



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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April 9, 2023

Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection



Next Sunday

New Sunday

2 Cor 5:11-21 (The Ministry of Reconciliation)

Jn 20:26-31 (Thomas/Conclusion)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for March 26th - April 1

Online.....\$333.30

Collection.....\$1,034.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,367.30

YTD Total.....\$23,526.25

YTD Goal.....\$30,004.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$6,477.75**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, April 9th, 11:00am

Available

Monday, April 10th

Available

Tuesday, April 11th

Available

Wednesday, April 12th

Available

Thursday, April 13th

Available

Friday, April 14th

Available

Saturday, April 15th

Available

Sunday, April 16th

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 9th

Available

Sunday, April 16th

Available

News/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

+Finance
Committee

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



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



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:

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

Let God arise and let all His enemies be scattered; let His haters flee before Him. (Ps. 68:1)

We can sing the above psalm 68 with steadfast faith on the night before Easter because we know that Jesus Christ is truly risen from the dead. The entire basis of our faith is that He, the Lord of Life, overcame His voluntary Passion, granting life to all those who believe in Him. Shortly after the beginning of the world, Adam sinned and brought death into the world. But today we celebrate that our God, Who is Life, overcame sin and death. As our hymns of Holy Saturday resound, "On this day the Son of the King killed Death the Killer..." Death killed Adam, but Christ died so that He might kill death itself and bring Adam back to life eternal. Today, death and Satan flee before God and all those who stand beside Him.

We prepared for fifty days for this great feast since the Sunday of the Wedding at Cana. With fasting, alms and increased prayer, we prepared ourselves to face the Lord's Passion, when the Creator of All willed that He Himself should die to put to death our mortality. But the conclusion is not death, but life for all:

The Tree of Life descended to Earth and gave His fruits to the needy to have life by His food and triumph over death. Even when a thief approved Him, He gave him the keys to Paradise to open the door that the House of Adam may enter the Kingdom.

(Trans. from the Syriac Maronite Morning Prayer for the Great Saturday of Light)

Christ is the Tree of Life come down from heaven to save even the Good Thief, who repented and believed in Him. Adam brought death upon mankind through his disobedience, but Christ restored life through His perfect obedience. To the faithful Christian, death no longer kills. That seems an odd thing to read, especially since we experience death throughout our lives. But the bodily death that remains now is only temporary after the death of our Lord, just as the death of the Lord was only temporary. Through Christ's resurrection, He has promised those who follow Him resurrection from the dead as well. The Tree of Life, of which Adam deprived himself, voluntarily returned to deliver to us this Fruit of Immortality – His Body and Blood.

This Sunday of the Resurrection is the culmination of our entire Christian faith, as our God is the God of Life and our faith is a life-giving one. On this day, we celebrate the fact that Jesus Christ, the Giver of Life, overcame death once and for all, and promised us the same. What remains for us is to decide whether we shall live in the death of sin or turn towards the eternal life Christ offers us in following Him through the life of the Church.

O Living One from the Living One, Giver of Life and Life-Giver of the Dead, by Your wondrous death and glorious resurrection life was given to mortals, rising to the entombed and joy to the gloomy. O Lord, now grant life to our mortality, rising to our entombment, resurrection to our fallenness, consolation to our distresses and joy to our gloominess that we may give thanks to You with joy and exultation for Your salvation, and to Your Father, and to Your living and Holy Spirit, now and at all times, forever. Amen. (Trans. from the Syriac Maronite Compline for the Resurrection)

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