



PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

Saturday Liturgy: 5:00 PM

Wednesday & Friday Liturgy: 6:30 PM

Thursday Liturgy & Adoration: 6:30 PM



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READINGS

July/2022

July 17

Celebration of St. Sharbel

Epistle

Rom 8:28-39

Gospel

Mt 13:36-43



July 24

8th Sunday of Pentecost

Epistle

Ron 8:1-11

Gospel

Mt 12:14-21

TIME

* LITURGY INTENTIONS *

FROM



Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

July 17

11:00 AM

All Parishioners

By: The Priest

July 24

11:00 AM

Available

July 31

11:00 AM

Available

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2022

July 17

Covered Dish: Celebration of St. Sharbel

July 24

Roche Haught

July 31

Available



To sponsor a coffee hour pls contact Ana Franca Abi-Aad :954.806.9909, abetriz@yahoo.com or Amale Gebrael:919.633.3557, amal1014@yahoo.com Donation for coffee hour is appreciated

PARISH OFFERING

July 10, 2022



Weekly offering

\$1,128.00

Donations

\$5,800.00

Total Income

\$6,928.00

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: Acts 14:1-7; Lk 10:8-12

Tuesday: Acts 14:8-18; Lk 10:13-16

Wednesday: Acts 14:19-28; Lk 10:17-20

Thursday: Acts 15:1-12; Lk 10:25-28

Friday: Acts 15:13-21; Lk 10:29-37



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.

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- By Mail at: 600 Mount Vernon Church Rd., Raleigh NC 27614
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Upcoming Second Collection

- Sept. 11: Catholic University of America
 Oct. 23: World Mission Sunday
 Nov 13: Maronite Patriarchal Charities

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2022

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| July 17: | Feast of St. Sharbel (celebrated) |
| July 20: | Feast of Elias the Prophet |
| July 23: | Feast of St. Sharbel (actual) |
| August 6: | Transfiguration of Our Lord |
| August 15: | Assumption of the Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) |

7th Sunday of Pentecost

Saint Sharbel

Qurbono P. 718; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. John Maron p. 897

Youssef Makhoul was born in Beqaa-Kafra, Lebanon. The youngest of five children. His family was a simple, pious farm family that suffered the loss of its father when Youssef was four years old. After his father's death Youssef grew close to his maternal uncles, who were hermits of the monastery of St. Antonios in Kozhaya, and when he was 23, he left his village to enter the monastery of our Lady of Mayfouk in the district of Jbeil. While his family discouraged his desire to be a monk, he craved more seclusion than the monastery in Mayfouk offered. Youssef applied to the monastery of Saint Maron in Annaya, was admitted to the novitiate in 1851, and took the name Sharbel. He completed his theological studies in Kfeefan under Nehmatullah Al-Hardini, was ordained a priest, and returned to Annaya, where he remained for the next 16 years. Quickly gaining a reputation for a life of prayer, deep humility, poverty, chastity, devotion and a spirit of obedience. He learned obedience especially well from his hermit uncles and from his saintly mentor, Nehmatullah Al-Hardini who later was canonized a saint.

Seeking greater perfection still, Sharbel sought more solitude, but his request to become a hermit was repeatedly denied. However, his superior changed his mind after a miracle occurred. One night, he asked the house servants for some oil for his lamp to do his night prayers. Despite the fact it was after curfew, the servants decided to play a joke on him and filled the lamp with water instead. He went to his cell, lit the lamp and read his prayers. Meanwhile, the servants made such a commotion laughing about their joke, that it awakened the superior, who then noticed light coming from Sharbel's cell. Learning of the servant's joke, he realized a miracle had taken place and immediately approved his request to the nearby hermitage of Saints Peter and Paul, where he remained for 23 years until his death. He suffered a stroke in late 1898 when he was celebrating Mass on Christmas Eve, and he died eight days later. His tomb became a pilgrimage site for many, even non-Christians, who saw a great light coming from it. His body was exhumed in 1899, four months after his death, and found incorrupt, with blood-like liquid dripping from his body, a phenomenon that continues until the day of his beatification in 1965. He is known for his many miracles. Between April and July of 1950, 350 miracles at the monastery of Annaya were confirmed, some among Muslims. Saint Sharbel was canonized on October 9, 1977.

Peoples from around the globe flock to Annay to visit his hermitage for a cure and a blessing. The place of retreat and the austere hermitage and the secluded hills where St. Sharbel contemplated God, now has become a shrine for pilgrims visiting from the entire globe. His miracles and reputation have gripped both the East and the West. In the 1970s his reputation spread throughout the Middle East and Europe. In 1980s, even in Russia, and before the fall of the Berlin Wall, miracles by the hundreds were attributed to his intercession. Furthermore, Mexico, as a country, has recently discovered that Saint Sharbel has become its most popular saint for the numerous miracles that are taking place on a daily basis among its people.

Churches and Shrines are being built around the world dedicated to him from Russia to Europe to the Americas. His miracles have surpassed his Maronite people and Lebanese compatriots. Peoples of all nations, color and creed have reported miracles and cures through his powerful intercession. Although through his monastic way of life he is linked to St. Anthony of the Desert, he is par excellence, a saint for our modern world. May his life always be an example for us and may his memory be forever our guide. Amen.