

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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October 15, 2017

Fifth Sunday After the Holy Cross



Next Sunday

Sixth Sunday After the Holy Cross

Gal 6:1-10 (Life in the Community of Christ)

Mt 25:14-30 (The Parable of the Talents)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for October 1st - 8th

Online.....\$445.00

Collection.....\$427.00

Weekly Total.....\$872.00

YTD Total.....\$68,174.00

YTD Goal.....\$75,686.00

YTD Difference.....-\$7,512.00

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, October 15th, 10:30 am

Joel Graham

Monday, October 16th

Marek Vaclavik

Tuesday, October 17th

Available

Wednesday, October 18th

Olivia Hrckova

Thursday, October 19th

Available

Friday, October 20th

Marek Vaclavik

Saturday, October 21st

Available

Sunday, October 22nd

+Joseph Tanous Atie

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 15th

Available

Sunday, October 22nd

Available

Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford
(Treasurer)
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+Deacon Tony
+Deacon Wadih

+Finance
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Parish Events

ARABIC CLASSES

Start this Sunday @9:00am!!

Hessen Karma & Gus Bekahi will provide books, anyone interested please join!



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

Begin **September 24, 2017**

Classes are for 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 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.

Community Events

PARISHIONERS,
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make this event a success.
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JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
ST. SHARBEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
**AUTHENTIC
LEBANESE DINNER**

Join us for our delicious and authentic Lebanese Dinner Fundraiser in our parish hall. We'll be serving generous portions of chicken & beef kabob with garlic sauce, vegetable & beans over rice, tabouleh salad and hummus. GLUTEN FREE option available.

October 29th • Noon to 6pm
\$15 Dinner Ticket Donation • To Go Orders Available
1804 SE 16th Avenue, Portland • saintsharbel.com

We'll also be holding a bake sale of tasty Middle Eastern and American pastries that will tempt any sweet tooth. Children's activities.

Reflection

Mt 25:1-13

- Matthew 25, 1b-4: The ten virgins ready to wait for the bridegroom. The parable begins like this: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like this: ten wedding attendants took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom". It is a question of the girls who have to accompany the bridegroom to the wedding feast. Because of this, they have to take the lamps with them, to light the way, and also to render the feast more joyful with more light. Five of them were prudent and five were foolish. This difference is seen in the way in which they prepare themselves for the role that they have to carry out. Together with the lighted lamps, the prudent ones had taken some oil in reserve, preparing themselves in this way for anything which could happen. The foolish ones took only the lamps and they did not think to take some oil in reserve with them.
- Matthew 25, 5-7: The unforeseen delay of the arrival of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was late. He had not indicated precisely the hour of his arrival. While waiting the attendants went to sleep. But the lamps continue to burn and use the oil until gradually they turned off. Suddenly, in the middle of the night, there was a cry: "Look! The bridegroom! Go out and meet him!" All the attendants woke up, and began to prepare their lamps which were burning out. They had to put in some of the oil they had brought in reserve so that the lamps would not burn out.
- Matthew 25, 8-9: The different reactions before the delay of the bridegroom. It is only now that the foolish attendants become aware that they should have brought some oil in reserve with them. They went to ask the prudent ones: "Give us some of your oil, our lamps are going out". The prudent ones could not respond to this request, because at that moment what was important was not for the prudent ones to share their oil with the foolish ones, but that they would be ready to accompany the bridegroom to the place of the feast. For this reason they advised them: "You had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves".
- Matthew 25, 10-12: The fate of the prudent attendants and that of the foolish ones. The foolish ones followed the advice of the prudent ones and went to buy some oil. During their brief absence the bridegroom arrived and the prudent ones were able to accompany him and to enter together with him to the wedding feast. But the door was closed behind them. When the others arrived, they knocked at the door and said: "Lord, Lord, open the door for us!" and they received the response: "In truth I tell you, I do not know you".
- Matthew 25, 13: The final recommendation of Jesus for all of us. The story of this parable is very simple and the lesson is evident: "So stay awake and watch, because you do not know either the day or the hour". The moral of the story: do not be superficial, look beyond the present moment, and try to discover the call of God even in the smallest things of life, even the oil which may be lacking in the small light or lamp.



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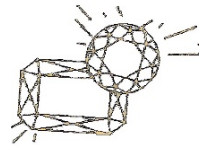
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