



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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August 7, 2022

10th Sunday of Pentecost



Next Sunday

11th Sunday of Pentecost

Eph 2:17-22 (Commission to Preach God's Plan)

Lk 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus and the Tax Collector)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for July 24th - 30th

Online.....\$845.00

Collection.....\$350.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,195.00

YTD Total.....\$68,396.32

YTD Goal.....\$69,240.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$843.68**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, August 7th, 11:00am

Unavailable

Monday, August 8th

Unavailable

Tuesday, August 9th

Unavailable

Wednesday, August 10th

Unavailable

Thursday, August 11th

Unavailable

Friday, August 12th

Unavailable

Saturday, August 13th

Unavailable

Sunday, August 14th

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, August 7th

Available

Sunday, August 14th

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

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



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*



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

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

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:

Catholic Friendship Group - Singles, ages 40-60. Eucharistic Adoration followed by a talk and discussion led by Fr. Joshua Clifton. Topic: The Life of St. Bridget of Sweden. Our first meeting was a hit! Come join us for next one. Friday, August 12th, 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

Catholic Homeschool Ministry Open House Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Homeschool Ministry

OLMHR's mission is to support all Catholic families who want to homeschool. We currently have over sixty families registered, coming from many parishes around the greater Portland area. Our members use a wide variety of curricula, but are united by our shared Catholic faith and our desire to live our vocation as the primary educators of our children. We offer field trips, annual events like a science fair, parent support meetings, a weekly playgroup, enrichment classes and information sessions for new homeschoolers.

Join us for an Open House on Thursday, August 25th from 7 pm-9 pm at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Portland. Come learn about all the great events, groups, and field trips we'll be enjoying this year. Questions? Email our leader, Jennifer Friend, at jarrigotti@gmail.com.



**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

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 for men and women ages 18-40 (ish) who meet once a month for fellowship,

Reflection

Often when someone hears “Maronite,” even if they themselves are not Maronite, the first thing they think of is St. Sharbel. He is such a great saint that he has gained world renown and, in fact, was added to even the Roman Calendar for July 24th, the day after the Maronite feast day. So many lessons can be learned from this great saint, beginning with his very name.

St. Sharbel was born Joseph Makhlouf. Sharbel, the name of a second century Syrian martyr, was the name he chose when he became a monk that seemed to foreshadow the rest of his life. The name comes from two Syriac words, sharbo (history/story) and el (God), put together meaning the history or story of God. From the very choice of this name, Sharbel made God the very subject of his life rather than just another object. He fasted, prayed and worked in the field every day, offering all to God – every mundane action, whether it be picking a grape or taking a step, was a sacrifice to the Lord.

From placing God as the protagonist of his life, rather than himself, his holiness has come to be known throughout the world and God has worked many miracles through his intercession. So many and global are the assistances God has worked through him that even some of us may have witnessed them like the healing of a blind woman in Phoenix in 2016 after venerating his relics, though she had never previously heard of him. Having placed God as the center of his life, it is most appropriate that he would pass away while offering the Divine Liturgy. St. Sharbel loved the Syriac language and our Maronite tradition, and tradition holds that he passed away during the Abo dQushto or, as many know it in English, the Father of Truth.

As St. Sharbel’s life slipped away while holding the Body of Christ in his hands the beautiful words of Abo dQushto were being sung, originally from a 4th century written by St. Jacob of Sarug. The man who had placed God as the center of his life prayed in this world for the last time:

Behold, His [Christ’s] blood is poured out on Golgotha for my salvation and it implores on my behalf. Accept my petition for its sake. How many are my debts, how many are Your mercies if You should weigh them? Your compassion greatly outweighs mountains if You weigh them.

This great saint was a monk and, therefore, had a life different from our own day-to-day. Nonetheless, his example teaches us to place God as the center of our lives. This verse of the Abo dQushto has the speaker admit that his sins are many, implicitly comparing them to heaps of mountains. But God’s mercy is so great that if put on a scale with mountains His mercy greatly outweighs all else. The mercy of God is the center of the hymn, as it was the center of St. Sharbel’s life. Our tradition teaches us to be mindful of our sin, but we act for God and love of Him, nothing else. If one reacts to sin or fear of Satan we are placing sin or fear of Satan as the center of our life. But because we love God we act for Him as the subject and reject all that is contrary to Him by choosing Him, rather than reacting to other things. In this way we all take the name “Sharbel” because we make our lives the story of God.

Perhaps with his last dying breath the great saint sang the conclusion of *Abo dQushto*, which we should join in with him all the days of our lives:

Glory be to the Father Who sent His Son for our sake. Adoration be to the Son Who by His crucifixion freed all. Thanks be to the Spirit by Whom the mystery of our salvation was fulfilled. Blessed is He for in His love He gave us life; to Him be glory.

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