



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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April 2, 2023

Hosanna Sunday



Next Sunday

Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection

1 Cor 15:12-26 (Results of Denial/Christ the Firstfruits)

Mk 16:1-8 (The Resurrection of Jesus)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for March 19th - 25th

Online.....\$943.30

Collection.....\$0.00

Weekly Total.....\$943.30

YTD Total.....\$22,158.95

YTD Goal.....\$27,696.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$5,537.05**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, April 2nd, 11:00am

Available

Monday, April 3rd

Available

Tuesday, April 4th

Available

Wednesday, April 5th

Available

Thursday, April 6th

Available

Friday, April 7th

Available

Saturday, April 8th

Available

Sunday, April 9th

Available

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, April 2nd

Available

Sunday, April 9th

Available

News/Events

Parish Council

Bruce Ashford
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H O L Y W E E K

April 2 : Palm Sunday

Hosanna Sunday (Shaneene) - 11:00am

Procession to follow with the distribution of Palms.

*Confessions will be heard **before** Mass only*

****Breakfast and Egg Hunt after Mass. ****

April 5: Wednesday

Rite of the Lamp - Mass/Qurbano - 7pm

Confessions will be heard before/after the Holy Mysteries

April 6: Holy Thursday

Institution of the Eucharist - Mass/Qurbano - 7pm

Washing of the Apostles Feet

Confessions will be heard before/after the Holy Mysteries

April 7: Great Friday

Signing of the Chalice - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy - 10:30am

*Confessions available before or after **by request***

Burial Procession (Zeeyah) - No Eucharist - 7pm

Commemoration of the Burial of our Lord

No Confessions available in the evening

April 8: Saturday of Holy Week

Morning Service: 10:30am

Rite of Forgiveness (General Absolution)

No individual confessions available

Night of Vigil Easter:

Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord (Mass/Qurbano) - 9:00pm

Followed by Rite of Peace and Procession

No individual confessions available

April 9: Easter Sunday

Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord - 11:00am No Procession, Mass



PRO-LIFE ROSARY

April 1, 2023, 10 am PST

511 SW 10th Ave Portland, OR 97205

"America you are beautiful...and blessed... The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life."

- St. John Paul II

The St. Pius X Knights of Columbus would like to invite you, your family, and friends to join us in praying the Rosary for an end to abortion and in thanksgiving to mark the conclusion of the Spring 2023, 40 Days for Life Campaign. We will be praying the Joyful Mysteries in Spanish and English using the USCCB meditations at <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/rosary-life-joyful-mysteries>.

Street parking or Smart park is available on Yamhill and 10th Ave (\$1.80/hr)



High School Graduate Scholarships

MYO – John A. Solomon
Two for High School Seniors \$2000

Massabki Brothers
One for High School Seniors \$2000

Naomi & Paul Kassouf
Two for High School Seniors \$2000

Abouna Sharbel
Three for High School Seniors \$1000

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Chagoury Family Undergraduate
One for College Student \$2000

Thomas & Jennie Ayoub
One for College Student \$2000

Grad & Professional Scholarship

Chagoury Family Graduate
One for Graduate Student \$2000

Study Abroad in Lebanon Opportunities

Notre Dame University-Louaize
Up to 10 scholarships total for Fall 2022 or Spring 2023

The Holy Spirit University of Kaslik
Up to 12 students for Summer 2023 Semester

For more information and applications visit www.namnews.org, namscholarships@gmail.com, or call NAM at 330-212-9207

Application Deadline: May 31, 2023

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next Collection

April 7, 2023

Holy Land Collection

April 9, 2023

Eparchial Development
Appeal

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.

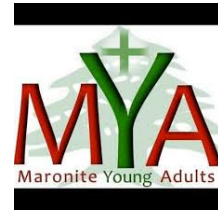
Upcoming Meeting Dates Are:

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

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

In the Syriac calendar, the Sunday of Hosannas concludes Lent itself and begins *Hasho* – the Passion of our Lord. The Syriac tradition specifically calls it the Sunday of Hosannas, rather than Palm Sunday, emphasizing “Hosanna,” the phrase those welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem shouted. We stress this word, which is Hebrew for “Save us!” at Christ’s arrival to His Passion because we stress what His entrance into Jerusalem truly meant, and with the crowds shout “Save us!”

The entirety of Lent we have been preparing ourselves spiritually, by fasting, prayer and good works, so that we may fruitfully celebrate our Lord’s life-giving suffering, death and resurrection. Just as the people in Jerusalem greeted Him, so today we sing praises welcoming Him for He has come to save us in His love:

When our Lord descended from the Mount of Olives His disciples surrounded Him in great joy and exultation. They called out to their Lord and God in a sweet melody, “This day we rejoice and say You have saved us, Lord, for the feast has come to the horns of the altar.” Alleluia, Christ is sacrificed! (Transfer Hymn for the Sunday of Hosannas)

We see in the hymn that followers sing, “The feast has come to the horns of the altar.” What they mean can be explained by the Jewish Temple practices. Before the coming of Christ, every time the Jews needed to obtain the forgiveness of sins, they needed to make animal sacrifices in the Temple of Jerusalem. Once a year, the high priest would enter into the sanctuary alone with animal blood and make an offering for the sins of the people (Heb. 9:7) by putting blood on the horns (or corners) of the altar as God instructed Moses (Lev. 4:18). But this needed to be repeated as endlessly as man sins, and this was instructed only to foreshadow the true reality behind it. That true reality is that Jesus Christ, our God, the true High Priest, would enter into the perfect tabernacle “not made by human hands” – His Passion – and offer His own blood for the eternal redemption of His beloved people, mankind.

Christ, in His love for us to remove our sin, entered into Jerusalem knowing that this would be the entrance into the sacrifice of His own life. Christ is the feast brought to the horns of the altar, and this is why the hymn concludes, “Alleluia, Christ is sacrificed!” By Christ’s self-sacrifice, death is slain. In His love for mankind, He humbled Himself to enter Jerusalem and His Passion, not with legions of His angels, but upon a lowly donkey just as He entered His Incarnation like a poor child in a lowly manger. The Lord today enters Jerusalem, the holy city where His Temple was established for His worship, so that He, the true priest, could offer the perfect sacrifice, Himself. By His blood, Christ grants us the means to wash away our sin forever.

The Passion of the Lord, into which we enter today, is a harbor of life and place of refuge from the destruction of sin. We greet our loving Lord, Life Himself, Who has come to offer Himself for love of us. With joy we cry out: Glory be to the Lord! The passion of the Son of God is a harbor for us for in it our souls rest from the work of the world. In it the entirety of fasting is completed and with it all good things are brought about. In it may churches and monasteries exult together. The Fountain of Life rejoices in the second baptism. (Trans. from the Coming to the Harbor)

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