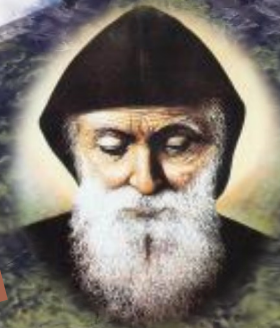


# SAINT SHARBEL MISSION

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## PARISH SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM**

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**Administrator:** Rev. Robert Youssef Farah

**Subdeacon:** Claude Shiver

**Sunday Liturgy:** 11:00 AM



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# READINGS

## September / 2019

<b>September 15</b>	<b>First Sunday after Holy Cross</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	2Tim 2:1-10	Mk 10:35-45
<b>September 22</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Holy Cross</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	1CT 15:19-34	Mt 24:1-14



DATE	TIME	* LITURGY INTENTIONS *	FROM
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<p><b>Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions</b></p>
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Sep 15	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	
Sep 22	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	
Sep 29	11:00 AM	40 Day memorial for Nazha Fares Chamoun (Mother of Roukoz and Joseph Ishak)	Requested by the family.

### HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2019

Sep 15	St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary
Sep 22	St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary
Sep 29	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

<b>PARISH OFFERING</b> September 8, 2019	
Weekly offering	\$852.00
Second Collection—CUA	\$159.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,011.00</b>

### Important Messages

**Golf Tournament**  
**September 28, 2019**

Join us for our 13th annual golf tournament to support the expansion of our new church property on Mount Vernon Church Rd in North Raleigh.

<http://saintsharbelchurch.org/eventcalendar/2019-golf-tournament/>

*Thank You for your generosity and your support*



## **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 consecrating it on October 13, 2019. Please join us.

**May God bless all Donors**

### ***Church Dedication Banquet & Ad Book***

We look forward to a beautiful evening as we welcome Sayedna Bishop Gregory Mansour and our previous parish priests to enjoy a cocktail hour and Lebanese buffet dinner Saturday evening, October 12, 2019. Seating is limited. Please purchase your tickets by October 6. Please purchase your tickets online at the link below.

<http://saintsharbelchurch.org/eventcalendar/church-dedication-banquet/>

With the official consecration of our Church that you have waited and persevered to have your own, we are preparing a Commemorative Book for that historical day on October 13th, 2019. We ask for your support by placing an Ad that will commemorate your business, family, or individual messages. Ads come in various sizes and prices. To place an ad, please contact Mrs. Lisa Saleh at [lisasaleh@gmail.com](mailto:lisasaleh@gmail.com). Please see this ad form for more details.

<http://saintsharbelchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/DedicationChurchAdBook.pdf>

### ***MYA Conference***

We are happy to announce that registration is now ready and open for our 2019 MYA National Conference October 4 to 6 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>September 28</b>	<b>Noon - 7:00pm</b>	<b>Golf Tournament</b>
<b>October 12</b>	<b>6:00 - 10:30pm</b>	<b>Dinner with Bishop Gregory Mansour</b>
<b>October 13</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Dedication of Our Church</b>
<b>December 14</b>	<b>6:00 - 11:00pm</b>	<b>Christmas Party and Car Raffle</b>

## **First Sunday After Holy Cross (Mark 10:35-45)**

Jesus announced several times his passion and death and always tied them with his resurrection and his glory at the right hand side of the Father. As for James and John, the sons of Zebedee, they requested to be seated on his right and on his left without mentioning his passion and death. Jesus reminded them that the price of glory is to drink the cup of sacrifice and pain. Therefore, this first Sunday allows us to enter the Season of the Cross and prepares us, through the course of our life along with all of its suffering and temptation, to rise with the Lord in the glory of his Kingdom.

Both Mark and Matthew connect the request of the two disciples, James and John, directly with Jesus' third announcement of his passion, death and resurrection, as they were going up to Jerusalem. They requested of him to seat them on his right and on his left in his glory. He reminded them of his passion and death before he enters into his glory. They responded that they were ready for the passion and death with him. But were they aware of the suffering and death? The answer of Jesus was crystal clear in that the two disciples will enter into glory with him because they will endure suffering with him and for him. But with regards to sitting in the first place, this has been reserved to the Father. Jesus points out the way to glory by his own death. Only the Father can bestow that glory, at least until Jesus has received the full measure of his Messianic authority through his resurrection. The mission of Jesus on earth is not to reward mankind, but to prepare them to reach the reward in the glory of the kingdom through his death and resurrection. He is the "Son of Man who has come to serve and not be served—to give his life in ransom for the many."

The disciples along with the majority of the Jews at the time had a misconception about the kingdom of Jesus which was widely prophesied by the prophets of the Old Testament. They thought of the kingdom of Jesus to be an earthly one which was going to liberate Israel from the oppression of the Roman Empire. James and John were ambitious to become among those who will rule with him. The kingdom of Jesus is not of this world, it is not set on earthly thrones and castles but in the hearts and the lives of his followers. But his apostles did not understand that until after his resurrection.

It is easy to say that we are willing to accept and endure any suffering and pain for the sake of Jesus. Although we mean that very sincerely, most of us complain as soon as we face the least difficulty. If we claim that we are ready to suffer for Jesus, then we must be prepared to accept this suffering no matter how difficult it might be. Notice that Jesus did not scold James and John but he denied their request. In turn we might be asking God for a favor and it may be denied. God always gives us what is best for us and not what we ask for, because he denies some of our requests for our won good.

When the other ten disciples became indignant at James and John, Jesus called them all and gave them a simple instruction on greatness. He explained to them that he who wishes to be great must prove it through service. The disciple of Jesus is to reverse the customary practice whereby those in authority rule by force. The disciple's new conduct must be the willingness to serve the needs of all. A ransom was to be paid in order to free a slave. Jesus paid this ransom on our behalf since we were not capable of paying it. His death has freed us from the slavery of sin, and that is the reason of his death. The disciples thought that the power of Jesus was going to spare them from the oppression of Rome, but Jesus said that his death was going to save them from sin, because the slavery of sin was far more severe than the slavery of Rome.

In our present world, greatness is measured through personal success and achievement. We may be aspiring for great things in life. We look to achieve our goals through various ways and means and this may harm others and hamper our spiritual success. If we aspire for greatness with Jesus and are working to gain eternal life and earn a great share in the heavenly kingdom, then serving the needs of all whom we encounter is the right path.