



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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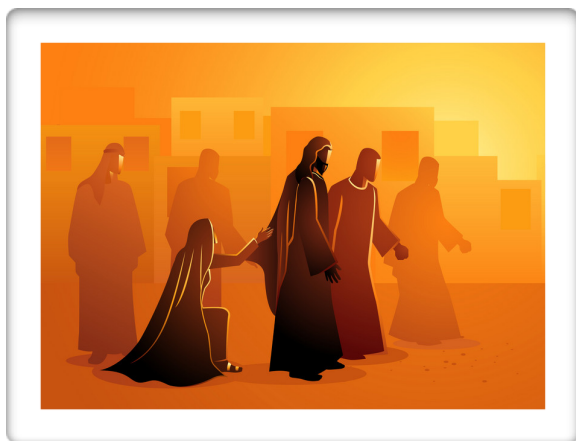
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March 13, 2022

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman



Next Sunday

Parable of the Prodigal Son

2 Cor 13:5-13 (Final Warnings and Appeals)

Lk 15:11-32 (The Parable of the Lost Son)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for February 27th - March 5th

Online.....\$743.25

Collection.....\$634.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,377.25

YTD Total.....\$17,865.25

YTD Goal.....\$20,772.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$2,906.75**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, March 13th, 11:00am

Available

Monday, March 14th

Available

Tuesday, March 15th

Available

Wednesday, March 16th

Available

Thursday, March 17th

Joel Graham

Friday, March 18th

Available

Saturday, March 19th

Available

Sunday, March 20th

+Ronald Graham

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, March 13th

Available

Sunday, March 20th

Redmond Family

Parish / Community Events

Parish Council

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Lent



Stations of the Cross will be held Friday nights during Lent starting at 7:00pm

MASK UPDATE

The state will officially lift the indoor mask requirement for Oregonians on March 12, 2022. Beginning Saturday, March 12, the faithful will no longer be required to wear masks in Catholic churches or while attending faith-based Catholic activities.

Mask use will be optional. The mask mandate will also be lifted for Catholic schools making masking in schools optional as of March 12.

LAST SYNOD MEETING Sunday, March 13th, 7pm

PLEASE SEE SEPARATE EMAIL WITH MORE DETAILS

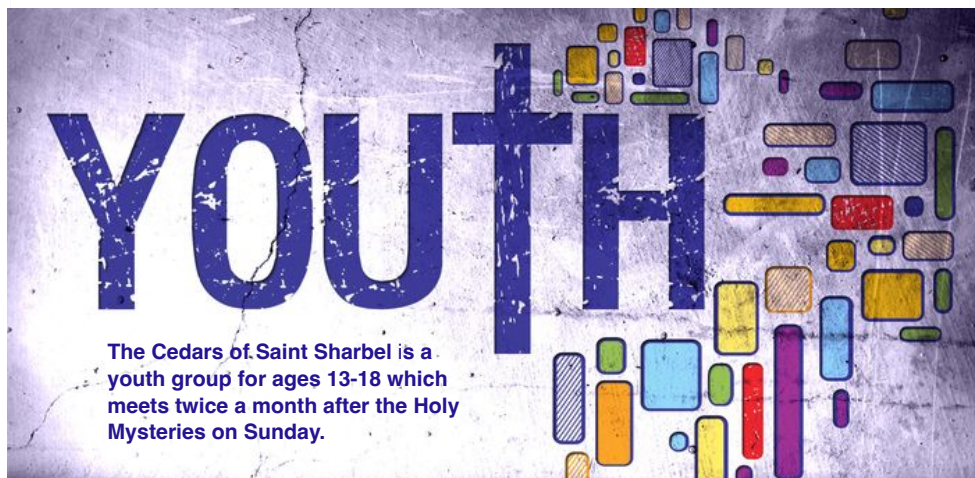
St. Sharbel Sunday School Program (Ages 6-12):

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.

CEDARS OF SAINT SHARBEL



Save The Date!

Cedars is going out to lunch and ice skating on March 20. Events like this are important for our youth in continuing to form friendships which could last a lifetime. Particularly coming out of a pandemic, gatherings such as this are healthy and fun. Even if you haven't been to a meeting before, consider attending this social event. This event is for boys and girls ages 13-18. Note: Other family members are also welcome to attend, but parents of children are responsible for anyone not in the Cedars Youth group.

We will all meet at **Red Robin Lloyd Center at 12:45 pm on Sunday, March 20** to have lunch together. After lunch, we will all head to the **Lloyd Center Skating Rink**.

I do ask for 1-2 parents to please attend the event as Cedars chaperones/parent volunteers. Skating is not required, but it would be better if you can skate with us. Parent volunteers are needed to chaperone youth as the skating rink is a large area. Let me know as soon as possible if you can do this.

