



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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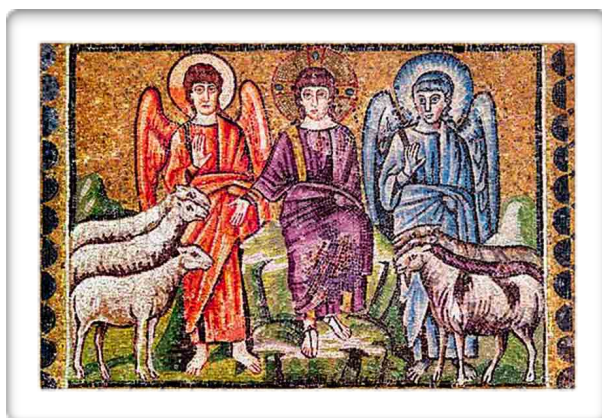
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October 28, 2018

Seventh Sunday After the Holy Cross



Next Sunday

Consecration of the Church

Heb 9:1-12 (The Worship of the First Covenant)

Mt 16:13-20 (Peter's Confession About Jesus)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for October 14th - 20th

Online.....\$485.00

Collection.....\$6,166.00

Weekly Total.....\$6,651.00

YTD Total.....\$78,713.94

YTD Goal.....\$77,568.00

YTD Difference.....\$1,145.94

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, October 28th, 10:30 am

+*Mary J Walsh*

Monday, October 29th

Available

Tuesday, October 30th

Available

Wednesday, October 31st

Available

Thursday, November 1st

Available

Friday, November 2nd

Available

Saturday, November 3rd

Available

Sunday, November 4th

+*Ghassan Farah (40 Day Memorial)*

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, October 28th

Available

Sunday, November 4th

Available

Parish Council

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+Deacon Wadih

+Finance Committee

Parish Events

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
ST. SHARBEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
**AUTHENTIC
LEBANESE DINNER**



Join us for our delicious and authentic Lebanese Dinner Fundraiser in our parish hall. We'll be serving generous portions of chicken & beef kabob with garlic sauce, beans over rice, tabouleh salad and hummus. GLUTEN FREE option available.

October 28th • Noon to 6pm
\$15 Dinner Ticket Donation • To Go Orders Available
1804 SE 16th Avenue, Portland • saintsharbel.com

We'll also be holding a bake sale of tasty Middle Eastern and American pastries that will tempt any sweet tooth. Children's activities.

COUPON: \$2 off valid between 3pm & 5pm
1 coupon per customer

Fall Dinner is this Sunday!!!
There is still room to sign up,
please consider helping with
this event. See the Sign Up
sheet below for one of the
following shifts.

Sunday 8:00am-1:00pm

Sunday 1:00-6:00pm

Please Sign Up at this link:

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



Attention all young men and women,

come check out St. Sharbel's new youth group,

The Cedars!



Who: Anyone ages 13 to 18 (ish) interested in building friendships, participating in important and relevant discussions, having fun, and most importantly, following Jesus!

Facilitated by Maroun Maroun and Gennifer Karam. Please contact Gennifer or Maroun directly to register.

What: Saint Sharbel's Cedars is a group of young people, inspired by our Lord's call to be His disciples, who will meet twice a month for sessions which teach us about our identity as followers of Christ, service to others, and social activities.

Where/When: All Cedars sessions are held at the St. Sharbel Church upstairs classroom immediately following the mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, 11:45 am - 1:30 pm, unless otherwise indicated. All meetings, social activities and service events are announced ahead of time through email announcements and church announcements.

Save the Dates! Here's our tentative Cedars Schedule for 2018-2019:

***Please make sure to give your email address and cell number to Gennifer Karam in order to be on the email list for up to date reminders and possible changes to this schedule.

November 11: Session 2: **Come and See**

November 25: Session 3: Cedars of Saint Sharbel Matinee: A movie TBA

December 16: **Breakfast with Santa - Cedars Service Activity for the Church. More info to come.**

January 13: Session 3: **Real Friends**

January 27: Session 4: **Follow Me**

February 10: Session 6: **The Cost**

February 23: Cedars Snow Day! Snow intertubing on Mt. Hood - Please note this is a SATURDAY. More information to come.

