



SAINT SHARBEL PARISH

WEEKLY BULLETIN #2023-239
July 23, 2023

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/2023

July 23	St. Sharbel	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Rom 8:28-39	Mt 13:36-43
July 30	10th Sunday of Pentecost	
	Epistle	Gospel
	1 Cor 12:1-11	Mt 12:22-32



*** LITURGY INTENTIONS * FROM**

Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

July 23	11:00 AM	All Parishioners	By: The Priest
July 30	11:00 AM	Remember Me In Your Kingdom	By: The Priest
Aug. 6	11:00 AM	Available	

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2023

July 23	St Sharbel Luncheon
July 30	Available
Aug. 6	Amir Maayah



*To sponsor a coffee hour pls contact Gloria Salim-Brown: 919.345.3483, gsalim@aol.com.
Donation for coffee hour is appreciated*

PARISH OFFERING

July 16, 2023



Weekly offering	\$1,709.00
Donation	\$700.00
Total Income	\$2,409.00

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: Acts 18:18-28; Lk 11:33-36
 Tuesday: Acts 19:1-10; Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Acts 19:11-22; Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Acts 19:23-40; Lk 11:47-51
 Friday: Acts 20:6-16; Lk 11:52-54
 Saturday: Acts 20:17-35; Mt 23:1-12



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.

Thank You for Supporting Your Church

You may do so in various ways:

- 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

- Sept. 10: Catholic University of America and Maronite Seminary
- Oct. 22: World Mission Sunday
- Nov. 5: Maronite Patriarchal Charities

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2023

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| July 23: | Luncheon, Feast of St. Sharbel |
| Aug. 6: | Transfiguration of Our Lord |
| Aug. 15: | Assumption of the Virgin Mary |
| Sept. 9-10: | “Taste of Lebanon” Festival |
| Dec. 16: | 23rd Annual Christmas Dinner |
| Dec. 16: | Reverse Drawing Raffle |

Feast of St. Sharbel

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

This Sunday the Maronite Church remembers and seeks the intercession of Saint Sharbel. We know so well the many miracles attributed to his intercession, the holy life he lived, and the countless numbers of pilgrims from many Christian and non-Christian religions, that come for peace and inspiration at his shrine in Lebanon, and wherever his relics are exhibited.

Yet, Saint Sharbel would tell us that none of this is about him and all is about Christ. He would remind us as St. Paul does today in the Letter to the Romans, that no matter what we endure for the sake of our faith, that nothing will separate us from the love of God. That we must be diligent in our prayer, continually growing in our faith through study of Scripture, attending the Divine Liturgy, reading the Fathers of the Church, and be attentive to the teachings of the Church. We must not fear any power, for there is no power greater than God, and there is no advocate for us greater than Jesus and the Holy Spirit, the two hands of the Father as St. Irenaeus wrote, that are always present doing the will of the Father.

For if we remain faithful to our calling we will not be like the seeds that fell among the weeds, but will be numbered among the sons and daughters of God, who will rejoice forever in the splendor of his light and love.

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O Lord Jesus, you inspired the Saintly Monk and Hermit Sharbel to live and die in your path, and you gave him the strength to detach himself from the world in order for the monastic virtues of poverty, obedience, and chastity might triumph in his hermitage. We ask you to grant, by his merits and intercession, that we may be truly converted, renounce all sins and sinful desire, and become more and more pleasing to you by the practice of true virtue, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen