

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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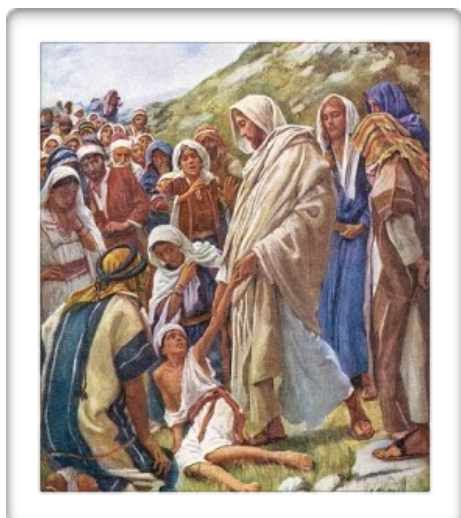
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July 28, 2019

The Spirituality of God's Messenger



Next Sunday

The Mission of God's Messenger

2 Cor 5:20-6:10 (The Ministry of Reconciliation)

Lk 4:14-21 (The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry/
The Rejection of at Nazareth)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for July 14th - 20th

Online.....\$455.00

Collection.....\$1,167.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,622.00

YTD Total.....\$53,234.76

YTD Goal.....\$53,534.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$299.24**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, July 28th 10:30 am

Not Available

Monday, July 29th

Not Available

Tuesday, July 30th

Not Available

Wednesday, July 31st

Not Available

Thursday, August 1st

Not Available

Friday, August 2nd

Not Available

Saturday, August 3rd

Not Available

Sunday, August 4th

Not 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.*

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, July 28th

Not Available

Sunday, August 4th

Not Available

Parish / Community Events

MASS CANCELATIONS:

Please be aware there is no Mass for the following Sundays due to Construction:

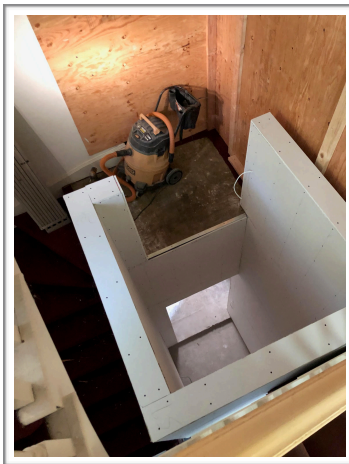
July 28th

August 4th

August 11

The first mass back in the newly refurbished parish will be **August 18th!**

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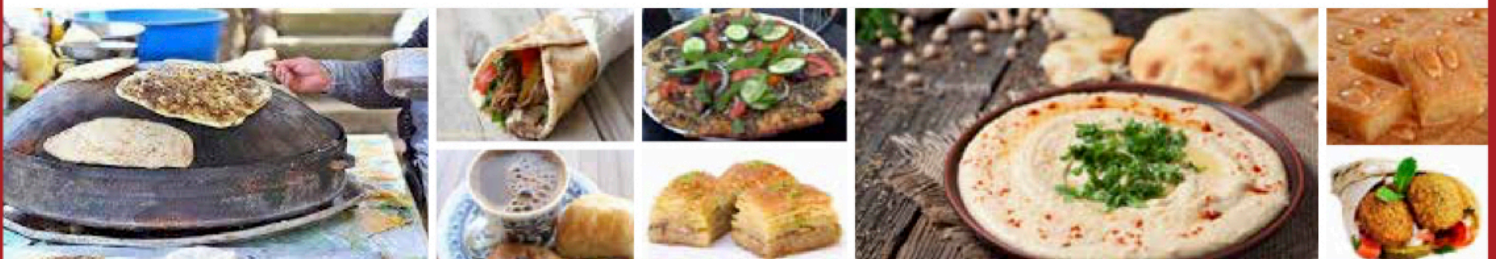
August 17th & 18th
Saturday 2pm–8pm
Sunday Noon–5pm

