



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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October 8, 2017

Fourth Sunday After the Holy Cross



Next Sunday

Fifth Sunday After the Holy Cross

Phil 2:12-18 (Obedience and Service in the World)

Mt 25:1-13 (The Parable of the 10 Virgins)

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, October 8th, 10:30 am

+Anton Hodal

Monday, October 9th

+Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, October 10th

Milos Kubica

Wednesday, October 11th

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Thursday, October 12th

Available

Friday, October 13th

Sr. Klara Sterculova

Saturday, October 14th

Available

Sunday, October 15th

Joel Graham

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.

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for September 24th - October 1st

Online.....\$930.00

Collection.....\$1,040.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,970.00

YTD Total.....\$67,302.00

YTD Goal.....\$73,840.00

YTD Difference.....-\$6,538.00

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, October 8th

Private Sponsor

Sunday, October 15th

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

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 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

Afternoon Session
Talk by Carmelites
Enrollment of the
Brown Scapular
Holy Hour
Adoration
Chaplet of
Divine Mercy

ROSARY BOWL NW

*Wailing of Our
Mother Wound Retreat*

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

Conference Talks:

The mother child relationship
the first "look of love"

The mother, the 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
wails 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
Rooms available if desired
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 Tabachian
at tabachian@stsharbel.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, ChM at (310) 963-3300 or abamg@stsharbel.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 24:45-51

There is tremendous pressure to make God a nice, benevolent, senile man who smiles for everyone and judges no one. In a society and culture of quick fixes, God is easily manipulated and all people deserve to get to go to heaven and be with him forever, no matter how they have lived. The shortsightedness of such a view is apparent to anyone who has been in the presence of evil. It doesn't matter if that evil is disguised and clothed in social respectability or if it is unvarnished and terrifying. Evil and God, evil and goodness, evil and heaven don't fit! No matter how much we want to blur the distinction, God does care about the difference between righteousness and wickedness. It matters deeply to him; it is his holy character to treat people justly and as their actions deserve. Without the transformational power of Jesus' death and resurrection—and our participation in it that even through grace, faith, baptism and the Holy Spirit—we all would fall outside the boundaries of righteousness and justice would demand a rigorous verdict of us all. But Jesus is the great righteousness maker. His sacrificial death that we share in through grace and his abiding power to transform us daily through the Holy Spirit make us righteous and holy in the sight of God. But those who do not know Jesus as Lord, who have not honored him by their lives, words, and heart, will find that while God's justice is fair and true, justice without Jesus' grace is a bitter prize to receive!



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