

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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February 12, 2023

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed



Next Sunday

Entrance into Lent: Miracle at Cana

Rom 14:14-23 (Consideration for the Weak Conscience)

Jn 2:1-11 (The Wedding at Cana)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for January 29th - February 4th

Online.....\$483.30

Collection.....\$565.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,048.30

YTD Total.....\$6,556.50

YTD Goal.....\$11,540.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$4,983.50**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, February 12th, 11:00am

Available

Monday, February 13th

Available

Tuesday, February 14th

Available

Wednesday, February 15th

Available

Thursday, February 16th

Available

Friday, February 17th

Available

Saturday, February 18th

Available

Sunday, February 19th

+Kathy Rask

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, February 12th

Agopos Ghossein

Sunday, February 19th

Redmond Family

Parish Council

Bruce Ashford

Charlie Ashou

Gus Bekahi

Ben El Hajj

Agopos Ghossein

Adib Karam

+Claude Karam

Lydia Massaad

+Doug Raab

+Thaddeus Rask

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Committee

|| SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION ||

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Earthquake Victims Syria and Turkey

To do our part in helping the victims and families of the recent earthquake in Syria, which has taken so many lives, we will be holding a special Second Collection on Sunday, February 12.



Need to Schedule a Mass Intention?

STEP 1: Go to the Website <https://www.stsharbel.org/mass-intentions/>

STEP 2: View Available Dates via the Button

STEP 3: Fill Out the Mass Intention Request Form

STEP 4: Donate a Mass Stipend

*Priority will be given to Parishioners

*Mass Intentions are added manually from the Request Form, so please allow 24-48 hours for mass intentions to be scheduled.

Parish Programs



St. Sharbel's MYO or "The Cedars of Saint Sharbel" gathers in the upstairs meeting room immediately after mass. The group is for boys and girls ages 13-18.

Upcoming Meeting Dates Are:

- 2/12 Cedars youth/parents meet at 1:00 for lunch at Five Guys in Beaverton, and then carpool to King Pins for 2 games of Laser Tag
- 2/26 Cedars Meeting discussing the Theology of the Body simplified
- 3/12 Cedars Meeting with Surprise Guest
- 3/26 Cedars Meeting with Mental Health Focus
- 4/16 Cedars Meeting and last dabke rehearsal
- 4/30 Cedars Dabke for/with St. Sharbel Families
- 5/7 Cedars Movie Day - last meeting until the Fall



Cedars will be going to lunch in Beaverton and then [King Pins](#) to play laser tag together on Sunday, February 12 at 1:00pm. Please RSVP to Gennifer no later than 2/8 so we can plan accordingly. Siblings are welcome, but must be under the supervision of mom or dad the entire time. More details to come, but mark your calendars!

Please contact Gennifer Karam at jmjkaram3@gmail.com to register

Maronite Young Adults (MYA)

MYA is a local chapter of a national Maronite organization for single and married men and women ages 19+



Next Event: TBA

For more info on the MYA, contact Claude@trazzafoods.com

Religious Education

To ALL Families with children between Ages 6-11

For Information about family catechesis and sacrament preparation Contact Nadia Redmond, Coordinator of Religious Education, n.redmond@comcast.net

Please continue to pray for our parish and ministries



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

Reflection

If we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him (Romans 6:8).

This Sunday brings us to the third and final week of commemorations of the dead – the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. We continue to pray that God have mercy upon the departed this week, specifically focusing on the average faithful who have died, such as our friends, siblings, parents, and grandparents. It pays to ask, though, what were they faithful to and what is the result if they are dead? Jesus Christ answers this, saying, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die” (John 11:25-26).

We implore the Lord this Sunday that He have mercy and grant rest to those who have “eaten Your body, drank Your blood and have fallen asleep in Your hope” – the hope of the eternal life that Christ promises. And Christ will certainly grant eternal life to those who were faithful to Him, as He Himself is life. He is the Lord of life Who created life in the beginning, and has willed to destroy death by His becoming man. As St. Paul said, “The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:57). Jesus Christ, Who is our immortal God and source of all life, united His divine life to our human mortality by becoming man that by dying He might destroy death. He joined His immortality to our mortality by becoming man, that death may not kill us if we cling to Him. By His dying, He – Life Himself, over Whom death has no power – went down to death to destroy it for those who follow Him. When Christ rose, He foreshadowed the life He offered to those who will also overcome death with Him at the end of time.

The resurrection of the dead is truly a real event. As a hymn verse from this Sunday recounts, Christ indicated the mystery of the resurrection multiple times throughout His life on earth:

Through three dead persons Christ revealed to us the mystery of the Resurrection. In three places of His journey He made death without threat: the daughter of Jairus in the house (Luke 8:49-56), the boy in the middle of the road (Luke 7:11-17) and Lazarus from the grave (John 11:1-44). Behold, in it were lain milestones of peace from beginning to end. (Trans. from the Commemoration of the Faith Departed)

In these various situations worth reading and recounting, Christ restores to life those who died with faith to foreshadow the resurrection. Each reveal a lot about the resurrection. When Jairus, for instance, asks Jesus to help his sick daughter who died, He responds, “She is not dead but asleep” (Luke 8:52) and the crowd responded by laughing at Jesus for they knew she was dead. In the cleverness of this world, the crowd thought the girl was lost for good, but Jesus Christ, Who is the Lord of the living and the dead, knows that to whom He grants the resurrection death is only like a nap. That is why we say the faithful departed “sleep” in Christ’s hope – for when the resurrection occurs at the end of time, their death will only have been like a nap and they will live again. Likewise, we call them faithful “departed” (unlike those who go to hell, who are eternally “lost”) because they will one day return to life just as Christ did.

This Sunday let us implore the Lord to grant the faithful departed rest in His Kingdom, and the resurrection into new eternal life:

O Lord, our Lord, Who delivered Yourself to the cross and tasted death for our salvation, raise and give life to the departed buried in Sheol for the sign of Your Lordship (i.e. baptism) is upon them, hallelujah! Through You may they have spiritual wings and enter with You into the bridal chamber of joys.

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