

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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August 20, 2017
12th Sunday of Pentecost



Next Sunday
13th Sunday of Pentecost

1Cor 3:1-11 (Ministers of a New Covenant/Contrast
with the Old Covenant)

Lk 8:1-15 (The Parable of the Sower)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for August 6th - 13th

Online.....\$1,155.00
Collection.....\$1,147.00
Weekly Total.....\$2,302.00

YTD Total.....\$57,700.00

YTD Goal.....\$60,918.00

YTD Difference.....-\$3,218.00

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, August 20th, 10:30 am

+Bishop Robert Shaheen

Monday, August 21st

Unavailable Intention

Tuesday, August 22nd

Unavailable Intention

Wednesday, August 23rd

Unavailable Intention

Thursday, August 24th

Unavailable Intention

Friday, August 25th

Unavailable Intention

Saturday, August 26th

Unavailable Intention

Sunday, August 27th

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 20th

Available

Sunday, August 27th

Redmond Family

+Bruce Ashford
(Treasurer)
Charlie Ash
Gus Bekahi
Nick El Hajj
Agopos
Ghossein
Adib Karam
+Claude Karam
Anne Marentette
(Secretary)
Doug Raab
+Thaddeus Rask
Nadia Redmond
Mitch Siekmann
Laif Waldron

Ex Officio
+Deacon Tony
+Deacon Wadih

Parish Events

Altar Sponsorships

Just a quick reminder...

Contact Ann Marentette to schedule Altar Sponsorships. Her email is: abmarentette@gmail.com

- Your gift is a love offering, with the minimum gift being \$30 (Somewhere between \$50-60 is my guess about the break even point for us) Again, there is no set amount, everyone has different means, so offer what you will.
- You can make your offering on the website, or you can put a check in the collection plate, just note on the check or envelope what it is for (Altar Support.)
- The big Sundays are Easter and Christmas, but also Mother's Day and Feast Days (i.e. St. Sharbel Feast, Ehipany, Holy Cross, Immaculate Conception, etc.) **Those are available on first come first serve basis.** We spend more on flowers those days, so bear in mind in considering your offering for that week's sponsorship.
- If you want a florist to do the flowers for a big weekend, work with Ann to coordinate.
- Just like mass intentions, there might be weeks where no one signs up. It would be ideal for people to sign up for every Sunday, but we are inviting you to take the initiative to sign up.

Marriage Retreat—The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance (2) Disillusionment (3) Misery (4) Awakening.

Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening.

Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening.

If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille.

For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Sept 29-Oct 1, 2017 please call 1-503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org

Community Events

THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL
WILLIAM BYRD FESTIVAL
SPONSORED BY CANTORES IN ECCLESIA
www.byrdfestival.org
11-27 AUGUST 2017

↑ Friday, 11 August, 7:30 PM OPENING CONCERT: *'Music's Love - Secular Songs by William Byrd'*, The Byrd Festival Consort directed by Jeremy Summery with Mark Williams, Organ, at The Old Church.

Saturday, 12 August, 11:00 AM PUBLIC LECTURE: *'How Might we Analyze the Music of William Byrd?'* given by Jeremy Summery, at Siena Hall, Holy Rosary Church.

Sunday, 13 August, 11:00 AM PONTIFICAL MASS (1962 Missal) for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, featuring William Byrd's *Mass for Three Voices* sung by Cantores in Ecclesia, Jeremy Summery, *Director*. The Most Reverend Basil Meeking, *Celebrant*, at Holy Rosary Church.

Sunday, 13 August, 8:00 PM COMPLEINE featuring the music of William Byrd sung by Cantores in Ecclesia, Jeremy Summery, *Director*. The Most Reverend Basil Meeking, *Celebrant*, at Holy Rosary Church.

Tuesday, 15 August, 7:00 PM PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS (1962 Missal) for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, featuring music from William Byrd's *Gradualia*, sung by the Byrd Festival Consort, Jeremy Summery, *Director*. The Most Reverend Basil Meeking, *Celebrant*, at Holy Rosary Church.

Saturday, 19 August, 11:00 AM PUBLIC LECTURE: *'A Singer's Life in Renaissance London'*, given by Kerry McCarthy, at Siena Hall, Holy Rosary Church.

Sunday, 20 August, 11:00 AM PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS (1962 Missal) for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, featuring William Byrd's *Mass for Four Voices* sung by Cantores in Ecclesia, Blake Applegate, *Director*. The Most Reverend Alexander Sample, *Celebrant*, at Holy Rosary Church.

Sunday, 20 August, 4:15 PM ORGAN RECITAL: *'Recollections'*, given by Mark Williams, at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

Sunday, 20 August, 5:00 PM CHORAL EVENINGSONG for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity, featuring music by William Byrd and Orlando Gibbons sung by Cantores in Ecclesia, Blake Applegate, *Director*, at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

Saturday, 26 August 11:00 AM PUBLIC LECTURE: *'William Byrd and the Liturgy'*, given by William Mahrt, at Siena Hall, Holy Rosary Church.

Saturday, 26 August, 5:30 PM SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS (1970 Missal) for the Vigil of the Twenty-First Sunday of the Year, featuring William Byrd's *Mass for Five Voices* sung by Cantores in Ecclesia, Blake Applegate, *Director*. The Most Reverend Basil Meeking, *Celebrant*, at Holy Rosary Church.

