



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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## February 25, 2024

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman



**Next Sunday**

*Parable of the Prodigal Son*

**2 Cor 13:5-13** (Final Warnings and Appeals)

**Lk 15:11-32** (The Parable of the Lost Son)

## Your Gifts To God

*Offering Report for February 11th - 17th*

Online.....\$1,183.50

Collection.....\$471.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,654.50

YTD Total.....\$8,747.90

YTD Goal.....\$16,156.00

YTD Difference.....-\$7,408.10

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, February 25th, 11:00am

**+Nick Criscoula**

Monday, February 26th

*Available*

Tuesday, February 27th

*Available*

Wednesday, February 28th

*Available*

Thursday, February 29th

*Available*

Friday, March 1st

*Available*

Saturday, March 2nd

*Available*

Sunday, March 3rd

*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, February 25th

*Available*

Sunday, March 3rd

*Available*

## Parish Council

Chair: Lydia Massaad

Sara Ashou

Eva Bekahi

Ben El Hajj

Adib Karam

+Claude Karam

Michael Layoun

+Doug Raab

+Thaddeus Rask

Nadia Redmond

Peter Rizk

Mitch Siekmann

Gibran Zogbi

+Finance Committee

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### Fridays During Lent @7:00PM

Questions to Gibran or Ben

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#### March 24: 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\*\**

#### March 28: Holy Thursday

**Institution of the Eucharist (Mass/Qurbono) — 7pm**

Washing of the Apostles Feet

*Confessions will be heard before/after the Holy Mysteries*

#### March 29: Great Friday

**Signing of the Chalice — Pre-Sanctified Liturgy — 11am**

*Confessions available before of after by request*

#### Burial Procession (Zeeyah) — No Eucharist — 7pm

Commemoration of the Burial of our Lord

*No confessions available in the evening*

#### March 30: Saturday of Holy Week

**Morning Service — 11am**

**Rite of Forgiveness (General Absolution)**

*No individual confessions available*

#### Night of Vigil Easter

**Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord (Mass/Qurbono) — 9pm**

Followed by Rite of Peace and Procession

*No individual confessions available*

#### March 31: Easter Sunday

**Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord — 11am**

No Procession, Mass



*The National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM)  
Presents*

*The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Raffle - 2022*

*Only 450 Tickets are printed*

*Donation: \$100 per ticket*

*This just may be the year your lucky number is chosen!!!!*

#### Cash Prizes!!!

1st \$10,000.00

2nd \$3,000.00

3rd \$2,000.00

4th \$1,500.00

5th \$1,000.00

This year's drawing will be held on **April 14, 2024** at Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Washington, D.C.;

Thank you for your support in previous years for this raffle fund-raiser, as it is an important part of the NAM annual budget. We are counting on your generosity once again, to support our community projects.

To purchase a personal ticket(s), your parish NAM Delegates have 4 tickets to sell, please contact Nadia Redmond at 503-671-0440 or email: [n.redmond@comcast.net](mailto:n.redmond@comcast.net)

All requests and payments must be received by **March 17, 2024**.

[www.namnews.org](http://www.namnews.org)

## ABOUNA WILL BE RETURNING!!!

### Sunday, March 3, 2024

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



# MARCH 3, 2024

## Will take place directly after mass

# Parish Programs

## Wanted ONE Holy Hour per Week!



Contact Nadia Redmond  
503-671-0440

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Email: [n.redmond@comcast.net](mailto:n.redmond@comcast.net)

More info at:

<https://sevensistersapostolate.org/>

## MYO EVENTS

Friday, March 8th @5:45pm

MYO Meeting in the basement for meatless meal, games, and Praise and Worship music before Stations of the Cross.

**All Youth ages 13-18 are welcome!**

## PRAY THE ROSARY



EVERY SUNDAY BEFORE MASS WE PRAY THE ROSARY AT 10:30AM.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PERSON OR WITHIN YOUR OWN FAMILY TO PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER.

