



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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June 5, 2022

Pentecost Sunday: Descent of the Holy Spirit



Next Sunday

Holy Trinity

Rom 11:25-36 (God's Irrevocable Call/Triumph of God's Mercy)

Mt 28:16-20 (The Commissioning of the Disciples)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for May 22nd - 28th

Online.....\$1,275.49

Collection.....\$483.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,758.49

YTD Total.....\$54,046.32

YTD Goal.....\$48,468.00

YTD Difference.....\$5,578.32

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, June 5th, 11:00am

+Albertina Meyer

Monday, June 6th

+Faris Shemali

Tuesday, June 7th

+Sleiman Khalil

Wednesday, June 8th

+Rey Vinoli

Thursday, June 9th

+Sami Badra

Friday, June 10th

+Mercedes and Lee Graham

Saturday, June 11th

Rev. Fr. Michael Gilbert

Sunday, June 12th

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.

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, June 5th

Available

Sunday, June 12th

Available

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

*The St. George Orthodox Church School
Invites you to the 1st Annual*

A Night Under The Stars FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

*Saturday June 4th
6:00 PM-9:00 PM*

*St. George Orthodox Church
2101 NE 162nd Ave
Portland, OR 97230*

*All ages are welcome
with their dad's or father figures*

\$10 per couple, \$5 each additional daughter

The Night includes dinner, dessert, dancing and a photo.



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



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

Meetings for this year have concluded!

SEE YOU AGAIN IN THE FALL!



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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

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost when God fulfilled His promise when He said "I will not leave you as orphans" (Jn. 14:18). The Holy Spirit, Who has been in creation since the beginning, was confirmed in His presence in the Church today. He existed before all time with the Father and the Son, and is foreshadowed throughout all of the Old Testament. In the very beginning of the world He is recalled to be hovering over the waters (Gen. 1:2) and so we profess, "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life..." for He perfected all creation. The various prophets, such as David (Ps. 51:11), called upon Him for His assistance. But today we come to know Him Who was simply alluded to in ages past but never seen. Today is the day the Holy Spirit, Who is always with us, has revealed Himself for the sake of our salvation and strength.

The time after Christ's Ascension was a time of confusion for the Apostles. Though Christ promised them that He would never leave them orphans it seemed that God was most absent to them since they first encountered Jesus. They hid themselves in the Upper Room where they had celebrated the Last Supper and He had appeared to them again after His Resurrection for fear of persecution on the Feast of Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Passover. But God foretold through the prophet Joel, as He did through so many others, that "I will pour out my Spirit on all people" (Acts 2:17) and so "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them" (Acts 2:4). Just as the Holy Spirit completed creation the first time in Genesis, He completed the salvific mission of Jesus Christ by being poured out upon them. Just as the Father and Son are always present, so too has the Spirit, but just like the Son was received in a particular way at His Incarnation, the Spirit was received in a special way at His pouring out at Pentecost. For those who loved Christ and followed His commands, the Holy Spirit overshadowed the Apostles and appeared as tongues of fire, enabling to speak every language present so that they may spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Then did the Apostles realize that they had not been abandoned, but the promise of Christ had been fulfilled:

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever — the Spirit of truth... On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you." (Jn. 14:16-17, 20)

In God's love the Apostles gained their greatest Advocate, Who strengthened them in their fear and gave them all things necessary to do the work of God.

But the descent of the Holy Spirit was not something once realized at Pentecost and irrelevant to us, but He continues to indwell in us. When we are baptized we receive the Holy Spirit into ourselves, and He does not leave us no matter our actions, as long as we do not deny Him. This is why St. Paul asks, "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, Whom you have received from God?" (1 Cor 6:19). By baptism we have received the same Spirit Who empowered the Apostles two thousand years ago. Perhaps we do not manifest tongues of fire because they are not necessary for our mission, but He gives us the strength and capacity to accomplish the work of God. The same Spirit Who was at the beginning and spoke through the prophets, is poured out today, and will forever be our advocate is Whom we celebrate and remember today. Let us remember He is our strength every day as we pray,

Make us worthy, Lord God, Lover of Men, that we may sate our souls and fill our hearts with the rational drink of the new wine of the Spirit, the Paraclete, that having been made pure and holy we may sing pure praises with pure and holy tongues to Your adored and holy name, and that of Your Only-Begotten Son, and Your Holy Spirit, now and at all times, forever. Amen.

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