

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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January 14, 2018

Second Sunday of Epiphany



Next Sunday

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Gal 3:23-29 (What Faith has Brought Us)

Jn 3:1-16 (Revelation of Christ's Mystery to
Nicodemus and the Jewish People)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for January 1st - 6th

Online.....\$320.00

Collection.....\$133.00

Weekly Total.....\$453.00

YTD Total.....\$453.00

YTD Goal.....\$1,846.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$1,393.00**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, January 14th, 10:30 am

+Bishop Robert Shaheen

Monday, January 15th

Available

Tuesday, January 16th

Available

Wednesday, January 17th

Available

Thursday, January 18th

Sarah Martin

Friday, January 19th

Available

Saturday, January 20th

Available

Sunday, January 21st

+Manne Atie

***Adoration/Exposition every Sunday at 9:30
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, January 14th

Fought Family

Sunday, January 21st

Available

Parish Events

Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford
(Treasurer)
Charlie Ashou
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

Women's Club Falafel Sale **UPDATE** After Mass Sunday January 21, 2018

It was originally announced
Women's Club will be selling falafel
after mass this Sunday, January
14, but the date is actually January
21, after mass!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING:

All Catholic parishes are required to provide annual training to all our children and youth that participate in our programs. I have been trained in the Call-to-Protect program and as before, I will be providing the training to our children and youth on the following dates:

NEW DATES:

Parents Only-Sunday, January 14

Preview of *Call to Protect Youth Video*
After Liturgy in the upstairs classroom

Youth 13-18yrs-Sunday, January 21

After Liturgy in the upstairs classroom

Please contact me if you have questions.
Appreciate your understanding and support,
Nadia Redmond [503-671-0440](tel:503-671-0440)
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Community Events

On behalf of His Excellency Bishop Elias Zaidan I am happy to announce to you the upcoming 2018 Maronite Pilgrimage.

It will have two parts:

- A- Greece: From May 28 to June 5 (*Includes 3 days Cruise*)
- B- Lebanon: From June 5 to 12 (Include priestly ordination of Frs. Elias Yazbeck and Rami Razzouk)

You can either choose Greece alone or Lebanon alone or both Greece and Lebanon.

*** For Greece alone, the cost is \$2,200 (\$66 extra with Credit card) for double-occupancy. For single occupancy add \$900

*** For Lebanon alone, the cost is \$1,700 (\$51 extra with credit card) for double-occupancy. For single occupancy add \$600

*** For Both Greece and Lebanon, the total cost is \$3,800 (\$114 extra with credit card) for double-occupancy.

You will be responsible for your airline ticket arrangements. A deposit of \$500 (non-refundable) is due one week after your registration. And the full payment must be made by April 1, 2018.

The program for either portion or both is very exciting and will be very enriching.

In Greece the Pilgrimage will include great places like *ATHENS, CORINTH, MYKONOS, EPHEBUS, PATMOS, SANTORINI & MORE...*

In Lebanon the Pilgrimage will include great places like *THE CEDARS, JEITA, BAALBECK, QADISHA, TYRE, HARRISA, BEIT ELDINE & MORE...*

The package of either portion will include: LODGING, TRANSPORTATION, ENGLISH GUIDES, TIPS, ENTRANCE FEES, 2 MEALS DAILY. It will EXCLUDE: AIRLINE TICKET, VISA, LUNCHES, BEVERAGES.

Please note that the tours will require lots of walking and climbing stairs and you must be in a fitting shape. Seats will be limited on either portion of the pilgrimage. First come, first served.

As pilgrims are going from different parts of the United States, you will do your own flight reservation. If you are interested you can book with one of the following travel agents that we are associated with: Berit in Boston area at [978-374-8833](tel:978-374-8833); Maguie in Los Angeles area at [818-888-0801](tel:818-888-0801) or Helen in the Houston area at [713-796-2222](tel:713-796-2222) or any travel agent that you have or use your own mileage.

I know that some of you wish to stay longer in Lebanon after the pilgrimage, so make your own reservation but be on time for our pilgrimage.

Please, make sure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months after the date of the travel. If you don't have US passport you need to have a visa.

Because single rooms are very limited, you are encouraged to find a roommate, or we can arrange the rooming for you.

For more information or questions please free to contact me at MaroniteMercyPilgrimage@gmail.com or call at [612-379-2758](tel:612-379-2758). I will be traveling a little in January, so please be patient if you don't receive immediate answer.

Kindly click on this link and fill out the application form and submit it at your convenience:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOQAETLRU-avzegMmuNMxjrFW96A7kzIuyHlj5Yy3Ou41IUA/viewform?c=0&w=1>

With prayers and love,
Chorbishop sharbel Maroun

PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE & LEBANON

Directed by Bishop Elias Zaidan

16 DAYS - May 28 - June 12, 2018

ONLY \$3800 PER PERSON



Only GREECE (May 28 to June 5) - Cost \$2,200
ATHENS • CORINTH • MYKONOS • EPHEBUS • PATMOS • SANTORINI & MORE



Only LEBANON (June 5 to June 12) - Cost \$1,700
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Seats Are Limited

Reflection

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Jn 1:35-42

Has anyone ever asked you a question like this: “What are your greatest hopes and dreams?” When people ask us deep questions in unexpected moments we tend to freeze, we are like deer caught in the headlights. Sadly, because of the culture we are surrounded with, the first thing that is likely to come into our minds when we are asked this big question about what we are looking for might regard things of the material world.

Today’s Gospel finds the first apostles in a similar situation. John the Baptist points them to Jesus, so they follow, not knowing exactly why. When He turns and asks them, “What are you looking for?” they freeze and try to change the subject: “Rabbi, where are you staying?” (John 1:38). They really don’t know what they’re looking for. They’ll only find out when they accept Jesus’ invitation, “Come, and you will see” (John 1:39).

So what are you looking for? It’s a question the Lord wants to ask all of us. It’s also a question He can help us answer in the best way possible. By showing us who He is, He gradually unveils our own deepest longings and desires. That’s because we belong to Him. We are created in His own image and likeness, and we find all our true answers in Him and in the desires of His heart.

So this week in prayer, accept His invitation to come and see:

- “Come and see how deeply I delight in you. Come and see that you are beloved and treasured in my eyes. Come and see your true, incalculable worth in my eyes.”
- “Come and see that I have redeemed you from sin. Receive my mercy, which is always flowing like a mighty river. See that I gave my very life for you. I withheld nothing so that you might walk in freedom. Come and see that you can be set free.”
- “Come and see the dreams I have for your life. I have plans and goals for you. Let me show you how I look at you and how hopeful a future you have as you learn from me.”

What are you really looking for? Jesus! So quiet your mind and let Him answer you. He wants to show you who He is — and who you really are.

My deepest hope for you in this Season of Epiphany is this: that you encounter our Lord in prayer, and that you find in Him all that you are looking for. For only in things eternal will we find rest, only in the Lord will we find something worth longing for.



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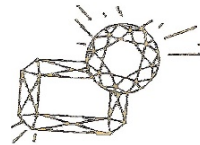
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