

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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May 21, 2017

Jesus Appears to the Disciples in the Upper Room



Next Sunday

Jesus' New Commandment

Eph 1:15-23 (The Church as Christ's Body)

Jn 13:31-35 (The New Commandment)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for May 7th - 14th

Online.....\$802.00
Collection.....\$ 1,104.00
Weekly Total.....\$1,906.00

YTD Total.....\$36,845.00
YTD Goal.....\$36,920.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$75.00**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, May 21st, 10:30 am

40 Day Memorial for +Evelyn Taylor

Monday, May 22nd

Available Intention

Tuesday, May 23rd

Available Intention

Wednesday, May 24th

Available Intention

Thursday, May 25th

Available Intention

Friday, May 26th

Available Intention

Saturday, May 27th

Available Intention

Sunday, May 28th

+Kathleen Essex

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

Confession every Sunday at 9:15 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, May 21st

Available

Sunday, May 28th

Redmond Family

Parish Events

Feast of the Ascension Celebration

Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 pm



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (MYA)

Ages 18-35

MAY:

27th: BBQ and discussion of *Answering the Questions of Jesus* Chapters 10-11*, followed by late night basketball at Claude and Gennifer's.

JUNE:

DATE TBA: Day hiking trip TBA and discussion of final chapter of *Answering the Questions of Jesus** (MUST RSVP)

*Contact Claude or Gennifer Karam at **971-205-8076** or **jmjkaram3@gmail.com** to **RSVP**, get location, get PDF of chapters emailed to you, or learn about the MYA.

**JOIN US FOR
SPIRITUAL, SOCIAL, AND SERVICE EVENTS**

2017 LEBANESE FOOD FESTIVAL

We Are Looking for Sponsors!!

As our festival approaches we are again offering the chance for businesses to sponsor our event with advertising on 3 levels based upon your interest. In addition, we are accepting gifts towards the expenses of the festival which include food, city permits, children's activities and much more. Attached to the bulletin email there is a form. Please forward the attached form to anyone you know who has a business or is interesting in making a tax deductible gift. A customized letter can also be sent to any business upon request.

◆ The deadline for Hawthorne and Division Street advertising is **FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH.**

◆ The final deadline for all sponsors is **WEDNESDAY, JULY 5TH.**

Community Events

We are making you aware that the second cousins of one of our Parish Family are attempting to come to the US for surgery. It is a beautiful story, click the link to read about this child Fadia. If you can, I urge you to help! If you are so inclined, please share on your own pages and other social networking sites. —May God bless you! Abouna Chris

<https://www.gofundme.com/FadiasDreamToWalk>



NATIONAL APOSTOLATE OF MARONITES

54th Annual Convention

St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church
Greenville, South Carolina
June 28 – July 2, 2017

Pre-registration deadline: June 5, 2017

Website: <http://www.namnews.org/index.php?page=nam2017>

September 10, 2017:

All Saints Parish 100th Year Anniversary

All Saints Parish is celebrating its 100th Year Anniversary and is hoping to reach out to former parishioners and students to let them know of a reunion/picnic event scheduled for September 10th from 11:00 - 4:00 pm at All Saints church/school. In order to plan for the multitude we're hoping to reach, we ask that they RSVP to: parish@allsaintsportland.com or call [503-232-4305](tel:503-232-4305). There will be mass outside at 11:00 am, followed by international food, tours of church and school and fun and games for kids.

ABOUNA'S CORNER

Romans 10 : 1 - 13 / Gospel of Luke 24 : 36 - 45

Brothers and Sisters,

Consider these words: *Look at my hands and my feet. (Luke 24:39)*

On this Sunday again *faith in Christ* is our focus. The Church teaches us today about the quality of true faith, expressed by Saint Paul in his parable-reflection on Israel, about those of the Jews who had rejected Jesus as the Risen Lord (Romans 9-11). The invitation to believe in the Risen Lord is for all humanity. Saint Paul reminds us that Christ is the Lord for *all* people. Even those who have not accepted him will have a chance to do so someday by the grace of God: the all-loving and ever patient One.

Clearly for the Apostle Paul, who is a Jewish teacher himself, this lack of belief on the part of many of his people is a major concern. This is clearly an embarrassment for him as he faces all the many nations who are coming to believe in Christ Jesus as the Risen Lord! St. Paul's explains the Jewish rejection of Christianity by affirming that not all Jews are true Children of Abraham – but rather those who possess faith in the one whom God has sent, the Lord Jesus, and who now has risen by the power of God. All who believe in him have become the *People of the Promise by Faith*. Thus Christians – by faith, not inheritance – are called the New Israel!

In Luke's Gospel we have Jesus strengthening the faith of his apostles by showing them that his risen body is for real – not a ghost. We also need to come to know this with conviction, and by the graces of the gracious Trinity, to make our faith real: to come to know for ourselves that *Christ is truly Risen!*

Our prayer this week is for our first Communicants: *“Lord Jesus, as our little ones prepare to receive you for the first time, may you fill them with the special grace that the Eucharist brings.”*

God bless you,
Abouna



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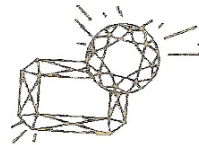
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