

# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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## September 10, 2017

### 15th Sunday of Pentecost



**Next Sunday**

### 16th Sunday of Pentecost

**Rom 8:18-27** (Destiny of Glory)

**Lk 18:9-14** (The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector)

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, September 10th, 10:30 am

+Ron Graham

Monday, September 11th

+Lee Graham

Tuesday, September 12th

+Margaurite Swing

Wednesday, September 13th

+Merrit Swing

Thursday, September 14th

+Verna Graham

Friday, September 15th

+John Graham

Saturday, September 16th

+Muriel McCallister

Sunday, September 17th

+Duane Graham

***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.***

## Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for August 27th - September 3rd

Online.....\$95.00

Collection.....\$351.00

Weekly Total.....\$446.00

YTD Total.....\$60,244.00

YTD Goal.....\$66,456.00

YTD Difference.....-\$6,212.00

## Altar Sponsorship

**Sunday, September 10th**

Available

**Sunday, September 17th**

Available

+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

+Finance  
Committee

## Parish Events

Sunday School classes begin **September 24, 2017** for grades 1st thru 6th. Classes start at 9:15 am till 10:15 am.

To register your child(ren) for classes, please complete the registration form attached to the original email.

Contact Nadia Redmond for further information,  
phone: [503-671-0440](tel:503-671-0440) or email: [n.redmond@comcast.net](mailto:n.redmond@comcast.net).

## Community Events

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program starting with a weekend on Sept 29-Oct 1, 2017, please call [1-503-225-9191](tel:1-503-225-9191) or visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)

Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

### 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Rosary Bowl NW

Feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Oregon State Fairgrounds Pavilion, Salem, Oregon

9a.m. to 4p.m. Doors Open at 8:30a.m.

Confessions  
(9:00a.m. as Priests arrive)

Procession  
Our Lady of Fatima  
Statue  
9:00a.m.  
(Statue will leave by 12:00 noon)

Followed by...  
Holy Rosary  
with Meditations by  
Sr. Lucia

Holy Mass  
With  
Bishop Kenneth Steiner

Vatican International Exhibit  
Eucharistic Miracles of the  
World Display



Afternoon Session

Talk by Carmelites

Enrollment of the  
Brown Scapular

Holy Hour  
Adoration

Chaplet of  
Divine Mercy



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# ABOUNA'S CORNER

## SPECIAL NOTE FROM ABOUNA THIS WEEK

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I write to you it is with mixed emotions. I say this because at the time of great celebration for us a Maronite Community in the Pacific Northwest, we have much to celebrate. Our Eparchial Bishop, our beloved Sayedna Zaidan is in town for the fifth time in four years, to ordinate to the priesthood one of the monks, Father Deacon John Michael. We celebrate with this man, with the Maronite Monks of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and with the bishop as he begin Brother John Michael on the rich journey that is the priesthood.

So too we celebrate this year, which begins my third with St Sharbel's, with improvements and repairs, and with thanksgiving for all our successes in fundraising for the year. We also look forward with anticipation to what the year hold for us a parish community.

However, as all this is happening we are aware of the great suffering that natural disasters have wrought on those near and far. We knew some who lost their homes in Texas, some of our own parish are in the line of potential destruction for the Eagle Creek fire to the east and we have all struggled with smoke and ash in the air. Finally we watch with fear and worry as Irma is about to make landfall in South Florida.

We offer up our prayers of thanks that those affected in Texas have been mostly kept safe, and that our Maronite families near the fires here are safe and sound. I ask that you all keep South Florida, and those already affected in the wake of the storm, in your solemn prayers. Life is like this – we celebrate and give thanks, but sometimes at the same time we worry and mourn.

I ask that you also add special prayers for the Monks in general, and for Brother Deacon John Michael in specific. Also, as always pray for our beloved Sayedna, that his ministry is long and fruitful, and that he be kept safe and sound.

Blessings and peace,

Abouna Chris



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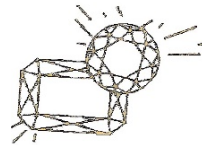
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