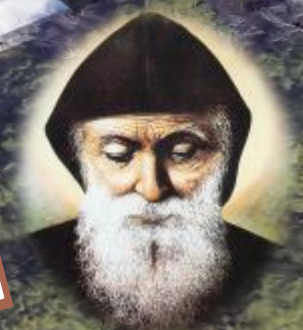


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PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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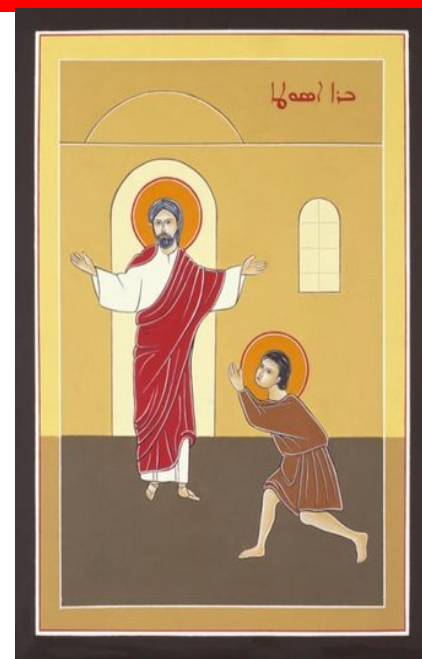
Subdeacon: Claude Shiver

Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

Saturday Liturgy: 5:00 PM

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 6:30 PM

Holy Days of Obligation: 6:30 PM



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READINGS March / 2020

March 15	Parable of the Prodigal Son	
	Epistle	Gospel
	2 Cor 13:5-13	Lk 15:11-32
March 22	Healing of the Paralytic	
	Epistle	Gospel
	1 Tim 5:24 - 6:5	Mk 2:1-12



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Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

Mar. 15	11:00 AM	George Khalil Jabbour	Yvonne Jabbour Najm
Mar. 22	11:00 AM	George Elias Saba	Joseph Saba
Mar. 29	11:00 AM	Odette Helou	Viviane Nasr

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2020

Mar. 15	Yvonne Jabbour Najm
Mar. 22	Ana Franca & Marsha Shiver
Mar. 29	Nagib & Viviane Nasr



*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

March 1, 2020

Weekly offering	\$574.00
Coffee Hour	\$85.00
Total Income	\$659.00

*Thank You for your generosity and
your support*

Important Messages

MYO Regional Retreat 2020

Due to the current CORONA Virus threat, the MYO Retreat has been postponed until further notice.

Priests Retreat

Also, the Priests Retreat which was scheduled for March 23-27 in Florida has been cancelled.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Is a vigil light burning 24/7 and kept near the Blessed Sacrament. The light indicates the unfathomable mystery of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus. It reminds us of the reverence due to the Sacrament. The burning light is a pious custom as a way of prolonging our adoration and prayer to honor His presence.

Car Raffle

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 winning will be 1/500 minimum. Drawing will be on **Saturday 25-April-2020** during Mother's day Dinner.

You may but your ticket(s) via our website: saintsharbelchurch.org and click on Donate, or by contacting Mounir Saleh or George Harb.

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Remember Me In Your Kingdom

Praying for our deceased, no matter how long it has been, is a way of remembering them and asking the Lord to grant them repose in His dwelling of light, so they may rejoice with all the saints.

Every last Sunday of the month, the Divine Liturgy will be offered in memory of those who passed in that particular month. If you would like to have your deceased remembered, please send me their names and the month they passed.

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Benediction of St. Sharbel

Every 22nd of the month, there will a Benediction of St. Sharbel after the Divine

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2020

March 20	7:30 PM	Lenten Evening "Fish Fry"
March 22	12:30 PM	St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
April 4	10:00 AM	Maamoul Making Event
April 25	7:00 PM	Mother's Day Dinner & Car Raffle

A Letter from our Bishop

Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We have received many inquiries regarding safe practices during this troubling time of the Novel Coronavirus. We continue to monitor the rapidly evolving circumstances, taking the safety and health of our faithful seriously. We follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for COVID-19 and encourage all who are feeling ill or exhibiting any flu-like symptoms, to stay home and stay safe. Likewise, we suggest minimizing handshakes, hugs and kisses in the parishes until the pandemic passes. We can share love for one another in a variety of other ways.

The Coronavirus has reminded us of just how vulnerable we truly are, how much we need to care for one another, and how great is our need for God.

Our Patriarch has issued some practical guidelines for Lebanon, and I agree completely with these for Lebanon in their time of great need. I also note that various Latin Bishops of the United States have issued guidelines as well for their Dioceses.

Nonetheless, we have discerned once again that no change should be made to the distribution of Holy Communion distributed under both species, by intinction, in the usual way, with as much care as possible. If a parishioner insists on receiving in the hand, it can be done without intinction. Nonetheless, we should note that this is temporary.

It is also acceptable at this time not to exchange the greeting of peace in our traditional way, but to still make the gesture that peace comes from the altar and goes to each person without touching.

Some have asked if we should cancel Friday services in Lent or other parish gatherings. We do not advise it at this time. Let's just be careful; we should not cease most of our Lenten or parish functions.

Safety and the sacred quality of Liturgy are both important, and we can do both. I encourage you to refer to the [CDC COVID-19 webpage](#) for the latest information to stay informed and stay safe.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory