



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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August 28, 2022

13th Sunday of Pentecost



Next Sunday

14th Sunday of Pentecost

1 Thes 2:1-13 (Paul's Ministry Among Them)

Lk 10:38-42 (Martha and Mary)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for August 14th - 20th

Online.....\$375.00

Collection.....\$0.00

Weekly Total.....\$375.00

YTD Total.....\$71,933.61

YTD Goal.....\$76,164.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$4,230.39**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, August 21st, 11:00am

+Karam Karam

Monday, August 22nd

Available

Tuesday, August 23rd

Available

Wednesday, August 24th

Available

Thursday, August 25th

Available

Friday, August 26th

Available

Saturday, August 27th

Available

Sunday, August 28th

+Michel Naimy

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, August 28th

Available

Sunday, September 4th

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*



PRAYER FOR DEACON TONY KARAM'S ORDINATION

In preparation for the priestly ordination of Deacon Tony Karam let us get united in prayer with a novena starting on August 18th, nine days prior to the ordination.

This is the suggested novena prayer in both English and Arabic . Please check it out. Hard copies of prayers will also be available at church.

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, we lift up our prayer to You for deacon Tony as he draws near his priestly ordination. We ask you Lord to let Your holy love surround him and shield him from temptations, and comfort him in struggles. May You Lord, light of the world, guide him in your footsteps, so he may approach the day You will anoint him with a heart full of peace, joy and gratitude. To You be glory and honor now and forever.
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

أيها الرب يسوع المسيح، الكاهن الاعظم، نرفع اليك الصلاة لأجل الشماس طوني، وهو يقترب من سيامته الكهنوتية، طالبين منك أن تجعل حبك القدوس يغمره ويحفظه من التجارب ويعزيه في الصعاب. يا رب، يا نور العالم، ليكن نورك هدايته على خطاك، فيقترب من اليوم الذي ستمسحه فيه بقلب مغمور بالسلام والغبطة والشكر. لك المجد والوقار الآن وإلى الأبد
أبانا، السلام، المجد

Community Events



Star of Bethlehem Raffle Quilt
Tickets
\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

St. Mary's 50th Quilt & Crafts Fair

September 15, 16, & 17
Thursday through Saturday
10 AM – 4 PM

Lunch Served Daily at 11:00 AM

St. Mary's Catholic Church
960 Missouri Avenue
Vernonia, OR 97084
503-429-8841

maryscatholicchurch@frontier.com

Catholic Friendship Group - Singles, ages 40-60. Eucharistic Adoration followed by a talk and discussion led by Fr. Joshua Clifton. Next topic: Mary in the Scriptures – Part II. Our group continues to grow! Come join us for our next gathering.

Friday, September 9th, 7:00pm-8:30pm.
Visit www.catholicfriendshipgroup.com for more details.

Location: St. Birgitta Catholic Church, 11820 NW St. Helens Rd, Portland. RSVP to: CatholicFriendshipGroup@outlook.com

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JUN 13 AUG 8
JUL 11 SEPT 12

ZOOM LINK tinyurl.com/ofslmonthlyrosary

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)
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St. Sharbel Sunday School Program
(Ages 6-12)

— Meetings for this year have concluded!

Reflection

The monastic fathers in Syria were known for their amazing, severe and mythic-sounding practices by which they intended to grow closer to God. Our father in faith, St. Maron, was one of them. Through prayer, fasting, solitude and exposure to the elements, St. Maron sought to leave the things of this world to focus on the glorification of God. Another Syrian monastic who lived at about the same time and place as St. Maron was St. Simeon the Stylite, whose feast we celebrate this Sunday, September 1. He was called a stylite because he sat on a stylos (Greek for pillar) for nearly forty years. The natural question arises why do we venerate a man for sitting on a pillar for a really long time, and what does that have to do with God?

The prayers in our Syriac tradition tell us that the great ascetics, like St. Simeon and St. Maron, labored in the spiritual vineyard of the Lord and achieved victory in their athleticism against Satan. Intuitively, however, it might seem like they did little by fasting and isolating themselves, whether on a pillar or in the mountains. After all, it is odd to think of St. Simeon sitting on a pillar as a victory or triumph. But it is because we have lost a sense of this asceticism that it strikes us as odd. Even Christ, Who is God Himself, withdrew to the desert in solitude and fasting to give us an example, and to fight against Satan (Matt. 4:1-11).

What, then, is godly about asceticism? Angels are not the only beings that do not eat: demons too abstain from food. Isolation or not eating in itself is not godly. The difference is in what is done with solitude or fasting – angels, for instance, glorify and pray to God, whereas demons distance themselves and mislead humans. St. Simeon removed himself to a pillar for an extended period of time because he sought God so greatly he speaking to Him to be his only task. He fasted, both as a physical sacrifice of things of this world and so that pleasures of this world should not distract him from speaking with God. His triumphs and victories in the spiritual race were fought in the same spot: standing upon the pillar, praying to God to glorify Him and have mercy on others. Prayer and fasting are not a last resort or inactivity, but our greatest recourses – when we pray we invoke the Almighty Creator of All Who has power over life and death. If anyone can help us in our endeavors it would be Him Who knows all before it happens. We celebrate St. Simeon because he is an example to us – we are called to participate in the same diligent labor in the spiritual vineyard of the Lord, the same rational athleticism, and the same victory over Satan.

Does that mean we must all go sit on a pillar for forty years? Absolutely not! Just like “fasting” (i.e. not eating) does not help demons grow closer to God, sitting on a pillar would probably actually be a distraction for most of us in trying to approach our victory (i.e. intimacy with God). St. Simeon fasted and retreated to his pillar of solitude to remove himself from the noise and distractions of the world to be closer to God in prayer according to his own strength and God-given mission. In our own ways we can do the same, even though they might not make stories of such mythic proportion. If we look at our phones two hours a day, perhaps we can cut out ten minutes and read the Scripture to know God better. Instead of an hour of Netflix or television, we could have a one-thirty minute episode of prayer. Rather than having a \$5 Starbucks every day, we could sacrifice it even just once a week and give the money to a charity that feeds the poor. Through these little steps we can daily ascend our own pillars towards God.

O Lord, equip us with Your truth and perfect us with Your hope as You perfected the athleticism of just St. Simeon. He was equipped like a warrior in the physical combat not in vain, and he joyfully endured the pillar for a long time in external and interior war. Make us worthy that, like him, we may triumph over all our opponents who adversarially stand against Your truth. Let us receive total victory from You, and we shall offer glory and thanks to You, and to Your Father, and to Your living and Holy Spirit. Amen.
(Trans. from the Syriac Maronite Morning Prayer for the Feast of St. Simeon the Stylite)

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