) See details below

Fathers' Day Masses, Sat. June 20 – Sunday, June 28

Masses for the Deceased Fathers and Grandfathers

Special Remembrance on these special days:

On June 20: † Mariam Joseph by the Weisner and Joseph Families

On June 21: † Sara (Joseph) McLaughlin (Birthday) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

† Sara McLaughlin (Birthday) by Larry & Becky Ferrera

† Sister Mary Thomasina John by Ron & Susan (John) Burns

† Richard Frazier (Birthday) by his wife Luane

† Antonina Siebieda (Anniversary) by Larry & Lillian Siebieda and Family

On June 23: † Jim Fahey (Anniversary) by George & Patty Fahey

On June 27: † Bob Sengewalt and his son Dave by the Family

† 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)

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

† Albert Togliatti and Khalil Harb by GiGi Rice

† Deceased of Mr. Jamil Harb by Msgr. Bakhos

† Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise

† Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

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

† John Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin and Family

† Dana Burkhart by his wife Carol Burkhart

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

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

† 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

† Alfred Felici by his children Stephanie Richards and Brian Felici

† Elias Frenn and Jim Thomas by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Andreah, Zack & Christian Riedel

† Richard Frazier by his wife Luane and sons Rick and John and grandson Kyle Logan Sander

† Thomas A. Ferris by his daughter Denise Ferris

† Thomas Shia and Gus Shia by Sue Jochum and Family

† Thomas Jochum, Jr. & Sr. by Sue Jochum and Family

† Al Schroeder by his son Mark Schroeder and daughter Jane Wine

† Matt Hughes and Albert Schroeder by Mark Schroeder and Jane Wine

† Kenneth Joseph by his daughter Cheryl Tucker and Family

† Donald Nickerson Sr. and Albert Nickerson by their Loving Family

† Nicholas Elias by his Loving Family

† Vincent Jacovetty by Patty & George Fahey

† Dennis Fahey by George & Patty Fahey

† Randy Borkoski by Anthony & Amanda Sable and Children

- ✠ John Henning and Joseph Bott by Don & Roberta Henning
- ✠ Anthony George (MN) by his daughter Margaret George
- ✠ George A. Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros
- ✠ Philip Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros
- ✠ George Fadoul and Joseph Duffy by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Samuel John Hebdo by his daughter Rose Hebdo-Oberst
- ✠ George J. Saseen by his son George P. Saseen
- ✠ Steve Harasuik by his daughter Susan Harasuik-Saseen
- ✠ Al Otterbeck and Barkett Coury by Ron & Kim Gibbons
- ✠ George Joseph, Lawrence Ferrera, Elias Joseph and Tom Veechione by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Gary McLaughlin, Mickey McLaughlin, Gerard Joseph and Edward Joseph by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Walter Elwartoski by his son Richard Elwartoski
- ✠ Robert and Charles (Darwish) by Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Mike Joseph by his wife Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Abdo Ferris, Tom Ferris, Nikolai Magnone, Louie Ferris, Kenneth Coffield, Ted Ferris, David Garcia, John Ferris, Mark Fertig, William Magnone by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ George Alan Weisner and Albert Frederick Weisner by Mary Beth Weisner
- ✠ Nimon Joseph by Mary Beth Weisner
- ✠ George Weisner by his son Gary Weisner
- ✠ Donald Vince by his Children and grandchildren
- ✠ Walter Machel and Leo Spyra by Judy & Mike Sofka
- ✠ Sterun Sofka and John Sayre and Tim Stanton by Judy & Mike Sofka
- ✠ Abdoo Saseen by Jim & Pat Connell
- ✠ Bernard Connell by Jim & Pat Connell
- ✠ Albert Boehm by his Family
- ✠ Robert Glaser by his Family
- ✠ Samuel J. Elias by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- ✠ Alphonse Golebiewski by Mike & Terri Golebiewski

Masses for the Living Fathers and Grandfathers

- ✠ Louis H. Khourey by his children Emmalena and Louie
- ✠ Mark McLaughlin by his children Brad and Kristen and grandchildren Nathan and Shane Graney
- ✠ Dr Adel Frenn and Mike Riedel by Justin Frenn and Andreah, Zack Riedel
- ✠ Dr Adel Frenn and Mike Riedel by Christian Riedel
- ✠ Earl (Mickey) Duffy by his wife Linda Duffy
- ✠ Assad Rahi by his daughter Alicia and Scott Peklinsky
- ✠ George Saseen by his granddaughter Ginny Naswadi
- ✠ Larry Ferrera, Larry Ferrera III, Tony Ferrera and Mark McLaughlin by Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Louis Valles by his daughter Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Nick Magnone, John Ferris, Nicky Magnone, Bill Stees, Josh McDowell by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Anthony Ruiz by Matt and Vicki Gompers
- ✠ Patrick Rinehart and Terry Rinehart and Mike Sofka by Judy & Mike Sofka
- ✠ Krzysztof Kowalski and Zdzislaw Kowalski by Judy & Mike Sofka

