



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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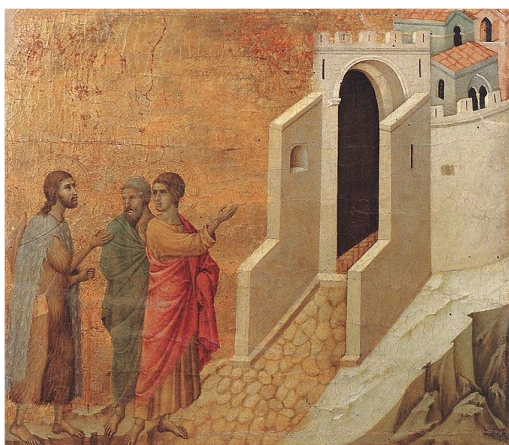
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May 1, 2022

Jesus Appears to the Disciples at Emmaus



Next Sunday

Jesus Appears to the Disciples at Sea

Heb 13:18-25 (Final Exhortation, Greetings, Blessings)

Jn 21:1-14 (The Appearance to the 7 Disciples)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for April 17th - 23rd

Online.....\$1,255.00

Collection.....\$3,459.00

Weekly Total.....\$4,714.00

YTD Total.....\$40,001.03

YTD Goal.....\$36,928.00

YTD Difference.....\$3,073.03

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, May 1st, 11:00am

Available

Monday, May 2nd

Available

Tuesday, May 3rd

Available

Wednesday, May 4th

Available

Thursday, May 5th

Available

Friday, May 6th

Available

Saturday, May 7th

Available

Sunday, May 8th

+Tannous and Yvonne Layoun

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, May 1st

Available

Sunday, May 7th

Available

Parish / Community Events

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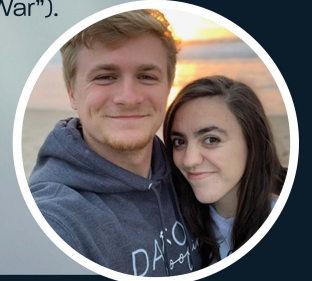
CONCERT BENEFITING

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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").

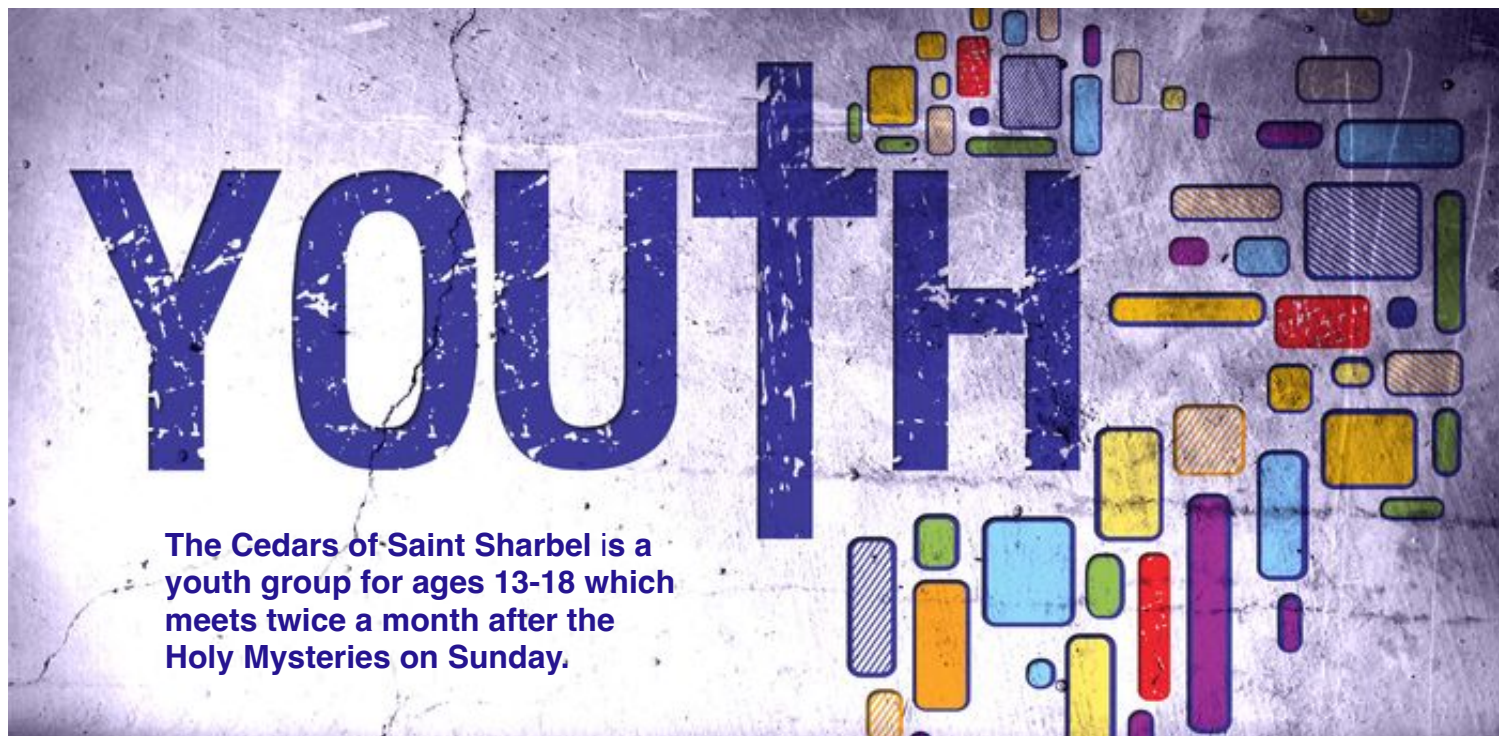
Opening for Mark - Singing/Song Writing Duo

