



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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## July 7, 2019

### The Calling of the Apostles



### Next Sunday

*The Sending Out of the Apostles*

1 Cor 12:12-13,27-30 (One Body, Many Parts/  
Application to Christ)

Mt 10:16-25 (Coming Persecutions)

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, July 7th 10:30 am

+Najat Al Banna

Monday, July 8th

Available

Tuesday, July 9th

Available

Wednesday, July 10th

Available

Thursday, July 11th

Available

Friday, July 12th

Available

Saturday, July 13th

Available

Sunday, July 14th

+Zaki Kaldawi (Fourty 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.*

## Your Gifts To God

*Offering Report for June 23rd - 29th*

Online.....\$1,120.00

Collection.....\$436.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,556.00

YTD Total.....\$48,529.51

YTD Goal.....\$47,996.00

YTD Difference.....\$533.51

## Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, June 7th

Available

Sunday, July 14th

Available

# Parish / Community Events

## Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford  
(Treasurer)

Charlie Ashou

Gus Bekahi

Nick El Hajj

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+Claude Karam

Anne Marentette  
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+Thaddeus Rask

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Laif Waldron

Ex Officio  
+Deacon Tony  
+Deacon Wadih

+Finance  
Committee



## JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 – SATURDAY MARIAN RETREAT DAY

WITH ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER SAMPLE



Hosted by the Portland Archdiocesan Division  
of The World Apostolate of Fatima

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH  
AND SIENA HALL

375 NE CLACKAMAS  
PORTLAND, OR 97232

TIME: 8:00 AM – 3:15 PM

- NO REGISTRATION FEE
- FREE WILL OFFERING
- RSVP: [brenda.wafpdx@gmail.com](mailto:brenda.wafpdx@gmail.com)
- Phone Calls:
  - Mary: 503-914-8411
  - En Español:
  - Norma: 503-807-9956

### Marian Retreat Day Activities

- CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – 8:00am
- MARIAN CONFERENCE #1 – 8:45am  
Father Timothy Furlow  
"Consecration to Mary" 
- ROSARY & CONFESSIONS – 10:30am  
(ENGLISH & SPANISH)
- HOLY MASS with ARCHBISHOP SAMPLE – 11:00am
- LUNCHEON with ARCHBISHOP SAMPLE – 12:20pm
- MARIAN CONFERENCE #2 – 1:40pm  
Father Gabriel Mosher, O.P.  
"Our Lady of Fatima & the Vision of Hell" 
- CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY – 3:00pm



## 2ND ANNUAL MONASTERY BARBECUE FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>

SACRED MYSTERIES (MARONITE MASS)

10:30 AM TO 12:00 NOON

BARBECUE

12:00 NOON TO 5:00 PM



Come support the Maronite Monks of Jesus, Mary and Joseph with the building of their new monastery in Castle Rock, Washington. Bring the whole family and enjoy great American barbecue and Mediterranean food choices. Come partake in the peace and serenity of the monks 65 acres, in the shadow of their new monastery shell that is under construction. The monks still need to raise a generous amount of funds to complete the next and final stages of the monastery building project.

We need your generous support!!

HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS, CHICKEN,  
MEDITERRANEAN STYLE ENTREE AND DESSERT

MONASTERY ADDRESS: 2314 DELAMETER RD. CASTLE ROCK, WASHINGTON 98611



TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE MONKS, GO TO THEIR WEBSITE AT:  
[WWW.MARONITEMONASTERY.COM](http://WWW.MARONITEMONASTERY.COM)

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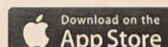
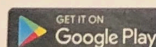
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Eparchy of Our Lady of  
Lebanon of Los Angeles



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## Capital Improvement Project 90% Funded

Brothers and Sisters,

**I wanted to update you on our improvement project at St Sharbels. I am so excited seeing what the Spirit has wrought among us!** As you know we started with the elevator project, and then were able to add the carpet and marble for the altar. Now we are close to being able to refresh the rest of the church. This means new paint, new carpet everywhere and if we can swing it, updated modern furniture, and of course the church bell which is already installed. I've attached a picture below of the concrete pour that is happening today for the foundation of the elevator itself.

**We have raised about 90% of what we need, and for this reason I am writing to ask you to consider making a gift.** I hesitate to trouble you with this request because my sense is that between other commitments, helping the monastery, and your families — asking for the church might be alot. However, if anything, this is **your** parish and I thought you might want to be part of what we are doing. I want to assure you that I have made a significant personal pledge from my own funds — not to boast, but to let you know that I am not asking anything that I am not willing to do myself.

If you are able to make a gift (to be paid by end of year), we would be so pleased to have you on board. **We will place a bronze plaque in the basement once all the work is done, and will list all the donors in the \$2500 and up categories.** That said, smaller gifts are gladly accepted.

**Would you pray about this with your family, and kindly let Kristina know by replying to this email in the next two weeks? I need to know for planning purposes.** *The only thing I ask is that whatever you pledge, that it be above and beyond to your normal tithe/giving to the church. Like your own family budget, we count on this in the background to pay the annual expenses at the parish.*

**The last thing I will say — if you cannot be involved at this time — that is TOTALLY fine.** You are all strong supporters of the parish and without you we would not be financially fit. Sometimes when we pray about something, God's answer is "not now". That said, I would be remiss if I didn't offer you each the chance to be involved in a significant way.

Pray for me and the clergy of both Eparchies as we travel to the priest conclave in Miami. Be assured you and your families are in my personal prayers.

In Christ,  
Your priest and friend,  
Abouna Chris



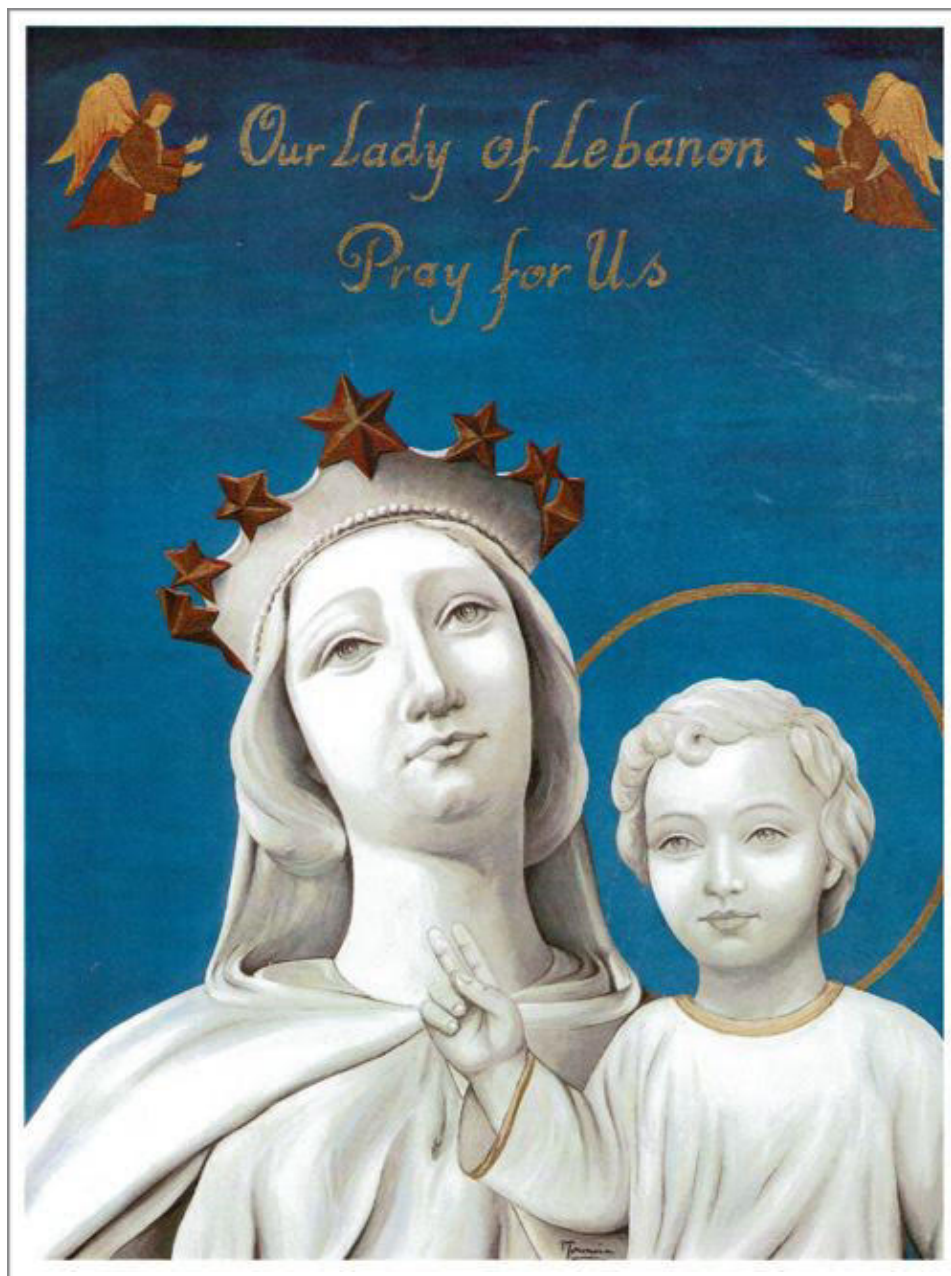
## Parishioners to Pray for the Eparchy

Pope John Paul II issued the papal bull *Omnium Catholicorum* on February 19, 1994 establishing a second Eparchy for the Maronite of the United States. The new Eparchy received the title of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles, and was carved out of the territory of the original Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn. It included some 34 States. The Eparchy has under the leadership of three capable and well loved bishops, has grown and prospered. St. Sharbel Maronite Parish is part of this great Eparchy.

At the annual clergy meeting Bishop Zaidan asked us all to pray for the Diocese in celebration of the 25th anniversary — it's Silver Jubilee. Starting this Sunday, we will pray a prayer for the Eparchy together as a parish before the final blessing. Also, starting this Sunday, each week one family in the parish will take the icon that the Bishop has provided to us, to our individual homes and then pray as a family the prayers that accompany the icon. They will return the icon the next Sunday, and then the next week a different family will take the icon. There are beautiful booklets that come with the icon, and all are welcome to take one.

<https://eparchy.org/history/>

**Ab./Fr. Christopher Fabre**



# **Reflection**

## The Calling of the Apostles

On this Sunday we continue to commemorate the full descent of the life-giving Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and disciples on the day of Pentecost. All things that Christ had promised are completed in the same Spirit Who strengthened the Apostles to bear witness to Christ. In today's gospel reading Christ commissions His Apostles to do as He does in His mercy of healing, exorcizing and cleansing those in need of His help. Christ, our Almighty God, commissions His Apostles not because He is limited, but He wishes His works of mercy to be spread upon the earth through humans so that they may participate in His dispensation. In Christ's infinite love He wished that these deeds of mercy not end when His Apostles died, but that His Apostles should be succeeded by the bishops and priests of the Church to continue these works by the same Spirit Who ordains them.

Being the Almighty Lord, God is not made any less by giving to us. In fact, He wishes to enrich us if we ask of His wealth. Though God is very mysterious and incomprehensible because of His infinite being, He wished to make Himself accessible throughout the ages so He established the Church and commission her ministers as we recall in our prayers:

He who chose for Himself priests on Earth, set them in authority over the treasury of His kingdom, and in their hands placed the keys to His treasury so that they may distribute His riches to the poor.  
(From the Maronite Prayers for Wednesday Night)

The riches of the treasury of God the prayer speaks of are the mercy of God given through His Holy Mysteries, the sacraments, which the Holy Spirit allows the priests to perform. As the Syriac Father Narsai states, at Mass even the holiest layman cannot call the Spirit down to make the bread and wine the Body and Blood of Christ unless he is a priest for priests have been ordained to this sacred duty. It is not because priests are worthy that they can perform the sacraments, but because God loves His people and wishes to give them a normal and known way of regularly receiving His mercy – what better way than to receive eternal life and the forgiveness of sins through His Body and Blood, the Eucharist. And just as Christ commissioned His Apostles to go out and heal, He gave them the sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Penance so that they may make us well.

The same power Christ gave to His Apostles continues to be given to the priests of the Church through the Holy Spirit so that we may all receive healing, both physical and spiritual. In fact, the Syriac Fathers often refer to the Apostles as the "Twelve Physicians" and the priests continue to exercise that role today. The Light of the World, Jesus Christ, wishes that we be able to see Him, and so "Twelve Lamps that burn the oil of the Holy Spirit were sent from the Upper Room to all the corners. They illumined the peoples in the darkness of idolatry" (From the Maronite Prayers for Sunday Morning). The priests of the Church are the new lamps, equipped with the same Holy Spirit, who are sent out in the love and mercy of God to enrich us with the treasures of heaven. Let us gladly receive from Him what He has sent us for our own salvation and flourishing.



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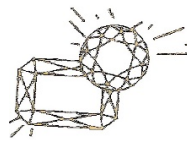
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