



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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April 14, 2019

Hosanna Sunday



Next Sunday

Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection

1Cor 15:12-26 (Results of Denial/Christ the Firstfruits)

Mk 16:1-8 (The Resurrection of Jesus)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for March 31st-April 6th

Online.....\$195.00

Collection.....\$752.00

Weekly Total.....\$947.00

YTD Total.....\$23,611.15

YTD Goal.....\$25,844.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$2,232.85**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, April 14th 10:30 am

+*Fayda Ablu & Jagger*

Monday, April 15th

Available

Tuesday, April 16th

Available

Wednesday, April 17th

Available

Thursday, April 18th

Available

Friday, April 19th

Available

Saturday, April 20th

*Living and +Deceased Members of St.
Sharbel Parish*

Sunday, April 21st

+*Monks of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

*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, April 14th

Available

Sunday, April 21st

Redmond Family

Parish / Community Events

Shanini Sunday

****After Mass****

Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast

Hosted by the Cedars Youth Group



EASTER LILLIES

Dear beloved St. Sharbel Parishioners,

The greatest Feast in the Church is almost here! Abouna Christopher will be offering our intentions for all our beloved faithful departed during the Divine Liturgy on The Great Saturday of the Light, April 20th through the New Sunday of the Resurrection, April 28th. And, your donations for Easter Lilies will decorate the altar on Great Saturday of the Light and Great Sunday of the Resurrection.

You can place your donations online or in the collection basket and mark your envelope, "Easter Lilies". And, to have your deceased loved one's name placed on the altar, please email your names to Nadia Redmond (n.redmond@comcast.net) by **Hosanna Sunday, April 14th** to be remembered in the Novena beginning on Saturday of the Light, April 20th to the New Sunday of the Resurrection, April 28th.

Thank you for your support and God bless you,
St. Sharbel Parish

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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| April 14 <i>Palm Sunday</i> | Hosanna Sunday (Shaneenee) — 10:30am Procession to follow with the distribution of Palms <i>Confessions will be heard before Mass only</i> **Breakfast and Egg Hunt after Mass** |
| April 17 <i>Wednesday</i> | Rite of the Lamp, (Mass/Qurbono) — 7pm <i>Confessions will be heard before/after the Holy Mysteries</i> |
| April 18 <i>Holy Thursday</i> | Institution of the Eucharist -Mass/Qurbono — 7pm Washing of the Apostles Feet <i>Confessions will be heard before/after the Holy Mysteries</i> |
| April 19 <i>Great Friday</i> | Signing of the Chalice -- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy — 10:30am <i>Confessions available before or after by request</i> Burial Procession (Zeeyeh) — NoEucharist — 7pm Commemoration of the Burial of our Lord <i>No Confessions available in the evening</i> |
| April 20 <i>Saturday of Holy Week</i> | Morning Service — 10:30am Rite of Forgiveness (General Absolution) <i>No individual Confessions available</i> Night Vigil of Easter: Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord (Mass/Qurbono) — 9pm <i>Followed by Rite of Peace and Procession</i> <i>No individual Confessions available</i> |
| April 21 <i>Easter Sunday</i> | Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord — 10:30am No Procession, Mass only |

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Reflection

Hosanna Sunday

In the Syriac calendar, the Sunday of Hosannas concludes Lent itself and begins Hasho – the Passion of our Lord. The Syriac tradition specifically calls it the Sunday of Hosannas, rather than Palm Sunday, emphasizing “Hosanna,” the phrase those welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem shouted. We stress this word, which is Hebrew for “Save us!” at Christ’s arrival to His Passion because we stress what His entrance into Jerusalem truly meant, and with the crowds shout “Save us!”

The entirety of Lent we have been preparing ourselves spiritually, by fasting, prayer and good works, so that we may fruitfully celebrate our Lord’s life-giving suffering, death and resurrection. Just as the people in Jerusalem greeted Him, so today we sing praises welcoming Him for He has come to save us in His love:

When our Lord descended from the Mount of Olives His disciples surrounded Him in great joy and exultation. They called out to their Lord and God in a sweet melody, “This day we rejoice and say You have saved us, Lord, for the feast has come to the horns of the altar.” Alleluia, Christ is sacrificed! (Transfer Hymn for the Sunday of Hosannas)

We see in the hymn that followers sing, “The feast has come to the horns of the altar.” What they mean can be explained by the Jewish Temple practices. Before the coming of Christ, every time the Jews needed to obtain the forgiveness of sins, they needed to make animal sacrifices in the Temple of Jerusalem. Once a year, the high priest would enter into the sanctuary alone with animal blood and make an offering for the sins of the people (Heb. 9:7) by putting blood on the horns (or corners) of the altar as God instructed Moses (Lev. 4:18). But this needed to be repeated as endlessly as man sins, and this was instructed only to foreshadow the true reality behind it. That true reality is that Jesus Christ, our God, the true High Priest, would enter into the perfect tabernacle “not made by human hands” – His Passion – and offer His own blood for the eternal redemption of His beloved people, mankind.

Christ, in His love for us to remove our sin, entered into Jerusalem knowing that this would be the entrance into the sacrifice of His own life. Christ is the feast brought to the horns of the altar, and this is why the hymn concludes, “Alleluia, Christ is sacrificed!” By Christ’s self-sacrifice, death is slain. In His love for mankind, He humbled Himself to enter Jerusalem and His Passion, not with legions of His angels, but upon a lowly donkey just as He entered His Incarnation like a poor child in a lowly manger. The Lord today enters Jerusalem, the holy city where His Temple was established for His worship, so that He, the true priest, could offer the perfect sacrifice, Himself. By His blood, Christ grants us the means to wash away our sin forever.

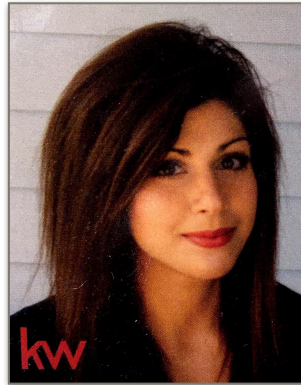
The Passion of the Lord, into which we enter today, is a harbor of life and place of refuge from the destruction of sin. We greet our loving Lord, Life Himself, Who has come to offer Himself for love of us. With joy we cry out:

Glory be to the Lord! The passion of the Son of God is a harbor for us for in it our souls rest from the work of the world. In it the entirety of fasting is completed and with it all good things are brought about. In it may churches and monasteries exult together. The Fountain of Life rejoices in the second baptism. (Trans. from the Coming to the Harbor)

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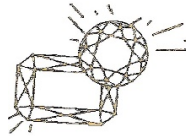
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