



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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June 26, 2022

4th Sunday of Pentecost



Next Sunday

5th Sunday of Pentecost

Phil 3:7-14 (Righteousness from God/Forward in Christ)

Mt 10:1-7 (The Mission of the 12/The Commissioning of the 12)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for June 12th - 18th

Online.....\$750.00

Collection.....\$463.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,213.00

YTD Total.....\$58,007.32

YTD Goal.....\$55,392.00

YTD Difference.....\$2,615.32

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, June 26th, 11:00am

+Ibrahim Khal

Monday, June 27th

+Evette Ghosson

Tuesday, June 28th

+May Hadaad

Wednesday, June 29th

+Assad Hadaad

Thursday, June 30th

+Nesrene Badra

Friday, July 1st

+Naji Semaan

Saturday, July 2nd

Available

Sunday, July 3rd

+Michael Youssef — 40 Day Memorial Mass (Nayla Kassab's brother)

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 26th

Available

Sunday, July 3rd

Available

Parish 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

CEDARS OF SAINT SHARBEL

Youth Group for Ages 3-18 — Meetings for this year have concluded!



Maronite Young Adults (MYA) — The MYA is a group of men and women ages 18-40 (ish) which meets once a month for fellowship, prayer, and social activities
SEE YOU IN THE FALL!

St. Sharbel Sunday School Program (Ages 6-12)
— Meetings for this year have concluded!

Invitation to all sisters in Christ,

A year ago, we formed a group of 7 sisters in Christ to join the Seven Sisters Apostolate, <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/>.

Catholic parishes across the United States have joined this beautiful apostolate to pray for our priests.

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a “holy wasting” (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

St. Sharbel's 7 sisters are committed to pray for one Holy Hour per week for Abouna Christopher.

If the Holy Spirit is calling you to make this commitment, please contact Nadia Redmond at 503-671-0440 or email:
n.redmond@comcast.net

Community Events



RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM
WEEK

Life and Dignity for All

June 22 – June 29, 2022

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to **pray, reflect, and act** to promote religious freedom. Saints Thomas More and John Fisher were Renaissance men, talented and energetic. More wrote theological and philosophical treatises, while making a career as a lawyer and government official. Bishop John Fisher worked as an administrator at Cambridge, confronted the challenge Martin Luther presented to Christian Europe, and most importantly served as Bishop of Rochester. More and Fisher are well-known for opposing King Henry's divorce. Ultimately, it was their refusal to sign an oath of supremacy that led them to be executed. King Henry VIII claimed to be the supreme head of the Church in England, asserting sovereign power over English Christians. Neither Fisher nor More could abide this claim which put them in conflict with the king and they were convicted of treason. Saint Thomas Moore's story is depicted in a wonderful movie, "A Man For All Seasons". **Saint Thomas More and Saint John Fisher** show us what faithful citizenship looks like. They loved and served their country. In the moments just before his execution, More is said to have stated, "I die the King's good servant, but God's first." When the law of the king came into conflict with the law of Christ, they submitted to Christ. May their example continue to illuminate the path for us, as we seek to faithfully serve our Church and country. We ask for the intercession of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, that we too would be good servants to our country, but God's first! To read the entire article from the USCCB, go to <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>

Pray-Reflect-Act

June 24 - **Adoption and Foster Care:** Pray that people of faith will continue to have the freedom to serve in the life-affirming ministry of adoption and foster care.

June 25 - **Taxpayer Funding for Abortion:** Pray that civic leaders would promote life and dignity for all.

June 26 - **Religious Freedom in China:** Pray for the freedom of the Church in China, and that the rights of all religious minorities would be respected.

June 27 - **Pregnancy Resource Centers:** Pray that women facing unplanned pregnancies will continue to have access to support from people who help them choose life.

June 28 - **Health Care Workers:** Pray that governments will respect the consciences of all people who care for the sick and vulnerable.

June 29 - **Free Speech:** Pray that Christians will have the courage to proclaim the gospel of life and dignity for all with kindness and clarity, even in the face of adversity.

Pregnancy Help: To help pregnant moms in our own community, please check out the [BLUE Resource Trifold](#) in our vestibule.

ANGRY? NEED A WEAPON?
PRAY THE ROSARY!

JOIN US AS WE PRAY THE
ROSARY
EVERY 2ND MONDAY OF
THE MONTH AT 8PM ET

TO BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE &
TO OVERCOME EVIL IN THE WORLD
LED BY BISHOP ELIAS ZAIDAN,
BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR
OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER
JUN 13 AUG 8
JUL 11 SEPT 12

ZOOM LINK tinyurl.com/ofslmonthlyrosary

Reflection

This Sunday we continue to celebrate the Great Feast of Pentecost when the life-giving Holy Spirit descended upon the face of the earth and filled the apostles and disciples with Himself. By the Spirit, our God Who gives life to all things and perfects all things, we live and breathe, and do all that we do. In the ages of the kings and prophets of Israel, the Spirit, Father or Son had not yet been revealed to Israel. However, in Christ's redeeming actions on Earth, He revealed to us His Father and Spirit, and gave us not only knowledge but the opportunity in His love and mercy to be greater than the kings and prophets ever were by sharing in His divine nature; this is why Christ rejoices today and says to His disciples, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it" (Luke 10:24).

Throughout all of the Old Testament, the prophets all await the coming of God, though they do not know or understand how it will occur. Still, the prophets eagerly know God in what had been limitedly revealed to them. But whenever the prophets stood in great fear before an appearance of God or one of His angels it was because, as God says to Moses, "you cannot see my face, because no one can see me and live" (Ex. 33:20) since the time of the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. But as Christ tells His disciples, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see" for they not only see the face of Jesus Christ, Who is God, but He reveals to them His works on Earth. The Son Who was once hidden on a fiery throne in heaven, unknown to men, has put on the flesh of a weak man in His love so that we might draw near to Him. And, indeed, we do at every moment we look upon the Eucharist, which is Christ's flesh that He gave us to eat for eternal life and the forgiveness of sins. No king or prophet before could even look upon God, but we eat His body for the nourishment of our souls.

Likewise, Christ says in joy to His disciples, "I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted...to hear what you hear but did not hear it." Before Christ, even the prophets and kings, though they received holy anointing by the priests of God, could only be called servants of God at best. But Christ said to His Apostles, "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you" (John 15:15). Through the acts of Christ and the works of the Spirit, we have become the brothers of Christ, and sons of the Father. As Christ put on flesh and became man, we put on Christ in our baptism by the Holy Spirit (Gal. 3:27). No king or prophet was anointed to become friends or sons of God, even though it was foretold. But before we are anointed, just like the kings and prophets of old, at baptism the priest prays over the person to be baptized:

May Your grace accompany him/her all the days of his life that he/she may arrive at Your holy temple for the precious seal of the pure Myron and pleasant fragrance by which, through the dispensation of the Holy Spirit, we are sons of God and heirs in Your kingdom according to Your true promises toward us for You are our God... (From the Maronite Prayers over a Mother and Her Child Before Baptism)

By the outpouring and indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we are the heirs of the Kingdom of God. When we think upon our baptism and the reception of the Eucharist, let us remember God has blessed us with a share in His life greater than any prophet or king.

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