A SHOWCASE OF AUTHENTIC LEBANESE CUISINE & MUSIC

SERVING PLATES OR SANDWICHES

- Hummus
- Fattouch Salad
- Falafel
- Chicken/Lamb Shawarma
- Chicken Skewers
- Rice
- Manakish Zaatar (ground thyme with sesame seed)
- Middle Eastern Desserts

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Reflection

The Spirituality of God's Messenger

When Our Lord Jesus Christ was asked by His disciples, "Teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1) it says a lot that His response was the prayer we have come to know as the "Our Father." Jesus, Who is good and the Lover of Mankind, wishes to equip us with every spiritual nourishment and so He provided us with the perfect prayer. As St. Jacob of Sarug said, whoever meditates upon the words of the Our Father holds perfect in their heart. God Himself gave us this prayer that we might have the perfection of God to reflect upon all the days our life. The Our Father is not only a basic prayer in that we learn it as children, but it summarizes the entire perfection of Christian life that we must continually pray and meditate upon. The Our Father is a rich and inexhaustible fount of divine wisdom and direction for how to address the Lord. According to the Syriac Peshitta for this Sunday's reading (Luke 11:2-4), Christ tells us to pray:

Our Father, Who is in heaven,

We call God Father so often, we sometimes forget the radicalness of it. As Philoxenus of Mabbug says not everyone can do so. God created all and everyone, but only the baptized can call God our Father because they have become children of God and siblings of Christ through the Holy Spirit. As our baptismal rite emphasizes, the baptismal font is a spiritual womb through which we are born again/from above (John 3:3), as Christ says is necessary to see the Kingdom. Through the womb of baptism we are born are children of the Father in heaven, and therefore can call Him Father and ask of Him as a child to his or her parent. But even before we ask, the fact that we are children of the Divine means that we too share in divine things.

Hallowed be Your name.

The name of God is to be blessed at times, for His name is the name before which "Every knee shall bend" (Phil. 2:10). To hallow and sanctify a thing is to set it apart, and God has given us the intimacy of knowing His name that we should only honor it, which is set above all things.

May Your Kingdom come; may Your will be on Earth as it is in heaven.

We await the coming of the Kingdom in the Apocalypse. For those who are children of God, we do not fear His coming, but await it in excitement. Just like those who await the coming of a groom, those who prepare themselves for Christ's coming will rejoice when they see Him. That preparation is acting according to the will of God today and now, and repenting when we fail.

Give us the bread we need daily.

We should have confidence that God will provide what we need, and ask Him in our anxiety. Everything comes from God – as the popular Christmas hymn *Shubho lhaw qolo* says, "No one lives without air, no one exists without the Son." The parallel drawn is that Christ is the breath of our very existence – without Whom we would not even exist. Therefore, even our basic needs are supplied by God, and we should not fear to implore Him for our needs for, like a loving Father to His children, He will help us meet our needs.

Forgive us our sins as we have forgiven those who have wronged us.

This is a most difficult petition. It is humanly impossible that to match the infinite abundance of God's mercy. However, Jesus has warned us that we will be judged the same way we judge others (Matt. 7:2). We must discern right and wrong – but we must also forgive all who wrong us if we wish to receive forgiveness for our innumerable sins. If we should ever hesitate to forgive, we need only to remember how often we against God, yet, as St. Jacob said, if He would not forgive us, He would not have taught us to say "Forgive us our sins." Forgiveness is a divine quality, and we must ask God for the strength to forgive. Forgiveness is much like the Exodus of Israel from Egypt – if Israel tried to swim across the Red Sea, either Pharaoh's Army or the tide would have drowned them, no matter how adept they were at swimming. Likewise, if we forgive by human power alone, perhaps we can stay afloat for a bit, but without the help of God, the smallest reminder will undo it, even with great effort. Let us always ask Him for our daily needs. also does not infringe on our free will. As Jesus says, God knows what you need before you even ask. God often has us ask, not because we need to inform or instruct Him, but to meditate and reflect upon our sins and calling to intimacy with God. Let us implore God, our Father, as His beloved children over Whom He broods.

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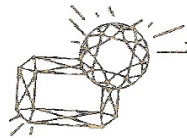
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