



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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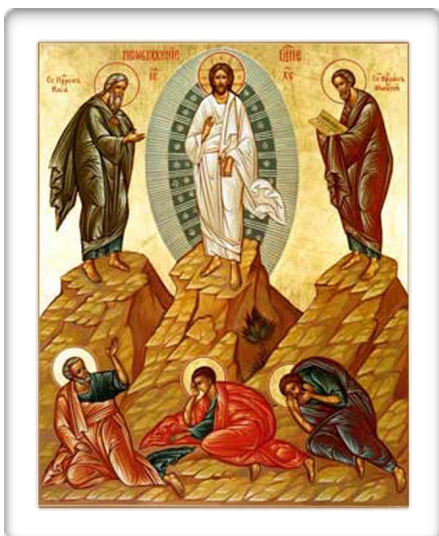
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October 1, 2017

Third Sunday After the Holy Cross



Next Sunday

Fourth Sunday After the Holy Cross

1Thes 5:1-11 (Vigilance)

Mt 24:45-51 (The Faithful or the Unfaithful Servant)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for September 17th - 24th

Online.....\$725.00

Collection.....\$1,699.00

Weekly Total.....\$2,424.00

YTD Total.....\$65,332.00

YTD Goal.....\$71,994.00

YTD Difference.....-\$6,662.00

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, October 1st, 10:30 am

+Helen Mouwad

Linda Yankova

Monday, October 2nd

Klaudia Hrckova

Tuesday, October 3rd

Maria Hodolova

Wednesday, October 4th

Jakub Hrcka

Thursday, October 5th

+Barbara Swing

Friday, October 6th

Radka Kubikova

Saturday, October 7th

Klaudia Hrckova

Sunday, October 8th

+Anton Hodal

Adoration/Exposition every Sunday at 9:00 am before the morning Liturgy.

Confession every Sunday at 9:45 am before the morning Liturgy.

Also join us to pray the Rosary on Sundays at 10:00 am before the Liturgy begins.

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, October 1st

Available

Sunday, October 8th

Available

Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford
(Treasurer)
Charlie Ashou
Gus Bekahi
Nick El Hajj
Agopos Ghossein
Adib Karam
+Claude Karam
Anne Marentette
(Secretary)
Doug Raab
+Thaddeus Rask
Nadia Redmond
Mitch Siekmann
Laif Waldron

Ex Officio
+Deacon Tony
+Deacon Wadih

+Finance
Committee

Parish Events



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

Begin **September 24, 2017**

Classes are available for 1st-6th Grades.

Class time is 9:15-10:15am.

To register your child(ren) for classes, please complete the registration form attached to the original email.

Contact Nadia Redmond for further information, phone: [503-671-0440](tel:503-671-0440) or email: n.redmond@comcast.net.

"For heights and depths no words can reach, music is the soul's own speech"

All of the children of the parish ages 3 and up are invited to participate in the singing ministry this fall. We will be learning beautiful music to be sung in annual Christmas Play on Christmas Eve. The scheduled rehearsal dates are the following Sunday immediately after Holy Mysteries:

October 8th

October 22nd

November 12th

November 19th

December 3rd

December 10th

Please mark your calendars. We will have a short social activity and snacks to really make this fun and memorable for the kids.

Please contact Gladys at 503-747-8689 or alunui3r@frontier.com.

October 8th has been designated "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles. We will have a special brief presentation on the Order that day. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for educating our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or with Father.

Community Events

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima
11th Annual Rosary Bowl NW
Feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary
Saturday, October 7th, 2017
Oregon State Fairgrounds Pavilion, Salem, Oregon
9a.m. to 4p.m. Doors Open at 8:30a.m.

