



SAINT SHARBEL PARISH

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January 21, 2024

PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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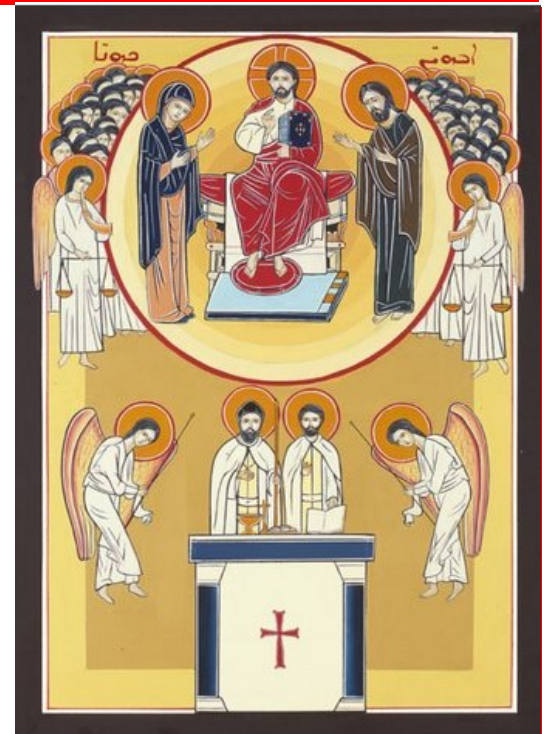
Pastor: Rev. Robert Youssef Farah

Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

Saturday Liturgy: 5:00 PM

Wednesday & Friday Liturgy: 6:30 PM

Thursday: Eucharistic Adoration: 6:30 PM



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READINGS

January 2024

January 21	Sunday of the Priests	
	Epistle	Gospel
	1 Tim 4:6-16	Lk 12:42-48
January 28	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. 21	11:00 AM	Fadel Faddoul Suleiman: 40-Day	By: The Faddoul Family
Jan. 28	11:00 AM	Remember Me In Your Kingdom	By: The Priest
Feb. 4	11:00 AM	Available	

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2023

January 21	The Faddoul family
January 28	Patti & Salah Karam
February 4	Rula & Dani Mouawad



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

PARISH OFFERING

January 14, 2024



Weekly offering	\$1,417.00
Total Income	\$1,417.00

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: 2 Tim 3:10-17; Lk 17:7-10

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.

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

- January 28: United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities
February 12-March 28: Eparchial Charities Appeal
March 28: Holy Land Collection

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2023

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| Feb. 2: | Presentation of Christ in the Temple |
| Feb. 3: | St. Valentine MYO Gathering |
| Feb. 4: | Pastoral Council Meeting |
| Feb. 6: | Ladies Guild Meeting |
| Feb. 9: | Feast of St. Maron (Holy Day of Obligation) |
| Feb. 12: | Ash Monday |

Sunday of the Priests

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

Sundays of Commemoration: Jan. 21, 28 & Feb 4, 2024

On this Sunday we commemorate our Deceased Priests. On each day of the week, we celebrate this liturgy, and continue our remembrance. After that, we remember the Righteous and the Just, and then all the Faithful Departed. These three weeks comprise a sort of transition from the Season of the Epiphany, to Lent. They are indeed a preparation for the great season of mortification. There are no obligations of fast and abstinence during these three weeks, other than to abstain from flesh meat on Fridays.

The best way to think of these three weeks is to compare them with 1 and 2 November (All Saints and All Souls Days) in the Latin Catholic Church. They have two days, we have three weeks – an echo of the Maronite emphasis on remembering the deceased. The second week of the Maronite commemorations corresponds to the first of the two Latin feasts, All Saints Day. Then, our third week is the equivalent number of the second feast, All Souls. So, why do we have a first week? We do so because this is the theology of the Maronite Church: that the entire calendar begins with the Consecration and the Renewal of the Church. In its wisdom, the Maronite Church paints the background to the liturgical year and to the period of commemoration.

To anticipate, this feast is not only about remembering deceased priests, it is just as much a reminder that the Christian priesthood is a participation in the eternal priesthood of Our Jesus Christ, the High Priest. The work of priests is for our eternal salvation, and although we only see the body of their hieratic work in this world, its roots and its highest fruit are in the Kingdom of Heaven. Our Christian life today is for our Christian life in eternity.

The priest is a mediator, a bridge, a channel, a conduit. But, and this is often forgotten, he is specifically a mediator, a bridge, a channel, a conduit for Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and not for some vague heavenly power. From that perspective, the priest is also a representative.