Many Thanks

To all the ladies and gentlemen who came together to work, cook, and handle the bake sale orders. You are a wonderful team that we are all proud of. May the Blessed Mother reward each and everyone of you with good health and long life. Job well done.

Lebanese Festival News (Sunday, August 9 from 11 to 6 pm)

Outdoor Mass (Sunday Mass will be at 10:00 am not 10:30 am at Oglebay Park. There will be no Mass at the church that Sunday.)

Souvenir Ad Book

--If any parishioner want to put an ad in the Souvenir Ad Book that will be distributed at the festival and all over, please contact Msgr Bakhos 304-233-1688 or Mark McLaughlin. We will help you in the free design.

Dance Troupe of OLOL

--We are once again recruiting for our parish dance troupe. If you know anyone (age 5-21) who would be interested to join, please contact Nesrin Alkhouri at 304-231-7728. We have to see many young dancers. Practice schedule: Lasts for 45 minutes directly after 10:30 am Mass. May 17, 24, 31 June 7, 14, 28, July 12, 19, 26

Volunteers:

--If you are able to volunteer 2 hours at the festival, please call Msgr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Thanks

Diamond Sponsors:

All those generous benefactors who sponsored the 2026 festival with \$200 or more will be recognized in the Ad Book as Diamond sponsors.

5 Cash Door Prizes:

--All guests will be welcomed at the entrance of the festival with good news of five cash prizes donated by generous parishioners. Everyone who submits his/her name and address at the welcome booth, will have a chance to win \$100 cash. Drawings will take place around 6:00 pm before the Raffle cash prize. Good luck to everyone and many thanks for our generous benefactors.

No Canope or Pop-ups at the Festival:

The Festival committee decided not to allow anyone to bring his/her own canope or pop-up tent to the festival ground -that is rented by the church- for insurance and safety reasons. The committee will ask the owners to remove their pop-up immediately.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month

May 17: David Weisner
 May 18: Millet L. Fadoul
 May 23: Danny Ferrera
 May 27: Emmalena Khourey, Brad McLaughlin
 May 30: Josie Stees Fertig
 June 1: Billy Committee
 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

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)

Gina & Shelley Hancher, Lisa Kennedy (daughter of Carol Dougherty, OK), Joe Popovich, Earl & Linda Duffy, Nini Miller, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Mary Ragase, Mary Zigler (sister of Lillian Siebieda), Dolores Oser, Anthony Wakim, Sandra DeMuth, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Denny Albaugh, Rita Rae Sage,

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,721.00	Sunday Collection
55.00	Candles

51.00	Coffee hour
240.00	Donation to the church
1,275.00	Mahrajan (Lebanese festival)
\$3,342.00	Total Deposits: May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home! Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Susan Burns, Liz Murad, Mark McLaughlin

Question & Answer (#68)

Question #68: “What can we do to promote more Catholic living to nominal Catholics?”

Answer: Live the Faith yourself with conviction. Don’t be “lukewarm.” Also have the courage to explain the practical reasons for living the Faith. Explain how the Church’s moral teachings protect us from physical and spiritual harm.

If this doesn’t work, you may have to verbally “hit them between the eyes” with the tough message offered by Scripture. Tell them what Jesus says about those who are lukewarm. In the book of Revelation, Jesus says: “So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.” (Rev. 3:16).

Other translations have used the phrase “vomit you out of my mouth.” Tell them if they die in a state of apathy towards God, they seriously risk an eternity without the One they ignored in life.

Spirituality: God and enemy

The enemy in your mind says you don’t have what it takes;

God says you do have what it takes. Whom are you going to believe?

The enemy says you’re not able to succeed; God says you can do all things through Christ.

The enemy says you’ll never get out of debt; God says not only are you going to get out of debt, you will lend and not borrow.

The enemy says you’re never going to get well; God says He will restore your health.

The enemy says you’ll never amount to anything; God says He will raise you up and make your life significant.

