



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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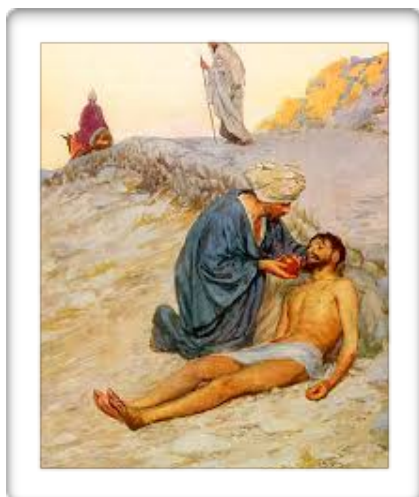
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September 9th, 2018

**The Fruit of the Word:
Love of Neighbor**



Next Sunday

Feast of the Holy Cross

1Cor 1:18-25 (Paradox of the Cross)

Jn 12:20-32 (The Coming of Jesus' Hour)

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, September 9th, 10:30 am

Linda Barnett

Monday, September 10th

Available

Tuesday, September 11th

Available

Wednesday, September 12th

Available

Thursday, September 13th

Available

Friday, September 14th

Available

Saturday, September 15th

Available

Sunday, September 16th

Available

***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 August 26th -September 1st

Online.....\$130.00

Collection.....\$461.00

Weekly Total.....\$591.00

YTD Total.....\$61,793.94

YTD Goal.....\$64,646.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$2,852.06**

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, September 9th

Available

Sunday, September 16th

Available

Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford
(Treasurer)

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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

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.

Eucharistic Adoration Schedule for Next Week

(Please See Abouna's Note below for Details)

9/11 Tues 12:00-1:00 pm (Abouna+ Deacons) : Mass/Rosary/Confessions available

9/12 Weds 7:00-8:00 pm (Deacons alone) : Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament/Rosary

9/13 Thurs 7:00-8:00 pm (Deacons alone) : Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament/Rosary

Abouna's Corner

Brothers and Sisters,

I am so grateful with the support and the comments you have sent or texted since I preached last week about the present struggles of the Church. We are truly one Body in Christ, and so where there is suffering anywhere, we all experience it. One of the blessings of Christian community is that, in addition to the pain of bearing suffering, we are granted the support of our fellows during times of crisis and pain.

I want to let you know about the letter that Bishop Zaidan recently sent to his clergy and religious. He invites all parishioners and clergy, in addition to religious, to a period of prayer and penance. He requests that each parish in the Eparchy offer a three day period of prayer, fasting and penance beginning Tuesday, September 11 and concluding Thursday, September 13. He further requests that each of us commit to praying the rosary together with family or the parish, and that we fast each day in the same way we do during Lent. He also asks that each parish offer an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration.

Here is the schedule that will take place next week. All are invited to attend each day, but if you cannot attend all three days, please attend at least one of these days and in addition offer the rosary and your personal fasting. The faithful are invited to the Sacrament of Penance, so if possible, please go to Confession either at the parish or local Latin parish. I have attempted to offer a mix between daytime and evening time. I will offer additional time for confessions on Sunday, after Mass, should that be helpful.

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To quote Sayedna: "It is becoming ever more clear that the Church is gripped by a personal force of evil. In speaking of evil, the Lord said "[this kind of evil] can only be driven out by prayer and fasting." (Mark 9:29). Let us offer prayer and fasting for the Church."

May God bless each of us as we endeavor to assist the Church, the victims, and all involved.

In Christ,
Abouna Chris



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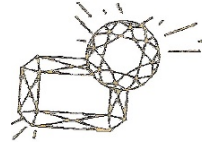
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