



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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July 16, 2023

8th Sunday of Pentecost



Next Sunday

9th Sunday of Pentecost

2 Cor 5:20-6:10 (The Ministry of Reconciliation)

Lk 4:14-21 (The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry/
The Rejection at Nazareth)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for July 2nd - 8th

Online.....\$900.30

Collection.....\$562.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,462.30

YTD Total.....\$47,576.95

YTD Goal.....\$62,316.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$14,739.05**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, July 16th, 11:00am

+ *Genevieve Maroun*

Monday, July 17th

Available

Tuesday, July 18th

Available

Wednesday, July 19th

Available

Thursday, July 20th

Available

Friday, July 21st

Available

Saturday, July 22nd

Available

Sunday, July 23rd

+*Marie Attar*

***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, July 16th

Available

Sunday, July 23rd

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next Collection:

September 10, 2023
Catholic University



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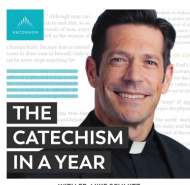
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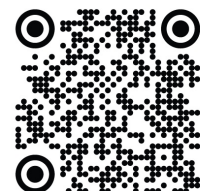
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Parish Programs

Maronite Young Adults (MYA)

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BBQ PARTY



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

SAVE THE DATE:

August 26th, Barbecue and Bonfire at Claude and Gennifer's home in Dundee.

MORE DETAILS TO COME

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

Reflection

When Our Lord Jesus Christ was asked by His disciples, "Teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1) it says a lot that His response was the prayer we have come to know as the "Our Father." Jesus, Who is good and the Lover of Mankind, wishes to equip us with every spiritual nourishment and so He provided us with the perfect prayer. As St. Jacob of Sarug said, whoever meditates upon the words of the Our Father holds perfect in their heart. God Himself gave us this prayer that we might have the perfection of God to reflect upon all the days our life. The Our Father is not only a basic prayer in that we learn it as children, but it summarizes the entire perfection of Christian life that we must continually pray and meditate upon. The Our Father is a rich and inexhaustible fount of divine wisdom and direction for how to address the Lord. According to the Syriac Peshitta for this Sunday's reading (Luke 11:2-4), Christ tells us to pray:

Our Father, Who is in heaven,

We call God Father so often, we sometimes forget the radicalness of it. As Philoxenus of Mabbug says not everyone can do so. God created all and everyone, but only the baptized can call God *our* Father because they have become children of God and siblings of Christ through the Holy Spirit. As our baptismal rite emphasizes, the baptismal font is a spiritual womb through which we are born again/from above (John 3:3), as Christ says is necessary to see the Kingdom. Through the womb of baptism we are born are children of the Father in heaven, and therefore can call Him Father and ask of Him as a child to his or her parent. But even before we ask, the fact that we are children of the Divine means that we too share in divine things.

Hallowed be Your name.

The name of God is to be blessed at times, for His name is the name before which "Every kneel shall bend" (Phil. 2:10). To hallow and sanctify a thing is to set it apart, and God has given us the intimacy of knowing His name that we should only honor it, which is set above all things.

May Your Kingdom come; may Your will be on Earth as it is in heaven.

We await the coming of the Kingdom in the Apocalypse. For those who are children of God, we do not fear His coming, but await it in excitement. Just like those who await the coming of a groom, those who prepare themselves for Christ's coming will rejoice when they see Him. That preparation is acting according to the will of God today and now, and repenting when we fail.

Give us the bread we need daily.

We should have confidence that God will provide what we need, and ask Him in our anxiety. Everything comes from God – as the popular Christmas hymn *Shubho lhaw qolo* says, "No one lives without air, no one exists without the Son." The parallel drawn is that Christ is the breath of our very existence – without Whom we would not even exist. Therefore, even our basic needs are supplied by God, and we should not fear to implore Him for our needs for, like a loving Father to His children, He will help us meet our needs.

Forgive us our sins as we have forgiven those who have wronged us.

This is a most difficult petition. It is humanly impossible that to match the infinite abundance of God's mercy. However, Jesus has warned us that we will be judged the same way we judge others (Matt. 7:2). We must discern right and wrong – but we must also forgive all who wrong us if we wish to receive forgiveness for our innumerable sins. If we should ever hesitate to forgive, we need only to remember how often we against God, yet, as St. Jacob said, if He would not forgive us, He would not have taught us to say "Forgive us our sins." Forgiveness is a divine quality, and we must ask God for the strength to forgive. Forgiveness is much like the Exodus of Israel from Egypt – if Israel tried to swim across the Red Sea, either Pharaoh's Army or the tide would have drowned them, no matter how adept they were at swimming. Likewise, if we forgive by human power alone, perhaps we can stay afloat for a bit, but without the help of God, the smallest reminder will undo it, even with great effort. Let us always ask Him for our daily needs.

Lead us not into trial but save us from the Evil One.

God sends no evil, but He is the Lord of All and has authority over all. The Evil One, Satan, and his hosts seeks to lead us away from our divine sonship with every little opportunity. It is not that God sends us tests to make us stumble, but He also does not infringe on our free will. As Jesus says, God knows what you need before you even ask. God often has us ask, not because we need to inform or instruct Him, but to meditate and reflect upon our sins and calling to intimacy with God. Let us implore God, our Father, as His beloved children over Whom He broods.

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