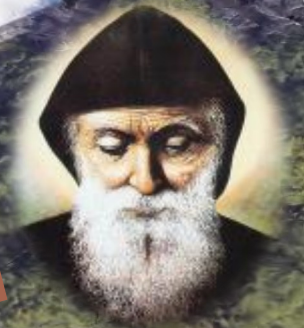


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PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

600 Mount Vernon Church Road
Raleigh, NC 27614

Tel: (919)917-7597

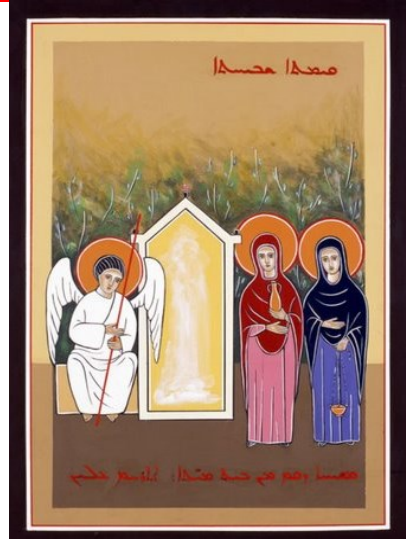
Email: abouna@saintsharbelchurch.org

website: www.saintsharbelchurch.org

Administrator: Rev. Robert Youssef Farah

Subdeacon: Claude Shiver

Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM



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READINGS

June / 2019

June 2	7th Week of Resurrection	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Eph 1:15-23	Jn 13:31-35
June 9	Pentecost Sunday	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Acts 2:1-21	Jn 14:15-20



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

June 2	11:00 AM	1st Communicants & Families	
June 9	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	
June 16	11:00 AM	All the Fathers of the Parish	

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2019

June 2	St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary
June 9	Available
June 16	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 26, 2019

<i>Weekly offering</i>	<i>\$798.00</i>
<i>Stipend</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>
Total Income	\$828.00

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages

Second Collection

June 2, 2019

Catholic Communications Campaign: Following the norm established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 50% of this collection is sent for national Catholic television, radio and other media, and 50% is retained by our Eparchy for the Maronite Voice and other needs.



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

MYO-Youth Day Schedule - NAM Convention 2019

Wednesday June 26, 2019

2:00 pm- 5:00 pm *Welcome to Miami !* Join us for meet and greet. We will enjoy lots of organized activities together.

Thursday June 27, 2019

2:00 pm-5:00 pm *Miami Sightseeing tour*

Friday June 28, 2019

9:00 am-10:00 am *Powerful Morning Prayers*

10:00 am-3:00 pm *Escape to the wilderness of the Florida Everglades*

Saturday June 29, 2019

10:00 am-11:00 am *Let our lives glow with Jesus, let's celebrate with Spiritual Graffiti*

11:00 am-12:00 pm *Talk and prayers* by Father Gary

1:00 pm-4:00 pm *Hooray! Pool and Beach Party !*

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
Sptember 28	All Day	Golf Tournament
October 13	11:00 AM	Dedication of Our Church

Jesus' New Commandment (John 13:31-35)

During the last week of the Season of the resurrection, the Church emphasizes the most important message of the Gospel: *"I give you a new commandment: that you love one another... This is how all will know that you are my disciples."* His commandment is that we love each other as he loves us. Jesus lived this commandment in a new and a unique sense, i.e., in his life, death and resurrection. He made brotherly love between people as a part of his divine love for us. This brotherly love is the most sincere sign and the greatest proof of God's love for humanity. It is also new because Jesus perfected it when he commanded us to love our enemies; when he linked our love for the neighbor to be in the same measure of our love for God; and when he made our love for each other to be the sign of the new ages.

The very idea of Love as a commandment is interesting. In the Old Testament, the Ten Commandments have a setting in the covenant between God and Israel at Sinai; traditionally, they were stipulations that Israel had to observe if it was to be God's chosen people. In speaking of Love as the new commandment for those whom Jesus had chosen as His own and as a mark by which they could be distinguished from others, it is shown implicitly that the scene of the Last Supper is thought of in covenant terms. Since the disciples cannot follow Jesus as He leaves this life, they receive a command that, if obeyed, will keep the spirit of Jesus alive among them as they continue their life in this world. They ought to live this commandment of love and, pass it on to their disciples, i.e., the flock of Jesus. Christ came to the world to bring it love. He wanted this love to transform the world and make it a better place.

Yet, love is more than a commandment; it is a gift and like the other gifts of the Christian dispensation, it comes from the Father through Jesus to those who believe in Him. In John 15:9, we hear, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you." This emphasizes that Jesus is the source of the Christians' Love for one another. The love that Jesus had for His followers is not only affective but also effective: it brings about their salvation. It is expressed in His laying down His life, an act of Love that gives life to men.

The newness of the commandment of Love is related to the theme of the new covenant at the Last Supper - the "New Commandment." Further, the mark that distinguishes God's love expressed in the covenant from even the noblest forms of human love, is that it is spontaneous and unmotivated, directed to sinners and unworthy of love. The same theme is found in John 17:23 where it is said that the world's attention will be caught by the love and union that exists between the Father, the Son and the Christian disciples. **Such a love challenged the world two thousand years ago and still challenges us today in the same Jesus. It is through Love that the First Christians were recognized, "Look how those Christians love one another."**