



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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## April 10, 2022

**Hosanna Sunday**



**Next Sunday**

*Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection*

**1 Cor 15:12-26** (Results of Denial/Christ the Firstfruits)

**Mk 16:1-8** (The Resurrection of Jesus)

## Your Gifts To God

*Offering Report for March 27th - April 2nd*

Online.....\$433.00

Collection.....\$875.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,308.00

YTD Total.....\$23,488.98

YTD Goal.....\$30,004.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$6,515.02**

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, April 10th, 11:00am

**+Michael Redmond**

Monday, April 11th

**Brett Slusher**

Tuesday, April 12th

**+John Anderson**

Wednesday, April 13th

**+Matthew Perna**

Thursday, April 14th

**Alfredo Montes**

Friday, April 15th

*Available*

Saturday, April 16th

*Available*

Sunday, April 17th

*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, April 10th**

*Available*

**Sunday, April 17th**

*Redmond Family*

# Parish / Community Events

## Parish Council

Bruce Ashford  
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## 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 EggHunt 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*

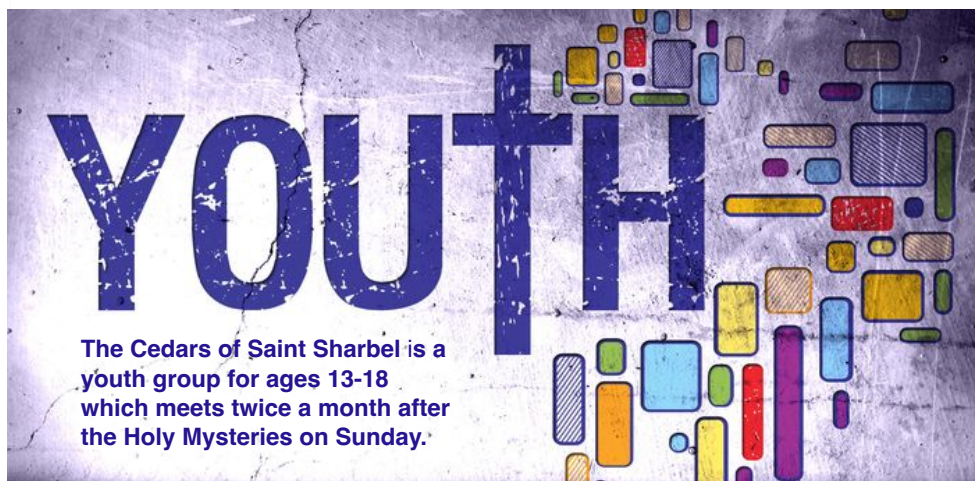
### **April 17: Easter Sunday**

**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 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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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](mailto:claudio@trazzafoods.com)

**Next Meeting Date: April 24, 2022**

## Reflection

When you hear the word “cherub,” or its plural “cherubim,” the first thing you might think of is a chubby baby-faced angel with glimmering eyes and feathery wings, perhaps carrying a bow. In reality our Lord revealed to the prophet Ezekiel that the cherubim, who carry His throne in heaven, are angels each surrounded by fire, covered with eyes and having four-faces – of an ox, a human, a lion and an eagle. Isaiah also tells us that surrounding the cherubim, who carry the throne, are the legions that serve God, the seraphim, which are angels of burning fire and lightning with six thrashing wings, crying out, “Holy, holy, holy...” If imagining these angels in real life sounds more frightening than the chubby, popularly depicted cherub it makes sense why when an angel appears to a person in Scripture, such as Mary, the first thing he says is, “Do not be afraid!” Now if these angels sound powerful and amazing how much more is their Lord Jesus Christ Who commands their innumerable armies?

“Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt,” wrote John in today’s Gospel reading. The same Lord Who Ezekiel saw carried by the dreadful cherubim today enters Jerusalem on a donkey, a lowly, smelly creature, and, instead of fiery seraphim, is praised with shouts of “Hosanna!” from the mouths of children. But why would the mighty Lord, Who has no superior, lower Himself so low? He traded splendor for humility and strength for weakness that He might come close to humanity. Just as in His birth, which we celebrated at Christmas, He had no need or obligation to become man. But He saw those made in His image, humanity, decaying in sin and in His love for mankind wished to free us from our affliction. He could have very well come in all His might and glory – as He said at His crucifixion when His enemies challenged Him, “Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and He will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?” But in His infinite love for us the Great One became small so as to allow us to freely choose Him without duress. He knew He was entering Jerusalem on the Sunday of Hosannas, Palm Sunday, only to be murdered at the end of the week, and He washed the feet of all His Apostles at the Last Supper knowing that Judas would yet betray Him. But in God’s mercy He would rather give opportunity to all rather than seek retribution against offenders.

So the Divine Physician, having made Himself lowly, came into Jerusalem to work the greatest act of healing after the few we celebrated this Lent that represent the far greater number of His ministry. As our traditional diaconal proclamation on this Sunday said:

On this holy day let Adam, the Ancient One and Father of All Generations whose body grew old in sin by the food of the fruit that begot death, rejoice. Today it [i.e. his body] was raised upon the colt of a donkey while united with divinity. Behold, He [i.e. Jesus] is placed upon the altar and distributed by the hands of priests!

Adam poisoned himself with sin and death by the fruit he ate in the Garden of Eden but Christ our God lowered Himself to become human, without change to His divinity, so as to join humanity with His divinity. Though He appears lowly to the naked eye seated upon a donkey today, He has uplifted all of humanity to the heights of heaven by joining humanity and divinity in His Body. He chose to replace the food, which killed Adam, with His own Body and Blood that grants us the remission of sin and life eternal. The offering of His Body and Blood is what He has come to offer as a final sacrifice in Jerusalem upon the altar of the cross, which we are given at every Divine Liturgy. Let us not be afraid but rejoice with Adam this day and all the days of our lives for the King of Kings has entered His holy Zion, the Church, and has promised, “Never again will an oppressor overrun my people, for now I am keeping watch” (Zec. 9:8).

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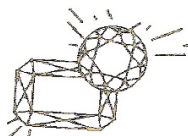
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