



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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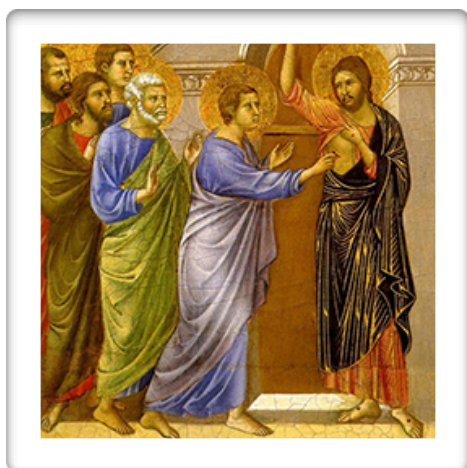
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## April 11, 2021

### New Sunday

**Jesus Appears to the Disciples and Thomas**



### Next Sunday

*Jesus Appears to the Two Disciples at Emmaus*

**2 Tim 2:8-13** (Timothy's Conduct)

**Lk 24:13-25** (The Appearance on the Road to Emmaus)

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, April 11th, 10:30am

+Michael Redmond

Monday, April 12th

Available

Tuesday, April 13th

Available

Wednesday, April 14th

Available

Thursday, April 15th

Available

Friday, April 16th

Available

Saturday, April 17th

Available

Sunday, April 18th

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 March 28th - April 3rd***

Online.....\$195.00

Collection.....\$1,730.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,925.00

YTD Total.....\$25,687.47

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

YTD Difference.....**-\$156.53**

## Altar Sponsorship

**Sunday, April 11th**

Available

**Sunday, April 18th**

Redmond Family

# Parish / Community Events

## Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford  
(Treasurer)

Charlie Ashou

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+Claude Karam

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(Secretary)

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+Deacon Tony

+Deacon Wadih

+Finance  
Committee

## YOUTH GROUP

**Calling All Youth ages 13-18!!**

The Cedars of Saint Sharbel is a "family" of young people who will meet in virtual meetings to discuss real life and how it relates to our faith in God and His tremendous love for humankind. We'll dig deep to answer some of life's greatest questions while developing friendships and having fun at the same time.

**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, April 10, @ 1pm on ZOOM**

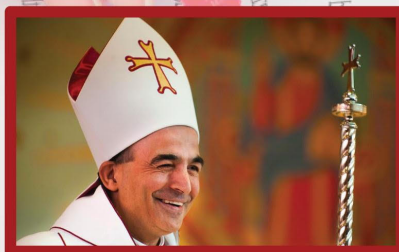
Watch for invitation in your inbox

Please email Gennifer Karam for questions or to sign up for the email list:

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LET'S TALK ABOUT  
**CANCEL**  
**CULTURE:**  
TO CANCEL or  
TO FORGIVE?

with Bishop Elias Zaidan



**Thursday**  
**April 15th**  
**8 pm EST**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87301320880>

We are happy to announce that Thursday, April 15th at 8pm EST, Bishop Zaidan will be presenting for the National MYA on Cancel Culture: To Cancel or To Forgive.

We will have the opportunity to interact with Bishop Zaidan on this topic and share our questions. This talk is open for all the young adults in our parish.

Link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87301320880>



# *Attending Mass During Covid*

## **In-Person Mass Sign Ups**

We are switching over to using Sign-Up Genius for our weekly in person sign ups. The system will allow you to access at any time and register or alter a reservation. It is able to update in real-time, where as I am not. The sign up sheet is emailed every Wednesday, prior to the week's masses.

**Here is the link in case you need to check or alter your reservation.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EA9AF23A4FC1-inperson>

## **COVID MASS POLICIES**

- You will need to come with a mask. Mask may be removed to receive Communion obviously. We don't have masks to give you so please bring one.
- I cannot give Communion outside of Mass – this means in your cars, on the sidewalk, etc. Communion for the homebound is suppressed also at this time.
- Sit only in spot marked on pews. Remain physically distant as you enter and exit the church through the basement entrance only.
- No lingering after Mass, you will need to leave directly.
- If your name is not of the sign up list the ushers cannot allow you to come in. We will need to be strict about this and apologize in advance for problems that might arise.
- I request you only use the downstairs entrance, below the main stairs, the other doors will be closed, this will help us to be able to clean commonly touched surfaces.
- We will not allow use of missals, or other books in the pews. Do your best with the responses.
- Only people who are members of the parish are eligible at this point to attend our limited Masses. If you have been coming regularly, and are not registered elsewhere but have not registered with us, now is the time to do this. Archbishop has asked that we keep people going to the parishes they are registered as a way to respect fair and equitable access to all.

