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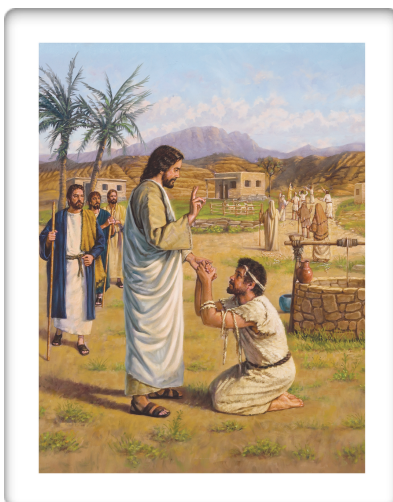
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March 6, 2022

Healing of the Leper



Next Sunday

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

2 Cor 7:4-11 (Call to Holiness/Paul's Joy in Macedonia)

Lk 8:40-56 (Jairus's Daughter and the Woman with a Hemorrhage)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for February 20th - 26th

Online.....\$1,335.00

Collection.....\$323.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,658.00

YTD Total.....\$16,488.00

YTD Goal.....\$18,464.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$1,976.00**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, March 6th, 11:00am

Available

Monday, March 7th

Available

Tuesday, March 8th

Available

Wednesday, March 9th

Available

Thursday, March 10th

Available

Friday, March 11th

Merritt Swing

Saturday, March 12th

Stephen and Rhonda Graham

Sunday, March 13th

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 6th

Available

Sunday, March 13th

Available

Parish / Community Events

Parish Council

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Lent

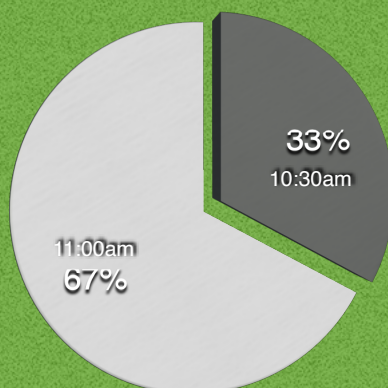


Stations of the Cross will be held Friday nights during Lent starting at 7:00pm

SYNOD MEETING Sunday, March 6th, 7pm

PLEASE SEE SEPARATE EMAIL WITH MORE DETAILS

MASS TIME POLL RESULTS

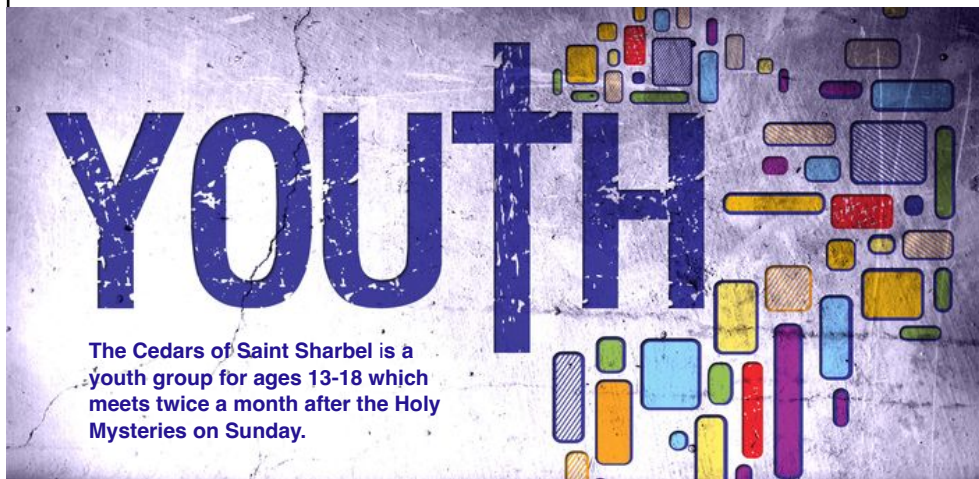


The results are in for the mass time poll...

We had a total of 75 votes: 51 votes for 11:30am, or 67% , and 25 votes for 10:30am ,or 33%.

At this time Abouna is still discerning the time but leaning towards keeping it at 11:00am based on the results of the poll.

