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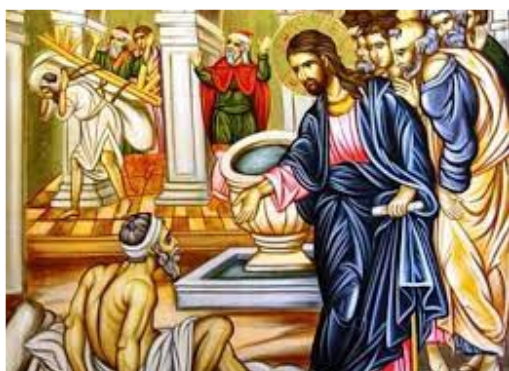
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March 27, 2022

Healing of the Paralytic



Next Sunday

Healing of the Blind Man

2 Cor 10:1-7 (Accusation of Weakness)

Mk 10:46-52 (The Blind Bartimaeus)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for March 13th - 19th

Online.....\$710.73

Collection.....\$322.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,032.73

YTD Total.....\$20,725.98

YTD Goal.....\$25,388.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$4,662.02**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, March 27th, 11:00am

+Emily and George Faddoul

Monday, March 28th

Available

Tuesday, March 29th

Available

Wednesday, March 30th

Joan and Hyrum Jensen

Thursday, March 31st

Available

Friday, April 1st

Available

Saturday, April 2nd

Jeffrey Soccorsi

Sunday, April 3rd

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, March 27th

Available

Sunday, April 3rd

Available

Parish / Community Events

Parish Council

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+Claude Karam

Lydia Massaad

+Doug Raab

+Thaddeus Rask

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Ex Officio

+Deacon Tony

+Finance

Committee

Lent



+Feast of the Annunciation Mass
Friday, March 25, 7:00pm

+No Stations of the Cross or Confessions this Friday

H O L Y

W E E K

April 12: Palm Sunday

Hosanna Sunday (Shaneene) – 11:00 a.m.

Procession to follow with the distribution of Palms.

*Confessions will be heard **before** Mass only*

Breakfast and Egg Hunt after Mass.

April 14: Holy Thursday

Institution of the Eucharist- Mass/ Qurbono – 7 p.m.

Washing of the Apostles Feet

Confessions will be heard before/after the Holy Mysteries.

April 15: Great Friday

Signing of the Chalice – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Confessions available before or after by request

Burial Procession (Zeeyeh) – No Eucharist– 7 p.m.

Commemoration of the Burial of our Lord.

No Confessions available in the evening

April 16: Saturday of Holy Week

Morning Service: 10:30 a.m.

Rite of Forgiveness (General Absolution)

No individual Confessions available

Night Vigil of Easter:

Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord (Mass/ Quorbono)– 9:00 p.m.

Followed by Rite of Peace and Procession.

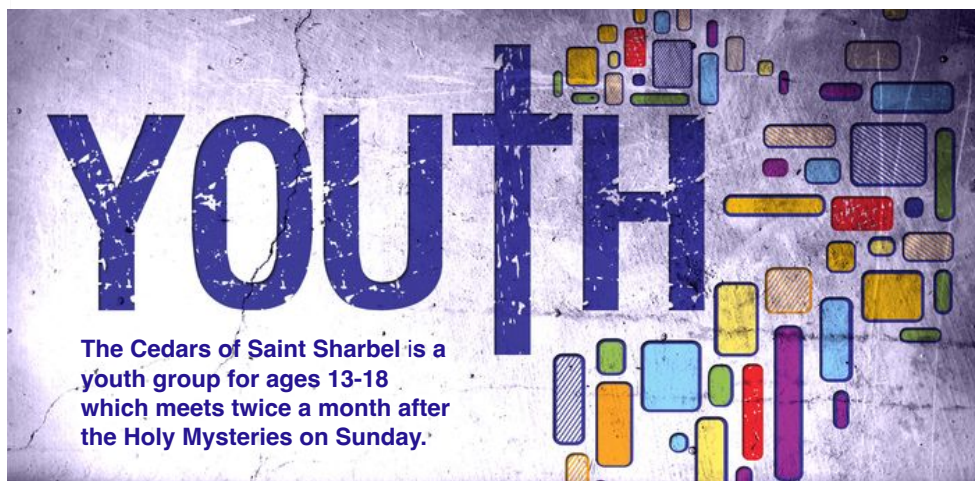
No individual Confessions available

April 17: Easter Sunday

Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord – 11:00 am

No Procession, Mass

CEDARS OF SAINT SHARBEL



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)

April 3 — Cedars Youth Group lunch at Red Robin and skating trip rescheduled to Sunday, April 3.

