



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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July 24, 2022

8th Sunday of Pentecost



Next Sunday

9th Sunday of Pentecost

2 Cor 5:20-6:10 (The Ministry of Reconciliation)

Lk 4:14-21 (The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry/
The Rejection at Nazareth)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for July 10th - 16th

Online.....\$1,390.00

Collection.....\$692.00

Weekly Total.....\$2,082.00

YTD Total.....\$65,136.32

YTD Goal.....\$64,624.00

YTD Difference.....\$512.32

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, July 24th, 11:00am

Unavailable

Monday, July 25th

Joel Graham

Tuesday, July 26th

+Mary Slusher

Wednesday, July 27th

+Evette Ghosson

Thursday, July 28th

Mike and Dave Myers

Friday, July 29th

Unavailable

Saturday, July 30th

Unavailable

Sunday, July 31st

Unavailable

*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 24th

Redmond Family

Sunday, July 31st

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*

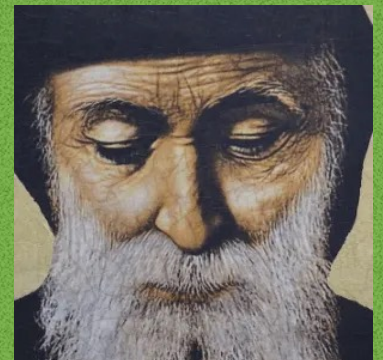


St. Charbel Novena Abouna Chris Invites You...

To pray the novena from your home as a way to reverence our parish's patron saint.

Starts Today July 15, see the link for details
<https://catholicnovenaapp.com/novenas/st-charbel-novena/>

This Link is for the Novena in Arabic
<https://www.heartofmaryarabic.com/?p=4136>



Community Events

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

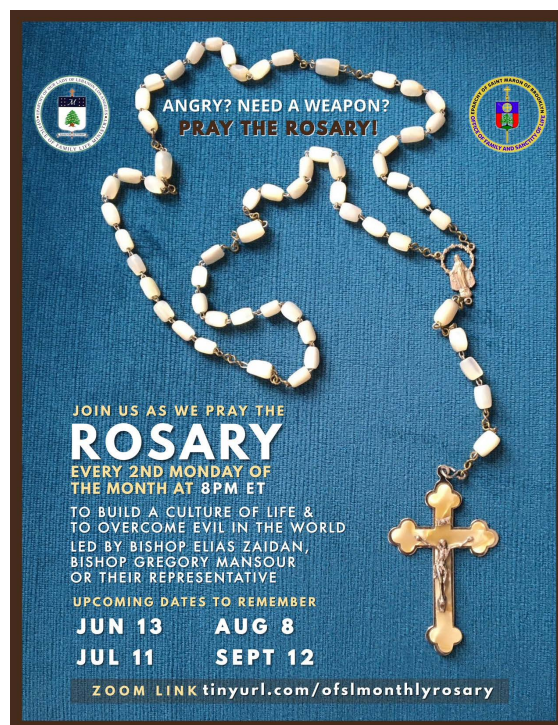
CEDARS OF SAINT SHARBEL

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!



Reflection

This Sunday we continue to celebrate Pentecost with the season's eighth Sunday. Eight weeks and counting until the Feast of the Holy Cross (Sept. 14) is a large amount of time devoted to one event. The Holy Trinity is the subject of this time, and specifically the Person of the Holy Spirit, for a thousand weeks would be insufficient to speak of His great mystery that the Church has been writing about continually for the last 2000 years. Where does one even begin?

It's difficult to decide where one begins to speak about an infinite being, so as humans it is easier to pick the point of our beginning of interaction with the Spirit. Genesis tells us that God "formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being" (Gen. 2:7). In all major Semitic languages, like Hebrew, Aramaic and Arabic, a word for spirit (like the Holy Spirit) is the root *ruh*. But this word also means breath, life or soul. From the very beginning, God animates us from the non-living soil by giving us His life-giving Spirit who enters into us and dwells in us. The same Spirit Who animates Adam animates us, without whom we would not exist, for He is life.

The essence of human life comes from the Spirit. But after the Fall of Adam there was a certain rejection of the Spirit. The Spirit did not leave Adam, otherwise he would cease to live, but there was damage to the relationship between humanity and God. This is why Christ gives us the spiritual "womb of baptism" to be born again, not in flesh but in the Spirit. This is what St. Paul refers to in today's Epistle when he says, "You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you" (Rom. 8:9). We live by the Spirit, not only in our physical life, but by our baptism we cast off all the deadness of sin. Life, since Adam, comes from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Baptism restores the fullness of life to us. To act in accord with God the Spirit we act in agreement with life itself. But when we reject the Spirit, as Adam did by his transgression, we reject life and instead choose death, which is offered by the serpent, Satan.

But there is good news – the Syriac Fathers console us again and again with the hope that the Spirit remains with us even if we momentarily pick the death of sin in a moment of weakness. So long as we live, Philoxenus of Mabbug says, the Spirit remains with us to lead us to what is good if we follow God's commands. The Spirit does not force us to do what is right, for He created us in His image with free will, but guides us and entices us – ultimately, though, we must choose life. In a similar way, Satan entices us to do evil but cannot force us. However, fortunately, Satan is neither all-present or all-powerful like the Spirit, Who resides with us from baptism. We should not fear the death Satan brings for if we trust in the life of the Spirit, "Even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you" (Rom. 8:10-11).

From the beginning the Spirit has given us unfailing life. In baptism we become more perfect vessels of the same Spirit. If we choose to live by the same Spirit Whom we have received through baptism we shall live forever, even though our flesh may die.

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