



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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May 8, 2022

Jesus Appears to the Disciples at Sea



Next Sunday

5th Sunday of the Resurrection

Jesus Delivers the Office of Shepherd to Peter

Eph 2:1-10 (Generosity of God's Plan)

Jn 21:15-19 (Jesus and Peter)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for April 24th - 30th

Online.....\$845.00

Collection.....\$158.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,003.00

YTD Total.....\$41,004.03

YTD Goal.....\$39,236.00

YTD Difference.....\$1,768.03

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, May 8th, 11:00am

+Tannous and Yvonne Layoun

Monday, May 9th

Available

Tuesday, May 10th

Available

Wednesday, May 11th

Available

Thursday, May 12th

Available

Friday, May 13th

Available

Saturday, May 14th

John Alabed and the Class of 2022

Sunday, May 15th

Grace Zogbi

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 15th

Available

Sunday, May 22nd

Redmond Family

Parish / Community Events

Parish Council

Bruce Ashford
Charlie Ashou
Gus Bekahi
Ben El Hajj
Agopos Ghossein
Adib Karam
+Claude Karam
Lydia Massaad
+Doug Raab
+Thaddeus Rask
Nadia Redmond
Peter Rizk
Mitch Siekmann

Ex Officio
+Deacon Tony

+Finance
Committee



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
and the Karam family
are honored to invite you to

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.
Portland, Oregon

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



Greetings and Peace!

Here is my message regarding the election in Lebanon:

<https://youtu.be/NJ6zND6IXbQ>

With sincere best wishes and prayers, I remain
Yours in Christ,
Bishop A. Elias Zaidan
Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon



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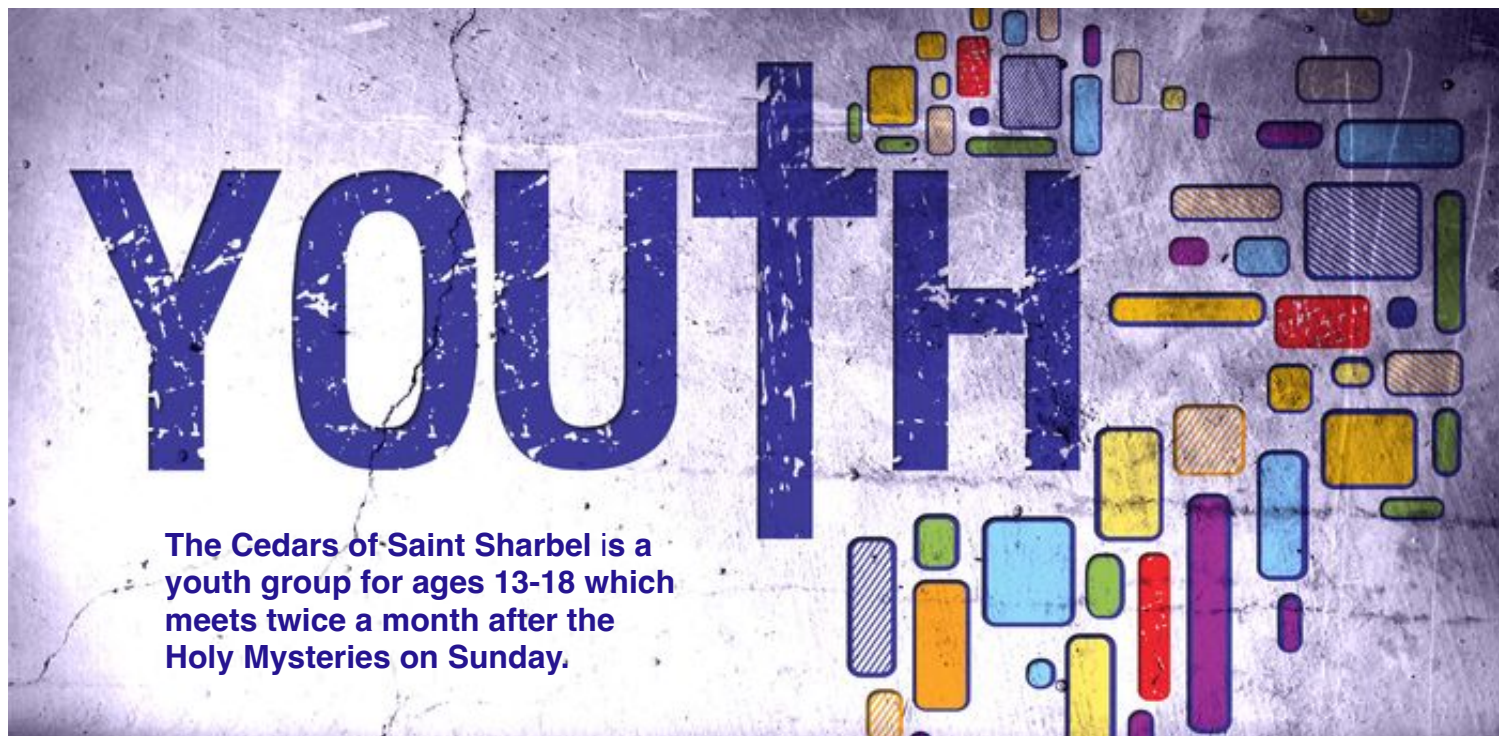
Study Abroad in Lebanon Opportunities