The cost of skating is \$21 per person which includes ice skate rental- unless we can get a group of 15 or more, then the price drops to \$17 per person. In addition, any child under age five pays \$14 and anyone over the age of 50 pays \$14.

Please respond to jmjkaram3@gmail.com by March 15 to let me know if you are going, if you can chaperone, how many people are in your group, and their ages.

If we qualify for the group event (15 or more) I will need to contact the ice rink ahead of time. I will also need to make a reservation at Red Robin, so I do appreciate and need your early RSVP.

Hope everyone can come to this event - and I hope we can have more like it in the future!!

God bless you all.

Gennifer Karam

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)

March 20 — *See Below*

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



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 claudetrazzafoods.com

Next Meeting Date: *March 27, 2022*



*The National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM)
Presents*

*The 30th Annual Spring Raffle - 2022
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3rd	\$2,000.00
4th	\$1,500.00
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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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REGISTER NOW! Introducing Me- The 2022 National MYO Conference
We are excited to share with you that...
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Yes, you heard right! We are so excited to announce that registration for our **2022 National MYO Conference** is now open!

Head on over to www.maroniteyouth.org and register now for our early bird pricing! **Pricing increases after March 26, so please encourage your youth to register as soon as possible!**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at office@maroniteyouth.org. **Please mark your calendars, save the date, and spread the word!** We can't wait to see you June 23-27, 2022 at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, PA!

In Christ,
The National Maronite Youth Organization

Reflection

It is part of common human experience to be excluded from something. Perhaps you are excluded by fellow students or coworkers from a group for an old grudge or family members might keep you at a distance because of your faith. However it manifests, social exclusion is an unfortunate inevitability of human relationships and hurtful. In the today's reading from the Gospel the hemorrhaging woman is exactly that – a social reject. According to Jewish purity laws, she is dirty because of her illness. If any other Jew deemed pure by the Law were to touch her that person would become ritually impure, defiled and in need of being ritually purified else they make others impure as well. This poor woman was suffering, and her suffering was increased by her rejection from others. So she tried all earthly doctors' remedies, but none helped (Luke 8:43). Only Christ can help her, and so we see in this miracle, just like in the healing of the blind man, Christ's place as the Good Physician when He allows her to touch Him and be healed.

Christ knew rejection as He was the cornerstone that the builders had rejected (Ps. 118:22). Though without need, our all-powerful God descended to enter the trials of humanity and defeat them – rejection being one of them. Each time Christ heals someone or helps He is attacked by His enemies until the point where they kill Him. But He does so knowing He will die so that He can save humanity from the death of sin. The hemorrhaging woman, rejected by all, tries all human means of getting better. But, as King David says, "trust not in princes" (Ps. 146:3) for "our help is in the name of the Lord" (Ps. 124:8). Sin is a battle we cannot win by ourselves. Adam lost in the Garden, and if we try to be pure of sin on our own we will always fail. But, like the hemorrhaging woman who was discouraged by others, if we spiritually reach out and grab the Pure One, Jesus Christ, we shall be healed. Those who thought themselves pure laughed at the Pure One for their self-conceit blinded them from the truth of whose presence they were in

(Luke 8:53). But that day, it was the hemorrhaging woman, the impure one, who was truly made pure because of her daring faith to grab the Pure One (Luke 8:48), and the "pure" who reviled her are truly the impure.

The sickness of sin is an epidemic in humanity, but the Good Physician has already come and prepared the cure in His love. Those who think they are healthy will not take the medicine – though in reality no one living is righteous before God (Ps. 143:2). We must look to the hemorrhaging woman as our inspiration for boldness, and our faith must overcome both our sense of self-sufficiency and fear. We will neither seek the medicine of our sin if we think we are well nor will we approach Him who gives it if we are too afraid. But let us not fear if we truly love Christ for He gives us every opportunity for our salvation. Let us receive the Good Physician's prescription, Lent, which He has written to prepare us to receive the ultimate Medicine of Life, His Eucharist made possible by His sacrifice on the cross. In keeping with this Lenten prescription, let us fast from food and negative deeds, as well as let us give alms to the poor and pray.

All the sick and sinful Christ heals and accepts are an example calling us to repent – the tax collector, the thief who was crucified with Him, Mary Magdalene, and the hemorrhaging woman. Though the Mass is the source and summit of our worship as Christians, and the Eucharist is receiving Christ Himself, we should constantly pray asking for His mercy. Our Syriac tradition stresses the power of the cross, the symbol that stands in place of all the life-saving actions of Christ. We might not have the highest medicine of the Good Physician available to us all the time, but every hour of the day we have His cross available to us. Let us make this holy sign, a holy means of access to Him, throughout our day, approaching Him in strong faith, and asking to be healed of all that sickens us for He wishes us to be well.

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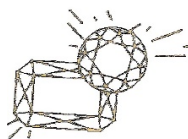
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