

SAINT SHARBEL MISSION

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Saint Sharbel

PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 1:00 P.M.

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Glorious Epiphany

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READINGS

January / 2019

Sun Jan 6	Sunday of Glorious Epiphany	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Tit 2:11—3:7	Lk 3:15-22
Sun Jan 13	1st Sunday after Epiphany	
	Epistle	Gospel
	2 Cor 10:1-11	Jn 1:29-34
Sun Jan 20	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	
	Epistle	Gospel
	2 Cor 4:5-15	Jn 1:35-42
Sun Jan 27	3rd Sunday after Epiphany	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Gal 3:23-29	Jn 3:1-16



DATE	TIME	* LITURGY INTENTIONS *	FROM
 Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions			
Jan 13	1 PM	Soussane Issa Najm Jabbour	
Jan 20	1 PM	Available	
Jan 27	1 PM	Available	
Feb 3	1 PM	Available	



PARISH OFFERING Dec 30, 2018 & Jan 1, 2019

UPCOMING 2nd COLLEC-

		Jan 27	USCCB Worldwide Charities
<i>Weekly offering</i>			
	\$1,099		
<i>Donation</i>			
	\$1,000		
Total Income	\$2,099		

Thank You for your generosity and your support





February 1st marks the date that we get possession of our new Church. We will be doing some renovation and getting it ready to celebrate our first Divine Liturgy at our new home. We hope to eventually move there before Palm Sunday.

Let us thank God for His generosity to us and pray for him to help our community to put our hands together to fulfill our dream.

May God bless all Donors

Christmas Party Recap

We had a great Christmas party, well attended and with lots of fun. We were gathered as one community united by love and faith as we celebrated the birth of Jesus.

I would like to thank all those who have supported, helped, and assisted in making the party a success. **God Bless You All**

	Christmas Party		Car Raffle	
Party Revenue	\$23,730	Car Raffle Revenue	\$35,500	
Party Expenses	\$12,917	Car Raffle Expenses	\$24,000	
Net Income	\$10,813	Net Income	\$11,500	

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2018

Jan 6	Lady's Guild — Dayem Dayem	
Jan 13	Najm Family	
Jan 20	Available (Need Sponsor)	
Jan 27	Available (Need Sponsor)	
Feb 3	Available (Need Sponsor)	

*To sponsor a coffee hour pls. contact Mrs. Anna Franca Abi-Aad
Tel:(954) 806-9909 Or Email: abetriz@yahoo.com /Donation for coffee hour is appreciated*

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2018

Jan 26	10:00 AM	Church Strategy Meeting
Feb 6	7:00 PM	Parish Council Meeting

Epiphany of the Lord

In the Eastern Church, the feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is known by two names: Epiphany and Theophany. The Greek word “Epiphany”, means “a manifestation” or “an apparition”, and the word “Theophany” means “an appearance of God.” On this day we celebrate the appearance or manifestation of Christ among us as God’s Son.

The feast of Epiphany was first celebrated in the East around the third century, and eventually was adopted by the Western Church. In the Eastern Churches, the celebration of the Epiphany originally centered on both the birth of our Lord and his Baptism. When later, the Western feast of Christmas was introduced into the East, Christmas became the feast of the Birth of our Lord and the Epiphany, that of his Baptism.

The feast of the Epiphany is intimately connected with the mystery of our Lord’s birth. The Child who was born for us and the Son who was given to us, is manifested before us to be the Son of the Most High. Christ begins his public life with his Baptism by John in the Jordan river. At his Baptism, Christ is seen as the fulfillment of John’s preaching: “He is the Messiah and the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,” the Father and the Holy Spirit are witnesses to Christ for he is the beloved Son of the Father and upon him the Spirit rest. Thus, at the baptism of the lord, we have not only an epiphany or manifestation of Christ as God’s Son, but also a Theophany or manifestation of the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The feast of Epiphany reminds us not only of the baptism of Christ, but also of our own baptism. St. Ephrem, in his hymn on Epiphany says: “... *our blessed Lord came to be baptized with sinners and because of his glory the heavens were opened. The One who purifies all creatures, desiring to cleanse them, went into the waters and sanctified them for our baptism.*” It is for this reason that we bless water on this day. Originally, the mystery of Baptism was celebrated on this feast and the waters blessed were those of baptism.

Today, we celebrate the manifestation or epiphany of the Trinity at the baptism of Christ as well as the manifestation of the glory of God in the person of the Lord come into the world, that is to say, the manifestation of Christ, the Word of God, among us. Let us then call to mind the grace of God who has appeared for the salvation of all, and thank him for the baptism through which we have been begotten in the Spirit and through which we have put on Christ and become children of the Father.