



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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April 16, 2023

**New Sunday: Jesus Appears to the
Disciples and Thomas**



Next Sunday

Jesus Appears to the Two Disciples at Emmaus

2 Tm 2:8-13 (Timothy's Conduct)

Lk 24:13-25 (The Appearance on the Road to
Emmaus)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for April 2nd - 8th

Online.....\$749.30

Collection.....\$1,300.00

Weekly Total.....\$2,049.30

YTD Total.....\$25,575.55

YTD Goal.....\$32,312.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$6,736.45**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, April 16th, 11:00am

Available

Monday, April 17th

Available

Tuesday, April 18th

Available

Wednesday, April 19th

Available

Thursday, April 20th

Available

Friday, April 21st

Available

Saturday, April 22nd

Available

Sunday, April 23rd

+John Moffitt

***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 16th

Agopos Ghossein

Sunday, April 23rd

Redmond Family

Parish Council

Bruce Ashford
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+Claude Karam
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+Doug Raab
+Thaddeus Rask
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Proudly announces
Scholarship Program for 2023

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

Undergraduate Scholarships

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 30, 2023

Catholic Home Missions 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:

APRIL 16, After Mass

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

On this Sunday, the Maronite Church celebrates New Sunday. As the Gospel of John (20:26-29) describes it, it was the eighth day of the Resurrection, that is the week after Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from His grave, destroying death by His death. However, His Resurrection had not yet been known to some of His closest followers and friends, the Apostles. He appeared to some, but not all. But today we celebrate the day that our Lord Jesus Christ confirmed in His great mercy that He rose from the dead, granting eternal life to those who follow Him.

Everything Jesus Christ did and does has been in the great abundance of His mercy in His love for mankind: His annunciation of His conception, His birth in the flesh, His baptism in the Jordan, His healings and teachings, His Passion, His crucifixion and death, His burial, His descent into Sheol, His resurrection from the dead, His ascension into heaven and His sending the Spirit at Pentecost. Each action He undertook out of no need of His own, but for His love of us to lead us away from error and unite our weak humanity to His divine life. Beyond the events of His Incarnation in the flesh, which we celebrate as the major milestones of our Church year, everything He has done for us has been in mercy from the creation of the world, the sending of prophets and the Church in the present age. All He did and does is for our assistance in His loving mercy.

Yet the salvation that Christ offered was not always so clearly known. The Apostles themselves were not certain what happened during Christ's Passion and Resurrection, which we just celebrated during Holy Week and Easter Sunday, especially because they had not yet received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to assist their understanding. This is why Jesus visited them multiple times – to help them understand that He did not die, for He is Life Himself, but it was death itself that died by His death. Before today, perhaps many believed their beloved Master was gone for good, but He confirmed to them that He is the Ancient of Days Who existed before all:

Thomas became a mighty and tall fortification for the Holy Church when he uprooted doubts from her when he touched the side of his Lord. Arise, O Church, and sing glory on the day of his memory when he became a fortification for you! Through his prayers let Him quell the waves of heresies that fight against her and strengthen your children to cry out and say to the Son, "Truly You are my Lord and my God, worshipped by all, and You have confirmed the faith for us. (Trans. from Syriac Maronite Vespers of New Sunday)

In our tradition, we do not criticize St. Thomas the Apostle for having doubted Christ – he did not understand the Resurrection as no one before that week truly experienced it. But St. Thomas is our proof that the risen Lord was not simply a vision or memory, but truly risen flesh when he placed his hand in the Lord's side. The Lord raised His own flesh from death in His love so that we might all overcome death if we follow Him in faith. On this New Sunday, He confirmed in knowledge to us what was always true: His immeasurable mercy towards us is our true source of peace because He would literally go to death and back for the sake of our life.

O Peace, You gladdened the Apostles, sowed harmony in the Upper Room, sent them to the ignorant in the four corners of creation and illuminated the earth by Your teaching more than the sun that shines in the sky. By it, they brought back the errant peoples who had strayed to gods. May He Who is Peace be with us and amongst us all the days of our lives; our Lord and our God, to You be glory forever. Amen.

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