



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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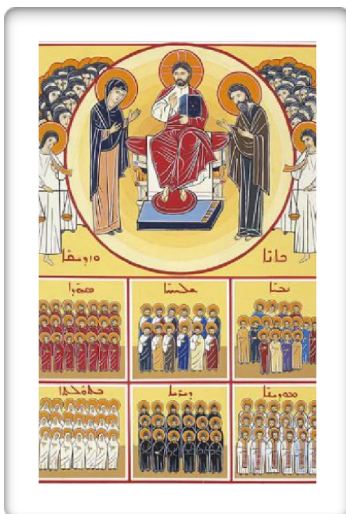
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January 28, 2024

Commemoration of the Righteous & Just



Next Sunday

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

1 Thes 5:1-11 (Vigilance)

Lk 16:19-31 (The Parable of the Rich Man & Lazarus)

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, January 28th, 11:00am

+Lynn and Barbara Harris

Monday, January 29th

Available

Tuesday, January 30th

Available

Wednesday, January 31st

Available

Thursday, February 1st

Available

Friday, February 2nd

Available

Saturday, February 3rd

Available

Sunday, February 4th

+Manne Atie

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.

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for January 14th-20th

Online.....\$363.00

Collection.....\$900.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,263.00

YTD Total.....\$3,778.20

YTD Goal.....\$6,924.00

YTD Difference.....-\$3,145.80

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, January 28th

Available

Sunday, February 4th

Available

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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.

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:
TBA

For more info on the MYA, contact Claude@trazzafoods.com

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Please continue to pray for our parish and ministries.



Reflection

This Sunday is the second of the three weeks of commemorations of the departed before Lent which encourage us to pray for the eternal rest and forgiveness of specific groups within the Church. Last Sunday, as we recall, was the Commemoration of Priests in which we prayed for those priests who served the Lord in His Church on Earth. This Sunday we specifically pray for the righteous and the just who have left from amongst us in this world for the next. As we reflected upon last week, we pray for the departed that they may be forgiven of any offense they committed on Earth and enter the eternal life of heaven. Praying for the dead is an ancient practice God revealed in the Old Testament, and which is precisely why we sometimes call the funeral rite in Syriac the *Takso dLwoyo* (the Rite of Accompaniment). We accompany the body of the dead to their grave and we accompany their soul to the Kingdom of Heaven by our prayers.

Of course, as Christians we believe death is a temporary state, permanent as it seems. The Resurrection of Christ has foreshadowed the fate of all mankind for we will all be raised on the last day for Judgment. As Christ taught us, He will justly judge us, separating the just from the wicked, and “When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers” (Prov. 21:15). What is this just reward that brings joy the just? One of the hymns describes it simply:

“The righteous never die,” our Lord said in His Gospel, and death shall never reign upon them for our Lord is their resurrection. May our brethren who have justly labored and righteously toiled with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Patriarchs, arrive at the Place of Life. (Trans. from Evening Prayer of the Commemoration of the Just and Righteous)

The payment of the just, who labored for the work of the Lord in this life, is eternal life in the next in heaven. It follows, then, that the punishment for those who were wicked is eternal death in hell. But the motivation of the just is not the fear of punishment, but the joy of justice – love of the Lord and His work. The just are those who followed our Lord’s commands in prayer, fasting and charity. In following the Lord in this perishable life, they will share in His divine splendor in the next when “the just will rise from their graves clothed in light like the sun.”

We pray this Sunday that those who are righteous and just are forgiven all their sins and granted eternal repose in heaven for “No one living is righteous before You” (Ps. 143:2) – even those who seem to have been perfect upon Earth. Every person is in need of our prayers, and this Sunday we pray especially for those who provided an example of a good Christian life in this world for us. We ask the Lord that He forgive them in His superabundant mercy and raise up His own image from the dirt of death, into which sin has dragged it: Renew, O Lord, the image of Your likeness which death has cast into the abysses of ravenous Sheol. Raise up the bodies from the deep pits and cracks of the earth of those who renounced the world, its detestable things, its disgraceful pleasures, toiling diligently in just works and monastic ways of life and, as the rest of mankind, have tasted the cup of tyrannous death. Awake, O Lord, their souls and bodies, and shake the dust and dirt from their faces. Make them worthy of the Resurrection on Your right hand so that with confidence they may offer glory and thanks to You, and to Your Father, and to Your living and Holy Spirit, now and at all times, forever. Amen.

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