March 9: Session 7: **Undecided Topic TBA**

March 24: Session 8: **Undecided Topic TBA**

April 28: Session 9: **City of Jerusalem Presentation**

May 12: **End of the Year Bowling Excursion.**

Another lifelong member of our parish, Halim Mouawad, has fallen asleep in the Lord after a brief illness. The Family would appreciate your presence at the funeral which will take place at the parish. Details are below...

Halim Mouawad

Saturday, October 27, 2018

Funeral Liturgy 10:00AM

at St. Sharbel

Sunday School Program

Sunday School classes started September 30, 2018 for grades 1st-6th.
Classes start at 9:15 am till 10:15 am.

To register your child(ren) for classes, please complete the registration form
(attached as pdf to original email).

Contact Nadia Redmond for further information, phone: 503-671-0440 or



Community Events

Tired of living paycheck to paycheck? Attend a Save First Financial Wellness half-day workshop to learn about money management. You will learn about saving money, debt reduction, budgeting and building credit. The cost is \$25 for individuals and \$40 for couples. The cost covers registration fee and class materials (scholarships are available). Sign up for an upcoming workshop from 9 AM to 12:30 PM on Sat., Nov. 3 or Sat., Dec. 1st. Workshops take place at Catholic Charities' Clark Family Center at 2740 SE Powell Blvd., Portland, OR 97202. To register, call 503.688.2596 or email Emily@SaveFirstFinancial.org.

Volunteer with the Catholic Charities' Save First Financial Wellness as a Financial Coach! Help us support families in the making a positive financial change. Join us for a Volunteer Financial Coach training on November 7th from 9am-12pm at the Catholic Charities Clark Family Center. Refreshments will be provided. Interested? Please contact Katie Earley at katie@SaveFirstFinancial.org or 503-688-2575.

Portland Life Chain will be on October 28th, Sunday, 2:30 pm - 4 pm, in front of Planned Parenthood Center at 3727 NE MLK Jr. Blvd, Portland, Oregon. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. Bring your whole family! Rosaries, lawn chairs, strollers, umbrellas are welcome and encouraged! This event is organized by Oregon Knights of Columbus. For more info, please contact Tony D'Silva at spx.koc.forlife@gmail.com.

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Reflection

Mt 25:31-46

This is the last Sunday of the liturgical cycle of the year. What is it that first attracts our attention is the Gospel of this last Sunday of the year? It is of the awesome Last Judgment in Matthew's Gospel! Interestingly, here, the *end* of the liturgical cycle on this Sunday, corresponds and parallels in the Gospel with the *end* of the world.

From one perspective this projection seems a deliberate attempt by the Church to *awaken* in her children the fear of God. Yet from another perspective the emphasis of the Church on this Sunday – and in a more positive way – goes out to show that the final victory, at the end, will be *the Triumph of Compassion, and of the Compassionate Ones: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Mt.5: 3- 10)*.

This lesson is also reflected in the exhortation of Saint Paul to his fellow – persecuted – Roman Christians: “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep .. If your enemy is hungry feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.. do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.” (See also Matthew 5:3-10).

Here the final triumph is shown as the triumph of goodness over evil. Clearly we are being called *to become the human channels of God's goodness through compassion* – even when justice might demand otherwise. For it is when we forgive that we also receive our forgiveness; and when we turn a compassionate face towards our fellow human beings – even when persecuted – God's wonderful and loving *image* becomes *imprinted and sealed* into our human nature – his redeemed creation.

The end-victory, therefore, is *the Victory of Love* – as our crosses of human torments are fused and transformed – through acts of loving-forgiveness and compassion, with the balm tree of the *healing Cross of our Lord – that Victorious Cross of Light and of eternal Joy*.

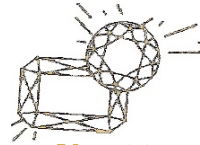
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