



SAINT SHARBEL PARISH

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January 29, 2023

PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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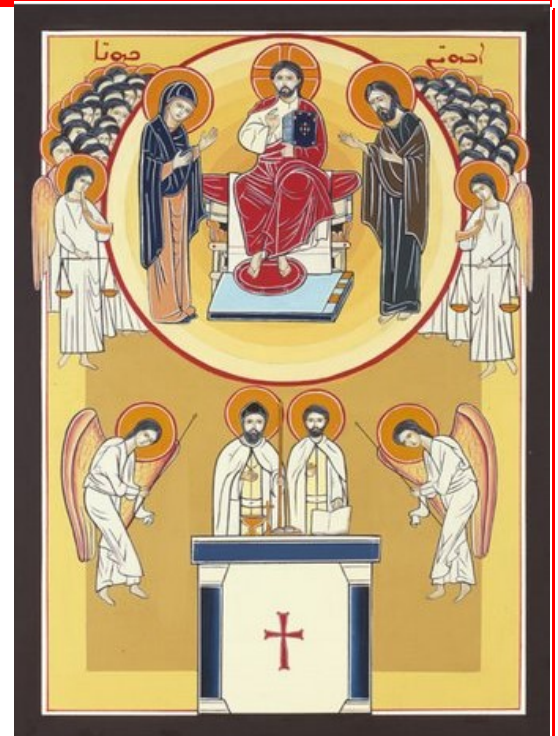
Subdeacon: Claude Shiver

Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

Saturday Liturgy: 5:00 PM

Wednesday & Friday Liturgy: 6:30 PM

Thursday Liturgy & Adoration: 6:30 PM



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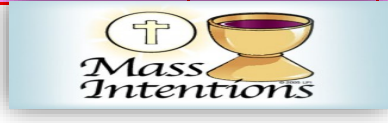
READINGS

January-February/2023



January 29	Sunday of the Priests	
	Epistle	Gospel
	1 Tim 4:6-16	Lk 12:42-48
February 5	Sunday of the Righteous and Just	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Heb 12:18-24	Mt 25:31-46

*** LITURGY INTENTIONS * FROM**



Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

Jan. 29	11:00 AM	Remember Me In Your Kingdom	By: The Priest
Feb. 5	11:00 AM	Available	
Feb. 9	6:30 PM	All Parishioners	By: The Priest

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2022

January 29	Widad Jabbour
February 5	Available
February 12	Sirine Shtakleff



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

January 22, 2023



Weekly offering	\$855.00
Donation	\$1,400.00
Covered Dish	\$515.00
Second Collection	\$155.00
Total Income	\$2,925.00

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: 2 Tim 1:1-11; Mt 16:24-28
 Tuesday: 2 Tim 2:1-13; Mt 18:1-5
 Wednesday: 2Tim 2:14-26; Mt 20:20-28
 Thursday: Rom 9:30-10:4; Lk 2:22-35
 Friday: 2 Tim 4:1-8; Lk 22:24-30
 Saturday: Tit 1:1-9; Jn 13:13-17



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
- Via our website www.saintshatbelchurch.org by clicking on Donate
- Direct Deposit to First Citizens Bank : Routing #: 053100300, Acc # 000861430571

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Upcoming Second Collection

February 20-April 6: Eparchial Charities Appeal

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2023

January 28:	An All Parish Meeting: 1:30 PM—4:30 PM
February 2:	Presentation of Christ in the Temple
February 9:	St. Maron (Holy Day of Obligation)
February 20:	Ash Monday

Sunday of the Priests

Qurbono P. 147; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. Peter p. 774

At the end of the Season of Epiphany and before the Season of Great Lent, Our Maronite Tradition dedicates three Sundays and three weeks to commemorate the deceased clergy, the righteous and just, and the faithful departed. The priest and the bishop are our loyal companion in our journey to God. He has two roles: (a) the role of the good shepherd who tends his flock with wisdom and careful watch and (b) the role of the intercessor who is always looking upward to heaven, administering the holy mysteries and constantly praying for his parish.

In this parable the Lord emphasizes the reward of the responsible and faithful servant who is vigilant while awaiting his master's return and the punishment of the servant who thought his master's return will be delayed. The reference to the priest here is indicative of the priestly authority which is linked to being faithful to the Lord who bestows upon him this sacred authority and mission. Faithfulness to the Lord requires wisdom, i.e., to decipher God's plan of salvation and to understand God's will in everything we do here on earth.

The emphasis of the parable on serving food to the household is applied directly to the priest who distributes the body and the blood of Christ to the faithful in the Mystery of the Eucharist. The great temptation which the priest may face lies in using his priestly service for personal gains. He may forget, or pretend to forget, that God has chosen him to be his priest, and to faithfully administer to God and his people.

The servant who abides by the directives of the master shall be greatly rewarded. He is loyal and works diligently as if the master has never left. He toils without wavering in the presence or in the absence of the master. He is well convinced and has full trust in his own mission. He accomplishes his task according to the master's wishes and serving his people. Whereas the servant who misconstrues the intention of the master and interprets it to his advantage, he shall be severely punished. He either fails to understand or is not willing to live according to the statutes of the master. He assumes that the master's return may be delayed, and begins abusing his authority, taking advantage of the master's absence. Another danger lies in the life of this servant and that is when he pretends he does not know the master's directives. This is where the greater punishment comes into the picture.

All the qualities that are applied to the priest make him eligible to the great honor preserved for the good disciple who is faithful to the teachings of his master. This is well expressed by John the Evangelist: "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." (John 12:26).