Sunday, 27 August, 3:30 PM PRE-CONCERT LECTURE given by William Mahrt, at St. Philip Neri Church.

↑ Sunday, 27 August, 4:00 PM TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT featuring the music of William Byrd performed by Cantores in Ecclesia, Mark Williams, *Director*, at St. Philip Neri Church.

FESTIVAL LOCATIONS
Holy Rosary Church, 375 NE Gladstone Street
The Old Church, 1422 SW 11th Avenue
St. Philip Neri Church, 2408 SE 16th Avenue
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 147 NW 19th Avenue

↑ ADVANCE TICKET SALES for the August 11 & 27 concerts
\$25 general admission, \$20 seniors & students 1.800.838.3006 - or - www.brownpaperickets.com

Noon to 7pm



40th Annual MIDDLE EAST FESTIVAL

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
2101 NE 162nd Avenue (2 blocks north of Halsey)



Church Tours throughout the afternoon
Evening Prayer (Vespers) at 6:00 pm



Music & Dance

Cappella Romana will perform two free mini concerts of Orthodox choral music at 2pm and 4pm

 Folk dancing—our youth will dance the dabke at 3pm and 5pm

Great Food!

Roasted lamb
Gyros & falafel sandwiches
Chicken kebabs
Meat & spinach pies
Arabic pastries
Sweets & coffee



Children's Activities

Bouncy house
Games
Face painting



Bookstore
(bookstore closes at 6pm)
Orthodox books
Icons
Gifts

Since the time of Christ there have been Christians in the Middle East.
Come experience some of our traditions and our delicious food.

REFELECTION

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST SEASON

Mt 15:21-28

The Canaanite woman had nothing to lose. Her daughter was suffering from a demon-possession that no shaman or physician could cure. She was a member of a condemned race that to the Jewish nation was nothing more than a despised, long-forgotten and hopeless people.

Yet the irony that develops between this woman and Jesus is beautiful as is the result of her pleas.

Completely unlike the demons that threatened to expose Jesus earlier, this woman intimates essentially the same thing as the demons, but does so for a completely different reason. The demons cried out that Jesus was “The Son of God” and “The Holy One of Israel!” hoping to expose his identity for the sake of unraveling his mission. The Canaanite woman called him “Lord” and the “Son of David” yet amazingly, Jesus did not rebuke her for her salutations and instead rewarded her persistent faith.

The difference between the woman and the demons was a difference of the heart. The Canaanite woman did not yell out a threat, but cried a humble plea. She called him Lord and the Son of David, not to stop his ministry but to admit to him that she knew he was the Christ and powerful enough to save. Her motivation was not to stop Jesus from carrying out his mission. Her cry was not even for herself, but she begged Jesus with a believing heart for the sake of her daughter, seeking relief on her behalf.

Apart from Jesus’ wisdom in the Gospel, there may not be a wiser response in Scripture than the one this woman gave. Having no reason to suppose that Jesus would grant her request, the woman shrugs off the apparent initial rejection and replied: “Yes, Lord, but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

What an unbelievable statement of faith this is in face of such little outward evidence for hope. For on three occasions Jesus seems to turn her away. First, he remains silent after her initial plea, and then only answers her after the disciples insist that he send her away. After making another, more insistent plea, Jesus makes a statement that seems to reinforce the disciple’s desires that she give up asking and just go away. But then it is her third plea that changes everything, and for such a wise reply Jesus grants her request and her daughter is healed.

The Canaanite woman teaches us a great deal about the nature and practice of faith. For take just a moment and consider her situation. The woman’s traditions and her people’s history offered her little comfort when confronted with a crisis much bigger than her herself. They told her to not expect anything from the Jewish rabbi. They told her that the Jews cannot offer her any help according to their own traditions and laws. And yet this woman persisted and pushed through conventional wisdom and refused to give up. Her reward was a gift of divine mercy and the discovery of a God who gives unending grace to those who ask him. And look at how this woman behaved at her darkest hour. She answered Jesus’ silent and initial replies by continuing to beg for his help. She essentially says: “I admit that I am no more than a dog, Jesus. But even little dogs are granted mercy from their masters’ table. Even they are permitted to eat up the scraps that fall from their children’s plates. So I don’t believe that you will do nothing more for me, Jesus because I know you are merciful. I’ve heard how you’ve helped other Gentiles. I’ve heard about the mercy you’ve shown for your people. I believe in your Gospel, and so I refuse to believe that you will not help me in my distress just as your Father helped the Syrian widow and her son (1 Kings 17:67-24) and helped Naaman the leper (2 Kings 5:1-19) through the prophet Elisha.”

Jesus was delighted with her answer. He happily granted her request and we are forever blessed with her brave example. This desperate mother pushed through her fear and believed. She expressed faith in face of her Lord’s seeming indifference and was rewarded beyond her expectations when Jesus healed her daughter with but a word.

The lesson this woman teaches us is simple. Though God may test us in seemingly strange and unpredictable ways, he will not turn away from his promises to help those who call on him in their time of need. And he will never turn his back on true faith.



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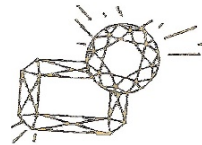
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