



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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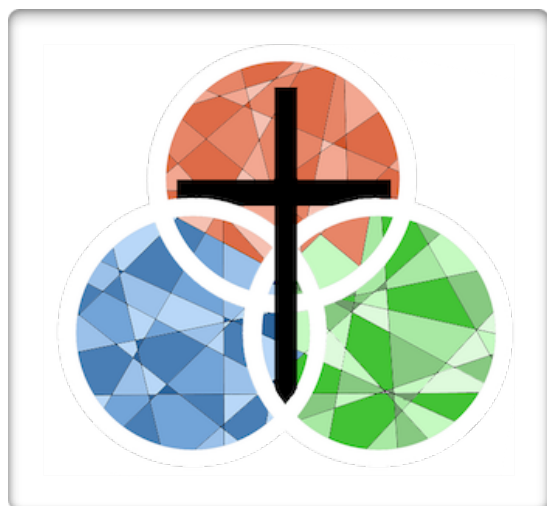
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June 12, 2022

Sunday of the Holy Trinity



Next Sunday

3rd Sunday of Pentecost: The Spirit Teaches

1 Cor 2:1-10 (The Corinthians & Paul/The True Wisdom)

Jn 14:21-27 (The Advocate)

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, June 12th, 11:00am

Available

Monday, June 13th

Fr. Paschal Salisbury O.P.

Tuesday, June 14th

+Michael Edward Gilbert

Wednesday, June 15th

+Paul Buckholz

Thursday, June 16th

+Nyla Medlock

Friday, June 17th

+Hanna Semaan

Saturday, June 18th

+Najib Semaan

Sunday, June 19th

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.

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for May 29th - June 4th

Online.....\$395.00

Collection.....\$340.00

Weekly Total.....\$735.00

YTD Total.....\$54,781.32

YTD Goal.....\$50,776.00

YTD Difference.....\$4,005.32

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, June 12th

Ghossein Agopos

Sunday, June 19th

Redmond Family

Parish & Community Events

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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
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
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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 claudet@trazzafoods.com

Meetings for this year have concluded!

SEE YOU AGAIN IN THE FALL!

CEDARS OF SAINT SHARBEL

— Meetings for this year have concluded!

YOUTH

The Cedars of Saint Sharbel is a youth group for ages 13-18 which meets twice a month after the Holy Mysteries on Sunday.

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.

Reflection

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, the one true God. Amen.

In our tradition it is common that we begin work and prayer with the sign of the cross, invoking the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity. It is appropriate that we should begin all things in God for He created all and brings all things to completion. All that we are and have comes to us from the mercy of the Trinity alone. This is why Christ gives His apostles the command to baptize all nations “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matt. 28:19) for all the acts of creation and salvation involve the three Persons of the one God inseparably and with equal dignity.

The Trinity, being the very foundation of all things, is intuitively then also the foundation to our faith. But the Trinity, though our foundation, is a very difficult concept to explain – we have one God, yet He is Three Persons – a great mystery of the faith. Many of the most important Church Fathers are remembered for their writings explaining this most sacred and hidden mystery. From the Syriac tradition, St. Ephrem gives an image of the Trinity as the sun in his *Hymns on Faith*. He explains that the Father is like the star itself, something one cannot look at because of its brightness and the source, just like the Father is eternally hidden yet the Begetter of the Son and from Whom the Spirit proceeds. The star begets visible rays, which is the Son, Jesus Christ, Who became visible and near to us when He became man. Finally, from the star proceeds heat, and though unseen it certainly exists, as we know the sun is quite hot – this is the Spirit. The sun is one yet three, existing together but distinctive.

In considering the sun one aspect may be more apparent to us than others. Perhaps it is a sunny day so we focus on the piercing light or a hot day when we can think of nothing but the heat or even a dark day when we forget there the sun even exists. Nonetheless, the sun in its entirety continues to be and operates whether we know it in its entirety or not. Likewise, God continues to exist in His wholeness, whether we sometimes, in our limitedness, give more emphasis to the Father, Son or Spirit. We should seek at all moments to give equal praise to God in His Three Persons, which He revealed to us throughout revelation. Traditional Syriac hymns often end with a Trinitarian formula doing just that:

Glory be to the Father Who chose the prophets and they foreshadowed His Only-Begotten Son. Worship be to the Son Whose Gospel the apostles proclaimed in the world. Thanks be to the Spirit Who strengthened the martyrs and they died in His hope, and may mercy be upon us sinners through their prayers.

(*Boutho* from the Syriac Maronite Third Hour of Sunday)

This specific hymn is attributed to St. Jacob of Sarug. In it, he gives glory to the Father Who began to reveal His Son Who would later come in His mercy, that we might be prepared. He then gives worship to the Son Who prepared His apostles and sent them into the world to share His saving Gospel with all, as we hear in today's reading. Finally, he thanks the Spirit Who continues the work of salvation even until today, though we do not see Him strengthening us in our good endeavors each day yet He does. The action of the Trinity is unitary and done for our salvation for our God loves us in His entirety – “three names, one will” as St. Jacob says.

Let us give thanks to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Who has made us, saved us and strengthens us each day in His mercy. To Him be glory forever.

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