

SAINT SHARBEL MISSION

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PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

Saturday Liturgy: 5:00 PM

Monday, Thursday & Friday: 6:30 PM

Holy Days of Obligation: 6:30 PM



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READINGS**November / 2019****November 10****Renewal of the Church****Epistle**

Heb 9:11-15

Gospel

Jn 10:22-42

November 17**Announcement to Zechariah****Epistle**

Rom 4:13-25

Gospel

Lk 1:1-25

**DATE****TIME***** L I T U R G Y I N T E N T I O N S *****FROM****Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions**

Nov. 10

11:00 AM

Personal Intentions

Nov. 17

11:00 AM

Personal Intentions

Nov. 24

11:00 AM

Personal Intentions

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2019

Nov. 10

St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary

Nov. 17

St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary

Nov. 24

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*To sponsor a coffee hour pls. contact Mrs. Ana Franca Abi-Aad**Tel:(954) 806-9909 Or Email: abetriz@yahoo.com /Donation for coffee hour is appreciated***PARISH OFFERING****November 3, 2019***Weekly offering**\$739.00**Donation**\$250.00**Coffee Hour**\$20.00**Dedication Banquet**\$375.00***Total Income****\$1,384.00***Thank You for your generosity and
your support***Important Messages****You are not alone!**

If you are suffering from the loss of a loved one, if you are carrying a heavy cross, if you are struggling with a disease or infertility, if psalm 22 ("My God, why have you forsaken me") has become your daily cry, know that you are not alone and that God is waiting to pour out His graces on you to heal your wounded heart and draw you closer to Himself. To learn more about healing and bereavement ministries, please click [here](#).



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 officially consecrated it with a beautiful and blessed ritual.

May God bless you all

Thank you to the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh for their support throughout our 20 plus year journey. We planted a Lebanese Cedar Tree brought over from Lebanon yesterday with the presence of His Excellency Bishop Luis R. Zarama and our Pastor, Abouna Robert Farah at the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh Office.

Psalm 92: 12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

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Car raffle tickets are now on sale for the 2020 Honda CR-V. Tickets are \$100 each and only 500 will be sold. Odds of wining will be 1/500 minimum. Drawing will be 14-Dec-2019 at our Christmas Party.

Tickets can be purchased online on our website <http://saintsharbelchurch.org/>, or by contacting either Mounir Saleh or George Harb.

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Our Annual Christmas Party will take place Saturday December 14, 2019. Seats are limited, so please reserve your tickets early and come join our family of St. Sharbel to celebrate the Spirit of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord.

Doris Farhat will be the Featured Singer. I have listened to her before and I highly recommend you come and enjoy her performance.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2019

November 9	5:00 PM	Saturday Liturgy: English & Aramaic
November 24	11:00 AM	Children Serving the Qurbono
December 14	6:00 - 12:00 PM	Christmas Party and Car Raffle

Renewal of the Church (John 10:22-42)

The history of the Renewal of the Church dates back to the early Christian centuries. It is compared to the Feast of the Dedication of the Temple of Jerusalem after it had been desecrated by Emperor Antiochus Epiphanius for three and a half years (I Kings 4:36-59). Thus, the Church is purified and renewed constantly through Christ, who is her new Temple.

Christ clearly reveals his new complete mystery: He is the Son of God. He proclaimed it before the Jewish authority in Jerusalem at the occasion of the Dedication feast during which worship in the Temple was renewed. He is the awaited one who was promised by the prophets and who was consecrated by God to lead his people to salvation. He is the Son of God, which means he comes from the heart of God—more sacred than what was promised and awaited! This faith in Jesus Christ and in the Son of God is the complete apostolic Christian Faith, as it was proclaimed by his first Apostles: Peter, John and Matthew along with all the apostles and the Church, who today renew this same faith.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds the Jews that he is doing the work of the Father. Then he reverts to the figure of the shepherd and the sheep. The pasturage to which he leads his sheep is eternal life. He is the good and true shepherd to whom the sheep have been given by the Father. Since the Father's omnipotence is the true guarantee of the gift, thus, it is not possible for Jesus to lose any of the sheep and no one can snatch them from him. By saying "The Father and I are one" Jesus triggered the anger of the Jews, and they have accused him of blasphemy because he had said: "I am the Son of God."

According to their own principles, the Jews could not ignore the scriptural argument that is proposed to them. "The one whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world." The occasion of the feast which commemorates the renewal of worship suggested the word Dedication used in the scriptural lesson. Here, Jesus is proposing himself as the replacement of the Old Temple. He is known for whom he is because he does the work of the Father. Jesus is challenging the Jews on two grounds by saying to them: (a) do not believe in me if I do not perform my Father's works; and (b) but if I perform them, even though you put no faith in me, put faith in these works." The Jews must credit their senses and acknowledge that what Jesus does is of divine origin. Their true acknowledgment of what Jesus does must lead them to acknowledge of what he is, one with the Father: "So that you may come to know and realize that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." This silenced his opponent but did not stop them from hating him and seeking his downfall.

Jesus is the new Temple, as he dedicates himself through the work of his Father. His Mystical Body, the Church, He renews for the life of the world. The Church on earth, the dwelling place of God, is renewed year after year. By inaugurating the Liturgical Year every November, we renew the physical structure of the Church. Through communion, we become the dwelling place of God, every time we receive him in the Eucharist. Thus, we are members of the Body of Christ, which is the Church. Saint Paul said in his First Letter to the Corinthians: "You are the body of Christ. Every one of you is a member in it." As we renew the Church every year we also must renew ourselves. Saint Paul teaches: "Your bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit." Therefore, let us renew our commitment to God and try to build one another, because by doing so we are building, his Church—his kingdom on earth.