

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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August 13, 2017 11th Sunday of Pentecost



Next Sunday 12th Sunday of Pentecost Eph 3:1-13 (Commission to Preach God's Plan)

Mt 15:21-28 (The Canaanite Woman's Faith)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for July 30th - August 6th

Online	\$407.00
Collection	\$1,755.00
Weekly Total	\$2,162.00

YTD Total	\$55,398.00
YTD Goal	\$59,072.00

YTD Difference......\$3,674.00

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, August 13th, 10:30 am +Bishop Robert Shaheen

Monday, August 14th Unavailable Intention

<u>Tuesday, August 15th</u> +Soriano Gan Chan

+Bishop Robert Shaheen

Wednesday, August 16th Unavailable Intention

<u>Thursday, August 17th</u> Unvailable Intention

Friday, August 18th Unavailable Intention

<u>Saturday, August 19th</u> Unavailable Intention

Sunday, August 20th Unavailable Intention 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.

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, August 13th Allam Family Sunday, August 20th Available

Parish Events

Bishop Robert Shaheen



It is with a heavy heart we inform you of the passing of our beloved Sayedna Shaheen. He passed into eternal life on August 9th, 2017. Visitation for Bishop Shaheen will be at St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63104, on Wednesday, August 16 from 12 noon until the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Shaheen will be buried from St. Anthony Maronite Church in Danbury, Connecticut (18 Granville Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810) on Monday, August, August 21 at 10:00 a.m. Visitation will be at the St. Anthony Church from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 20. Bishop Shaheen was noteworthy for many reasons – but most of all we will remember him for his warmhearted kind nature. He was good to St Sharbel's and he established the Maronite Monks of Jesus Mary and Joseph.

Abouna Christopher will return from his vacation to celebrate a Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday August 15th and 7:00pm. All are urged to attend if at all possible. We will offer the Ginnaz Prayers at the conclusion of Mass.

Bishop Robert Shaheen was born to Albert and Aileen Shaheen in Danbury, Connecticut: his grandfather came to the United States from Lebanon in 1898. He attended St. Peter Grammar School and Danbury High School before entering the Latin Church St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield in 1955. In 1958, he transferred to the Eastern rite St, Basil Seminary in Methuen, Massachusetts, while attending classes at Anselm College in Goffstown, New Hampshire.

After being ordained a subdeacon (October 2, 1962) and deacon(June 7, 1963), Shaheen was ordained a priest by Bishop Francis Mansour Zayek on May 2, 1964, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Shortly after his ordination, he became pastor of St. Raymond's Church in St Louis, Missouri, which had then been without a resident priest for over 20 years. Under his leadership, St. Raymond's went from just a few faithful parishioners using a four-family apartment to a cathedral with hundreds of active families.

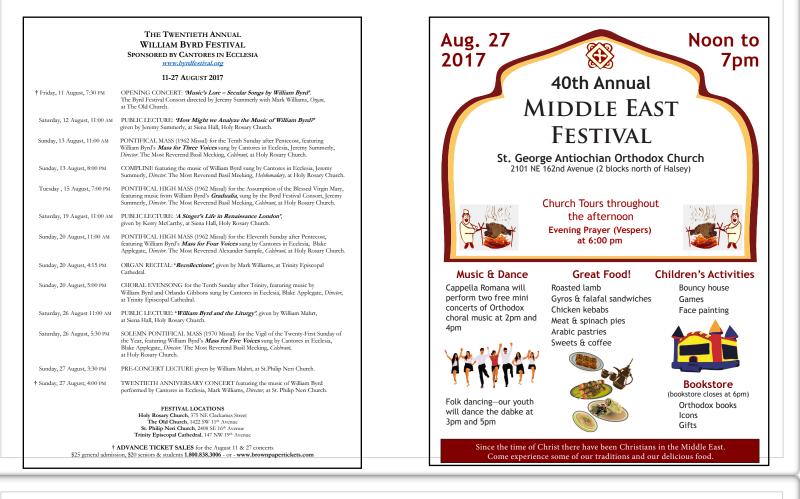
From 1965 to 1970, he organized and celebrated Maronite liturgies on regular basis. He also developed newsletters, bulletins, and fliers; conducted a census to identify Maronites in the greater metropolitan area; and introduced spiritual and cultural programs, including Maronite religious education classes. He hosted National Aposolate of Maronites Convention in 1970. Kicking-off a fund drive for new church in 1971, he later dedicated a new church in November 1975 and a new rectory in February 1977. He was ordained an archpriest in September 1978, and dedicated a new parish center "The Cedars" in November 1979.

On March 31, 1986, Shaheen was ordained a Chorbishop by Archbishop Zayek. He purchased additional property and buildings for future development as a Maronite retirement center and cultural center in 1991, and again hosted the National Apostolate of Maronites Convention in 1995.

On December 5, 2000, Shaheen was appointed Eparch(Bishop) of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon by Pope John Paul II, following the retirement of Our Lady of Lebanon's first bishop, John George Chedid. He was consecrated a bishop on February 15, 2001 by Nasrallah Boutros Sfeir, the Patriarch of Antioch and All the East. and his co-consecrators were Roland Aboujaoude, auxiliary bishop in Antioch, John George Chedid, retired bishop of Our Lady of Lebanon in Los Angeles, Stephen Hector Youssef Doucihi, Bishop of Saint Maron in Brooklyn, and Francis Mansour Zayek, Archbishop Emeritus ad personam of Saint Maron in Brooklyn.

Shaheen was the first Lebanese Maronite priest or bishop from the United States. Pope Francis accepted his age-related resignation on July 10, 2013. He passed into Eternal Rest on August 9th, 2017.

Community Events



REFELECTION

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST SEASON Mt 14:22-23

Let us approach Jesus with strong faith in his ability and availability to calm the storms in the life of the Church and in our lives. It is the presence of Jesus which gives us peace even in the wildest storms of life: storms of sorrow, storms of doubt, tension and uncertainty, storms of anxiety and worries, storms of anger and despair, storms of temptations. Storms reveal to us our inability to save ourselves and point us to the infinite ability of God to save us. When Jesus shows up in our life's storms, we find that we gain strength to do the seemingly impossible. For example, when Jesus shows up he makes marriages out of mistakes, he invigorates, restores, and empowers us to reach the unreachable, to cross the un-crossable. Storms let us know that without him we can do nothing, without him we are doomed to fail. Yet, when Jesus shows up, we gain the strength to join Paul, saying, "In Christ I can do all things." But this demands a personal relationship with God, with Jesus, enhanced through prayer, meditative study of Scripture and active Sacramental life. Experiencing Jesus' presence in our lives, let us confess our faith in him and call out for his help and protection.



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