

SAINT SHARBEL MISSION

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[November 24, 2019]



PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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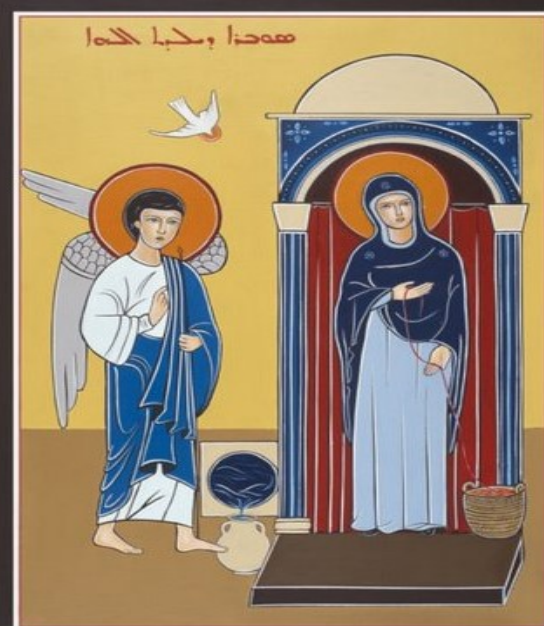
Subdeacon: Claude Shiver

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-December/ 2019****November 24****Announcement to Mary****Epistle****Gospel**

Gal 3:15-22

Lk 1:26-38

December 1**Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth****Epistle****Gospel**

Eph 1:1-14

Lk 1:39-45

**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. 24

11:00 AM

All the Children in our Parish

Dec. 1

11:00 AM

Personal Intentions

Dec. 8

11:00 AM

Personal Intentions

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2019

Nov. 24

St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary

Dec. 1

Available

Dec. 8

Available

*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**

<i>Weekly offering</i>	\$543.00
<i>Candle Intentions</i>	\$20.00
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	\$18.00
Total Income	\$581.00

*Thank You for your generosity and
your support*

Important Messages

**You are created out of love for
love!!**

You are not created in a vacuum designed to live in isolation on your own. You are created to live in communion with others. You are meant to receive and share love with them.

The Trinity is our perfect example of communion of persons, the exchange of perfect love. Married love is designed to imitate the love of the Trinity. To learn more about married love, please check our family life ministry page [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

Christmas Flowers Tree, and a Manger

We are asking our Parishioners & Friends if they would like to donate towards the decoration for Christmas, they may do so by making their donations in Memory of, or for special intention. Payment may be made online on our Website, or by check and given to the Pastor or Yvonne Majlaton.

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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 24	11:00 AM	Children Serving the Qurbono
December 14	6:00 - 12:00 PM	Christmas Party and Car Raffle
December 25	12:00 AM	Midnight Liturgy

Announcement to Mary

(LUKE 1:26-38)

Mary, a young Jewish girl, was hand-picked by God to be the mother of his only-begotten Anointed Son. Having chosen a life of solitude and set out to serve the Temple, God interfered in her life and changed her plan. When the Angel Gabriel announced to her the conception through the Holy Spirit, she was troubled and she wondered as to how such a thing might happen when she knows no man and when she intended to live her life for God alone. God's messenger Gabriel explained to her that this is God's plan, and no man will father her child. It is the will of God that she might accept; and it is God's power that changes and does the impossible.

A non-married Jewish female, found with a child in her father's home, Mary realized the embarrassment the scandal and the tremendous disappointment, let alone the shame she would inflict upon her highly regarded family in the community. The unquestioned obedience of Mary and her heroic decision are awesome. So young she was to decipher the signs and to be involved in God's plan. How wise was she to be able to see through this whole ordeal. In spite of the great risk and danger which surrounded her, in spite of the fact that many people will stigmatize her, in spite of the fact that she is running the risk of being stoned to death, she disregarded what humanity thinks and chose what God wants. What a powerful and magnanimous lesson God gives us through the life of Mary, The Mother of God. Her example and simplicity know no bound.

It did not take Mary too long to comprehend God's Divine Plan and to learn that God's son is the long awaited hope of the prophets. Unlike Zechariah who wanted a sign from God's messenger that whatever was promised was to happen, Mary did not test the ability of the creator but thoroughly succumbed to his will and fully accepted the announcement with unquestioned obedience. The Angel's sign to Zechariah was to strike him mute until the birth of his newly promised son John is born, whereas the Angel's sign to Mary was the bearing of good news. Gabriel announced to Mary that her kinswoman Elizabeth is no longer barren, but is now expecting a son in her old age. Mary believed the Angel's good news and she was happy for her cousin's blessing. This sign was enough for Mary to realize that this Angel's business is *real* and it is coming from God. In all humility and total obedience, Mary's response came: "I am the servant of the Lord, let it be done to me as you say." Through her obedience, Mary transformed the face of the world as the Lord worked through her. Cooperating with God, doing his will and obeying His statutes is a guarantee for us to earn Eternal Life. The Scriptures are full of stories and parables showing the destiny of the people who disobeyed God and the rewards of those who cooperated with him and obeyed His commands. God will work miracles through us if we obey Him and His Church.

Dear lord, like Mary we are amazed and do not understand. Help us that we may learn your ways and accept whatever you plan for our lives. Strengthen our faith in you so we may dare to abandon our own selfish will and to depend totally on your Divine Will. Help us earn more trust in the plan you have for us because we often falter and grow weary of the stormy winds of life. We love and adore the mystery of your Most Holy and Glorious Trinity, Father Son and Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen.