

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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May 28, 2017

Jesus' New Commandment



Next Sunday

Pentecost Sunday: Descent of the Holy Spirit

Act 2:1-21 (The Coming of the Spirit/Peter's Speech at Pentecost)

Jn 14:15-20 (The Advocate)

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, May 28th, 10:30 am

+Kathleen Essex

Monday, May 29th

Available Intention

Tuesday, May 30th

Available Intention

Wednesday, May 31st

Available Intention

Thursday, June 1st

Intentions & Needs of Festival Sponsors

Friday, June 2nd

Available Intention

Saturday, June 3rd

Available Intention

Sunday, June 4th

+Eddie Jacalan Malague

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.

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for May 14th - 21st

Online.....\$302.00

Collection.....\$ 462.00

Weekly Total.....\$764.00

YTD Total.....\$37,609.00

YTD Goal.....\$38,766.00

YTD Difference.....-\$1,157.00

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, May 28th

Redmond Family

Sunday, June 4th

Available

Parish Events

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.**

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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

Gospel of John 13: 31-35

Brothers and Sisters,

This is perhaps the most important Gospel for me, and I hope you will pause to reflect on it: Love one another, even as I have loved you. (John 13:34)

On the night before he died, Jesus revealed his desire for us, his people, his church. He wants us to live in a way that marks us out as his followers in the world. Since love is the core of his own life, we will be known as his followers if we love each other. **No other characteristic, important though it might be, can show the world so effectively that we belong to Jesus.**

This theme of love resounds throughout the New Testament. In Acts, when Paul and Barnabas returned from their first missionary journey, all the believers in Antioch couldn't wait to hear what God had done through them. The whole community rejoiced in their brothers' news and encouraged their evangelistic efforts. Clearly, it was their love for one another that kept them united and strong.

Our faith teaches us that in the Upper Room Our Lord breathed his Holy Spirit onto the disciples, changing them into one people one Church. God doesn't abide in individual hearts alone but among the entire human community made new in Christ. The Holy Spirit—the mutual love between the Father and the Son—is also the power of love dwelling in the midst of his people. And this Spirit's manifestation among us is powerful enough to change hearts everywhere and lead even unbelievers to Christ.

How do we love our fellow Christians? By recognizing them as brothers and sisters.

- By forgiving rather than sitting in judgment.
- By welcoming them into our lives and homes rather than shutting them out.
- By honoring them as followers of the Lord, even when we sometimes disappoint each other.
- By praying for their needs.
- By never stirring up divisions and hard feelings.

God has compassion on all he has made, and he calls us to be like him. So let's ask for his divine life so that we can love as he loves.

"Jesus, I ask that you help me to follow your greatest commandment, to love one another. Give me the strength to forgive, the strength to follow you."

God bless you,
Abouna Christopher



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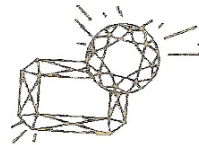
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