

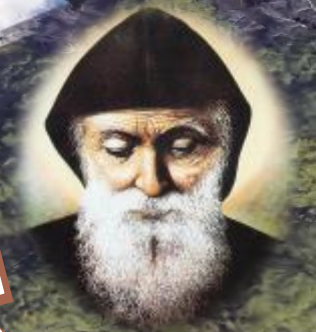
SAINT SHARBEL

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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

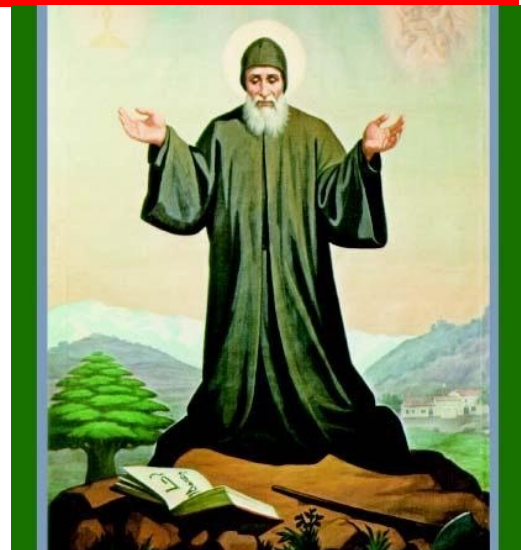
Email: abouna@saintsharbelchurch.org

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Administrator: Rev. Robert Youssef Farah

Subdeacon: Claude Shiver

Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM



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READINGS

July/ 2019

July 21	7th Sunday of Pentecost	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Rom 8:28-39	Mt 13:36-43
July 28	8th Sunday of Pentecost	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Rom 8:1-11	Mt 12:14-21



DATE	TIME	* LITURGY INTENTIONS *	FROM
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<p>Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions</p>

July 21	11:00 AM	Joseph Maroun El-Khoury & Nassib Elias Abou Hamad	Marsha El_Khoury Shiver & Walid Abou Hamad
July 28	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	
Aug 4	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2019

July 21	St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary
July 28	Available
Aug 4	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 July 14 2019

Weekly offering	\$526.00
Coffee Hour	\$85.00
Donation	\$900.00
Total Income	\$1,511.00

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages

From the Spirituality of Pope Francis
Do we truly Pray? Without an abiding relationship with God, it is difficult to live an authentic Christian life. If we live the faith in our daily life, then our work too becomes a chance to spread the joy of being a Christian. To live charitably means not looking out for our own interests, but carrying the burdens of the weakest and poor-



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

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Is a vigil light burning 24/7 and kept near the Blessed Sacrament. The light indicates the unfathomable mystery of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus. It reminds us of the reverence due to the Sacrament. The burning light is a pious custom as a way of prolonging our adoration and prayer to honor His presence.

AS YOU ENTER THE HOLY DWELLING OF GOD

- Please respect the holy dwelling of God.
- Please do not chew gum in the house of God.
- Please be courteous to each other and to visitors.
- Please do not carry on any conversations in Church.
- Please do not bring any foods or drinks to the Church.
- Please silence your cell phones when you are in Church.
- Please arrive on time for the Qurbano or other services.
- Please do not walk around during the Qurbano.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2019

July 20	6:00 PM	Prayer Vigil and Cook-out
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 Saint Sharbel

Youssef Makhoul was born in Beqaa-Kafra, Lebanon. The youngest of five children. His family was a simple, pious farm family that suffered the loss of its father when Youssef was four years old. After his father's death Youssef grew close to his maternal uncles, who were hermits of the monastery of St. Antonios in Kozhaya, and when he was 23, he left his village to enter the monastery of our Lady of Mayfouk in the district of Jbeil. While his family discouraged his desire to be a monk, he craved more seclusion than the monastery in Mayfouk offered. Youssef applied to the monastery of Saint Maron in Annaya, was admitted to the novitiate in 1851, and took the name Sharbel. He completed his theological studies in Kfeefan under Nehmatullah Al-Hardini, was ordained a priest, and returned to Annaya, where he remained for the next 16 years. Quickly gaining a reputation for a life of prayer, deep humility, poverty, chastity, devotion and a spirit of obedience. He learned obedience especially well from his hermit uncles and from his saintly mentor, Nehmutallah Al-Hardini who later was canonized a saint.

Seeking greater perfection still, Sharbel sought more solitude, but his request to become a hermit was repeatedly denied. However, his superior changed his mind after a miracle occurred. One night, he asked the house servants for some oil for his lamp to do his night prayers. Despite the fact it was after curfew, the servants decided to play a joke on him and filled the lamp with water instead. He went to his cell, lit the lamp and read his prayers. Meanwhile, the servants made such a commotion laughing about their joke, that it awakened the superior, who then noticed light coming from Sharbel's cell. Learning of the servant's joke, he realized a miracle had taken place and immediately approved his request to the nearby hermitage of Saints Peter and Paul, where he remained for 23 years until his death. He suffered a stroke in late 1898 when he was celebrating Mass on Christmas Eve, and he died eight days later. His tomb became a pilgrimage site for many, even non-Christians, who saw a great light coming from it. His body was exhumed in 1899, four months after his death, and found incorrupt, with blood-like liquid dripping from his body, a phenomenon that continues until the day of his beatification in 1965. He is known for his many miracles. Between April and July of 1950, 350 miracles at the monastery of Annaya were confirmed, some among Muslims. Saint Sharbel was canonized on October 9, 1977.

The place of retreat and the austere hermitage and the secluded hills where St. Sharbel contemplated God, now has become a shrine for pilgrims visiting from the entire globe. His miracles and reputation have gripped both the East and the West. In the 1970s his reputation spread throughout the Middle East and Europe. In 1980s, even in Russia, and before the fall of the Berlin Wall, miracles by the hundreds were attributed to his intercession. Furthermore, Mexico, as a country, has recently discovered that Saint Sharbel has become its most popular saint for the numerous miracles that are taking place on a daily basis among its people. Churches and Shrines are being built around the world dedicated to him from Russia to Europe to the Americas. His miracles have surpassed his Maronite people and Lebanese compatriots. Peoples of all nations, color and creed have reported miracles and cures through his powerful intercession. Although through his monastic way of life he is linked to St. Anthony of the Desert, he is par excellence, a saint for our modern world. May his life always be an example for our us and may his memory be forever our guide. Amen.