



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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April 25, 2021

Jesus Appears to the Disciples at Sea



Next Sunday

Jesus Delivers the Office of Shepherd to Peter

Eph 2:1-10 (Generosity of God's Plan)

Jn 21:15-19 (Jesus and Peter)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for April 11th - 17th

Online.....\$1,140.00

Collection.....\$627.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,767.00

YTD Total.....\$30,172.47

YTD Goal.....\$29,536.00

YTD Difference.....\$636.47

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, April 25th, 11:00am

Available

Monday, April 26th

Available

Tuesday, April 27th

Available

Wednesday, April 28th

Available

Thursday, April 29th

Available

Friday, April 30th

Available

Saturday, May 1st

Available

Sunday, May 2nd

Available

Adoration/Exposition every Sunday at 10:00 am before the morning Liturgy.

Confession every Sunday 10:35-10:50am before the morning Liturgy.

Also join us to pray the Rosary on Sundays at 10:30 am before the Liturgy begins.

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, April 25th

Available

Sunday, May 2nd

Available

Parish / Community Events

Parish Council

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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 24 @ 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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MONTHLY EPARCHY INTENTIONS

May

Pope Francis Intentions

The World of Finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Eparchy Intentions

O Lord, we ask for your mercy and love during these times when so much violence and chaos appears in our world. May we not hurt one another, but instead find compassion and love for our brothers and sisters no matter what. We pray to you O Lord.

Remember O Lord all those suffering personal and financial hardships. Please illuminate their hearts and minds that they may seek refuge in your mercy and love. With you, nothing is impossible and let us remember that you do not give us more than we are capable of enduring. We pray to you O Lord.

Covid Mass Policies

****NEW SUNDAY MASS TIME****

11:00am

Confessions: 10:35-10:50am

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 25, 2021, 10:30am

Youtube Channel Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi8CEQIEnX-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.

Reflection

In the Season of the Resurrection, we celebrate Christ's life-giving Resurrection from the dead, which destroyed death and the slavery of sin. It is curious, then, to look at the prayers for the morning of Great Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday, and see a beautiful hymn about the Eucharist. As beautiful as it is, one may ask what connection the Eucharist has with the Resurrection, which the hymn answers in itself:

New life is found by whomever has eaten from Your Table

The Eucharist is truly the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the same body and blood that worked miracles, suffered, died on the cross and rose for our salvation. Just as Christ's body brought mankind life and healing before His Ascension, which we will celebrate later this month, so too does it even now. The table referred to in the verse is the Table (or Feast) of Life — the holy altar, upon which is placed His body and blood.

Your blood which was poured forth on Golgotha killed death and destroyed Sheol.

Just as said above, the same body and blood that saved us is given to us in the Eucharist. The blood which was poured out from Christ on Golgotha, where He was crucified, destroyed death and the place where the dead were relegated before the Resurrection, which is Sheol. This pure blood that wiped away the transgression of Adam, which he committed in the Garden of Eden, and destroyed death is now given to us in communion. Each time we go to communion we receive the death-destroying blood of Christ.

Bread and wine, body and blood“ any one who approaches shall live by them.

The body and blood of Christ that we receive in the Eucharist, however, is not dead. Christ rose from the dead and lives eternally; likewise His body and blood are living. This living flesh and blood of the living God are given to us that we may eat of the divine life and live. But the divine life is not simply a longer version of human life, but a life free of death and sin, joyfully united to the incomprehensible Holy Trinity in love.

May Your body, O Son of God, be the medicine which heals our wounds.

But until we arrive at the eternal life of heaven, we are still ailed by the sicknesses and weaknesses of this world, both in body and spirit. The body and blood of Christ, which we receive, has the capacity to heal us from both. God has given us His body because He loves us and wishes us to have present access to the salvation He wrought for us two thousand years ago. When we consume His flesh and blood, we receive the fullness of life and healing He wishes to impart — whether that is physical or spiritual.

The Eucharist is the Bread of Life — let us approach it in faith and eagerness!



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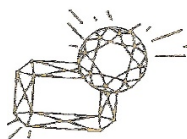
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