

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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June 16, 2019

Sunday of the Holy Trinity



Next Sunday

The Spirit Teaches

1Cor 2:1-10 (The Corinthians & Paul/The True Wisdom)

Jn 14:21-27 (The Advocate)

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, June 16th 10:30 am

Available

Monday, June 17th

Available

Tuesday, June 18th

Available

Wednesday, June 19th

Available

Thursday, June 20th

Available

Friday, June 21st

Available

Saturday, June 22nd

Available

Sunday, June 23rd

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 June 2nd - 8th

Online.....\$555.00

Collection.....\$258.00

Weekly Total.....\$813.00

YTD Total.....\$44,070.51

YTD Goal.....\$42,458.00

YTD Difference.....\$1,612.51

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, June 16th

Available

Sunday, June 23rd

Redmond Family

Parish / Community Events



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The 56th National Maronite Convention,
sponsored by NAM presents Raffle 2019
fundraiser.

****Winners Need Not Be Present****

Drawing will take place at Grand Banquet,
Saturday, June 29, 2019, Miami, Florida

1 Raffle ticket = \$5

5 Raffle tickets = \$20

1st Prize – 2 Round trip tickets USA to
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2nd Prize — \$1000 cash

3rd Prize — \$500 cash

Contact Nadia Redmond at 503-671-0440
or email: n.redmond@comcast.net to
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purchase a raffle ticket is **June 16, 2019.**

56th Annual Maronite Convention | June 26-30th, 2019
Hosted by Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church | Sponsored by The National Apostolate of Maronites

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ENTERTAINMENT

THURSDAY NIGHT: Carla Ramia (Lebanese Vocalist)
FRIDAY NIGHT: Amir Yazbeck (Lebanese Singer)
FRIDAY NIGHT: Wassim Kattan (Lebanese Singer)
SATURDAY NIGHT: Ghassan Saliba (Lebanese Singer)

EXCURSIONS and ACTIVITIES

Bayside Boat Tour, Private Miami Tour, Theology on Tap, Everglades Tour

BBQ and Workshop, Meet the Bishops, Our Lady of Lebanon, Pool and Beach Party

24-hour Eucharistic Adoration Thursday 12 PM through Friday 12 PM

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Reflection

Sunday of the Holy Trinity

Each year in the Syriac tradition, we have the peculiar Rite of Kneeling on Pentecost Sunday. Several people have written to me asking why we do it, and specifically why on Pentecost, so it seems an appropriate topic to reflect upon.

The Rite of Kneeling is an ancient rite common amongst the entire Syriac Church, as well as a similar rite in the Byzantine Churches. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Holy Church after the Ascension of Jesus as a fulfillment of His promise to send His Paraclete from the Father. In the Syriac tradition, kneeling marks a very solemn moment – a moment when the descent of the Holy Spirit is manifest, hence its usage during the epiclesis (when the priest kneels and says ‘aneen moryo...). Likewise, in this rite the priest calls upon the Holy Spirit to descend upon all present as He did on the first Pentecost and at our baptisms.

Liturgically, this is the reinstitution of kneeling, which was ceased historically in the Church from Easter until Pentecost, as praying standing is a commemoration of the Resurrection of Christ, which the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea mandated. The rest of the Church year was filled with kneeling and prostration, so the days between Easter and Pentecost were very clearly set apart by their lack of such activity. The rite takes place before our Lord’s flesh and blood veiled in the anaphoral veil – this festal rite is different from many others in that it occurs after the priest is communed, as opposed to in the beginning of the Mass. The ancient text has three watches, structured like typical minor “hours” (or prayer services), each of which address a Person of the Holy Trinity, and offer incense for His honor and as sacrifice on behalf of our petitions. At the conclusion of each watch, everyone kneels in adoration of the Person of the Trinity to Whom the watch is directed, and then everyone is exhorted to

“Arise by the power of God!” Our eastward prayer emphasizes the eschatological (or “end times”) focus of the Syriac tradition, in that we face East praying to the Lord eagerly awaiting His second coming. Our standing likewise shows our readiness to go forth and do the will of God, working diligently in His vineyard. At the end of the rite, there is a blessing and sprinkling of water, which externalizes the reality of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the worshippers. The sprinkling of water also recounts our baptism, at which the Spirit first made us temples of His dwelling.

As is made explicitly clear in the rite, the Syriac tradition expresses a pervasive unity in all Trinitarian acts of soteriology. A common depiction of the cross amongst the Eastern Syriacs includes the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove perched upon the cross – this illustrates the inseparability of the Persons of the Holy Trinity, as well as unity of action despite their distinctiveness; the Holy Spirit and the Father were not crucified, as both Persons do not have flesh like the Son, but the Son was never separated from the Father or Spirit in existence. Likewise, though Pentecost remembers the descent of the Holy Spirit, it is an act of the entire Trinity. Salvation is wrought through God’s entire being: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

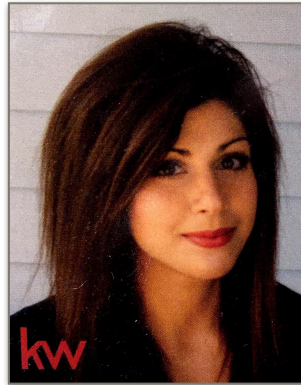
Arise by the power of God! This is the day in which the heavens were gladdened and the world exulted, the watchers clamored and the seraphim cried out, and the Apostles were gladdened for on it they received the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. On this day the Spirit of Anointing, Who was stripped from our father Adam by the transgression of the commandment, was returned to us. He descended upon the disciples and gave forgiveness to the peoples, and He granted salvation to the generations and lineages. Our Lord and our God, to You be glory forever. Amen.

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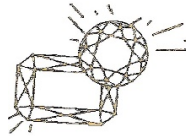
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