



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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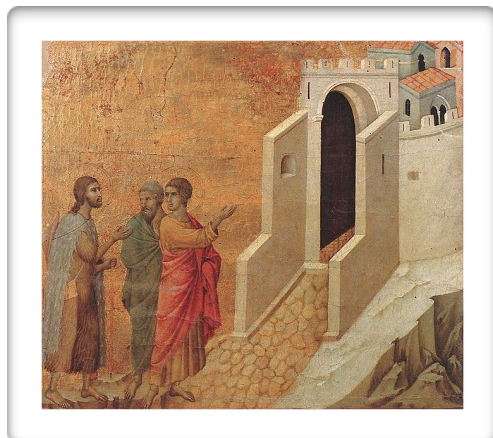
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## April 23, 2023

Jesus Appears to the Two Disciples at Emmaus



**Next Sunday**

*Jesus Appears to the Disciples at Sea*

**Heb 13:18-25** (Final Exhortation, Greetings, Blessings)

**Jn 21:1-14** (The Appearance to the 7 Disciples)

## Your Gifts To God

*Offering Report for April 9th - 15th*

Online.....\$928.30

Collection.....\$1,467.00

Weekly Total.....\$2,395.30

YTD Total.....\$27,970.85

YTD Goal.....\$34,620.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$6,649.15**

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, April 23rd, 11:00am

**+John Moffitt**

Monday, April 24th

**+David Havlicek**

Tuesday, April 25th

**+Albertina Myers**

Wednesday, April 26th

**+Ted Havlicek**

Thursday, April 27th

**+Evette Ghosson**

Friday, April 28th

**+Joanne Klein**

Saturday, April 29th

*Available*

Sunday, April 30th

*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 23rd**

*Redmond Family*

**Sunday, April 30th**

*Available*

## Parish Council

Bruce Ashford  
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+Claude Karam  
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**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  
— Final meeting of the Year

Please contact Gennifer Karam at [jmjkaram3@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:n.redmond@comcast.net)



## Reflection

On Sunday the Living One rose from the grave and He did not see corruption among the dead as was written. He killed death by His death, destroyed Sheol, broke the bow of its lord and shamed Satan for by His death He put to death sin. By His resurrection He justified our nature. Glory be to Him who redeemed His Church by His death and resurrection.

(Trans. from the Syriac Maronite Morning Prayer for the Sundays of Easter)

The Season of the Resurrection continues this Sunday and will continue until the Feast of Pentecost on June 9. The fact that we celebrate Easter on our calendar for fifty days illustrates that it is truly the greatest feast day of our faith. But we not only celebrate Easter until Pentecost but every day of our Christian lives. But why?

In today's Gospel reading Christ appears once again to His disciples. When He appears He begins to explain Christ is the fulfillment of everything the prophets foretold (Luke 24:25). Indeed, ever since the beginning of the world, God had been preparing it to enter into the world that He might join Himself to it and perfect creation by allowing us to share in His divine nature. He sent the prophets throughout every age to prepare the faithful to receive Him, and revealed Himself bit by bit, which is why we still read the prophets of the Old Testament, until He appeared Himself.

Easter is the Feast of Feasts that all ages have awaited prefigured by the prophets. Abraham is given a lamb to sacrifice instead of his only son, Isaac. Moses instructs the Jews to sacrifice a lamb on Passover in Egypt, and the Angel of Death passes over them. Lambs are continually sacrificed in the Temple of Jerusalem for the forgiveness of sin. But in each situation, a finite animal is sacrificed and it only averts a small situation – Isaac lives another day to die a natural death, Moses lives longer to die before entering the Promised Land and every year the Jewish priests sacrificed more and more lambs for the forgiveness of sins. All of it foreshadowed Christ, the True Lamb of God.

Christ, our God, was sacrificed as the True Lamb, prefigured by all the prophets of the Old Testament. But unlike their sacrifices, He was not an animal but our immortal God Who accepted to be sacrificed on the cross of Golgotha. By dying, He killed death and sin because Jesus, Life Himself, descended to death and killed death itself for all of us. Of course, bodily death still remains in this world, just as Christ died a bodily death. But just as Christ died, those who die in Him will also be resurrected on the Day of Judgment for those who believe in Him will never die, as He promised (John 11:26). The resurrection destroyed the oppression of death which threatened mankind and allows our nature to partake of the divine nature's immortality.

On Easter, Christ rose from the dead, ending death for all who unite themselves to Him. This is why we celebrate Easter as the greatest feast of the year – on this day, death itself died because, in His great love, the immortal God Who died for us rose again to new life.

O Christ, our God, You rose in glory and majesty, and woke the souls of those slumbering in the heavy sleep of death. Awake our souls, O Lord, from the immersion of sin. Grant that we may know and understand the wonders which You have done for our salvation, and we shall glorify You ceaselessly now and at all times, forever. Amen.

(Trans. from the Syriac Maronite Morning Prayer for Easter Monday)

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