



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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February 20, 2022

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed



Next Sunday

Entrance into Lent: Miracle at Cana

Rom 14:14-23 (Consideration for the Weak Conscience)

Jn 2:1-11 (The Wedding at Cana)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for February 6th - 12th

Online.....\$1,545.00

Collection.....\$520.00

Weekly Total.....\$2,065.00

YTD Total.....\$11,237.00

YTD Goal.....\$13,848.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$2,611.00**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, February 20th, 11:00am

+**Nadia Durr**

+ **Elie George Jabbour**

Monday, February 21st

+**Lee Graham**

Tuesday, February 22nd

+**Alan Mike**

Wednesday, February 23rd

Available

Thursday, February 24th

Available

Friday, February 25th

Lynette Brice

Saturday, February 26th

+**Leonard Slusher**

Sunday, February 27th

Charmaine Van Cleve

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, February 20th

Redmond Family

Sunday, February 27th

Available

Parish / Community Events

Parish Council

Bruce Ashford

Charlie Ashou

Gus Bekahi

Nick El Hajj

Agopos Ghossein

Adib Karam

+Claude Karam

Anne Marentette
(Secretary)

+Doug Raab

+Thaddeus Rask

Nadia Redmond

Mitch Siekmann

Ex Officio
+Deacon Tony

+Finance
Committee

SYNOD MEETING Sunday 2/20, 7pm

What is a synod? A synod is a prayerful assembly of the clergy and sometimes also the laity in a diocese, eparchy or other division of a particular Church.

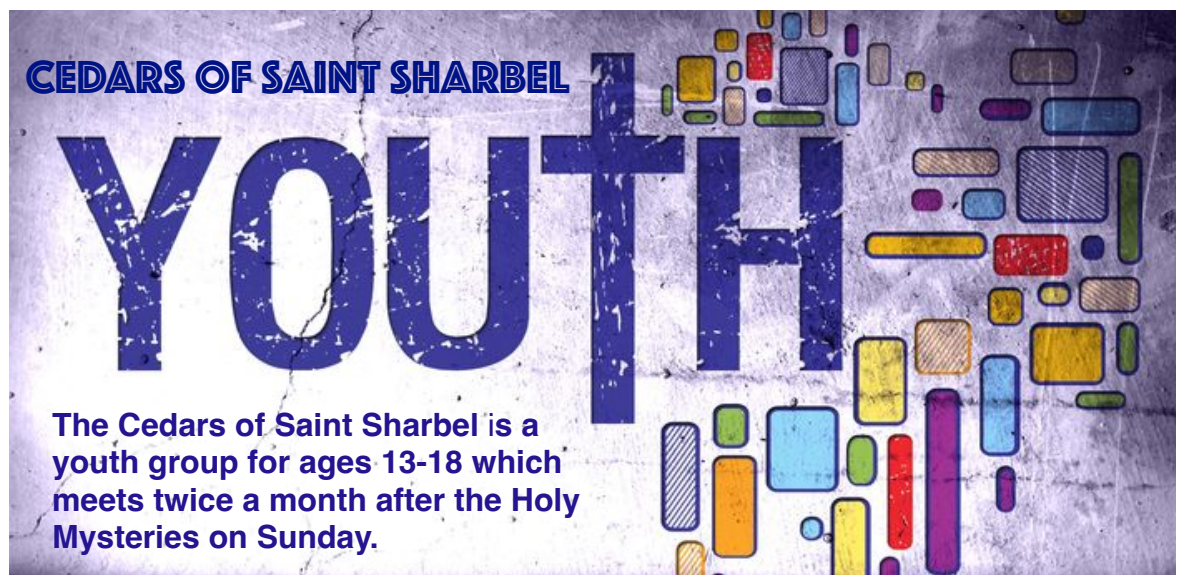
When? Your participation will be in 10 short meetings after church. If you cannot make those meetings you will be invited to respond in 10 separate google docs.

Where? In the Parish Hall after Church and via Google Docs

Who? You and the other 1.2 billion Catholics throughout the world and their friends. You do not have to be Maronite or Catholic to participate.

Why? To come together, pray and assess the Church.

PLEASE SEE SEPARATE EMAIL WITH MORE DETAILS



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)*

February 20

March 6

March 20

April 3

April 24 — Final meeting of the school year

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



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This year's drawing will be held on **May 1st, 2022** at St. Ephrem, El Cajon (San Diego, California);

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.

