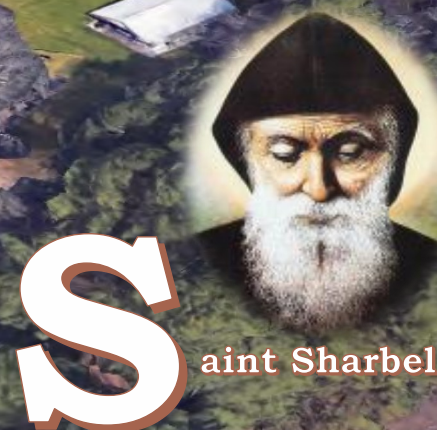


# SAINT SHARBEL MISSION

WEEKLY BULLETIN #2019-32  
[August 11, 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

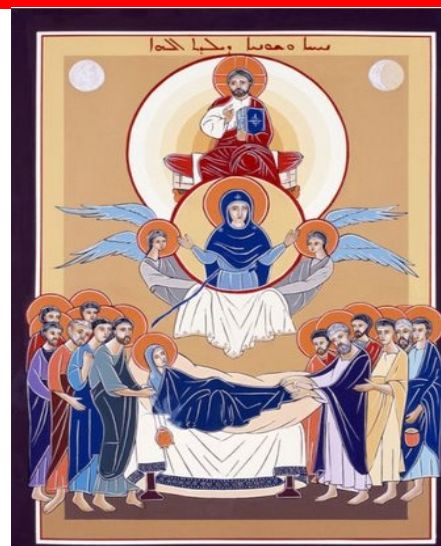
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**Administrator:** Rev. Robert Youssef Farah

**Subdeacon:** Claude Shiver

**Sunday Liturgy:** 11:00 AM



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# READINGS August/ 2019

<b>August 11</b>	<b>10th Sunday of Pentecost</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	1Cor 12:1-11	Mt 12:22-32
<b>August 15</b>	<b>Assumption of the Virgin Mary</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	Rom 12:9-15	Lk 1:46-55



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**Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions**

Aug 11	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	
Aug 15	7:00 PM	Personal Intentions	
Aug 18	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	

## HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2019

Aug 11	St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary
Aug 15	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

**August 4, 2019**

<i>Weekly offering</i>	<i>\$649.00</i>
<i>Donation</i>	<i>\$450.00</i>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,099.00</b>

*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**

### **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 Assumption of the Virgin Mary (Aug 15): Holy Day of Obligation**

Ancient tradition tells us and our own faith assures us of what the Church has solemnly proclaims: the Virgin Mary has entered, body and soul, into heaven. After her death, the Virgin Mother of God, without undergoing corruption, has entered heaven, by a special privilege of God, with her body glorified as was her Son's.

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 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>



## Jesus and Beelzebul (Matthew 12:22-32)

In his divine authority Jesus freed the possessed man who was blind and dumb. People were amazed and wondered whether he the coming Son of David! This is the faith of the simple people in Jesus, the new coming king! But the leaders did not find an excuse for their lack of faith other than accusing him that he did all these cures through a secret agreement with the head of evil spirits! Jesus responded in three sharp ways: Firstly, he refuted the accusation in a simple logical way saying: "It is not possible that the devil drive out himself." Secondly, he refuted the accusation by directly asking to those who are accusing him: "by whom do your own people drive devil out? Therefore they will be your judges." And thirdly, he refuted the accusation by the power of the Spirit of God who speaks through the prophets and the Holy Scripture: "If it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you." Therefore, through the Spirit of God, Jesus alone is capable to enter the house of the oppressor, tie him up, plunder his house and ruin his kingdom! That accusation by the leaders is nothing but a blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, because they saw the power of the Spirit in the saying and the deeds of Jesus, and related it to evil spirit. This is the peak of apostasy and evil, and the only sin that will never be forgiven.

Evil spirits were uprooted through exorcism which dates back to the time of king Solomon. In fact, it was known as part of the wisdom of Solomon. By the time of Jesus it had developed to the level of sorcery and magic. Jewish exorcists used sorcery, various tactics and magical skills to confuse vulnerable people who sought them looking for deliverance from evil and human sufferings. Even these various magic way and fake exorcism, through God's love and mercy, brought some relief. But what a difference there exists between the power of the word of Jesus which cures through the spirit of God and the witch-doctoring which Jewish exorcist used. Through Jesus, the word of God came with power to heal, to sustain and to bring deliverance, which people desperately needed—something they had never had before.

In our battle against evil there are only two options: Either we are with Jesus or against him. *"Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters."* Jesus is challenging each one of us. We cannot be in both camps at the same time. Either we are with Jesus or with the devil. It is a matter of belonging to the Church of Christ or not.

The sentence *"whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven"* sheds new light on repentance. To deny the work of the Holy Spirit against sin is to speak against the Holy Spirit. It is not possible for man to be saved without the Holy Spirit. The denial of repentance and the confessing of sins is a denial to God's forgiveness. Only he can be forgiven who confesses that he has something to be forgiven. Our challenge today is heightened by the understanding of this concept. Do we repent, do we believe, do we accept the work and action of the Holy Spirit? It is the choice that we make and the action we take in our lives that saves or destroys us.