



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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April 24, 2022

Jesus Appears to the Disciples and Thomas



Next Sunday

Jesus Appears to the Two Disciples at Emmaus

2 Tm 2:8-13 (Timothy's Conduct)

Lk 24:13-25 (The Appearance on the Road to Emmaus)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for April 10th - 16th

Online.....\$4,724.05

Collection.....\$5,693.00

Weekly Total.....\$10,417.05

YTD Total.....\$35,287.03

YTD Goal.....\$34,620.00

YTD Difference.....\$667.03

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, April 24th, 11:00am

Available

Monday, April 25th

Available

Tuesday, April 26th

Available

Wednesday, April 27th

Available

Thursday, April 28th

Available

Friday, April 29th

+Edward Thomas Gilbert, Jr.

Saturday, April 30th

Available

Sunday, May 1st

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 24th

Available

Sunday, May 1st

Available

Parish / Community Events

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Thank You!

Donations are still coming in, but you will see that our giving is now trending in the positive balance. Thank you for all of your support to the church!

PLATINUM-SELLING, AWARD WINNING ARTIST

MARK SCHULTZ

LIVE in Concert

Sharing his Adoption Story

April 29, 2022

Northwest Christian Church
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Music starts: 6:45 pm
Concert from 7-8:30 pm

\$20 Single or \$35 per couple

Groups of 10+ please call our office 503-554-5683 for pricing.
Ages 6 & under Free admission.

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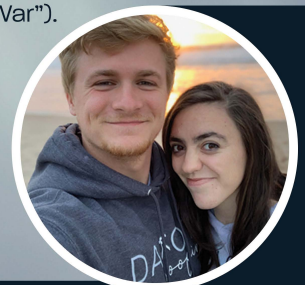
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Listeners have come to expect inspiring and remarkable stories in songs from Mark Schultz, a 14-time Dove Award nominee and platinum-selling artist who touches hearts whether he sings about parents praying for a sick child ("He's My Son"), or writes in honor of his great-grandmother's sons who fought in World War II ("Letters From War").

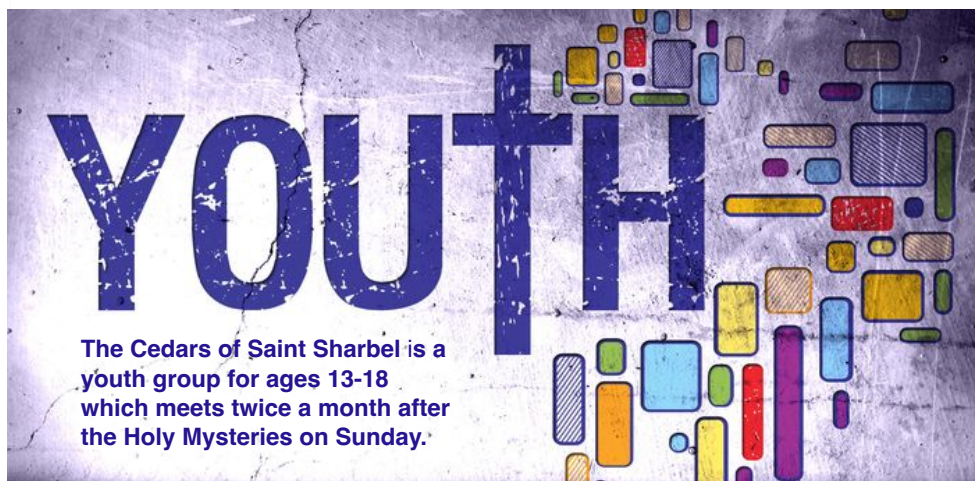
Opening for Mark - Singing/Song Writing Duo

Hi, we're Jonathan and Emmie! We are a married couple from Keizer, OR singing and writing songs together. Emmie is the singer/songwriter for the "Stand Up Girl" feature song. We love serving God and others with our music and we're excited to join you all this evening for a night of song, worship and prayer!



Questions? Contact our office at: events@standupgirl.com or call: 503-554-5683

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

As we proclaimed last week, Christ is risen! The great battle is finished and He has destroyed death by His death demonstrating His ultimate victory against humanity's great Enemy... So why, then, do we hear in the Gospel that the Apostles were hiding in fear in the Upper Room a week after this glorious triumph of Christ? As St. John tells us, they locked themselves in the Upper Room "for fear of the Jewish leaders" (John: 20:19) persecuting the followers of Christ. Perhaps it sounds a bit like our own lives – if Christ won the greatest victory of all time, why are we still undergoing hardship here and now?

The Apostles hid in the Upper Room in fear of their immediate circumstances in Jerusalem, perhaps not yet even fully understanding the mystery of our Lord's resurrection. Their main preoccupation is survival. But Jesus Christ Himself assured them that He would never abandon them to their own devices. In fact, Christ came in the first place because "God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Having redeemed humanity in His Passion, Christ would not simply leave those who believed in Him to perish simply within the first week. Before even undergoing His Passion He promised them "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you" (John 14:16) – referring to the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, which had not yet happened. Until then, our Lord appears to His Apostles; though it might seem Christ is far away because we cannot see Him, He has promised us, "where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" (Matt. 18:20).

But St. Thomas has incredibly bad timing. Just as we believe St. Thomas was late for the Assumption and missed saying goodbye to the Virgin Mary at her death, he also missed Christ's first appearance to the Apostles saying, "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe" (John 20:25). According to the logic of the world, why should St. Thomas believe Christ was with them? The Disciples were suffering persecution and would be killed if found. So Christ appears to the Apostles again to assure St. Thomas, and we ourselves, in saying, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

In the Syriac tradition we do not remember St. Thomas for his doubt but his response to Christ's admonition. Having seen that our God is not dead but truly alive and forever with us, St. Thomas bides farewell to Jerusalem and heads to India. Today, millions of Indians following the Syriac tradition trace apostolic succession to St. Thomas's initial evangelization. At the end of his service teaching the Indians about Christ, working many miracles and converting many he was martyred for the same Lord's Resurrection he initially doubted for St. Thomas. St. Thomas understood on New Sunday that all had been made new by the Resurrection – though he should be threatened by physical forces, this world will eventually pass away but all who believe in Christ will have eternal life even if they should die here for Christ raised those who believe in Him at His resurrection. Let us follow St. Thomas's example to bring the Resurrection to the world with our daily lives and pray with joy this day:

This feast is a mystery and title of the New World – let us rejoice and exult with the blessed company of Apostles. With them and amongst them let us worship Him. With Thomas who touched His side, let us give thanks to Him and cry out, "You are our Lord and our God!" Glory be to His Resurrection!

(from the Diaconal Proclamation for New Sunday)

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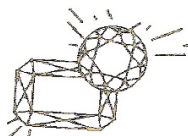
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