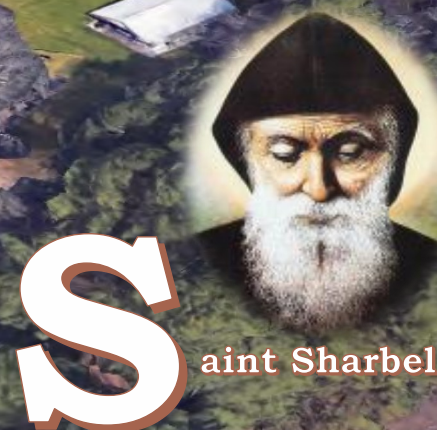


# SAINT SHARBEL MISSION

WEEKLY BULLETIN #2019-31  
[August 4, 2019]



## 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

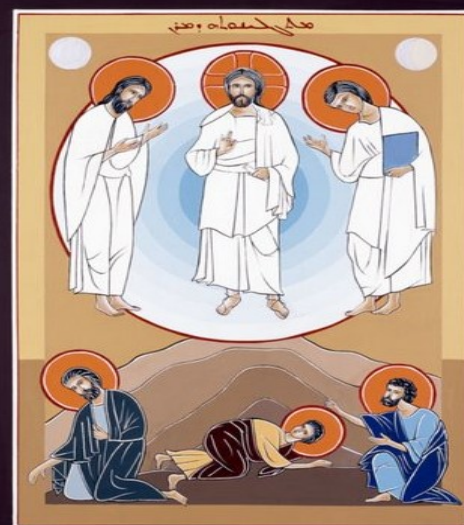
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**Administrator:** Rev. Robert Youssef Farah

**Subdeacon:** Claude Shiver

**Sunday Liturgy:** 11:00 AM



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# READINGS August/ 2019

## August 4 9th Sunday of Pentecost

	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	2Cor 5:20-6:10	Lk 4:14-21

## August 11 10th Sunday of Pentecost

	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	1Cor 12:1-11	Mt 12:22-32



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**Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions**

Aug 4	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	
Aug 11	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	
Aug 18	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	

## HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR/2019

Aug 4	St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary
Aug 11	Available
Aug 18	Available



*To sponsor a coffee hour pls. contact Mrs. Anna Franca Abi-Aad*

*Tel:(954) 806-9909 Or Email: [abetriz@yahoo.com](mailto:abetriz@yahoo.com) /Donation for coffee hour is appreciated*



## PARISH OFFERING

July 28 2019

## Important Messages

Weekly offering	\$591.00
Coffee Hour	\$95.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$686.00</b>

*Thank You for your generosity and your support*

**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**

### **Taste of Lebanon at St. Sharbel: Volunteers are needed**

Taste of Lebanon day is fast approaching. We need volunteers to help make it a great success. There is a sign-up sheet available after the Divine Liturgy, and for those of you who may be able to make to Church, you may let us know of your interest to help.

Please contact Gloria Salim-Brown at 919.345.3483 or the Church's office at 919.917.7597

### **Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord (Aug 6)**

In these accounts, Jesus and three of his apostles, Peter, James, John, go to a mountain (the Mount of Transfiguration) to pray. On the mountain, Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. Then the prophets Moses and Elijah appear next to him and he speaks with them.

We are happy to announce that registration is now ready and open for our 2019 MYA National Conference in San Antonio, TX.

Please use the link and form found on our website to register for this year's MYA Conference.

<https://www.maroniteyoungadults.org/nationalconferenceregistration>

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2019**

<b>August 24</b>	<b>Noon-8:00 PM</b>	<b>Taste of Lebanon at St. Sharbel</b>
<b>September 28</b>	<b>Noon- 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Golf Tournament</b>
<b>October 12</b>	<b>6:00 - 10:30 PM</b>	<b>Dinner Banquet with Bishop Gregory Mansour</b>
<b>October 13</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Dedication of Our Church</b>
<b>December 14</b>	<b>6:00 - 11:00 PM</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>



## **The Plan of the Apostle (Luke 4:14-21)**

The Apostolic Plan of Jesus is announced early in the third Gospel. Jesus started it in Galilee and continued it by going up to Jerusalem where he perfectly completed it through his death and resurrection. This mission plan encompasses all, Jews and gentiles alike. The Holy Spirit, which descended upon Jesus during his baptism, made him triumphant over all his temptations and confirmed him in perfect loyalty to his Father. This is the same Spirit that led him to preach the kingdom of God in all the synagogues of Galilee, starting in Nazareth, his hometown, where he grew up as a child.

This is the first teaching opportunity for Jesus in the synagogue of Nazareth. In the eyes of the evangelist Luke, this is a prelude for another teaching that will follow later in the Temple of Jerusalem before his passion, death and resurrection. The strategy of Jesus in the third Gospel was to preach the good news to his kinsmen first. Remaining firm in this apostolic strategy, he endured crucifixion and death at the hand of the local officials. He never backed off from his mission, nor did he ever think about fleeing from that responsibility. The text that he did read in the Synagogue from the prophet Isaiah was a summary of the complete plan for his apostolic mission. In order to accomplish this salvific plan, the main guarantee was the Holy Spirit, with which God had anointed him and sanctified him, sending him to proclaim the good news to humanity. The four evangelists summarize the entire public life of Jesus in two basic objectives: teaching and healing. Throughout his entire life, Jesus spent his days and nights working and caring for people. The utmost perfect type of teaching and the most powerful deeds he achieved were exemplified through his life, death and resurrection. He healed us from the poison of the deadly evil and granted us eternal life.

In last week's gospel, the prophesy of Isaiah spoke of the spirituality of the Apostle. In this week's gospel, the passage from the prophet Isaiah is a direct quote referring to the apostolic plan of the mission of Jesus. He began his apostolic mission in his own land, in his hometown where he grew up. This beginning in a familiar surrounding, would give him, at least at the start, a friendly audience who would listen and treasure his message, as the gospel said: "He was teaching in their synagogues, and all were loud in his praise." This period of his ministry has been labeled as the Galilean Springtime. To them, he has come like a breath of fresh air, bringing the very breath of God to humanity, who has been hungry for the word of life—the word of God. The opposition against Jesus has not yet crystallized. They have not, as of yet, realized the change which he will bring and the threat which he will strike at the reigning authorities of that time.

The Plan of the Apostle is Jesus' plan—save humanity and bring it back to the fold. That is to provide happiness and sustenance to the poor, help the blind recover their sight, set the captives free, uplift the downtrodden, heal the sick of their social, physical, spiritual and mental maladies, give hope to those in despair, console the sorrowing, uproot evil, afford peace to the troubled, transfer the kingdom of God, as it is in heaven, and establish it here on earth. In short, The plan of Jesus is "To announce a year of favor from the Lord" which means to bestow upon us the mercy of God and his abundant blessings. His plan is to save each and everyone of us and help us understand that God did not abandon us, but rather he wants our happiness, well being and success. He came for our sake. It is up to us to include ourselves in his plan of salvation that he came to accomplish.