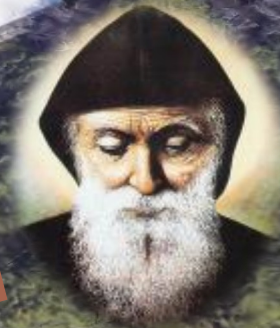


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PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

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READINGS

May / 2019

May 19	5th Sunday of Resurrection	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Eph 2:1-10	Jn 21:15-19
May 26	6th Sunday of Resurrection	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Rom 10:1-13	Jn 21:15-19



DATE	TIME	* LITURGY INTENTIONS *	FROM
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Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

May 19	11:00 AM	Patriarch Nasrallah Peter Cardinal Sfeir	
May 26	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	
June 2	11:00 AM	1st Communicants & Families	

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2019

May 19	St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary
May 26	Available
June 2	Available



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



PARISH OFFERING

May 12, 2019

Weekly offering	\$966.00
Mother's Day Dinner	\$3,469.50
Total Income	\$4,435.00

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages

Marian Month of May

Every Sunday during this month, and before the Divine Liturgy, we will be praying the Rosary at exactly 10:15 AM. Please make a point of joining the parishioners to pray for our Lady's intercession on our behalf.

Have a Blessed Month



The dream has come true. Celebrating our First Divine Liturgy in the new Church on Hosanna Sunday was very moving, a real Home Coming. Let us thank God for His generosity to us and pray for him to help our community. My personal prayers to all those who have helped make it a reality.

May God bless all Donors

Dear People of God
 May 12, 2019, just past midnight Lebanon time, our beloved retired Patriarch passed from this world to the next.
 Patriarch Sfeir was a Monk-Patriarch. Everything he did was for the good of his monastic church. He would travel 17 hours by plane from South Africa to New York and with an hour rest begin a full day of meetings at the UN, make visits to Lebanese officials, celebrate Divine Liturgy, preach in English at the Cathedral, and then stay awake for a banquet. He ate, slept, worked, and prayed with a calm demeanor, even in the midst of huge difficulties that only he fully knew. We all admired his steady hand at the helm of the church he loved so well. He was a strong advocate for Lebanon's independence and sovereignty. He wanted the people of Lebanon (and her neighbors) to respect the unique "message" that was Lebanon. He helped host the Holy See's Synod for Lebanon, he welcomed the visit of Pope John Paul II to Lebanon. He initiated the Patriarchal assembly of 2003-2005 to renew every aspect of church life. And there is so much more to tell.
 He retired in great grace and poise and welcomed Patriarch Bechara Peter Cardinal Rai. All of this and more is the work of a man devoted to God and to his Church with a monk-like zeal.
 May God grant him eternal life and a blessed reward.
 + Gregory

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2019

June 2	11:00 AM	First Communion
July 20	7:00 PM	Vigil on the Eve of the Feast of St. Sharbel
July 21	11:00 AM	Feast of St. Sharbel
October 13	11:00 AM	Dedication of Our Church

Jesus Hands Over the Governing Authority to Peter (John:21:15-19)

After the resurrection Jesus appeared to Peter and the disciples on the lake of Tiberias where he told them to cast the net to the right side of the boat for the miraculous catch. The three times answer of Saint Peter to Jesus that he loves him, forgives Peter's three times denial of Jesus at the night of his passion. It also explains why Jesus himself handed to Peter the responsibility of the flock, which is actually the Church, and commanded him three times: "feed my lambs..., tend my sheep..., feed my sheep...!"

Jesus did not hand down the responsibility of the church to the Disciple he loves, but to the one who loves Jesus. He would be in place of Jesus—a dignified shepherd for the Church. This completes the picture which the Evangelist portrayed in the scenario of the miraculous catch that we learned in last Sunday's Gospel. The Church is not an organization beset by chaos, anarchy and disruption. It is rather an organized community guided by the divine authority; and thus, by a dignified human authority which represents the authority of the concealed Jesus. It is Christ himself who is the Rock and the Shepherd. He authorized Peter as the Shepherd and made him the Rock! Therefore, following in the footsteps of his Master, Peter must also offer himself for the life of the sheep, thus, for the life of the Church. This, in fact, is the whole meaning of the expression "Follow Me!" It basically means following in his footsteps including death and martyrdom. Furthermore, "Follow Me" is about accepting the Lord's teaching, handed down to us by the Church and by being his true dedicated disciples.

The Scriptural readings for the rest of the week tell us more details about the relationship between the Lord Jesus and the special role to which he called the Apostle Simon Peter: Saint Luke brings about the prayer Jesus had for Peter: "I have prayed that your own faith may not fail and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers." In Saint John the first encounter between Jesus and Simon Peter was when Jesus told him "you are Simon the son of John, you will be called Cephas which means Peter." In Saint Matthew Peter expresses to Jesus that he does not wish him to go through suffering and death whereby Jesus responds: "Get behind me, Satan, you are an obstacle to me, you are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." In Saint Matthew the answer of Peter is the answer of the disciples and the answer of the believing Church in Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God. In Saint Matthew Jesus' answer to Peter about forgiveness, not seven times, but seventy times seven times, which means forgiveness without any measures and boundaries. In Saint Matthew, on the issue of taxes, Jesus directs Peter to open the mouth of the first fish he catches where he will find a coin worth twice the Temple tax, which should be enough for both of them.

Loving Lord, Grant us to recognize you, to love you and to abide by your commandments. Help us understand our mission and strengthen us so that we may be able to live our faith as true Christian Disciples, and witness to your Holy Name all throughout our lives. Amen.