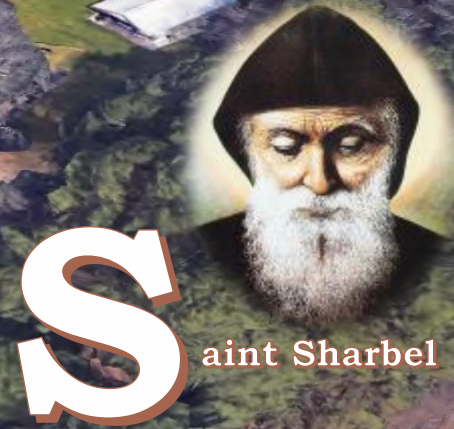


SAINT SHARBEL MISSION

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[August 23, 2020]



PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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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

August/2020

August 23

13th Sunday of Pentecost

Epistle

1 Cor 3:1-11

Gospel

Lk 8:1-15



August 30

14th Sunday of Pentecost

Epistle

1 Thes 2:1-13

Gospel

Lk 10:38-42

DATE

TIME

*** LITURGY INTENTIONS ***

FROM



Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

August 23

11:00 AM

Fathallah Mumarbashi

By: Joseph Mumarbashi

August 30

11:00 AM

Remember Me in Your Kingdom

Sept. 6

11:00 AM

Personal Intentions

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2020

August 23

SAJ Pies after Liturgy

August 30

No Coffee Hour??

September 6

No Coffee Hour??



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

August 16, 2020



Important Messages

Weekly offering

\$952.00

Cook-Out

\$350.00

Total Income

\$1,302.00

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Pentecost Season

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Praying that all our Parishioners and friends will be filled with the Holy Spirit on this Pentecost Season.



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.

RELIEF AID TO LEBANON

On August 4th, a tremendous explosion devastated the Port of Beirut and the surrounding neighborhoods. More than 150 lives have been lost, over 4,000 injured and at least 300,000 lost their homes. This comes on top of the suffering already inflicted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the worst financial crisis in decades.

Saint Sharbel Church in Raleigh is raising funds to support one or more NGOs that are working on the frontlines of this crisis, mainly Caritas and St. Vincent De Paul. All donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt for your records.

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Thank You for Supporting Your Church

During these difficult times of Coronavirus that is forcing everyone to take extreme precautions and remain at home, your Church needs your support and asks you to continue making your financial offerings. You may do so in various ways:

- By Mail at: 600 Mount Vernon Church Rd., Raleigh NC 27614
- Via our website www.saintsharbelchurch.org by clicking on Donate
- Direct Deposit to First Citizens Bank : Routing #: 053100300, Acc # 000861430571
- Vanco: by downloading on your smartphone the free Give+ application.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2020

Due to the Coronavirus, no social activity will take place until further notice.

If you cannot to come to Sunday's Liturgy, you may come on Wednesday thru Friday at 6:30 PM, and Saturday at 5:00 PM

On Sunday August 23, we will be having a Zaatar and Cheese SAJ after Liturgy.

\$4.00 each, 3 for \$10.00

The Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:1-15)

Saint Luke ties this parable to the nucleus of the first Christian Church whereby Jesus is touring the villages and towns announcing and preaching the kingdom of God with some women and the twelve apostles. The parables consists of four different types of lands and thus four types of people:

(1) The footpaths, being treaded so much, become almost like hard clay and could not be easily penetrated. The seeds falling here are doomed because they would be trampled under foot and became food for the birds. This category represents people whose minds are shut. They do not hear the Word and they are not receptive to it. The Word of God has no chance to survive. (2) The Rocky ground does not have enough soil for the seeds to germinate. Not having a strong foundation, the seeds wither instantly because their roots cannot develop. This category represents the people who hear the Word of God and receive it gladly. However, they succumb to the first temptation or difficulty they face. Here again the Word of God is strained because the foundation is not conducive for it to grow and produce. (3) The thorny ground chokes the seeds that are about to produce. Seeds among the thorns develop roots. As they grow they get stifled by the hostile surroundings. This category represents the people who hear the word but their progress is hampered by being so busy caring for wealth, pleasures, entertainments whereby the Word has no place in their lives. Therefore, the Word of God does not grow so as to mature in their lives because they are overtaken by many worldly distractions. (4) The fertile ground is opened for the seeds where they get well nourished and become productive. This category represents those who hear the Word with an open mind. They accept it and bear fruits, some of them produce up to a hundred fold. They listen to the Word, they keep what they hear in their mind and heart, and acting upon it, they yield abundantly.

The questions we should ask ourselves are: Where are we if compared to the 4 categories? What type of land are we as we receive the Word of God? Are our ears, heart and mind hardened that God's Word would not be instilled in us? Is our soul dry that the Word does not germinate in our life? Are we busy accumulating wealth and preferring pleasures and entertainment and not having anytime for God? Are we doing anything to become a fertile land so as the Word of God can be planted in us and produce a hundred fold?

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Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Qurbono P. 425; Creed P. 748; Pre-Anaphora P.749; Anaphora of the Twelve Apostles P. 754

Dear Parishioners,

Since the restrictions on gathering into phase II are eased, we are relieved to be able to assemble to worship in a larger group. I would like to have no more than 50 people in the church during Liturgy. I would like to recommend the following:

- 1- Parishioners are advised to avoid coming to church if having elevated temperature, or if any family member have any encounter with a person who have Flu like symptoms or one family member or more have these symptoms themselves; such as runny nose, cough, sore throat, fever, shortness of breath, body ache, loss of sense of smell or taste etc...
- 2- We have hand sanitizer, but please bring your own, if available, to keep all hands clean periodically.
- 3- Avoid touching and hand shaking during this stage.
- 4- Let us protect each other by trying to wear face mask
- 5- Let us practice social distancing by keeping at least 6 feet between each other. A group of one family may sit next to each other if they live in the same house.