



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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May 27, 2018

Sunday of the Holy Trinity



Next Sunday

The Spirit Teaches

1 Cor 2:1-10 (The Corinthians & Paul/The True Wisdom)

Jn 14:21-27 (The Advocate)

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, May 27th, 10:30 am

+Choucri Foulia

Monday, May 28th

Available

Tuesday, May 29th

Available

Wednesday, May 30th

Mike Dowd

Thursday, May 31st

Available

Friday, June 1st

Patrick Dowd

Saturday, June 2nd

Available

Sunday, June 3rd

+Tony Abboud

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.

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for May 13th - 19th

Online.....\$1,136.00

Collection.....\$2,054.00

Weekly Total.....\$3,190.00

YTD Total.....\$35,841.68

YTD Goal.....\$36,920.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$1,078.32**

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, May 27th

Torker Family

Sunday, June 3rd

Available

Parish Events

Altar Sponsorship

We are in need of families or individuals to sponsor the altar. Sponsorship helps with altar bread, communion wine, candles for the celebration of the Holy Offering of the Mass. Your gift will be acknowledged on the website calendar and published in the bulletin. Here are a few points:

- 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 breakeven 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 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, Epiphany, Holy Cross, Immaculate Conception, etc). Those are available on *first come first served basis*. Obviously we spend more on flowers those days, so you could bear that in mind in considering your offering for that week's sponsorship.
- If you want to actually have a florist do the flowers for a big weekend, work with Ann to coordinate that.
- Just like Mass Intentions, there might be weeks where no one signs up. I would be ideal for people to sign up for every Sunday, but we are inviting you to take the initiative to sign up.

Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford
(Treasurer)

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+Claude Karam

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+Deacon Tony
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+Finance Committee

Community Events

Looking for a natural and affirming way of family planning?

WHEN: June 4th, 18th & July 2nd

WHERE: NW Family Services

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::JOB POSTING::

The National Apostolate of Maronites, NAM, are in the process of recruiting and retaining the services of a new Executive Director.

Executive Director National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM)

Job Description

In accordance with the National Apostolate of Maronites By-Laws, the Executive Director is responsible for the successful leadership and management of the Organization according to the strategic direction set by the Board of Directors in consultation with the Bishops.

The Executive Director performs some or all of the following:

- Participate with the Board of Directors in developing a vision and strategic plan to guide the Organization
- Identify, assess and inform the Board of Directors of internal and external issues that affect the Organization
- Act as a professional advisor to the Board of Directors on all aspects of the Organization's activities
- In addition to the President of NAM, act as a spokesperson for the Organization
- Conduct official correspondence on behalf of the Board as appropriate and jointly with the Board when appropriate
- Represent the Organization at community activities to enhance the Organization's community profile
- Perform the day-to-day operations of the National Office, which can be located anywhere
- In conjunction with the education Chair, supervise NAM's scholarship applications and awards
- Maintain up to date, true and accurate financial records
- Report on the financial standing of the Organization on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis
- Supervise the receipt and disbursement of all funds of the Organization and shall authorize deposits and withdrawals of all monies under such conditions as shall be imposed by the Board and in accordance with an approved budget
- Maintain current records of membership and delegates/representatives
- With the Chairman of Finance, prepare and present to the Board, the National Convention Report and the annual financial statements
- Serve as the Convention Coordinator working in close collaboration with the Bishops, host Pastors and chairpersons of national and regional conventions as well as the organizing committees
- Serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee
- In cooperation with the Public Relations committee, maintain a website for the Organization
- Perform all other duties as delegated by the Board of Directors, and all other duties that customarily devolve for the Office, not specifically mentioned herein

In addition to the above, the Executive Director must work with the Bishops on a regular basis.

Qualifications

- Knowledge of Maronite history and heritage
- Understand and believe in NAM's Mission
- Computer skills in Microsoft programs, as well as web design
- Participate in and understand Maronite traditions and interact with the Maronite Bishops, Clergy and laity
- Perform efficiently and on-time all aspects of office operations
- Knowledge of convention planning and hotel negotiations
- Ability to travel, when needed, throughout the year
- Ability to present well to the general public as the face of the Maronite Church
- Abide by all Catholic teaching and morality and practice the Catholic Faith with sincerity
- Ability to prepare, understand and present financial reports
- Bookkeeping Ability
- Bachelor's degree preferred, but not required

For further information, or to be considered for this position, please contact
Father Albert Constantine at (818)416-3839 or fralbertconstantine@gmail.com

Reflection

Sunday of the Holy Trinity

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, the one true God. Amen.

In our tradition it is common that we begin work and prayer with the sign of the cross, invoking the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity. It is appropriate that we should begin all things in God for He created all and brings all things to completion. All that we are and have comes to us from the mercy of the Trinity alone. This is why Christ gives His apostles the command to baptize all nations “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matt. 28:19) for all the acts of creation and salvation involve the three Persons of the one God inseparably and with equal dignity.

The Trinity, being the very foundation of all things, is intuitively then also the foundation to our faith. But the Trinity, though our foundation, is a very difficult concept to explain – we have one God, yet He is Three Persons – a great mystery of the faith. Many of the most important Church Fathers are remembered for their writings explaining this most sacred and hidden mystery. From the Syriac tradition, St. Ephrem gives an image of the Trinity as the sun in his *Hymns on Faith*. He explains that the Father is like the star itself, something one cannot look at because of its brightness and the source, just like the Father is eternally hidden yet the Begetter of the Son and from Whom the Spirit proceeds. The star begets visible rays, which is the Son, Jesus Christ, Who became visible and near to us when He became man. Finally, from the star proceeds heat, and though unseen it certainly exists, as we know the sun is quite hot – this is the Spirit. The sun is one yet three, existing together but distinctive.

In considering the sun one aspect may be more apparent to us than others. Perhaps it is a sunny day so we focus on the piercing light or a hot day when we can think of nothing but the heat or even a dark day when we forget there the sun even exists. Nonetheless, the sun in its entirety continues to be and operates whether we know it in its entirety or not. Likewise, God continues to exist in His wholeness, whether we sometimes, in our limitedness, give more emphasis to the Father, Son or Spirit. We should seek at all moments to give equal praise to God in His Three Persons, which He revealed to us throughout revelation. Traditional Syriac hymns often end with a Trinitarian formula doing just that:

Glory be to the Father Who chose the prophets and they foreshadowed His Only-Begotten Son. Worship be to the Son Whose Gospel the apostles proclaimed in the world. Thanks be to the Spirit Who strengthened the martyrs and they died in His hope, and may mercy be upon us sinners through their prayers.
(*Boutho* from the Syriac Maronite Third Hour of Sunday)

This specific hymn is attributed to St. Jacob of Sarug. In it, he gives glory to the Father Who began to reveal His Son Who would later come in His mercy, that we might be prepared. He then gives worship to the Son Who prepared His apostles and sent them into the world to share His saving Gospel with all, as we hear in today’s reading. Finally, he thanks the Spirit Who continues the work of salvation even until today, though we do not see Him strengthening us in our good endeavors each day yet He does. The action of the Trinity is unitary and done for our salvation for our God loves us in His entirety – “three names, one will” as St. Jacob says.

Let us give thanks to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Who has made us, saved us and strengthens us each day in His mercy. To Him be glory forever.

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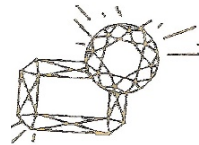
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