To purchase a personal ticket(s), your parish NAM Delegates have 4 tickets to sell, please contact Nadia Redmond at 503-671-0440 or email: n.redmond@comcast.net

All requests and payments must be received by **April 3rd, 2022**.

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DAVID BEREIT - FOUNDER OF 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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

Our catechism program will continue to meet in person following the Divine Liturgy in the upstairs classroom. Our air filter will remain on and masks will be required. Upcoming Meeting Dates will be **March 6 & 20 and April 3 & 24** (subject to change).

Mark your calendar's: Sunday, May, 1, 2022 — Three catechumens will be receiving their First Holy Mystery of the Eucharist

For more information, contact Nadia Redmond at n.redmond@comcast.net.



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 claud@trazzafoods.com

Next Meeting Date TBA

Reflection

"I do not delight in the death of a sinner," said the Lord of Lords, "But that we should turn from his evil way and live" (Ez. 18:23). Scriptures makes God's mercy and compassion towards mankind very clear. At St. Ephrem points out, God gives every opportunity possible to Adam without infringing on his free will to make right his transgression. God, Who does not have feet, endows His presence with the sound of footsteps so that Adam knows God is coming. God, Who knows all things, asks where Adam is give him additional opportunity, asking him a series of questions He already to which He already knows the answers. Then God punishes the serpent and Eve before Adam to give Adam every last opportunity to repent and see the consequences before God turns to Adam. God gives every opportunity to Adam to repent for He does not delight in the death of a sinner. St. Ephrem says even the expulsion of Adam from the Garden is a mercy on God's part so that Adam would not eat of the Tree of Life and live eternally in separation from God. But from that very moment Christ began preparing the world with the Law and the prophets for His coming and self-sacrifice to restore mankind from its sin in His mercy.

This last Sunday of the commemorations we remember the faithful departed who have left from among us. Throughout our life on earth God blesses us with access to the wealth of mercies from His heavenly treasury through the priests, whom He has given them their role of distributing the mysteries of His Incarnation, the sacraments, for our salvation and life eternal. Knowing that we are sinners, God gives us every opportunity He can that we should turn to Him and ask for His mercy. Just as Christ descended to Sheol to bring Adam up to life eternal in heaven, so too does He give us an opportunity even in death. We try our very best, assisted by the Church, to serve God the best we can on Earth, and so wishes that each of us who love Him should be part of the righteous and just in heaven. For this purpose, He allows the dead to receive the assistance of the prayers of others still on Earth. As the deacon would chant on the memorial for a faithful departed in the traditional Maronite liturgy:

"O beloved of the dead who has left, show your love this way: do not mourn greatly for it does not benefit the departed. / Instead, make a banquet in the sanctuary of bread and wine through the priests on behalf of the soul of the departed for it shall give him rest. / The Lord shall see your love; He shall forgive the dead who has left, and He shall place his memorial in the sanctuary upon the table of forgiveness."

We do not mourn endlessly for the dead, as people without hope would, but we know just as Christ died and rose, He shall raise the dead (1 Thess. 1:13-14). The Mass is the greatest pledge of this eternal life for believers: Christ, Who is Life Himself, gave us His Body and Blood to consume by His death – but it is not dead Body and Blood, but living for He rose again, killing death itself. Therefore, it is most appropriate that we would ask for the forgiveness of sin for the dead in and through the sacrifice, the *Qurbono*, of the Mass. In confidence, we ask God, "May Your cross be an instrument of life, a bridge and an overpass for the souls and bodies who have been clothed in You by the waters of Baptism" (Mazmooro from the Memorial for a Faithful Departed). We who were baptized into Christ entered into His death so that we may also share in His immortal life (Rom. 6:4). He has granted us this not out of any obligation, but because He loves mankind, His image, and wishes to see us live, and live with Him for eternity. If we ever have any doubt of God's mercy, let us call to mind Adam who, despite his initial failure, was raised up from death for his faith. Knowing this, we have the Christian duty to pray for the faithful who have left from among us to the next world. Today and everyday, let us ask that God have mercy on them, and may He rest them in abodes of light with the righteous and the just.

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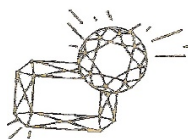
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