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 — Meetings for this year have concluded!



St. Sharbel Sunday School Program (Ages 6-12):

Meetings for this year have concluded!

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 claud@trazzafoods.com

Meetings for this year have concluded!

Reflection

“Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” Where the world might see death in the Cross, an instrument of torture in the Roman Empire, we have found the fulfillment of eternal life promised throughout all of Scripture. This fulfillment, as St. Luke records, is found in Jesus Himself, Who explains to His disciples that He is the completion of what has been revealed since the beginning of the world. In each prophesy of the Old Testament, an aspect of Christ’s salvation is elucidated until He would come to fulfill it in person. In the Syriac tradition, *rozo* or mystery/sign is a very important way of reading the Bible, as we look we repeated symbols Christ established throughout the history of Israel to prelude His coming. As St. Ephrem describes Scripture because of the *rozo*, Scripture itself is an inexhaustible fountain of wisdom with so many layers of meaning to be explored. In this short reflection we shall briefly examine one: the *rozo* of the lamb that tells us about the Lamb of God, Christ.

The Bible is replete with this *rozo* because it articulately communicates many important realities about our God-become-man. As Christ likely explained to His disciples, the lamb throughout the Scriptures is the sacrifice that saves Israel by its blood from sin. From Genesis, the beginning of God’s promise, when Abraham is going to sacrifice his son, Isaac, a lamb takes the place of Isaac and saves the promise of Israel (Gen. 22:13). Scripture tells us the lamb is caught in a thicket, and St. Ephrem in his *Commentary on Genesis* aptly points out the lamb in the tree delivers the life of Isaac just like the Lamb on the Tree of the Cross would deliver our lives. What this encounter tells us is Christ’s generous deliverance by the shedding of His blood, though innocent, in place of ours.

The *rozo* of the lamb is found, once again, in the Passover meal commanded by God in Exodus. Those who ate the Passover by sacrifices a lamb and marking their abodes with its blood were delivered from the angel of death, and the Israel was eventually free to leave slavery in Egypt to return to the Promised Land. The Syriac Fathers point out just as the sacrifice of a lamb led Israel out of slavery from Egypt and Pharaoh we have been led out of the slavery of Satan in the land of sin back to the Promised Land of the Kingdom, from which sin exiled us. The Lamb has sought to restore us to what we have lost.

The last instance of the lamb this reflection will point out is in Isaiah, where he says about the Lamb, “He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth” (Is. 53:7). Though Christ could have called twelve legions of angels down to fight His enemies, He instead submitted to be crucified on our behalf for He wished to deliver us by His voluntary humility.

Just by the very brief examination of one *rozo* in Scripture we see so many passages of the Old Testament pointing to creation awaiting its Lord’s coming to redeem it. For a day our Lord explained these symbols and how He fulfilled them to His dear disciples to indicate all things find fulfillment in Him – including life itself in His Resurrection. In the sacred Scriptures we are oriented to understand His Resurrection more deeply by seeing how all things have proclaimed its anticipation since the very beginning of His promise. So let us seek out this encounter with Him, both on the road of Scripture and the holy altar.

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