**Sunday, April 11, 2021, 10:30am**

**Youtube Channel Link:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi8CEQIEEnX-VeERKBMqhKRA>**

We'll be using this same link every week since it connects to St. Sharbel's Youtube Channel. Once there click on the appropriate date for mass.



" I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day" ~Our Lady of Fatima



JOIN US AS WE PRAY THE

# ROSARY

EVERY 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
AT 8PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME

FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GOOD HEALTH,  
PEACE, & STABILITY FOR OUR WORLD

**FEBRUARY 8**

LED BY BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR

**MARCH 8**

LED BY CHORBISHOP MICHAEL THOMAS

**APRIL 12**

LED BY BISHOP ELIAS ZAIDAN

LOOKING AHEAD ■ **MAY 10**



**ZOOM LINK**

**MEETING ID: 883 4965 1080**

**PASSCODE: rosary**

**<https://tinyurl.com/OFSLROSARY>**



## The National Apostolate of Maronites Presents

The 29th Annual Spring Raffle - 2021

Only 450 Tickets are printed

Donation: \$100 per ticket

Last Chance!!!!

\$17,500.00 In Cash Prizes!!!

1st Prize — \$10,000.00

2nd Prize — \$3,000.00

3rd Prize — \$2,000.00

4th Prize — \$1,500.00

5th Prize — \$1,000.00

Only 450 Tickets Printed - \$100 Each

This year's drawing will be held on **May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021** at St. Maron, Youngstown (Ohio)

You can see the drawing live at [NAM FaceBook](#)

Thank you for your support in previous years for this raffle fund-raiser, as it is an important part of the NAM annual budget. We are counting on your generosity once again, to support our community projects.

**Call Nadia Redmond at 503-671-0440 by April 11 if you would like to purchase a raffle ticket.**

# **Reflection**

On this Sunday, the Maronite Church celebrates New Sunday. As the Gospel of John (20:26-29) describes it, it was the eighth day of the Resurrection, that is the week after Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from His grave, destroying death by His death. However, His Resurrection had not yet been known to some of His closest followers and friends, the Apostles. He appeared to some, but not all. But today we celebrate the day that our Lord Jesus Christ confirmed in His great mercy that He rose from the dead, granting eternal life to those who follow Him.

Everything Jesus Christ did and does has been in the great abundance of His mercy in His love for mankind: His annunciation of His conception, His birth in the flesh, His baptism in the Jordan, His healings and teachings, His Passion, His crucifixion and death, His burial, His descent into Sheol, His resurrection from the dead, His ascension into heaven and His sending the Spirit at Pentecost. Each action He undertook out of no need of His own, but for His love of us to lead us away from error and unite our weak humanity to His divine life. Beyond the events of His Incarnation in the flesh, which we celebrate as the major milestones of our Church year, everything He has done for us has been in mercy from the creation of the world, the sending of prophets and the Church in the present age. All He did and does is for our assistance in His loving mercy.

Yet the salvation that Christ offered was not always so clearly known. The Apostles themselves were not certain what happened during Christ's Passion and Resurrection, which we just celebrated during Holy Week and Easter Sunday, especially because they had not yet received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to assist their understanding. This is why Jesus visited them multiple times – to help them understand that He did not die, for He is Life Himself, but it was death itself that died by His death. Before today, perhaps many believed their beloved Master was gone for good, but He confirmed to them that He is the Ancient of Days Who existed before all:

Thomas became a mighty and tall fortification for the Holy Church when he uprooted doubts from her when he touched the side of his Lord. Arise, O Church, and sing glory on the day of his memory when he became a fortification for you! Through his prayers let Him quell the waves of heresies that fight against her and strengthen your children to cry out and say to the Son, "Truly You are my Lord and my God, worshipped by all, and You have confirmed the faith for us. (Trans. from Syriac Maronite Vespers of New Sunday)

In our tradition, we do not criticize St. Thomas the Apostle for having doubted Christ – he did not understand the Resurrection as no one before that week truly experienced it. But St. Thomas is our proof that the risen Lord was not simply a vision or memory, but truly risen flesh when he placed his hand in the Lord's side. The Lord raised His own flesh from death in His love so that we might all overcome death if we follow Him in faith. On this New Sunday, He confirmed in knowledge to us what was always true: His immeasurable mercy towards us is our true source of peace because He would literally go to death and back for the sake of our life.

O Peace, You gladdened the Apostles, sowed harmony in the Upper Room, sent them to the ignorant in the four corners of creation and illuminated the earth by Your teaching more than the sun that shines in the sky. By it, they brought back the errant peoples who had strayed to gods. May He Who is Peace be with us and amongst us all the days of our lives; our Lord and our God, to You be glory forever. Amen.

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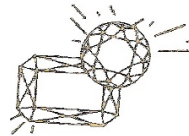
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