

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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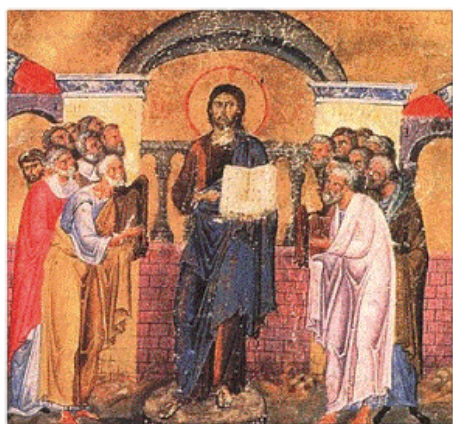
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July 15, 2018

The Mission of God's Messenger



Next Sunday

The Apostles Proclaim the Kingdom

1 Cor 12:1-11 (Unity and Variety)

Mt 12:22-32 (Jesus and Beelzbul)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for July 1st -7th

Online.....\$930.00

Collection.....\$559.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,489.00

YTD Total.....\$46,188.68

YTD Goal.....\$49,842.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$3,653.32**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, July 15th, 10:30 am

Peter Zogbi

Monday, July 16th

Available

Tuesday, July 17th

Available

Wednesday, July 18th

Available

Thursday, July 19th

Available

Friday, July 20th

Available

Saturday, July 21st

Available

Sunday, July 22nd

Michael Shami

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, July 15th

Redmond Family

Sunday, July 22nd

Anonymous

Parish Events

Dear Parish Family,

As you know our annual food festival is July 14th and 15th corresponding closely with the feast of St. Sharbel. This year from 7/8 to 7/23 the ramp that connects I-5 Southbound and I-84 will be closed for construction and that may create some delays in traffic around town. We wanted you to know ahead of time so that you can plan accordingly and avoid surprises. As you know the food festival covers an important part of our annual budget and the church is counting on your help, and support. St. Sharbels has a long, rich history of generosity and sacrificial giving and we know this year will be no exception.

May God bless you and repay you a hundredfold for all of your time and sacrifice.
Peace and blessings,
Abouna Chris

Parish Council

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+Claude Karam

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(Secretary)

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+Thaddeus Rask

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+Deacon Tony
+Deacon Wadih

+Finance Committee

Lebanese Food Festival

We still have shifts available. We have three shifts and we need 12 people per shift. If you are able to work please sign up on the sign up sheet at the link.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qavCKpJPB4elc3N5Na2wqGvWntthA9VBA1mDfP7dzHo/edit?usp=sharing>

Community Events

ST. STEPHEN FESTIVAL JULY 29th, 12-5pm

St. Stephen's Catholic Church would like to invite you to join us at our Parish in SE Portland for our St. Stephen Festival on Sunday, July 29th from Noon - 5pm. Admission is free and there will be plenty of games and activities for kids as well as a craft fair, bake sale, and an art show. Food, beer, and wine will be available for purchase and provided by Hoda's Mediterranean catering. We'll be closing our festival with solemn Vespers at 5pm in the Church. If you'd like more information about the festival you can e-mail Lisa Hezmalhalch, the festival committee chair, at HezzieLCH@gmail.com or visit our Facebook event page

2018 SAINT SHARBEL LEBANESE FOOD FESTIVAL

COME ENJOY A BITE OF LEBANESE CULTURE!

Kids activities, games and fun for the whole family!

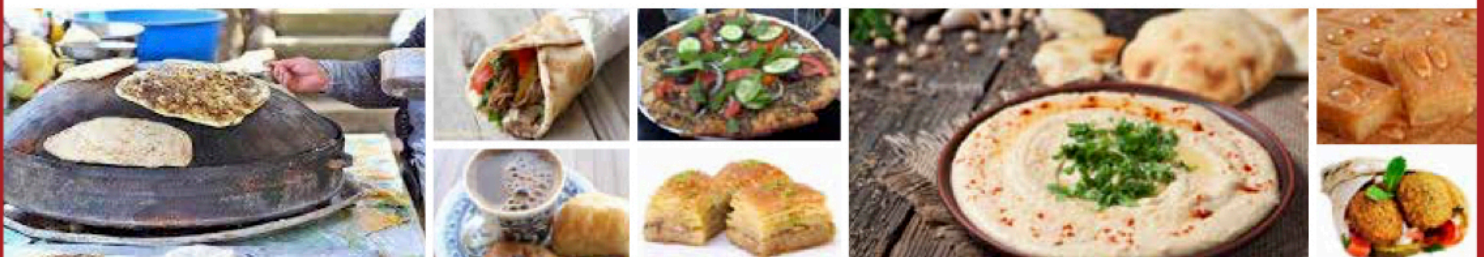


July 14th & 15th
Saturday Noon–9pm
Sunday Noon–5pm

A SHOWCASE OF AUTHENTIC LEBANESE CUISINE & MUSIC

- Hummus
- Fattouch Salad
- Falafel
- Chicken/Lamb Shawarma
- Chicken Skewers
- Rice
- Manakish Zaatar (ground thyme with sesame seed)
- Elephant Ears
- Desserts

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Reflection

The Mission of God's Messenger

Lk 4:14-21

First things are important. First words. First steps. First accomplishments. Many of these things are rather happenstance, when you think about it, but we give them value because they make an impression and are memorable simply because of the very fact they happened first.

Other times, however, the “firsts” of our lives are not at all happenstance, but quite intentional. The first speech you give as captain or coach of a team. The first meeting you run in a new position. The first lesson you prepare as a teacher with a new class of students. The restaurant or movie you choose for a first date. The first sermon you give in a new congregation.

Luke relates in these verses one of those intentional “firsts” in the ministry of Jesus. And even Luke’s choice matters. From the brief transition he offered in the verses just before these, we realize that this is not, actually, the first time he has been in the synagogue, but it is the first sermon Luke reports to us. And it is in his home congregation. So we know that it is important. In a sense, Luke reports Jesus first sermon as a kind of mission statement, an identity statement. You want to know what Jesus is all about? Luke almost asks. Then listen up. Here it is.

And so we do well, as did Luke’s first audience, to attend to Jesus’ “first” sermon for a clue to who he is and what he is about. This collection of verses from Isaiah combine to give us a clear signal that Jesus has come to keep God’s promises. And not just promises in general, but God’s promises to heal, restore, comfort, free, and release, all as a sign of God’s love and favor.

God’s favor. Think back, for just a moment, to the words Jesus heard at his baptism. “You are my Son, whom I love. With you I am well pleased.” That is God’s favor. And Jesus has come to tell everyone that, and not just tell it but show it by the various acts of mercy and healing Isaiah describes.

We, Jesus tells us, are the object of God’s desire, the recipients of God’s love, and the children with whom God is well pleased. This is what Jesus is saying, and it is what he will fulfill in his life and ministry and, as we’ll see, in his rejection, death, and resurrection. Truly, it is the year and age of God’s favor.



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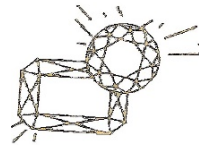
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