**SUNDAYS 10:30AM**



## Cedars of St. Sharbel Youth Catechesis Ages 12-17

To sign up, contact Gennifer Karam [jmkaram3@gmail.com](mailto:jmkaram3@gmail.com)

**March 10** - Mental Health and Faith  
w/guest speaker

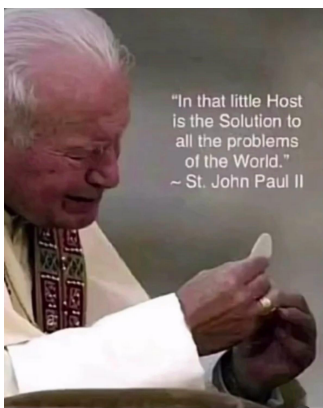
**April 14** - Love and Responsibility

**TBA** - Final Meeting Before Summer



## Maronite Young Adults (MYA)

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



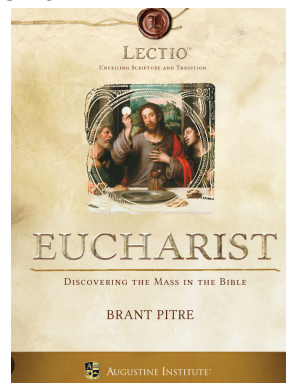
### NEXT MEETING:

**February 25**

Watch the first video in the series and be prepared to discuss at the meeting



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.





## Reflection

It is part of common human experience to be excluded from something. Perhaps you are excluded by fellow students or coworkers from a group for an old grudge or family members might keep you at a distance because of your faith. However it manifests, social exclusion is an unfortunate inevitability of human relationships and hurtful. In the today's reading from the Gospel the hemorrhaging woman is exactly that – a social reject. According to Jewish purity laws, she is dirty because of her illness. If any other Jew deemed pure by the Law were to touch her that person would become ritually impure, defiled and in need of being ritually purified else they make others impure as well. This poor woman was suffering, and her suffering was increased by her rejection from others. So she tried all earthly doctors' remedies, but none helped (Luke 8:43). Only Christ can help her, and so we see in this miracle, just like in the healing of the blind man, Christ's place as the Good Physician when He allows her to touch Him and be healed.

Christ knew rejection as He was the cornerstone that the builders had rejected (Ps. 118:22). Though without need, our all-powerful God descended to enter the trials of humanity and defeat them – rejection being one of them. Each time Christ heals someone or helps He is attacked by His enemies until the point where they kill Him. But He does so knowing He will die so that He can save humanity from the death of sin. The hemorrhaging woman, rejected by all, tries all human means of getting better. But, as King David says, "trust not in princes" (Ps. 146:3) for "our help is in the name of the Lord" (Ps. 124:8). Sin is a battle we cannot win by ourselves. Adam lost in the Garden, and if we try to be pure of sin on our own we will always fail. But, like the hemorrhaging woman who was discouraged by others, if we spiritually reach out and grab the Pure One, Jesus Christ, we shall be healed. Those who thought themselves pure laughed at the Pure One for their self-conceit blinded them from the truth of whose presence they were in

(Luke 8:53). But that day, it was the hemorrhaging woman, the impure one, who was truly made pure because of her daring faith to grab the Pure One (Luke 8:48), and the "pure" who reviled her are truly the impure.

The sickness of sin is an epidemic in humanity, but the Good Physician has already come and prepared the cure in His love. Those who think they are healthy will not take the medicine – though in reality no one living is righteous before God (Ps. 143:2). We must look to the hemorrhaging woman as our inspiration for boldness, and our faith must overcome both our sense of self-sufficiency and fear. We will neither seek the medicine of our sin if we think we are well nor will we approach Him who gives it if we are too afraid. But let us not fear if we truly love Christ for He gives us every opportunity for our salvation. Let us receive the Good Physician's prescription, Lent, which He has written to prepare us to receive the ultimate Medicine of Life, His Eucharist made possible by His sacrifice on the cross. In keeping with this Lenten prescription, let us fast from food and negative deeds, as well as let us give alms to the poor and pray.

All the sick and sinful Christ heals and accepts are an example calling us to repent – the tax collector, the thief who was crucified with Him, Mary Magdalene, and the hemorrhaging woman. Though the Mass is the source and summit of our worship as Christians, and the Eucharist is receiving Christ Himself, we should constantly pray asking for His mercy. Our Syriac tradition stresses the power of the cross, the symbol that stands in place of all the life-saving actions of Christ. We might not have the highest medicine of the Good Physician available to us all the time, but every hour of the day we have His cross available to us. Let us make this holy sign, a holy means of access to Him, throughout our day, approaching Him in strong faith, and asking to be healed of all that sickens us for He wishes us to be well.



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