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)*

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

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 claudio@trazzafoods.com

Next Meeting Date TBA

FOLLOW JESUS

"Jesus called out to them,
'Come, follow me,
and I will show you how
to fish for people!'
And they left their nets
at once and
followed him."
Mathew 4:19-20

****10am Pacific Time**

Join our online Discernment meeting
with **Chorbishop Don Sawyer, Father David Fisher,**
seminarians **Alejandro Landin** and **Elias Hazkial**
on **Saturday, March 5th at 12:00pm**
Please RSVP: dsawyer@grandecom.net



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<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.**

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Reflection

Going to the doctor's office can always be a bit nerve wrecking whether because of the scrutiny of being examined, the possibility of getting injections or, worse, the need to have surgery. Sometimes a physician must even perform very painful procedures, like pull teeth or remove an organ. But, ultimately, we go to the physician, not for the pain, but in spite of it because we place our hope in him to make us better – even if that means feeling worse in the short run. These next few weeks of Lent we commemorate the different healing miracles of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician. In the entrance to Lent, Cana Sunday, we witnessed that Jesus is truly the Creator of all things, demonstrated by His power to command even water to become wine, and so He can likewise easily make the sick well.

So often in the Syriac tradition do we hear Christ called a physician, such as in one of the *Hoosoye* for this Sunday of the Leper: "Heavenly Physician Who meekly appeared in the land of beings below to heal the sicknesses and blemishes of earthly men..." Christ is the Physician who has come down from heaven, lower Himself to be mistaken for a lowly servant even though He is God, to heal us from our wounds. But those who have faith in God see Him by the light of faith – that is why the leper in today's gospel boldly calls out to Him to heal him with confidence, saying, "If you are willing, you can make me clean" (Mark 1:40). Christ responds to the man, being moved to mercy, simply with "I will. Be clean!" (Mark 1:41).

How rich the man's faith to call out to Christ with such boldness, but how can he now repay Christ? Who could possibly pay a physician of such skill? The answer is we cannot and we need not for Christ's medicine and motivation are one in the same. As our office beautifully puts it, He is "the Heavenly Physician Whose mercy sent Him to those lost in sin to heal their illnesses by the medicine of His compassion..." It is His love for humanity that moves Him to come to us, reveal His divinity and heal us – not due to our merits, but due to His incomprehensible goodness. Over the next few weeks, we will see again and again the sick call out and our Lord heal them – whether they are leprous, blind, paralytic, hemorrhaging, possessed or even dead.

But Christ is not only the Creator and Physician of the body but also the soul. He revealed to us that He is the Physician to our souls by the healing of bodies as an outward sign. Indeed, the lesson we should learn from each of those healed in the Gospel is that someone calls out to Christ to hear them and have mercy. Just as in today's gospel, it says Jesus "*etraham 'alaw*" or "had mercy upon him," that is the leper. The leper called and the Lord heard him. Each Sunday before the readings during the *Qadishat* we call out *etraham alain* – have mercy on us! When we call out to Christ, Who is God, almighty and immortal, let us cry out "have mercy on us" in the same faith of the leper who called and was healed of all his illness. The leper knew he called to the almighty and immortal God Whom he could not repay, but instead had absolute trust in His love of humanity. When we call out "have mercy on us," let it not be by sheer memorization of words but with the conviction of the leper who called out with faith and was saved from his sickness that decayed his body. We can have ever the more trust because, unlike the leper, we have the example of all these previous healings in the Gospel as proof that Christ is truly the Divine Physician Who has come to take away the illness that has taken root in us – worst of all, sin.

Let us implore our Lord Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician, Who heals in the abundance of His goodness to have mercy on us and heal us now for the sake of His love of humanity:

O Good and Kind Lord, in Your goodness You healed the leper who approached You. In Your compassion and Your abundant mercy heal our bodies and souls, we who are sinners and Your servants who have become leprous with sin and by the abundance of our transgressions. Purify us in Your mercy and with Your hyssop wash Your worshippers, now and at all times, forever. Amen.

(Trans. from the Evening Prayer of the Sunday of the Leper)

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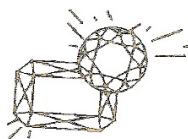
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