



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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April 17, 2022

Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection



Next Sunday

New Sunday

Jesus Appears to the Disciples and Thomas

2 Cor 5:11-21 (The Ministry of Reconciliation)

Jn 20:26-31 (Thomas/Conclusion)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for April 3rd - 9th

Online.....\$860.00

Collection.....\$521.00

Weekly Total.....\$1381.00

YTD Total.....\$24,869.98

YTD Goal.....\$32,312.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$7,442.02**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, April 17th, 11:00am

Available

Monday, April 18th

Available

Tuesday, April 19th

Kyle James Gilbert

Wednesday, April 20th

Rev. Fr. Michael Gilbert

Thursday, April 21st

Fr. Kevin Beaton O.F.S

Friday, April 22nd

JoAnn Abraham Gilbert

Saturday, April 23rd

+James Eric Sloan, Jr.

Sunday, April 24th

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 17th

Redmond Family

Sunday, April 24th

Available

Parish / Community Events

Parish Council

Bruce Ashford
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+Doug Raab
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+Deacon Tony

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THANK YOU!

We have seen a recent increase in donations to the Church. You will not see it reflected this week as we are a week delayed in giving amounts, but you will see it reflected in next weeks bulletin! Again, thank you for answering Abouna's call!

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April 15: Great Friday

Signing of the Chalice – Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 12:00 p.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.

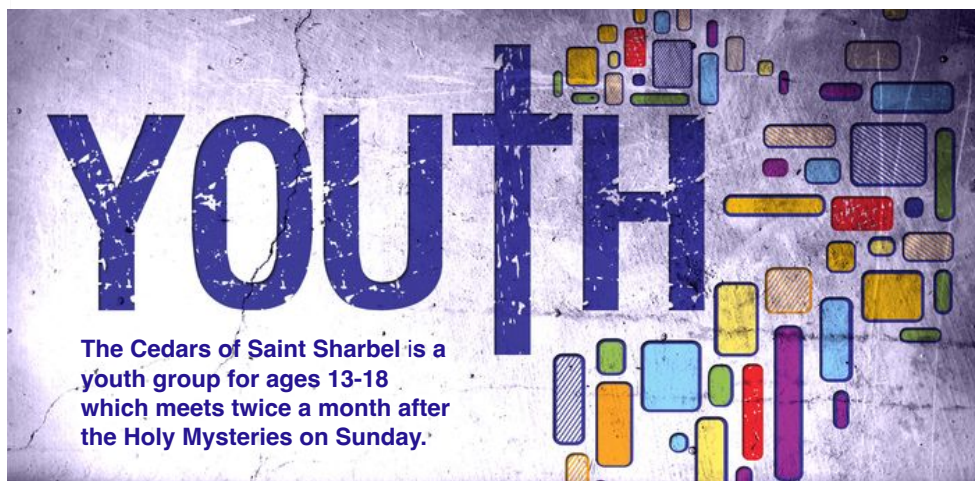
No individual Confessions available

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

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.



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: April 24, 2022

Reflection

The mighty voice of the Son descended to Sheol, and its fortresses crumbled and its high citadels were shattered. He called out in a loud voice, "Where are you, Adam?" as He had called to him in the beginning. Adam heard the voice of his Lord and raised his head, saying, "I give thanks to You, Compassionate One, for You have visited me in the House of Perdition."

(From the Syriac Maronite Morning Prayer for the Great Saturday of Light)

As we heard today, on the greatest feast of the year, St. Paul said, "For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:22). Death entered the world through Adam's sin, but life has been given to us today anew. In His love God created humanity in His great image in the beginning. Adam rejected God – Who is life – and therefore chose death instead. But from the very moment Adam chose death and sin God prepared His plan of salvation to give all the chance to choose holiness and life again, including Adam himself.

But this plan of salvation was not fully known before Jesus, the Son of the Father, for His becoming man was the plan of salvation appointed by the Father. Jesus revealed by His prophets throughout the ages glimmers of hope, but hope itself was not known. Before the Son was sacrificed on Golgotha in His crucifixion there was nothing that could forgive the sin of Adam – the Jews had to make daily sacrifices in the Temple in Jerusalem every time they sought forgiveness only to need to make more sacrifices. Similarly, because Adam had the gates of Paradise closed to humanity, heaven was closed to those who died. Instead those faithful who died went to Sheol, the place of the dead. It was neither good nor bad, but a place of nothingness. This is where Adam himself went to as well, since he was a righteous man apart from his original sin.

But God, Who created man in His image and likeness, did not want to see mankind simply languish in darkness. The Good Physician, the Lover of Mankind, Jesus Christ in His love sought to take away the death that entered the world through Adam. Therefore the Immortal One humbled Himself to die so by His death He put to death our death. By descending to death, Christ, Who is Life, brought life to death itself and gave Adam a new chance. In the beginning He called out "Where are you?" (Gen. 3:9) in the Garden to give Adam a chance to repent after His sin but Adam did not repent. So in Christ's patience He suffered a humiliating death in His love to give Adam the second chance so that when He would ask again Adam could rejoice in the option of new life in Christ. Christ has offered us the same life by His death and resurrection, lowering Himself to our fallen state so that He could elevate us to the heights of heaven.

Today we rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ because in Christ's great glory, having destroyed death – that is the perdition of separation from God – He has offered us eternal life. Eternal life is not simply a platitude or consolation, but as Christ promised to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die" (John 11:25). We believe because of Jesus's promise that we shall all resurrect on the Last Day. Let us rejoice today for Christ has spared us from death that has loomed over us from Adam, and has given us the means of life that will extend forever with the God Who loves us so greatly that He suffer every insult and die for us so as to destroy even death itself for us.

Christ is risen!

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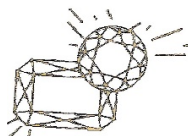
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