



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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July 3, 2022

5th Sunday of Pentecost



Next Sunday

6th Sunday of Pentecost

1 Cor 12:12-13,27-30 (One Body, Many Parts/
Application to Christ)

Mt 10:16-25 (Coming Persecutions)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for June 19th - 25th

Online.....\$1,355.00

Collection.....\$231.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,586.00

YTD Total.....\$59,593.32

YTD Goal.....\$57,700.00

YTD Difference.....\$1,893.32

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, July 3rd, 11:00am

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

Monday, July 4th

Available

Tuesday, July 5th

++Fayez Hatoum

Wednesday, July 6th

+Sonia Hatoum

Thursday, July 7th

+Walid Trad

Friday, July 8th

+Roderick and Rodney Galvez

Saturday, July 9th

Available

Sunday, July 10th

+Robert Johann

**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 3rd

Available

Sunday, July 10th

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*

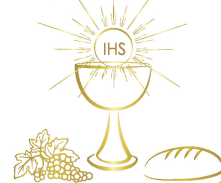
*the Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ
of Deacon Antoine Karam*

*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

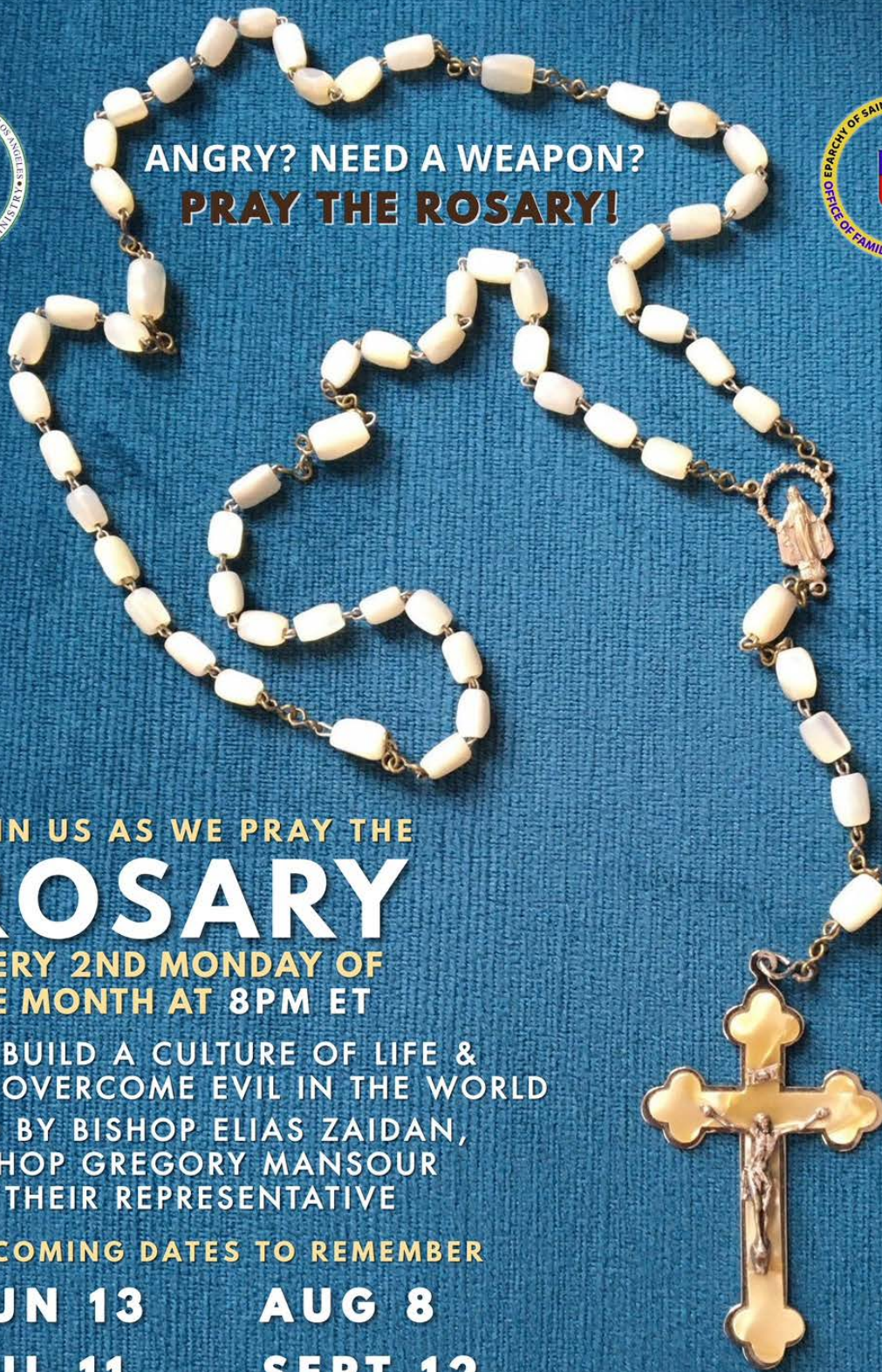
JUN 13

AUG 8

JUL 11

SEPT 12

ZOOM LINK tinyurl.com/ofslmonthlyrosary



Reflection

On this Sunday we continue to commemorate the full descent of the life-giving Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and disciples on the day of Pentecost. All things that Christ had promised are completed in the same Spirit Who strengthened the Apostles to bear witness to Christ. In today's gospel reading Christ commissions His Apostles to do as He does in His mercy of healing, exorcizing and cleansing those in need of His help. Christ, our Almighty God, commissions His Apostles not because He is limited, but He wishes His works of mercy to be spread upon the earth through humans so that they may participate in His dispensation. In Christ's infinite love He wished that these deeds of mercy not end when His Apostles died, but that His Apostles should be succeeded by the bishops and priests of the Church to continue these works by the same Spirit Who ordains them.