Notre Dame University-Louaize
Up to 10 scholarships total for Fall 2022 or Spring 2023

The Holy Spirit University of Kaslik
Up to 12 students for Summer 2023 Semester

For more information and applications visit www.nammission.org, namscholarship@gmail.com, or call NAM at 930-212-8007
Application Deadline: May 31, 2022

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!

SEE YOU AGAIN IN THE FALL!

Reflection

"Friends, haven't you any fish?" said Christ to His disciples, appearing to them for the third time after His Resurrection. When they answered 'no' Christ instructed them, like when He first met them (Matt. 4), to cast their nets again. To their amazement the disciples pulled in a catch full to the seams of the net – 153 fish to be exact. If that seems like an oddly specific number, it is meant to be. In the ancient world it was believed that there were exactly 153 species of fish, so by Christ's command Peter caught every fish in the sea. When Christ first called Peter He said, "I shall make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19) and many believed salvation was limited to the People of Israel. But here Christ emphasizes, in His mercy, the Apostles are to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19).

One of the common themes of the writing of the Syriac Father Aphrahat, who was possibly previously a Jew himself, is the idea of the peoples becoming the People. To Israel God promised "I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God" (Ex. 6:7) and established with them through Moses His covenant for their protection and deliverance. He established the Law to teach the People obedience and proper worship. But God loves all mankind as His creation made in His image, and so the People were established as an example and foreshadowing of the peoples who would later be called when He would come Himself. Previously, it was by the human womb that one became part of the saved People – being born of a Jewish woman made one part of Israel. But Christ came to grant salvation to all those who seek Him, and so He commanded the Apostles to make disciples of all nations by "baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19). One is born into the true Israel by the womb of baptism, which is what Christ means when He tells Nicodemus he must be born again by Spirit and water (John 3). In the waters of baptism one buries their old self – sin is put to death – and what rises out of the tomb of the womb of waters with the resurrected Christ is a new man, the Christian. Christ first established Israel as an example for following His commands, but sent His Apostles out to make all peoples His People and ensure that in love and worship of Him they come to eternal life and forgiveness of sins.

So great is the love of our God that although we have sinned He calls us all to Himself, not simply to serve but to rejoice with Him. But one people is not sufficient, nor one hundred, but He desires that every people on earth should share in His eternal life and holiness. He has called us, His disciples, to participate in His mercy by going out into the world and bringing people to the womb of new life, baptism, that they may participate in His Resurrection. His Resurrection has delivered us from the sting of death and sin, freeing us, though we have sinned. With great joy, let us go out and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing others to the true faith. The Lord has given us the command to cast our nets – to courageously invite a friend or coworker to church on Sunday or knock on our neighbor's door and visit with them. If we have gratitude and joy for the gift we have unworthily received let us freely share it with others as Christ has freely given it to us. Let us eagerly spread the Gospel of the Resurrection for love of Christ and fellow man so that on the last day when we stand before the throne of God with all our deeds before us and we are asked, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" we may respond, "Yes, all 153!"

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