

SAINT SHARBEL MISSION

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[June 30, 2019]



PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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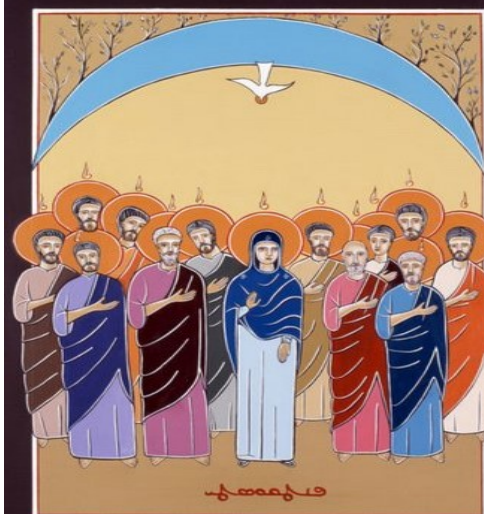
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Administrator: Rev. Robert Youssef Farah

Subdeacon: Claude Shiver

Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM



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READINGS June-July/ 2019

June 30	Sts. Peter and Paul	
	Epistle	Gospel
	2 Cor 11:21-30	Mt 16:13-20
July 7	5th Week of Pentecost	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Phil 3:7-14	Mt 10:1-7



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TIME

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FROM



Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

June 30	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	
July 7	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	
July 14	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR/2019

June 30	St. Sharbel's Ladies Auxiliary
July 7	Available
July 14	Fouad & Joumana Najm



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

June 9, 2019

Weekly offering	\$794.00
Total Income	\$794.00

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages

Saint Sharbel Sports

Some members of our MYA started a Saint Sharbel Sports activities. It will debut on Sunday July 7, 2019 after the Divine Liturgy with volleyball teams to be created.

Anyone interested in joining the sports activities please contact Roger Najm at 919.272.4067



The dream has come true. Celebrating our First Divine Liturgy in the new Church on Hosanna Sunday was very moving, a real Home Coming. Now, our Bishop Gregory Mansour will be officially dedicating it on October 13, 2019. Please join us.

May God bless all Donors

Blessed Estephan Nehmeh

His feast day is June 27. In modern time, he is one of the five Maronite Saints recognized by The Universal Church with St. Sharbel, St. Hardini, St. Rafka & Blessed Yaacoub. It was his personal wish to remain a Brother who spent his life caring for the properties and livestock of the Order. He offered his daily work as a continued prayer to God. Some of his famous sayings: "Allah Yarani" which means: "God is watching me." "Happy is the one who was cultivated with the education that leads to God". He was Beatified June 27, 2010 by Cardinal Angelo Amato and late Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir, in the Monastery of Kfifan, where his body remains incorrupt. The beatification was based on the miracle of healing Sister Marina Nehmeh, his brother's daughter, from osteosarcoma (bone cancer).

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2nd Collection - June 30

Holy Father's Collection (Peter's Peace)

The entire collection is sent to the Holy Father for him to assist with emergency financial assistance to aid the most needy throughout the world.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2019

July 20	7:00 PM	Vigil on the Eve of the Feast of St. Sharbel
July 21	11:00 AM	Feast of St. Sharbel
August 24	Noon-8:00 PM	Taste of Lebanon at St. Sharbel
Sptember 28	Noon- 7:00 PM	Golf Tournament
October 13	11:00 AM	Dedication of Our Church

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

The Rock upon which Jesus intended to build his church referred either to Jesus himself (his plan of salvation in dying for us on the Cross) or referred to Peter (the first leader in the church of Jerusalem), or to the confession of faith that Peter had made back then, and the profession of faith that all the faithful had offered and continue to after him. Peter mentioned that the faithful are the Church which is established on the base of the apostles and prophets, wherein Jesus Christ himself is the cornerstone. All the faithful are united in this church through Faith in Jesus Christ, the Savior. Jesus praised Peter because of his confession and his faith and said to him: *"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."* This shows that the faith of Peter is the foundation of the Messiah's kingdom.

This claim has been the subject of dialogue throughout centuries. Some say that the keys of the Kingdom represent the authority to establish the laws of the Church. Others say they represent the authority to forgive sins. Still others say that the keys are an opportunity to bring people to the kingdom of heaven by introducing the mission of salvation through the Word of God. None of us has the ability to decide whether to open or to shut the kingdom of heaven for others. However, God uses us to help others discover the way to come to him, for the gates of the kingdom are wide open to those who believe in Jesus and obey his word.

Jesus warned the Apostles from spreading the testimonial of Peter about him being the Messiah for two reasons. On the one hand, because up until that moment they have not as of yet comprehended the truths about his mission. On the other hand, because Jesus did not come to the world to be an army leader or a warrior, but a suffering servant. Before they can spread the news that he is the Messiah, it was necessary for them to come to a complete understanding of the mission of Jesus as Lord, and of their own mission as disciples.

The weakness and denial of Peter, the defiance and persecution of Paul were transformed into strength, belief, obedience and enthusiasm. The same phenomenon affected apostles and disciples alike. They went into the entire world preaching the good news. God sends Jesus. Jesus calls and commissions. Apostles and disciples answer and cooperate. The Holy Spirit guides and empowers. The Church was born. Blending the character of the church with Love, obedience, perseverance, hard work, cooperation, commitment, heroism, charity, they turned the world upside down. The simple and tiny nucleus which started in Galilee, became the strong and powerful church which converted nations, tumbled empires and established God's kingdom on earth. The kingdom of God is in our midst. We belong to God's kingdom. Being the apostles and disciples of the twenty-first century, are we willing to continue the mission which started in Galilee over two thousand years ago?