



SAINT SHARBEL PARISH

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September 10, 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 - August / 2023

September 10	Exaltation of The Holy Cross	
	Epistle	Gospel
	1 Cor 1:18-25	Jn 12:20-32
September 17	1st Sunday after Holy Cross	
	Epistle	Gospel
	2 Tim 2:1-10	Mk 10: 35-45



*** LITURGY INTENTIONS * FROM**



Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

Sept. 10	11:00 AM	All Parishioners	By: The Priest
Sept. 17	11:00 AM	Available	
Sept. 24	11:00 AM	Available	

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2023

September 10	Festival
September 17	Available
September 24	Available



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

PARISH OFFERING

September 3, 2023



Weekly offering	\$664.00
Total Income	\$664.00

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Lk 18:15-17
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Lk 18:18-23
 Wednesday: Jas 4:11-17; Lk 18:24-30
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:18-25; Jn 12:20-32
 Friday: 2 Peter 1:1-11; Jn 3:11-21
 Saturday: 2 Pet 1:12-21; Jn 8:21-30



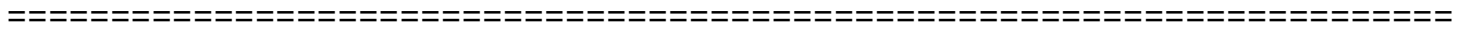
THE SANCTUARY LAMP

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

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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



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

- Sept. 9-10: "Taste of Lebanon" Festival
- Dec. 16: 23rd Annual Christmas Dinner
- Dec. 16: Reverse Drawing Raffle

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Qurbano P. 606; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. Peter p. 774

This feast is one of the greatest feasts of the Eastern Churches. It is frequently mentioned in ecclesiastical writings and always has as its object the triumph of Christ, his resurrection, and the veneration of the holy cross, the sign of his victory over death. The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was first instituted in order to commemorate the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection on September 13, 335. The Emperor Constantine built this church and the one in Bethlehem and they are both in existence today. The Church of the Resurrection had five naves and in the interior a circular structure covered by a dome which protected the sanctuary of the sepulcher or tomb of Christ. The date of September 13 was chosen in order to supplant the pagan feast of the Temple of Jupiter in Rome. The second historical event which is the source of our present feast was the return of the holy cross of Jerusalem under Emperor Heraclius. The wood of the cross had been preserved in the Church of the Resurrection until May 4, 614 when the Persians captured Jerusalem, burned the Church of the Resurrection and carried off the cross. After the victory of Emperor Heraclius over the Persians, the cross was returned to Jerusalem on September 14, 628. It is said that the Emperor, dressed in his royal vestments, carried the cross through the streets of Jerusalem. He was stopped by the Patriarch who demanded that he remove his splendid vestments in order to become more like the scorned Christ. The Emperor agreed and walked through the streets bare footed. A crowd of the faithful accompanied him and prostrated before the holy cross.

The Maronite Church celebrates the Rite of the Cross, which is a service of adoration of the cross, the sign of our salvation. This feast which comes at the end of the annual liturgical cycle is also directed toward the second coming of Christ, who carries his cross of light and triumph. It is this theme which is the object of the readings and prayers of the seven weeks which follow and which close the liturgical year. Adoration and honor to the cross of our Savior! Glory and praise to Christ our God, forever. Amen.