

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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April 21, 2019

Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection



Next Sunday

Jesus Appears to the Disciples and Thomas

2Cor 5:11-21 (The Ministry of Reconciliation)

Jn 20:26-31 (Thomas/Conclusion)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for April 7th-13th

Online.....\$1,375.00

Collection.....\$2,138.50

Weekly Total.....\$3,513.50

YTD Total.....\$27,123.65

YTD Goal.....\$27,690.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$565.35**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, April 21st 10:30 am

+Monks of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday, April 22nd

Available

Tuesday, April 23rd

+Art Burke

Wednesday, April 24th

+Art Burke

Thursday, April 25th

+Art Burke

Friday, April 26th

Available

Saturday, April 27th

Available

Sunday, April 28th

Brieanna Anderson

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 21st

Redmond Family

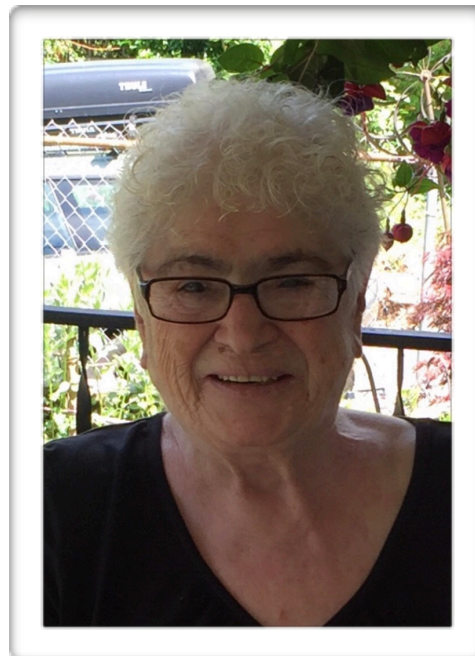
Sunday, April 28th

Available

Parish / Community Events

NAZHA RASK

We will celebrate a funeral liturgy for a deceased parishioner who was one of the original members of the Parish. Nazha Rask passed into eternal rest this week and we will celebrate her life on Tuesday the 23rd at 10:00am. Nazha left behind 5 kids, 16 grandkids and 18 great grandkids. May she Rest In Peace and May perpetual light shine upon her Oh Lord.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 19 <i>Great Friday</i>	Signing of the Chalice -- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy — 10:30am <i>Confessions available before or after <u>by request</u></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

Parish Council

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Reflection

Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection

Let God arise and let all His enemies be scattered; let His haters flee before Him. (Ps. 68:1)

We can sing the above psalm 68 with steadfast faith on the night before Easter because we know that Jesus Christ is truly risen from the dead. The entire basis of our faith is that He, the Lord of Life, overcame His voluntary Passion, granting life to all those who believe in Him. Shortly after the beginning of the world, Adam sinned and brought death into the world. But today we celebrate that our God, Who is Life, overcame sin and death. As our hymns of Holy Saturday resound, "On this day the Son of the King killed Death the Killer..." Death killed Adam, but Christ died so that He might kill death itself and bring Adam back to life eternal. Today, death and Satan flee before God and all those who stand beside Him.

We prepared for fifty days for this great feast since the Sunday of the Wedding at Cana. With fasting, alms and increased prayer, we prepared ourselves to face the Lord's Passion, when the Creator of All willed that He Himself should die to put to death our mortality. But the conclusion is not death, but life for all:

The Tree of Life descended to Earth and gave His fruits to the needy to have life by His food and triumph over death. Even when a thief approved Him, He gave him the keys to Paradise to open the door that the House of Adam may enter the Kingdom.

(Trans. from the Syriac Maronite Morning Prayer for the Great Saturday of Light)

Christ is the Tree of Life come down from heaven to save even the Good Thief, who repented and believed in Him. Adam brought death upon mankind through his disobedience, but Christ restored life through His perfect obedience. To the faithful Christian, death no longer kills. That seems an odd thing to read, especially since we experience death throughout our lives. But the bodily death that remains now is only temporary after the death

of our Lord, just as the death of the Lord was only temporary. Through Christ's resurrection, He has promised those who follow Him resurrection from the dead as well. The Tree of Life, of which Adam deprived himself, voluntarily returned to deliver to us this Fruit of Immortality – His Body and Blood.

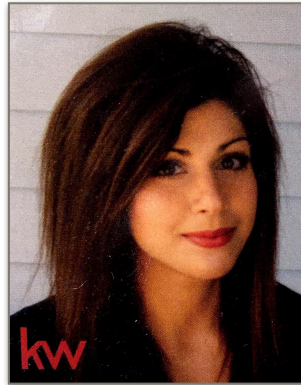
This Sunday of the Resurrection is the culmination of our entire Christian faith, as our God is the God of Life and our faith is a life-giving one. On this day, we celebrate the fact that Jesus Christ, the Giver of Life, overcame death once and for all, and promised us the same. What remains for us is to decide whether we shall live in the death of sin or turn towards the eternal life Christ offers us in following Him through the life of the Church.

O Living One from the Living One, Giver of Life and Life-Giver of the Dead, by Your wondrous death and glorious resurrection life was given to mortals, rising to the entombed and joy to the gloomy. O Lord, now grant life to our mortality, rising to our entombment, resurrection to our fallenness, consolation to our distresses and joy to our gloominess that we may give thanks to You with joy and exultation for Your salvation, and to Your Father, and to Your living and Holy Spirit, now and at all times, forever. Amen. (Trans. from the Syriac Maronite Compline for the Resurrection)

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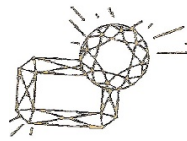
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