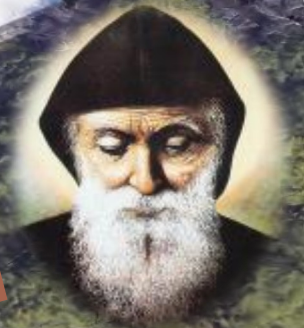


# SAINT SHARBEL MISSION

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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

# August—September/2020

<b>August 30</b>	<b>14th Sunday of Pentecost</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	1 Cor 9:7-12	Mt 20:1-16
<b>September 6</b>	<b>15th Sunday of Pentecost</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	Col 2:16-23	Mt 18:1-5, 10



DATE	TIME	* LITURGY INTENTIONS *	FROM
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	<h2>Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions</h2>
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August 30	11:00 AM	Remember Me in Your Kingdom	
Sept. 6	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	
Sept. 13	11:00 AM	Personal Intentions	

## HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2020

August 30	Falafel Sunday	
September 6	No Coffee Hour??	
September 13	No Coffee Hour??	

*To sponsor a coffee hour pls. contact Mrs. Ana Franca Abi-Aad  
 Tel:(954) 806-9909 Or Email: [abetriz@yahoo.com](mailto:abetriz@yahoo.com) /Donation for coffee hour is appreciated*

	<h3>PARISH OFFERING</h3> <h3>August 23, 2020</h3>	<h3>Important Messages</h3>
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Weekly offering	\$662.00
SAJ Brunch	\$723.00
Donation	\$500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,885.00</b>

*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.saintshatbelchurch.org](http://www.saintshatbelchurch.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 30, we will be having a Falafel outing after Liturgy.**

**Sandwich for \$5.00, plus French Fries & Drink \$8.00**

## Blessed Estephan Nehme - August 30

On the holy ground of Lebanon, Brother Estephan Nehme saw the light, under the wings of the Maronite Church, and he was raised in the care of the Lebanese Order of Monks.

Born in Lehfed, on March 8th, 1889, his parents named him Youssef. Growing up, he preferred to not be very sociable, even among family, on the contrary, he preferred to stay at home and pray late at night. He always repeated:

**“God can see me, God can see me. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, help me at the moment of death.”**

In 1905, when he was 16 year old, Youssef left his parental house heading to the Monastery of Saints Cyprian and Justine in Kfifane in order to become a monk. Eight days later, he wore the novices' cassock and took the name of “Estephanos”. On August 23rd, 1907, the Superior of the Convent, Father Youssef Saker, blessed the simple vows of Brother Estephan.

Brother Estephan worked in the fields and gardens of the monastery, carrying his childhood motto of **“God sees me”** in all his efforts. Brother Estephan had a pious life that ended virtuously at the Monastery of Saints Cyprian and Justine, on August 30th, 1938 at the age of 49, and was buried in the tomb of monks in the monastery of Kfifane. On March 10th, 1951, while monks were burying the late Father Youssef Souraty, they found the body of Brother Estephan undecayed.

Then, he was moved to a new tomb where he lays today and where visitors seek his intercession or ask the grace of healing. Brother Estephan was recognized Blessed on the altar of the Lord on June 27th, 2010 at the Monastery of Saints Cyprian and Justine in Kfifane.

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### Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Qurbono P. 445; Creed P. 748; Pre-Anaphora P.749; Anaphora of St. John P. 815

**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.