See Gennifer for details -
jmkaram3@gmail.com

April 24 — Final meeting of the school year

Meeting dates are posted here and sent out in email.
For more information, contact Gennifer Karam: jmkaram3@gmail.com

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 **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 claudio@trazzafoods.com

Next Meeting Date: March 27, 2022

You can make a difference! This is your last opportunity to join others during Lent at the 40 Day Vigil for Life which ends on April 10.

Precious Children of Portland is in need of people to help pray and counsel outside of the Lilith late term abortion center at 511 Washington Street, Portland, Thursdays through Saturdays 8 AM-2PM.

For more information about Precious Children of Portland, contact Therese at ruesinktherese55@gmail.com.

For ways to help pregnant moms in our own community, please go to: <https://www.ollparish.com/serve/love-others/> and click "Find Help."

If you are suffering after abortion, experience a Rachel's Vineyard healing weekend sponsored by Project Aurora. www.project-aurora.org

Pro-Life Updates

EWTN Pro-Life Weekly: www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ewtn+prolife+weekly

USCCB Pro-Life Website: <https://www.usccb.org/prolife>

Upcoming Event in the Archdiocese

4/9 Pro-Life Rosary at Planned Parenthood, 14601 SE Division Street, Portland at 10:30 AM. There will be an interdenominational prayer service following the rosary.

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



*The National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM)
Presents*

*The 30th Annual Spring Raffle - 2022
Only 450 Tickets are printed
Donation: \$100 per ticket*

This just may be the year your lucky number is chosen!!!!

Cash Prizes!!!

<u>1st</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
<u>2nd</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
<u>3rd</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
<u>4th</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
<u>5th</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

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**.

www.namnews.org

Reflection

"When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven" (Mark 2:5).

This Sunday we remember the fourth miraculous healing Jesus, the Divine Physician, that our Syriac tradition recounts during the course of Lent. In our Lord's love of humanity He heals a great number of people during His earthly life – those suffer seemingly endless afflictions find rest from their suffering in Christ. But Jesus's goodness is not limited to a simple bodily healing – we often see, such as in the healing this Sunday with the paralytic, that Jesus heals the individual from sins along with the bodily ailment. It might seem an odd pair at first to associate sin and physical illness; some assume God punishes people through such illnesses, but as Christ Himself said during one of His healings, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him" (John 9:3).

To make clearer to us invisible realities, Christ and the Church use what is visible. A common example of this is water, such as the prayer used in the traditional Maronite liturgy by the bishop as he washed his hands:

"Come, let us wash, cleanse and purify ourselves with this washing external to that which is inside that with a pure and pleasant heart we may cry out and say with King David the Prophet, 'Intensely wash me from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sins.'"

We know from practical experience that water washes dirt away. In this ritual hand washing it is less important that it actually cleans one's hands and more so that this physical sign points to the deeper mystery that God is washing away sin. Christ, the God Who created both matter and spirit, uses the visible matter to reveal the invisible spirit. All this is to say that He healed the sicknesses of those who called to Him because He is good, but also to indicate a greater reality. He heals more than simply physical sickness, but the sicknesses no earthly physician can fix: sin.

Sin can seem like an abstract or unreal idea at times because we cannot see it. But Christ makes clear while physical sickness can kill the body that will eventually die, unattended spiritual illness can lead to an eternal spiritual death in hell. But Jesus does not desire the death of any sinner, that all should repent and live, as He demonstrated through His healings, for He loves us enough to die for us who are made in His image. As a hymn from this Sunday aptly says:

When our Savior, the Only-Begotten Son and God, came down, He showed the power of His authority in His image that had decayed. Through the medicine of His assistances, He illumined the earth which had darkened by idols. By His word He gave strength to the paralytic, and he stood and walked. The crowds who heard began to murmur and say, "Who can remit the sins of men but the one God?"

Christ chose to heal specifically those who no physician could help to demonstrate that He is the Divine Physician Who heals what no one else can heal. As we near the end of Lent, let us implore the Lord, as we do throughout the year, to heal us of the sin which He alone can lest we die of it. It is by His death and resurrection that He has killed death itself, which comes is the fruit of sin, and He wishes to grant His victory to us if we only ask Him:

O merciful Lord God, You forgave the paralytic his sin in secret and carried his bed which carried him upon his shoulder in public that by the carrying bed which was carried it may be made known that sin and impurity had been killed. O Lord, now forever kill the sin of us all, strengthen our limbs by Your power and empower our paralysis by Your mighty that wholly and purely we may give thanks and glorify You, and Your Father, and Your living and Holy Spirit, now and at all times, forever. Amen.

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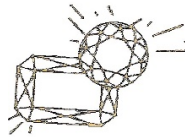
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