Being the Almighty Lord, God is not made any less by giving to us. In fact, He wishes to enrich us if we ask of His wealth. Though God is very mysterious and incomprehensible because of His infinite being, He wished to make Himself accessible throughout the ages so He established the Church and commission her ministers as we recall in our prayers:

He who chose for Himself priests on Earth, set them in authority over the treasury of His kingdom, and in their hands placed the keys to His treasury so that they may distribute His riches to the poor. (From the Maronite Prayers for Wednesday Night)

The riches of the treasury of God the prayer speaks of are the mercy of God given through His Holy Mysteries, the sacraments, which the Holy Spirit allows the priests to perform. As the Syriac Father Narsai states, at Mass even the holiest layman cannot call the Spirit down to make the bread and wine the Body and Blood of Christ unless he is a priest for priests have been ordained to this sacred duty. It is not because priests are worthy that they can perform the sacraments, but because God loves His people and wishes to give them a normal and known way of regularly receiving His mercy – what better way than to receive eternal life and the forgiveness of sins through His Body and Blood, the Eucharist. And just as Christ commissioned His Apostles to go out and heal, He gave them the sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Penance so that they may make us well.

The same power Christ gave to His Apostles continues to be given to the priests of the Church through the Holy Spirit so that we may all receive healing, both physical and spiritual. In fact, the Syriac Fathers often refer to the Apostles as the "Twelve Physicians" and the priests continue to exercise that role today. The Light of the World, Jesus Christ, wishes that we be able to see Him, and so "Twelve Lamps that burn the oil of the Holy Spirit were sent from the Upper Room to all the corners. They illumined the peoples in the darkness of idolatry" (From the Maronite Prayers for Sunday Morning). The priests of the Church are the new lamps, equipped with the same Holy Spirit, who are sent out in the love and mercy of God to enrich us with the treasures of heaven. Let us gladly receive from Him what He has sent us for our own salvation and flourishing.

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