



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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August 5, 2018

The Fruit of the Message to the Gentiles



Next Sunday

Preaching the Word

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 July 22nd -28th

Online.....\$1,195.00

Collection.....\$969.00

Weekly Total.....\$2,164.00

YTD Total.....\$52,329.68

YTD Goal.....\$55,398.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$3,068.32**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, August 5th, 10:30 am

Dene McCall Culton

Monday, August 6th

Maria Martha Phuong Nguyen

Tuesday, August 7th

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Wednesday, August 8th

Available

Thursday, August 9th

Jennifer Eburuoh

Friday, August 10th

Available

Saturday, August 11th

Available

Sunday, August 12th

Ann & Bill Marentette

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, August 5th

Available

Sunday, August 12th

Available

Parish Events



Picture left is from last weeks Ordination. Seminarians Peter Zogbi and Michael Shami were ordained to the order of SubDeacon by Bishop Elias Zaidan. Congratulations to the Zogbi and Shami families!

Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford
(Treasurer)

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+Claude Karam

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Community Events

WILLIAM BYRD FESTIVAL

About the William Byrd Festival: Now in its twenty first year, the William Byrd Festival was conceived by Founder of Cantores in Ecclesia Dean Applegate and the late Dr. Richard Marlow of Trinity College Cambridge as a marriage of music and scholarship of the great English Renaissance composer William Byrd (1540-1623). The Festival draws international performers and scholars to Portland each August for two weeks of lectures, masses, liturgical services and concerts. Please see our website for further information: <http://www.byrdfestival.org>

Who: Festival soloists, conducted by Jeremy Summerly, and organist Mark Williams

What: "Anno Domini" The opening concert of the twenty first annual William Byrd Festival, sponsored by Cantores in Ecclesia

When: Friday, August 10, 7:30 PM

Location: The Old Church, 1422 SW 11th Avenue

Information: Dean Applegate, 971-227-8740, info@byrdfestival.org; www.byrdfestival.org.

Tickets: At the door or in advance: \$25 general admission, \$20 seniors & students. By phone: 1.800.838.3006, or www.brownpapertickets.com

GILDING WORKSHOP

AUGUST 24 - 25

WITH
RAYMOND VINCENT
AT
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The Gilding Workshop begins **Friday, August 24** at 5:30 PM with Vespers followed by work session. It ends Saturday, August 25 after Great Vespers.

Fee: \$225* which covers instruction - plus ALL materials, including 23k Gold Leaf and use of agate stone burnishers. *\$30 for overnight accommodations at the monastery is additional.

The Workshop will cover the following techniques:

- Application of clay bole
- Water gilding
- Burnishing and embossing of gold leaf
- Oil gilding
- Painting on top of gold

Contact us for more information and a registration form:
Holy Theophany Monastery
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Reflection

The Fruit of the Message to the Gentiles

Mt 15:21-28 The Canaanite Woman's Faith

In our gospel reading today, a Canaanite woman (a non-Jew) approached Jesus to ask for help. She referred to Jesus as the Son of David (who is considered by the Jews as the great King of Israel even to this day) and acknowledged Jesus as a master and healer.

The Canaanite woman asked Jesus to have mercy on her and her daughter who was sick and tormented by the demon. Even if she wasn't being heard initially, her efforts paid off and Jesus was able to give her his attention and help.

Illnesses may not always be personal but also social. Sickness in our family, community, country, and in our world. When one experiences moral or spiritual illness, it means the person is detached from his/her humanity and God is far from him/her. In this case, God is the only cure.

He is the truth and the only way to genuine faith, hope, justice, and peace. The Canaanite woman had a strong faith in God. She was convinced that she can only find real mercy and complete healing only through Jesus.

In the gospel reading, Jesus had remarked that salvation is for the family of Israel. The Canaanites were not mentioned by him. Still, the Canaanite woman insisted that salvation can still be received. To receive God's mercy even if it just portion of it may be given by Jesus. The metaphor and imagery of scrap on the table that are eaten by dogs, is an image of desperation especially for the woman who was begging Jesus for mercy because she had great faith in him.

Jesus was overwhelmed by the faith of the woman; it is great faith from a non-Israelite. Let us ask God to give us the faith of the Canaanite woman so we can also partake in God's saving love.

Let us pray, reflect and ask ourselves:

Am I well and spiritually healthy?

Am I happy with what is going on in my life?

How do I handle sickness and pain that comes my way?

Do I trust in the Lord at all times?

Do I have the same faith like the Canaanite woman?

Do I really believe that only God can heal me and restore me to health?



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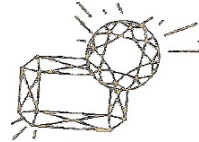
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