The enemy says your problems are too big, there’s no hope; God says He will solve those problems; moreover, He will turn those problems around and use them for your good.

So, start believing what God says about you, and start thinking God’s thoughts. God’s thoughts will fill you with faith and hope and victory. God’s thoughts will build you up and encourage you. They will give you the strength you need to keep on keeping on. God’s thoughts will give you that can-do mentality.

Wisdom: The Buzzard, the Bat and the Bumblebee

THE BUZZARD:

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

THE BAT:

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

THE BUMBLEBEE:

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

PEOPLE:

In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and

frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up! Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, but faith looks up! Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly and trust in our Creator who loves us.

Story

In light of the recent appeals court ruling in California, with respect to the Pledge of Allegiance, the following recollection from Senator John McCain is very appropriate:

"The Pledge of Allegiance" - Senator John McCain

As you may know, I spent five-and-one-half years as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War. In the early years of our imprisonment, the NVA kept us in solitary confinement or two or three to a cell. In 1971 the NVA moved us from these conditions of isolation into large rooms with as many as 30 to 40 men to a room. This was, as you can imagine, a wonderful change and was a direct result of the efforts of millions of Americans on behalf of a few hundred POWs 10,000 miles from home.

One of the men who moved into my room was a young man named Mike Christian. Mike came from a small town near Selma, Alabama. He didn't wear a pair of shoes until he was 13 years old. At 17, he enlisted in the US Navy. He later earned a commission by going to Officer Training School. Then he became a Naval Flight Officer and was shot down and captured in 1967. Mike had a keen and deep appreciation of the opportunities this country and our military provide for people who want to work and want to succeed.

As part of the change in treatment, the Vietnamese allowed some prisoners to receive packages from home. In some of these packages were handkerchiefs, scarves and other items of clothing.

Mike got himself a bamboo needle. Over a period of a couple of months, he created an American flag and sewed on the inside of his shirt.

Every afternoon, before we had a bowl of soup, we would hang Mike's shirt on the wall of the cell and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

I know the Pledge of Allegiance may not seem the most important part of our day now, but I can assure you that in that stark cell it was indeed the most important and meaningful event.

One day the Vietnamese searched our cell, as they did periodically, and discovered Mike's shirt with the flag sewn inside, and removed it.

That evening they returned, opened the door of the cell, and for the benefit of all of us, beat Mike Christian severely for the next couple of hours. Then, they opened the door of the cell and threw him in. We cleaned him up as well as we could.

The cell in which we lived had a concrete slab in the middle on which we slept. Four naked light bulbs hung in each corner of the room. As I said, we tried to clean up Mike as well as we could. After the excitement died down, I looked in the corner of the room, and sitting there beneath that dim light bulb with a piece of red cloth, another shirt and his bamboo needle, was my friend, Mike Christian. He was sitting there with his eyes almost shut from the beating he had received, making another American flag. He was not making the flag because it made Mike Christian feel better. He was making that flag because he knew how important it was to us to be able to Pledge our allegiance to our flag and country.

So the next time you say the Pledge of Allegiance, you must never forget the sacrifice and courage that thousands of Americans have made to build our nation and promote freedom around the world.

You must remember our duty, our honor, and our country "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation **under God** indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Jokes (221)

Truth

A disciple asked a Rabbi: "Tell us how we should serve God."

He replied, "How should I know?" ... then went on to tell them the following story: "A king had two friends who were found guilty of crime and sentenced to death. Now even though the king loved them he dared not acquit them outright for fear of giving a bad example to the people. So, this is the verdict he gave: A rope was

to be stretched across a deep chasm and each of the two men was to walk over it -to safety and freedom or, if he fell, to his death. The first of the two got across safely. The other shouted to the first across the chasm. "Tell me, friend, how you managed it." The first shouted back, How should I know? All I did was this: When I found myself listing to one side, I leaned to the other."

The pastor's cat

Dwight Nelson recently told a true story about the pastor of his church. He had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc. The kitty would not come down.

The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and drove away so that the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten.

That's what he did, all the while checking his progress in the car. He then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved the car a little further forward, the rope broke. The tree went "boing!" and the kitten instantly sailed through the air-out of sight. The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten. So, he prayed, "Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping," and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. This woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, "Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?"

She replied, "You won't believe this," and then told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her little girl, "Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it."

She told the pastor, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her."

Never underestimate the Power of God and His unique sense of humor.