



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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July 9, 2017 Sending of Apostles



Next Sunday

Mission of the 72 Apostles

2 Cor 3:1-6 (Ministers of a New Covenant)

Lk 10:1-7 (The Mission of the 72)

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, July 9th, 10:30 am

Available Intention

Monday, July 10th

Available Intention

Tuesday, July 11th

Available Intention

Wednesday, July 12th

Available Intention

Thursday, July 13th

Available Intention

Friday, June 14th

Available Intention

Saturday, July 15th

Available Intention

Sunday, July 16th

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 June 25th - July 2nd

Online.....\$845.00

Collection.....\$1695.00

Weekly Total.....\$2540.00

YTD Total.....\$46,969.00

YTD Goal.....\$49,284.00

YTD Difference.....-\$2,873.00

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, July 9th

Available

Sunday, July 16th

Available

Parish 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 final deadline for all sponsors is
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5TH.

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◆ ONE MORE WAY TO HELP...

We are also looking for gifts. If you do not own a business you can still make a gift which will go towards the many expenses.

MYA HIKING TRIP PICTURES

Below is a picture from the MYA Hiking trip last month. There are more where this came from on the website, make sure to check them out!



Community Events

2017 SAINT SHARBEL LEBANESE FOOD FESTIVAL

COME ENJOY A BITE OF LEBANESE CULTURE!

Kids activities, games and fun for the whole family!

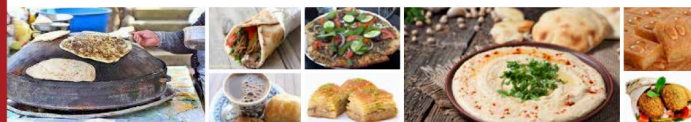


July 15th & 16th
Saturday Noon–9pm
Sunday Noon–5pm

A SHOWCASE OF AUTHENTIC LEBANESE CUISINE & MUSIC

- Hummus
- Tabbouleh Salad
- Falafel
- Chicken/Lamb Shawarma
- Chicken Skewers
- Rice
- Manakish Zaatar (ground thyme with sesame seed)
- Elephant Ears
- Desserts

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REFELECTION

SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST SEASON **Sending of Apostles** **Mt 10:16-25**

- To the community of his disciples, called and gathered together around him and invested with his same authority as collaborators, Jesus entrusts them directives in view of their future mission.
- Matthew 10, 16-19: Danger and trust in God. Jesus introduces this part of his discourse with two metaphors: sheep in the midst of wolves; prudent as serpents, simple as the doves. The first one serves to show the difficult and dangerous context to which the disciples are sent. On the one hand, the dangerous situation is made evident in which the disciples sent on mission will find themselves; on the other the expression "I send you" expresses protection. Also regarding the astuteness of the serpent and the simplicity of the dove Jesus seems to put together two attitudes: trust in God and prolonged and attentive reflection on the way in which we should relate with others. Jesus, then, following this gives an order that seems, at first sight, filled with mistrust: «beware of men...», but, in reality, it means to be attentive to possible persecutions, hostility, and denouncement. The expression "will deliver you" does not only refer to the accusation in the tribunal but, above all, it has a theological value: the disciples who is following Jesus can experience the same experience of the Master of "being delivered in the hands of man" (17, 22). The disciples must be strong and resist in order "to give witness", The fact of being delivered to the tribunal should become a witness for the Jews and for the Pagans, it is the possibility to be able to draw them to the person and the cause of Jesus and, therefore, to the knowledge of the Gospel. This positive implication is important as a result of witnessing: characterized by the credible and fascinating faith.
- Matthew 10, 20: the divine help. So that all this may take place in the mission-witness of the disciples it is essential to have the help that comes from God. That is to say that we should not trust our own security and resources, but the disciples in critical, dangerous and aggressive situations, for their lives found help and solidarity in God. For their mission as disciples is also promised the Spirit of the Father (v.20), he is the one who acts in them when they are committed in their mission of evangelization and of witnessing, the Spirit will speak through them.
- Matthew 10, 21-22: Threat-consolation. Once again the announcement of threat is repeated in the expression "will be delivered": Brother will betray brother, a father against his son, the sons against the parents. It is a question of a true and great disorder in the social relationships, the breaking up of the family. Persons who are bound by the most intimate family relationships – such as parents, children, brothers and sisters – will fall in the misfortune of mutually hating and eliminating one another. In what sense does such a division of the family have to do with the witness in behalf of Jesus? Such breaking up of the family relationships could be caused by the diverse attitudes that are taken within the family, regarding Jesus. The expression "you will be hated" seems to indicate the theme of the hostile acceptance on the part of the contemporaries and of those he sent. The strong sense of the words of Jesus find a comparison in another part of the New Testament: «Blessed are you if you are insulted for the sake of Christ's name, because the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God, rests upon you. No one of you should suffer as a murderer or thief or evil doer or as a spy. But if one suffers as a Christian, do not blush, because of this name, rather give glory to God". After the threat, follows the promise of consolation (v.3). The greatest consolation for the disciples will be that of "being saved", of being able to live the experience of the Saviour, that is to say, to participate in his victories.

Personal questions

- What do these dispositions of Jesus teach us today for understanding the mission of the Christian?
- Do you know how to trust on divine help when you experience conflicts, persecutions and trials?

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