

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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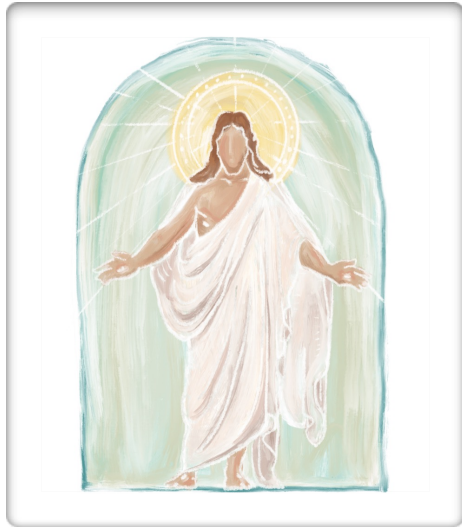
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March 31, 2024

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 17th - 23rd

Online.....\$688.50

Collection.....\$399.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,087.50

YTD Total.....\$16,121.90

YTD Goal.....\$27,696.00

YTD Difference.....-\$11,574.10

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, March 31st, 11:00am

Available

Monday, April 1st

Available

Tuesday, April 2nd

Available

Wednesday, April 3rd

Available

Thursday, April 4th

Available

Friday, April 5th

Available

Saturday, April 6th

Available

Sunday, April 7th

+Kameel Mouammar

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, March 31st

Available

Sunday, April 7th

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March 29: Great Friday

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

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

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

Parish Council

Chair: Lydia Massaad

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+Doug Raab

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Parish Programs

Wanted ONE Holy Hour per Week!



Contact Nadia Redmond
503-671-0440

-or-

Email: n.redmond@comcast.net

More info at:

<https://sevensistersapostolate.org/>

MYO EVENTS

TBA

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

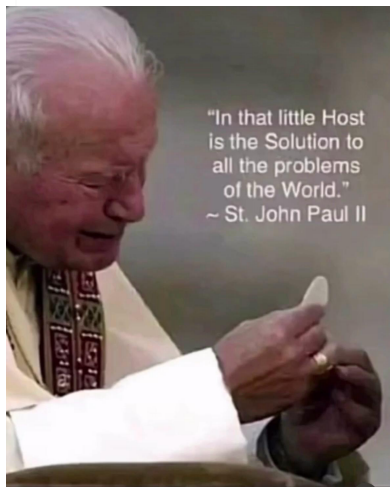


Cedars of St. Sharbel Youth Catechesis Ages 12-17

To sign up, contact Gennifer Karam jmkaram3@gmail.com

April 14 - Love and Responsibility

May 19 - The Theology of the Body



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:

APRIL 21st — Continued Discussion on the Eucharist

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

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL ZOOM
Theological Content, Testimonies & More!

FEB 18	What's Our Story?
MAR 10	Who is Jesus?
APR 14	Am I Saved?
MAY 19	Why a Church?
JUN 23	God is With Us
JUL 14	The Story of the Eucharist
AUG 18	Bread for the Journey

Select Sundays @ 7:00 PM EST

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

The mighty voice of the Son descended to Sheol, and its fortresses crumbled and its high citadels were shattered. He called out in a loud voice, "Where are you, Adam?" as He had called to him in the beginning. Adam heard the voice of his Lord and raised his head, saying, "I give thanks to You, Compassionate One, for You have visited me in the House of Perdition."

(From the Syriac Maronite Morning Prayer for the Great Saturday of Light)

As we heard today, on the greatest feast of the year, St. Paul said, "For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:22). Death entered the world through Adam's sin, but life has been given to us today anew. In His love God created humanity in His great image in the beginning. Adam rejected God – Who is life – and therefore chose death instead. But from the very moment Adam chose death and sin God prepared His plan of salvation to give all the chance to choose holiness and life again, including Adam himself.

But this plan of salvation was not fully known before Jesus, the Son of the Father, for His becoming man was the plan of salvation appointed by the Father. Jesus revealed by His prophets throughout the ages glimmers of hope, but hope itself was not known. Before the Son was sacrificed on Golgotha in His crucifixion there was nothing that could forgive the sin of Adam – the Jews had to make daily sacrifices in the Temple in Jerusalem every time they sought forgiveness only to need to make more sacrifices. Similarly, because Adam had the gates of Paradise closed to humanity, heaven was closed to those who died. Instead those faithful who died went to Sheol, the place of the dead. It was neither good nor bad, but a place of nothingness. This is where Adam himself went to as well, since he was a righteous man apart from his original sin.

But God, Who created man in His image and likeness, did not want to see mankind simply languish in darkness. The Good Physician, the Lover of Mankind, Jesus Christ in His love sought to take away the death that entered the world through Adam. Therefore the Immortal One humbled Himself to die so by His death He put to death our death. By descending to death, Christ, Who is Life, brought life to death itself and gave Adam a new chance. In the beginning He called out "Where are you?" (Gen. 3:9) in the Garden to give Adam a chance to repent after His sin but Adam did not repent. So in Christ's patience He suffered a humiliating death in His love to give Adam the second chance so that when He would ask again Adam could rejoice in the option of new life in Christ. Christ has offered us the same life by His death and resurrection, lowering Himself to our fallen state so that He could elevate us to the heights of heaven.

Today we rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ because in Christ's great glory, having destroyed death – that is the perdition of separation from God – He has offered us eternal life. Eternal life is not simply a platitude or consolation, but as Christ promised to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die" (John 11:25). We believe because of Jesus's promise that we shall all resurrect on the Last Day. Let us rejoice today for Christ has spared us from death that has loomed over us from Adam, and has given us the means of life that will extend forever with the God Who loves us so greatly that He suffer every insult and die for us so as to destroy even death itself for us.

Christ is risen!

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