

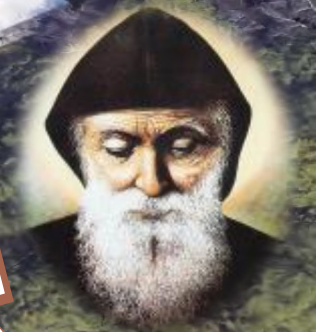
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PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 7:00 PM



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READINGS**October / 2019**

October 13	Consecration of our St Sharbel Church	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Heb 9:11-15	Mt 16:13-20
October 20	Sixth Sunday after Holy Cross	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Gal 6:1-10	Mt 25:14-30



DATE	TIME	* LITURGY INTENTIONS *	FROM
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	Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions
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Oct. 13	11:00 AM	All Parishioners	
Oct. 20	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	
Oct 27	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2019

Oct. 13	St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary
Oct. 20	St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary
Oct. 27	St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary



*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**October 6, 2019**

<i>Weekly offering</i>	<i>\$815.00</i>
<i>Donation</i>	<i>\$15,000.00</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>\$80.00</i>
Total Income	\$15,895.00

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages**You can make a difference!**

The Lord has blessed each one of us with the grace necessary to become the saints He is calling us to be. Fulfilling this task is almost impossible unless we abide in Christ in a personal friendship, receive the sacraments, understand and embrace the church teachings regarding many matters, especially marriage, family and life. To educate yourself and learn how to take action, make a difference, and become the best you can be, please check [our website](#).

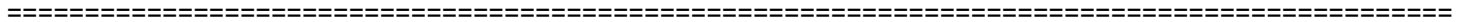


The dream has come true. Celebrating our First Divine Liturgy in the new Church on Hosanna Sunday was very moving, a real Home Coming. Now, our Bishop Gregory Mansour will be officially consecrating it on October 13, 2019. Please join us.

May God bless all Donors

Order of St. Sharbel Sunday

What a nice coincidence, this year, October 13, aside being the day on the consecration of our Church, is designated as “Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday” in our Eparchy. On October 13, all Maronite parishes will be promoting the Order. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or ask Father for more information.



His Most Reverend Bishop Gregory John Mansour

Thank you for the love, the prayers and the blessings you have lavished upon our parish family. You have honored us with your visit. Your presence among us brings us not only pride and joy, but it invigorates and inspires us to be creative and to go far beyond what is expected of us, so that we may perpetuate the heritage of our Maronite Tradition.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2019

October 12	6:30 - 10:30 PM	Dinner with Bishop Gregory Mansour
October 13	11:00 AM	Consecration of Our Church
December 14	6:00 - 12:00 PM	Christmas Party and Car Raffle

Consecration of our own St. Sharbel Church

This Sunday, we celebrate the Consecration of our own St. Sharbel Church. This reminds us of the cleansing of the Temples of Jerusalem in the year 164 B.C. and the consecration of the people by the priests, after the death of the pagan Emperor Antiochus Epiphanius. Jesus' words about the Temple, during his life, the tearing of the Temple curtain in two from top to bottom at his death, and the destruction of the Temple itself in the year 70 A.D., all these according to his prophecy, were clear signs that the time of the old Temple has passed. A New Covenant has emerged to replace the Old One and its perfect mediator is Jesus Christ and his new people—the Church who gathers all the nations of the earth, who always testifies to the presence of God within her and who proclaims that holiness is her sacred mission, because the Holy One who dwelled in her made her a community of saints.

According to Matthew (Mt 16:13-20), this passage is the heart of the Gospel and the main turning point in the ministry of Jesus and the life of the Apostles and the Church. Jesus is the **First** and absolute newness in the entire human history. The church who believed that he is the Son of the Living God is the **Second**. The crowds saw in Jesus the spirit of prophecy which was extinguished through the death of Malachi, in the fifth century B.C. The title "Prophet" after that became very important so that the coming of Christ is rightfully distinguished. But the Apostles and Peter, who are closely connected to Jesus, saw in him "Christ the Son of God," that only and unique "Prophet," who possesses supreme wisdom and power. He is the one who is going to establish the kingdom of God in the whole earth. At the same time, they saw in him, the Holy "Son of God" in the absolute theological sense referring to his unique and filial kinship to God. This is the faith of the Church, through it, she renews and consecrates the world, by the washing of baptismal water, and by the word of life which is embedded in the faith and the sacred mysteries.

Among all who knew Jesus up to this point, Peter was the first to profess publicly who Jesus was: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!" Peter becomes the rock and the foundation of the future Christian Community which is the Church. He was not given a name but an appellation. **Kepha**, meaning **Rock** in Aramaic, or **Peter** as a name before Christianity did not exist. To build on a rock meant to establish an edifice on a solid foundation. Jesus did not use Hebrew but Aramaic and the only Aramaic word which describes strength and serves the purpose would be Kepha.

The powers of death would not destroy it. The Church community has been referred to a building. The Gates of hell here are understood as the realms of death. The Babylonians had the same idea about a gate-keeper to the realms of death who compelled Ishtar to disrobe before entering that realm. Without a doubt, behind this lies the authority of the one who has the keys. The same authority was vested in the master of the house, the chamberlain, of the royal house in ancient Israel. The role of Peter as steward of the Kingdom is closely related to the Old Testament chamberlain who held the "key." Peter's authority in this community, to "bind" or "release" will be to carry out decisions made in heaven. His teaching, and the Church's teaching thereafter, and its disciplinary activities, will be similarly guided by the Holy Spirit to carry out Heaven's will. It is the Church carrying out heaven's decisions, communicated and guided by the Spirit, and not heaven ratifying the Church's decisions.

Let us also consecrate our time and efforts to help build each other. The Consecration of the Church means the consecration of our lives and the lives of every member of our Christian Community. Peter and the apostles, along with many generations who followed, up to our time, have adorned the Church so we may be heirs of God's Kingdom. Let us, in turn, do our part, with the same zeal, in order to preserve it to the next generation.