



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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April 3, 2022

Healing of the Blind Man



Next Sunday

Hosanna Sunday

Phil 1:1-13 (Greeting/Thanksgiving)

Jn 12:12-22 (The Entry Into Jerusalem/The Coming of Jesus' Hour)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for March 20th - 27th

Online.....\$1,335.00

Collection.....\$120.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,455.00

YTD Total.....\$22,180.98

YTD Goal.....\$27,696.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$5,515.02**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, April 3rd, 11:00am

+**Jack Basic**

Monday, April 4th

Available

Tuesday, April 5th

Available

Wednesday, April 6th

Graham Nickerson

Thursday, April 7th

+**Leonard Slusher**

Friday, April 8th

Jeffery Slusher

Saturday, April 9th

Andrew Graham

Sunday, April 10th

+**Michael Redmond**

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 3rd

Available

Sunday, April 10th

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

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/ Qurbano – 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.

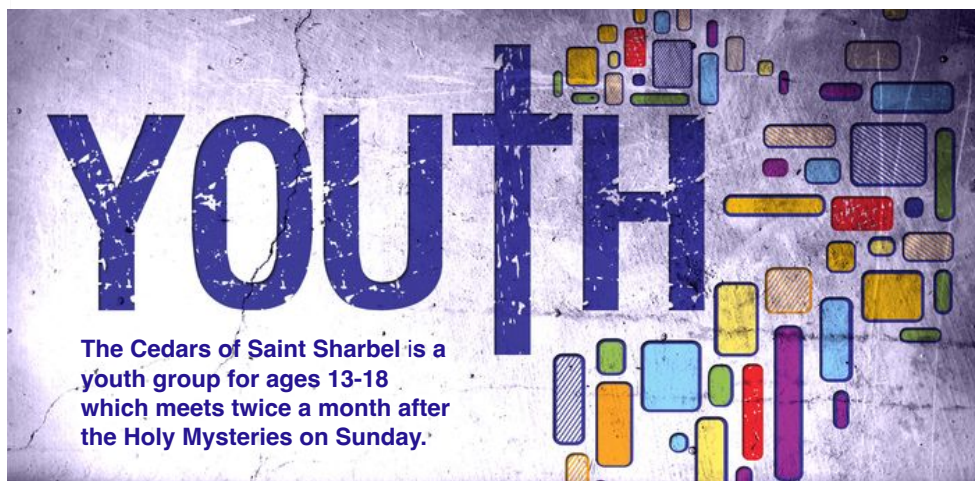
No individual Confessions available

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: TBA

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

Bartimaeus the blind man gives testimony to the immeasurable generosity and love for mankind of the Good Physician, Jesus Christ. Our Lord Himself said to those who listened to Him, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened" (Matt. 7:7-8). God's generosity towards us cannot be overstated for, as we know, the Immortal and Untouchable became mortal and vulnerable to heal us and forgive our sins ultimately even dying so that we may live. Though God's generosity is so abundant, we must also ask for His help for He has given us free will in His love because love cannot be received involuntarily. So let us look to Bartimaeus as an example of someone who knows how to call upon the Lord and ask Him for His assistance.

Our Lord Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a physician, but the sick" (Mark 2:17). One who is healthy would not consult a physician because they would see no need. But Bartimaeus calls upon Christ because he knows that he is blind and that he is limited by his blindness. It would be an absurd image if Bartimaeus insisted he was not blind and tried to live his daily life as not impeded, stumbling around town and struggling through daily tasks. The first guidance the story of Bartimaeus gives to the Christian through his life is that we must acknowledge our sickness. Everyone is alive is spiritually sick in some sense, and so all must seek the Physician of the Soul – Jesus Christ. However, many are spiritually blind and think they are healthy and without need of the Physician. It is just as absurd as a blind man claiming to have sight if one thinks about how often we might fail throughout our daily lives. That is why the first step we must take to becoming spiritually better is acknowledge that we do indeed have something wrong, even if we are not quite sure what it is.

Bartimaeus could have despaired in his blindness but instead he chose to have hope that Jesus Christ was a wise enough physician to heal him, so he calls out loudly to Christ. It is not enough to recognize that one is sick – but that person goes to a physician whom they trust to cure them. Bartimaeus confidently chooses the Physician Who can heal all illnesses. Even when others might have laughed at him or told him to keep quiet, perhaps because he or his illnesses was not important enough in their minds, he persisted. Because of his faith, Christ called him to himself. If we have true faith in Christ to heal us we must call Him with confidence. Though others may laugh or tell us to keep quiet, and He might not respond the first time, we must persist in knowing only Christ can heal all infirmities.

One must pay a physician appropriately for their work, but how does one pay the One Who needs nothing? You cannot. But Bartimaeus, knowing this, gives Christ the only thing he can – his faith in calling out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Bartimaeus has nothing he can give Jesus other than his abandonment in sincere faith. Jesus, in turn, heals him for this very reason. The acts we perform, the alms we pay, the fasting we make during Lent are all pleasing to God – in fact, He asks that we do all this – but He does not need them, nothing we can give God can make Him greater or wealthier. Recognizing this, Bartimaeus calls to Him in love and faith, though it adds nothing to Jesus. Bartimaeus gives us, then, a great pattern for prayer. In fact, this is why the Eastern Christians have adopted a custom for many centuries of repeating to oneself throughout the day a slightly modified version of Bartimaeus's prayer, "Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!" Though we could not offer God anything to make Him richer, He responds in generosity to our love and faith in Him. Once we have recognized we have made ourselves ill by the wounds of sin we can call upon God for His assistance. Without fail the Physician will always outdo our love in responding to our call.

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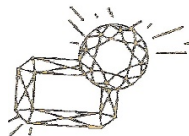
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