



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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July 10, 2022

6th Sunday of Pentecost



Next Sunday

7th Sunday of Pentecost

2 Cor 3:1-6 (Ministers of a New Covenant)

Lk 10:1-7 (The Mission of the 72)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for June 26th - July 2nd

Online.....\$145.00

Collection.....\$922.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,067.00

YTD Total.....\$60,660.32

YTD Goal.....\$60,008.00

YTD Difference.....\$652.32

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, July 10th, 11:00am

+**Robert Johann**

Monday, July 11th

+**Elie Layoun**

Tuesday, July 12th

+**Tom Rask**

Wednesday, July 13th

+**Liz Gerken**

Thursday, July 14th

+**Catherine Johann**

Friday, July 15th

+**Archbishop Camille Zaidan**

Saturday, July 16th

+**Father Thomas Bradley**

Sunday, July 17th

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, July 10th

Available

Sunday, July 17th

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*

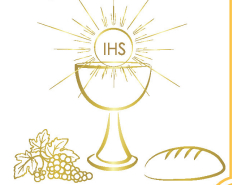
*the Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ
of Deacon Antoine Karam*

*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*



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



**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

Christ is the Truth, and in Him is no falsehood. "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves" (Matt. 10:16) is the warning He gives to His disciples as He sends them into the world. Christ warns of the persecution that will come to those who follow Him, being beaten by one's own community, betrayed by one's own friends, and put on trial. This is certainly a frightening prospect! Jesus is not sugarcoating the potential danger of being a Christian. Perhaps we do not see this so explicitly in contemporary America, but there's definitely social ridicule and ostracizing that comes with being Christian. But why would He ask this of us?

The answer can be found in the very name we call ourselves – Christian. We are those who follow Christ. We believe that Christ is the one and only Almighty God Who existed before all things and created all things. He has more power than imaginable – He created the vast stars of the heavens and the great raging oceans and every animal. He revealed His power to us throughout history – He split the Red Sea before Moses and sent a column of fire from heaven to stop Israel's enemies. The signs of His power are endlessly listed in the Bible, as well as everything we observe in the world. Yet in spite of His omnipotence, He voluntarily descended from His throne in the heavens and became a child so poor His parents put Him in animals' manger in a cave. He did this because He saw the sin of humanity which tarnished His image in us and in His love did not wish to see us suffer the ultimate pain – separation from Him, in Whom all find completion. So He became weak that He might give us His strength by uniting His divinity with our humanity, and destroy sin by His death. Though many taunted Him and questioned Him, He remained steadfast in His mission. Even at the last moment the crowd at His crucifixion mocked Him by saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself" (Mark 15:29-39).

The Wisdom of the world would have you think if you have power you should use it. The crowd doubted Christ's divinity at His death because He did not come off the cross. But it is precisely that Christ could suffer on the cross that makes Him so great. A tyrant or dictator must constantly show their force to the world for people to continue respecting them. A dignified leader knows the authority he has, and as such acts because he knows what is right, not because he must evoke a certain public image. Christ being the true King of All, chooses to die in humility so that we might have life. Likewise for us, Christ says, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matt. 16:24-25).

It is in selfless humility governed by love that we imitate Christ, Who lowered Himself to be weak even though He has all the power in the universe. Christ could have destroyed His crucifiers on the cross and all who insulted Him. In fact, there is a Syriac hymn verse for Good Friday about how all the angelic armies in heaven were about to descend with lightning and fire upon those who harmed their Lord. But Christ told them to stop. And by Christ's example of power in humility at least two men converted there – the Good Thief on His right, who moments before taunted Him, and Longinus, the soldier who pierced His side with a lance but then proclaimed that He was truly the Son of God. By a mere show of strength, there would be no one left. Instead Christ chooses to love and give opportunity for love to be returned, which is why He instructs us to love our enemies and pray for our persecutors (Matt. 5:44). By participating in Christ's meekness and love we participate in His almightiness.

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