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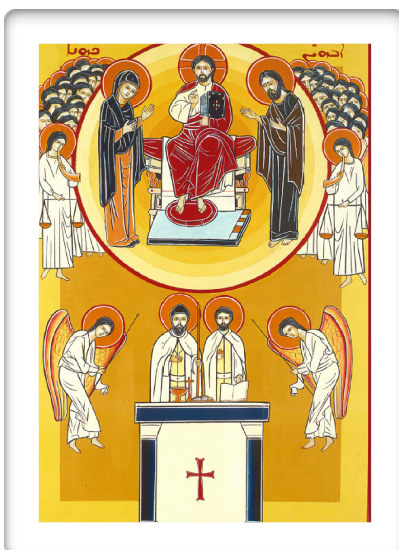
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January 21, 2023

Commemoration of the Priests



Next Sunday

Commemoration of the Righteous & the Just

Heb 12:18-24 (Penalties of Disobedience)

Mt 25:31-46 (The Judgement of the Nations)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for January 7th-13th

Online.....\$1,475.20

Collection.....\$0.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,475.20

YTD Total.....\$2,515.20

YTD Goal.....\$4,616.00

YTD Difference.....-\$2,100.80

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, January 21st, 11:00am

+Richard Allam

Monday, January 22nd

Available

Tuesday, January 23rd

Available

Wednesday, January 24th

Available

Thursday, January 25th

Available

Friday, January 26th

Available

Saturday, January 27th

Available

Sunday, January 28th

+Lynn and Barbara Harris

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, January 21st

Redmond Family

Sunday, January 28th

Available

Parish Council

Chair: Lydia Massaad

Charlie Ashou

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Adib Karam

+Claude Karam

Michael Layoun

+Doug Raab

+Thaddeus Rask

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+Finance Committee



Sunday of the Deceased Priests

Christ Jesus, Our God and Savior, You are the true Priest among Your people who chooses priests in Your likeness. You entrusted them with feeding Your flock and sent them as the Father sent You. You gave them a share in Your priesthood that they may appear before Your throne clothed in holiness and with ten talents in their hands.

Grant them the share of Peter, the chief of the apostles, and the portion of Paul, apostle to the nations. May they go to meet You in the Church of the first born, with the priests filled with piety. May they rejoice with the prophets who awaited You and the apostles who preached Your good news; through the intercession of Your immaculate Mother, the pleas of Your holy Apostles and the prayers of the priests, may they bring You glory, now and forever. Amen



From Ramsho, Evening Maronite Prayer

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY SYNTHESIS REPORT - FIRST SESSION

*Join us to learn about the key topics
selected for discernment in the final phase
of the Synod on Synodality, followed by
Q&A with Bishop Zaidan.*

Thursday, January 25

5:30 PM Pacific

6:30 PM Mountain

7:30 PM Central

8:30 PM Eastern

Via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82398307741?pwd=N01tMVplN1ZTbmJ6RmorU0JHQ25yUT09>



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WE PRAY THE ROSARY AT
10:30AM.

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WITHIN YOUR OWN FAMILY
TO PRAY THE ROSARY
TOGETHER.

SUNDAYS 10:30AM

SAINT SHARBEL

Youth AGES 12-17

FEBRUARY 18
MARCH 10
APRIL 14
MAY 5

"CEDARS OF SAINT SHARBEL"
Youth Catechesis

Gennifer Karam
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An illustration of a group of diverse youth, including boys and girls of various ethnicities, standing in a circle with their arms around each other. They are wearing colorful clothing. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds.

Maronite Young Adults (MYA)



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

NEXT MEETING:

JANUARY 21, 2024 — Right after Mass
We will be discussing the final rule, rule 14 of St Ignatius on
descendant of spirits.

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

In the words of St. Paul, “Where is your sting, oh death? Where is your victory, oh Sheol?” (1 Cor. 15:55, Syriac Peshitta). Because of Christ’s saving Incarnation, which we have celebrated in many different aspects already this liturgical year, we Christians can say death has lost its power, and Sheol, where the righteous dead were stuck before Christ descended to them, has had its bars ripped open. It is a strange thing to hear in a world that seems to be encompassed by death. But as Christians we know the bodily death is temporary for the world to come is greater than the world here that will pass away. The Syriac tradition understands this well, as we have historically dedicated Saturday to praying for the dead, as well as the last verse of most hymns. But praying for the dead was revealed long before Christ came – both praying for the forgiveness of the dead (2 Mac. 12:43-46) and asking the dead we know to be holy for their intercession with God (Ex. 13:19) were already done among the prophets, patriarchs, and Israel. This Sunday of the Commemoration of the Priests is the first of three Sundays before the beginning of Great Lent where we both venerate the holy departed priests and pray for those not yet in heaven. These weeks of commemoration are placed before Great Lent, which is a preparation for Easter, for both those in this world and the next have the opportunity for eternal life granted by Christ after He destroyed death and Sheol by His resurrection.

When Christians depart from this world they do not cease to be part of the Church, the Body of Christ, and so we continue to be in union with them. Priests are important to Christ’s Church in particular, for “[He] chose for Himself earthly priests, gave them authority over the treasury of His kingdom, and placed in their hands the keys to His treasury to distribute His wealth to the needy” (Trans. from Syriac Maronite Breviary). The treasury of God is the abundant and infinite mercy He has for us, and has made available to us through the priests, to whom He has given the keys – the sacraments. Each of the sacraments relates to the reality of the salvific acts of Christ Himself, such as baptism with the Baptism of our Lord at the Jordan or the Body and Blood, the Eucharist, with our Lord’s sacrifice on the cross. In fact, we even sing in one hymn to the priests, “Come in peace, our father who carries the mysteries of his Lord, and distributes life to the sons of men by his right hand.” God has permitted in His mercy that mere men should be consecrated as priests to distribute His mercy of eternal life and forgiveness of sin. Today, we recall the priests who have passed away laboring in the Lord’s vineyard, and ask those who are already in heaven to intercede for our needs before God.

As the Syriac Father Narsai points out, what is more amazing about God’s mercy is that the ability of the priest to bring the sacraments is not dependent on his own holiness but the Holy Spirit sanctifying the sacraments. As such, priests are still men, and as any man they have sinned. Today, we pray for those who distributed the riches of the treasury of God on earth – His mercy, forgiveness of sin, His Body and Blood – who have died, and are now in need of our assistance to arrive at the banquet of the kingdom in heaven, which we hope to join one day. In the words of the *Ginaaz*, the rite of the dead, for priests let us pray to our God, Lover of Mankind:

Cast down and humble, Lord, the dark armies who lie in wait in the air, these evil spirits who fly in the noontime before the soul of these, Your passed and grieved servants. Bring them near to You. May Your power come to their assistance, Your right hand to their salvation, and Your victorious cross to their rescue. May Your Body and Blood be for their forgiveness, Your rising and resurrection to their renewal, and Your banquet and kingdom be for their delight: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to You be glory forever. Amen.

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