

# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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**May 7, 2017**

**Jesus Appears to the Disciples at Sea**



*Next Sunday*

**Jesus Delivers the Office of Shepherd to Peter**

**Eph 2:1-10** (Generosity of God's Plan)

**Jn 21:15-19** (Jesus and Peter)

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, May 7th, 10:30 am

*Available Intention*

Monday, May 8th

*Available Intention*

Tuesday, May 9th

*Available Intention*

Wednesday, May 10th

*Available Intention*

Thursday, May 11th

*Available Intention*

Friday, May 12th

*Available Intention*

Saturday, May 13th

*Available Intention*

Sunday, May 14th

*Available Intention*

***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 April 23rd-30th**

Online.....\$1,205.00

Collection.....\$ 876.00

Weekly Total.....\$2,081.00

YTD Total.....\$33,059.00

YTD Goal.....\$33,228.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$169.00**

## Altar Sponsorship

**Sunday, May 7th**

Private

**Sunday, May 14th**

Available

# Parish Events

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## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (MYA)

**Ages 18-35**

### **MAY:**

**5th:** Dinner at Bethany Public House and game night at Bethany Starbucks across the street\* (**MUST RSVP**)

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

### **JUNE:**

**10th:** 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](mailto:jmjkaram3@gmail.com)** to **RSVP**, get location, get PDF of chapters emailed to you, or learn about the MYA.

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# Community Events

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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>

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## NATIONAL APOSTOLATE OF MARONITES

**2017-2018 Scholarship applications**

**Deadline is May 15, 2017**

Visit the website for list of scholarships and request your application today.

Website: <http://namnews.org/index.php?page=Scholarships1>

### **54<sup>th</sup> 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>

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**May 13, 2017:**

## **Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Pilgrimage and Celebration**

Join Archbishop Alexander Sample and the World Apostolate of Fatima Portland Division for the Fatima Centennial Pilgrimage to St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday May 13th, 2017: the Feast day of Our Lady of Fatima.

Various locations will be conducting a "Pilgrimage Procession." All converging on the grounds of St. Mary's Cathedral for a Fatima Centennial Celebration with Archbishop Sample.

Come on May 13th for this Centennial event. We invite everyone to join us. Visit [MaterDeiRadio.com](http://MaterDeiRadio.com) for more information, or, call 503-784-8039 and Learn, Live and Spread Our Lady's Message.

# ABOUNA'S CORNER

## *First Sunday in May*

This Sunday after Mass, we will crown our Marian statue with flowers. At St Sharbel's and really throughout all of Eastern Christendom Mary plays a very important role.

The Maronite Church has from the beginning, claimed a special devotion to the Mother of God. In villages, homes, mountains and the streets of Lebanon, the Holy Land, and Syria, one finds shrines to Our Lady. On all Marian feasts, throughout the world gather in prayer at Churches named in honor of her. Mary is often referred to as Our Lady of Lebanon. Hymns, feast days and the liturgical life of the Maronite Church also express this devotion.

In one version of our liturgy we read, 'O Mary, you are the pure one who has scented the world with the fragrance of Christ. You are the cloud which has scattered dew upon the universe.' In another text we hear, 'O Mary, Radiant Lily and Fragrant Rose, the aroma of your holiness fills the whole universe. Pray for us, that we may be the sweet perfume of Christ, reaching throughout the whole world.'

Mary has a prominent role in the Maronite Church and she plays a role in the theology of Salvation. Christ became human to make us divine. For Christ to become human Mary was chosen. Mary is called blessed among women, because it was her 'yes' in faith, which brought forth Jesus, the Savior of the world.

Seeing the Virgin Mary as our mother, a mother who leads us to her son is important for us to understand. In the Gospel of John, at the scene of our Lord's crucifixion, we read: "When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." (John 19:26-27)

The month of May is a month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During this month, I encourage you to make a pilgrimage to a local Marian shrine, pray the rosary frequently or explore the wealth of other Marian devotions that exist. Experiencing Mary is the best way to understand how she fits into our relationship with Jesus, and how she helps us draw closer to him.

May God's blessing be with you always!

Abouna





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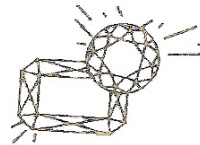
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