Confessions
(9:00a.m. as Priests arrive)

Procession
Our Lady of Fatima
Statue
9:00a.m.
(Statue will leave by 12:00 noon)

Followed by...
Holy Rosary
with Meditations by
Sr. Lucia

Holy Mass
With
Bishop Kenneth Steiner

Vatican International Exhibit
Eucharistic Miracles of the
World Display

ROSAIRE BOWL NW

Afternoon Session
Talk by Carmelites
Enrollment of the
Brown Scapular

Holy Hour
Adoration

Chapel of
Divine Mercy

*Wailing of Our
Mother Wound Retreat*

December 8 - 10th
Friday 6:00 - 10 pm
Saturday 9 am - 10 pm
Sunday 8 am - 11 am

Conference Talks:

The mother child relationship
the first "look of love"

The mother, first teacher of the heart,
learn to share my heart

The mother, the first teacher
of a relationship

The unloving mother and a human heart
walls that block trust

The unloving mother
and the inability to feel

From my mother to Mary,
the Mother of Jesus

From Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to Mary, my Mother

Mary, the best of all Mothers

Contact: Sister Mariam
503-269-3758
Registration \$45
Scholarships available

St. Angel Retreat Center
Rooms available if desired
\$100 single
\$150 double

JOIN THE ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL
TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF MARONITE SEMINARIANS
AND HELP SECURE THE FUTURE OF THE MARONITE CHURCH
IN THE UNITED STATES

JESUS IS CALLING

JOIN THE ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL TODAY
Enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or in your Parish.
For more information about the Order, contact your Parish Priest
or Order of Saint Sharbel Vice President Dr. Dina Tabachery
at tabacherydina@gmail.com
or call the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles at (310) 231-1021
If you are interested in becoming a Priest, Religious Sister, or Deacon contact
Vocations Director Father Guy George, C.M.I. at (310) 963-3300 or aboumghal@gmail.com

Portland Life Chain will be on **October 29th, Sunday, 2:30pm- 4pm**, in front of Planned Parenthood Center at [3727 NE MLK Jr. Blvd, Portland, Oregon](http://3727-NE-MLK-Jr-Blvd-Portland-Oregon). Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals praying for 90 minutes for end to abortion and for our nation. Bring your whole family! Lawn chairs, strollers, umbrellas are welcome and encouraged! This event is organized by the Oregon Knights of Columbus. for more information please contact Tony D'Silva at D'Silva@spx.koc.forlife@gmail.com

Reflection

Mt 24:23-31

These verses teach us, in the first place, that when the Lord Jesus returns to this world, He shall come with peculiar glory and majesty. He shall come “in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” Before His presence the very sun, moon, and stars shall be darkened, and “the powers of heaven shall be shaken.”

The SECOND personal coming of Christ shall be as different as possible from the FIRST. He came the first time as a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He was born in the manger of Bethlehem, in lowliness and humiliation. He took on him the form of a servant, and was despised and rejected of men. He was betrayed into the hands of wicked men, condemned by an unjust judgment, mocked, scourged, crowned with thorns, and at last crucified between two thieves. He shall come the second time as the King of all the earth, with all royal majesty. The princes and great men of this world shall themselves stand before His throne to receive an eternal sentence. Before him every mouth shall be stopped, and every knee bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. May we all remember this. Whatever ungodly men may do now, there will be no scoffing, no jesting at Christ, no infidelity at the last day. The servants of Jesus may well wait patiently. Their master shall one day be acknowledged King of kings by all the world.

These verses teach us, in the second place, that when Christ returns to this world, He will first take care of His believing people. He shall “send his angels,” and “gather together his elect.”

In the day of judgment true Christians shall be perfectly safe. Not a hair of their heads shall fall to the ground. Not one bone of Christ’s mystical body shall be broken. There was an ark for Noah, in the day of the flood. There was a Zoar for Lot, when Sodom was destroyed. There shall be a hiding-place for all believers in Jesus, when the wrath of God at last bursts on this wicked world. Those mighty angels who rejoiced in heaven when each sinner repented, shall gladly catch up the people of Christ to meet their Lord in the air. That day no doubt will be a dreadful day, but believers may look forward to it without fear.

In the day of judgment true Christians shall at length be gathered together. The saints of every age, and every tongue shall be assembled out of every land. All shall be there, from righteous Abel down to the last soul that is converted to God—from the oldest patriarch down to the little infant that just breathed and died. Let us think what a happy gathering that will be, when all the family of God are at length together. If it has been pleasant to meet one or two saints occasionally on earth, how much more pleasant will it be to meet a “multitude that no man can number!” Surely we may be content to carry the cross, and put up with partings for a few years. We travel on towards a day, when we shall meet to part no more.



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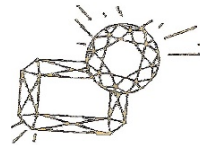
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