



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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December 12, 2021

The Revelation to Joseph



Next Sunday

The Genealogy of Jesus

Rom 1:1-12 (Greetings/Thanksgiving)

Mt 1:1-17 (The Genealogy of Jesus)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for November 28th - 4th

Online.....\$315.00

Collection.....\$195.00

Weekly Total.....\$510.00

YTD Total.....\$95,500.47

YTD Goal.....\$90,454.00

YTD Difference.....\$5,046.47

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, December 12th, 11:00am

+*Isabelle Jabbour*

Monday, December 13th

Kyle James Gilbert

Tuesday, December 14th

Kyle James Gilbert

Wednesday, December 15th

Kyle James Gilbert

Thursday, December 16th

Kyle James Gilbert

Friday, December 17th

Kyle James Gilbert

Saturday, December 18th

+*Barbara Harris*

Sunday, December 19th

+*The soul of Kameel Mouammar*

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, December 12th

Available

Sunday, December 19th

Redmond Family

Parish / Community Events

Parish Council

Bruce Ashford
Charlie Ashou
Gus Bekahi
Nick El Hajj
Agopos Ghossein
Adib Karam
+Claude Karam
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(Secretary)
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+Deacon Tony
+Deacon Wadih

+Finance
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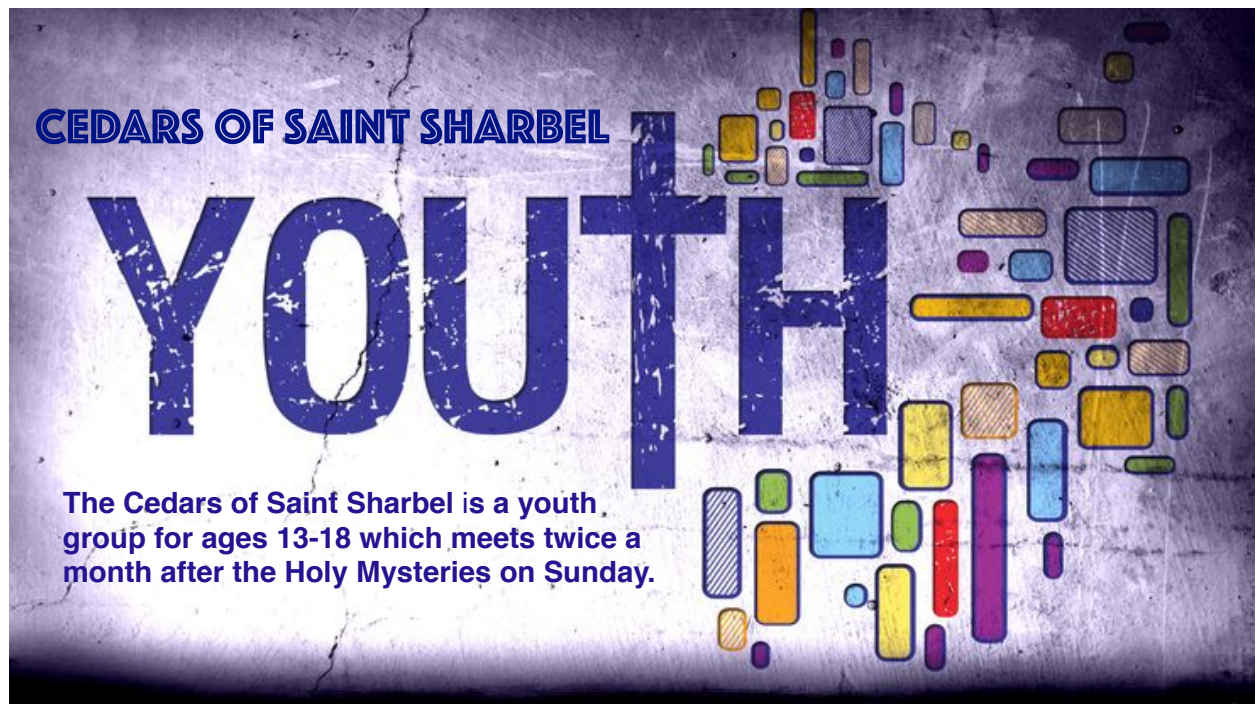
St. Sharbel Sunday School Program (Ages 6-12):

All meetings are held after the Divine Liturgy in the Parish Hall downstairs, unless otherwise noted. All participants will be required to wear a mask and practice physical distance. For more information contact Nadia Redmond at n.redmond@comcast.net.

UPCOMING CLASSES AND EVENTS:

December 12 - First Christmas Ornament Fundraiser — SEE BELOW FOR MORE INFO

December 19 - Preparation/rehearsal for *Children's Christmas Eve Pageant*



We will be meeting in person, God willing. Meetings will immediately follow mass, in the downstairs basement. All participants will be required to mask and social distance.

2022 Meetings (Subject to Change)

January 9

January 23

February 6

February 20

Meeting dates are posted here and sent out in email. For more information, contact Gennifer Karam: jmjkaram3@gmail.com



The MYA is a group of men and women ages 18-40 (ish) which meets once a month for fellowship, prayer, and social activities. If interested, please contact Claude Karam at

claudio@trazzafoods.com

Next Meeting Date TBA

St. Sharbel's Sunday School Program
1st Annual Christmas Ornament Fundraiser



To benefit the Maronite Monks of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for the completion of Sacred Heart Maronite Monastery

Handmade ornaments made by our beloved children will be on sale immediately after the Divine Liturgy on December 12th

You're Invited!

*With Gratitude to Almighty God
and to our Blessed Mother, Mary,*

*The Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles announces
and the Kaldawi family invites you to the*

*Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ
of Deacon Wadih Z. Kaldawi*

*Through the invocation of the Holy Spirit
and the Imposition of hands by
His Excellency Bishop A. Elias Zaidan, D.D., M.L.M.*

*On Saturday, January 29, 2022 at eleven o'clock in the morning
At St. John Maron Maronite Catholic Church
300 Flower St. Orange, California
A lunch reception will immediately follow
in the Church banquet hall.*

*Father Wadih will celebrate his first Divine Liturgy at
St. John Maron on Sunday January 30, 2022 at
twelve fifteen o'clock in the afternoon.
A lunch will be served after the Divine Liturgy in the church hall.*

*Please respond by January 10, 2022 to Mona Kaldawi
(503) 313-6403 or email Monzak21@hotmail.com*



Sacred Heart Church Choir presents

QUIET JOY

*An Evening of Scripture, Stories, and Song
Marie Phillippi, choir director*

*Please join us for our 20th year sharing
the gift of Quiet Joy with family, friends, and neighbors.
No admission charge; freewill offerings accepted.*



Friday, December 10th, 2021 * 7 pm

*Masks required. The service will last about an hour.
After the service, please join us for refreshments in our new Fellowship
Hall.*

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Reflection

Everyone is familiar with the feeling of excitement while eagerly awaiting a guest we will be happy to see. There is a particular thrill to hospitality that our Middle Eastern culture knows very well, and, when particularly excited to receive a guest, we tell others of their future visit. The Old Testament in its entirety is that – the great anticipation of all the prophets, kings, and saints of God expressing their joy at the coming of their King, Jesus Christ, while making known the small glimpses the Holy Spirit gave them of Him. We may feel anxious waiting thirty minutes for a guest, but those saints of the Old Testament waited thousands of years.

But the coming of Jesus is such an immense occasion, no one would have thought they would have lived to see it – and yet our eternal God, Jesus, entered into a particular time. It should be no surprise that Joseph, though a holy and righteous man, did not expect to be the foster father of God Himself. Today, we celebrate the last announcement Gabriel made known in this Season of Announcements before the birth of our Lord. As the Syriac Fathers tell us, the Ever-Virgin and Pure Mother of God, Mary, was slandered by her neighbors and friends as having conceived through adultery. Joseph, hearing this lie, saw his betrothed, who was a consecrated temple virgin, pregnant. Feeling hurt because he thought he had been betrayed, he was going to quietly break off the betrothal – Joseph thought he was being merciful, since Jewish Law prescribed execution to adulteresses (Lev. 20:10). Gabriel was sent by God, however, to inform Joseph that he was mistaken – Gabriel tells Joseph that Mary is the virgin whom Isaiah was awaiting when he said, “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel” (Is. 7:14). Joseph, being a just man, joined the thousands of years of saints awaiting the coming of God. The very title the prophet Isaiah foretells of Jesus bears testimony to both His divine nature and the excitement the prophets had to see Him – Emmanuel, God is with us. The title professes that Jesus is both truly God, and that He is truly amongst us by His taking flesh and becoming man. It is the title all the saints of old waited thousands of years to say, and it perfects God’s desire for us to be near Him mentioned in the reflection for the Consecration of the Church.

What Joseph dreaded at first by his own misunderstanding became the greatest honor. The next time he was to pray the psalms of David in his prayers he would know that his son shall be the one whom “all kings shall fall down before” and “all nations give him service” (Ps. 72:14). And when Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem, and Mary gave birth to Jesus, suddenly the words of the prophet Micah made sense to him when he said, “O Bethlehem ...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days” (Mic. 5:2). Along with those few verses, all the Old Testament proved to Joseph, Mary, and those who knew that Jesus was the Lord that this is whom all generations awaited.

How blessed we are that as Christians we can say each day of our life “Emmanuel” – God is with us, both as a statement of fact by our union with Christ by our baptism and communion, as well as a promise that He shall come again. And we, as Christians, do not fear His coming. One might fear a thief from entering the house, but Jesus is our King and God, an honored and eagerly awaited guest. Let us prepare ourselves for His coming by doing what He has asked us through His Church, that way when He comes again – in the Eucharist at Mass, at the feast of Christmas, and, ultimately, at His Second Coming – we may proudly receive Him singing with Isaiah, “Emmanuel – God is with us!”

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