



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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## May 22, 2022

Jesus Appears to the Apostles in the Upper Room



### Next Sunday

*Week of the Resurrection/Ascension*

**Acts 1:1-14** (The Promise of the Spirit/Ascension of Jesus/The First Community in Jerusalem)

**Lk 24:36-48** (The Commissioning of the Eleven/The Ascension of Jesus)

## Your Gifts To God

*Offering Report for May 8th - 14th*

Online.....\$1,467.80

Collection.....\$120.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,587.80

YTD Total.....\$50,131.83

YTD Goal.....\$43,852.00

YTD Difference.....\$6,279.83

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, May 22nd, 11:00am

***Stephanie and Antoine Zogbi***

Monday, May 23rd

*Available*

Tuesday, May 24th

*Available*

Wednesday, May 25th

*Available*

Thursday, May 26th

***+Elias Khal***

Friday, May 27th

***Ann Bigaouette***

Saturday, May 28th

*Available*

Sunday, May 29th

***+Albertina Meyer (Mary Havlicek's mother)***

***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 22nd**

*Redmond Family*

**Sunday, May 29th**

*Available*

# Parish / Community Events

## Parish Council

Bruce Ashford  
 Charlie Ashou  
 Gus Bekahi  
 Ben El Hajj  
 Agopos Ghossein  
 Adib Karam  
 +Claude Karam  
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I delight to do Your will,  
**O God;**  
 Your law is within  
**my heart.**

PSALMS 40:8

*With Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God  
 the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles  
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*the Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ  
 of Deacon Antoine Karam*

*through the invocation  
 of the Holy Spirit  
 and by the Imposition of Hands of His Excellency  
 The Most Reverend Bishop A. Elias Zaidan, D.D., M.L.M*

*Saturday, August 27, 2022, 11:00 a.m.  
 at St. Pius X Catholic Church  
 1280 NW Saltzman Rd.  
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*A lunch reception will follow immediately  
 at Saint Pius X Community Center hall.*

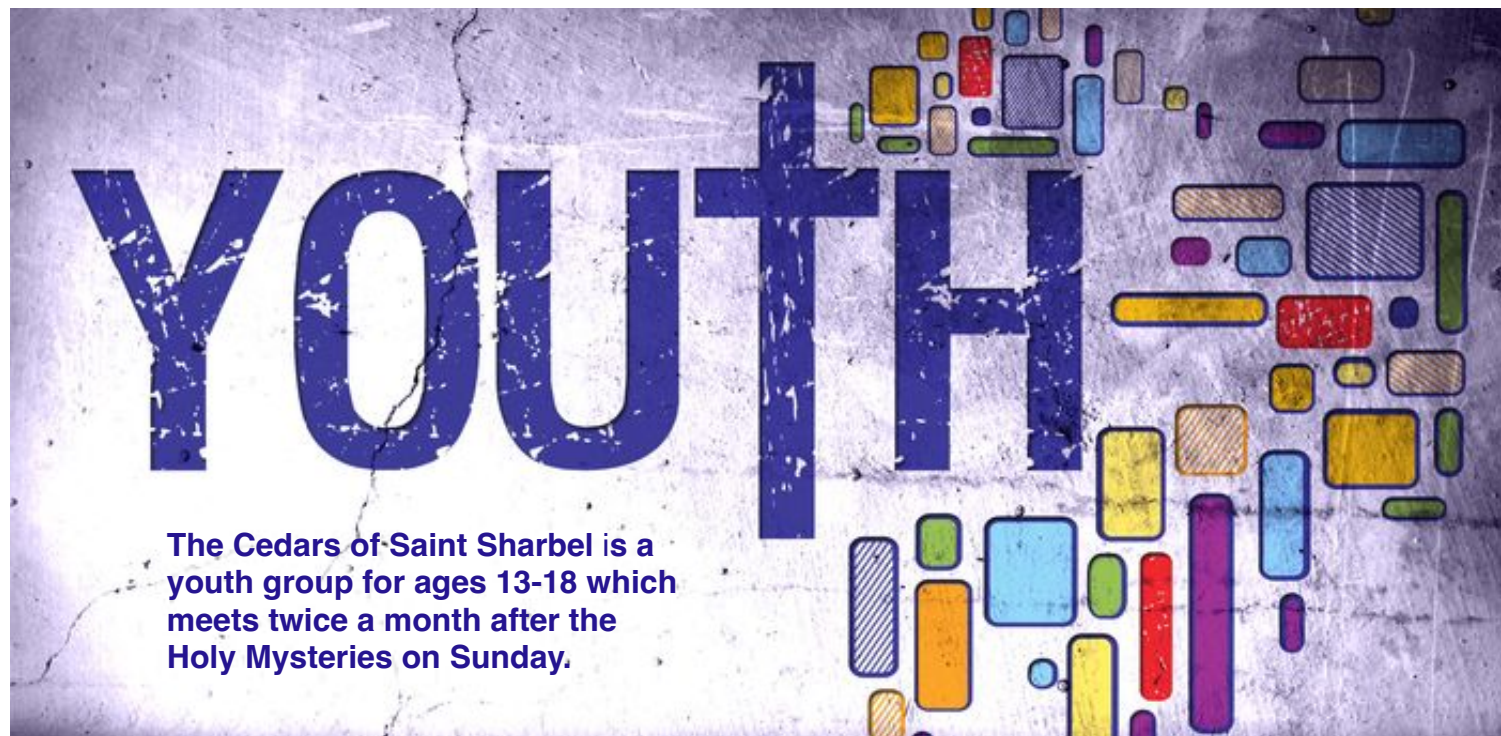
*Abouna Tony Sharbel will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving  
 at St. Sharbel Maronite Church on August, 28, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.  
 1804 SE 16th Ave, Portland Oregon, 97214*

*Please respond by July 1st, 2022 by call or  
 text: Deacon Antoine Karam (503) 705-5874  
 Emelin Karam (503) 989-6911*





**CEDARS OF SAINT SHARBEL** — Meetings for this year have concluded!



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

Meetings for this year have concluded!

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)

Meetings for this year have concluded!

SEE YOU AGAIN IN THE FALL!

## Reflection

"Who amongst kings would have a crown of thorns placed upon himself? When and where have you heard of such a king who would wear this kind of crown?" scoffed the wicked thief at the crucifixion of our Lord on Good Friday (according to our Syriac tradition of dialogue hymns). In the eyes of the world, Jesus, Who saved so many and worked such great miracles, was a failure on Good Friday – He was hanged upon a cross and crowned with a crown of thorns in mockery. But the Good Thief retorts with wisdom that surpasses even the Apostles at that time, "A man is unable to do this, but Jesus is imperishable. He has uprooted the thorns of the earth by His thorns in order to free Adam from the curse." A human king, which is what the wicked thief thought Jesus claimed to be, would wear a gold crown and struggle to exert his rule over those who defy him. Jesus, our God, is a king without question, Who assumed the lowest parts of our humanity to elevate us in our fallen state to His divine nature. Jesus is the Immortal and Almighty God, but as the priest prays in our liturgy, "You have assumed what is ours and You have given us what is Yours." In today's Gospel reading, Christ assures His Apostles by His own appearance in a real body that His true bodily and human death was to offer immortal life to us.

"It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have" (Luke 24:39) said our Lord in appearing to His disciples once again. Having seen Christ in the flesh and as a man, many of the disciples believed Jesus was dead after His crucifixion. And He did truly die – He was not a ghost, but He had actual hands and feet that were nailed, as well as His side that was pierced, blood that was spilled and breath that left Him. Christ died in His humanity, but He is the Immortal Lord and so He rose again from the dead three days later with the same human body. If Christ had not truly been human, He would not have assumed all our human frailties and raised them up to participate in His divine nature redeeming us from the fall of Adam. If Christ had not truly been divine, He would have simply died, not been raised and all we do would be in vain as St. Paul says (1 Cor. 15:14) because a mere man would not have had power to save us from sin and death. But God, Who does not have hands or feet, assumed them in His human birth so that He might be near us as another human being, and ultimately die as a human. But, being God, He descended to the place of the dead, Sheol, and destroyed death and sin for all Who follow Him – this is why He says elsewhere that, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). Christ has already seen death and conquered it for those who follow Him for "the one who believes in me will live, even though they die" (John 11:25). They will live not only in memory but in the Kingdom of Heaven and will rise from the dead, as Christ did, sharing in His divine reality if they only follow Him through the trials He has already faced before us.

Assuring His Apostles, Luke records Jesus as having said, "Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me...This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:44,46-47). Death seems to be a hopeless reality if we face it as humans. Those who thought Christ was only man thought He was destroyed at His death. A crown of thorns was the perfect mockery as all His suffering would have been pointless had He only been a man dying for Himself. But Christ is God and life itself Who destroyed death by His death, and gave to humanity His divinity in eternal life by His rising. We need only to repent from our sins, which bring death upon us like Adam, and turn back to Him Who patiently waits for us to respond to His appearing.



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