



SAINT SHARBEL PARISH

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April 21, 2024

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: Eucharistic Adoration: 6:30 PM

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READINGS

April 2024

April 21 4th Sunday of the Resurrection

Epistle

Heb 13:18-25

Gospel

Jn 21:1-14



April 28 5th Sunday of the Resurrection

Epistle

Eph 2:1-10

Gospel

Jn 21:15-19



* LITURGY INTENTIONS *

FROM

Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

April 21	11:00 AM	Awad Elia Lebbos	By: Amanda Wenzel
April 28	11:00 AM	Remember Me In Your Kingdom	By: The Priest
May 5	11:00 AM	All Parishioners	By: The Priest

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2023

April 21	Sarah & Fadi Abboodi
April 28	Celine & Salim Roupheel
May 5	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

April 14, 2024



Weekly offering	\$453.00
Coffee Hour	\$31.00
Total Income	\$913.00

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages

Daily Readings

- Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-10; Lk 5:1-11
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-12; Lk 8:22-25
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:13-20; Jn 6:1-15
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:1-13; Jn 6:16-21
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-12 Jn 6:22-27
- Saturday: 1 Thes 5:12-28; Mt 14:22-33



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

Upcoming Second Collection

- April 21: Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- May 5: National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2024

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| April 21: | Parish Council Meeting |
| May 5: | Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon |
| May 5: | First Communion |
| May 7: | St. Sharbel Ladies Guild Meeting |
| May 9: | The Ascension of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) |
| May 12: | Mother's Day |
| May 19: | Pentecost Sunday |

Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection

Qurbano P. 315; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. John p. 815

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CHRIST IS RISEN

Jesus Appears to the Apostles on the Lake (John 21:1-14)

This Sunday reminds us of the appearance of Jesus to seven of his disciples on the Lake of Tiberias. They are: Peter, Thomas, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, John the beloved disciple, and two others unnamed. It is a miraculous catch through the power of the word of the living and risen Jesus. It symbolizes the catching of men by the Apostles. The Church Fathers refers to the fishing net as the Church, whose mission is to gather in the living Christ all the nations of the earth.

They worked hard all night long but caught nothing. This is a clear sign that their mission now is no longer to catch fish, but to catch people for salvation. The living and risen Jesus who is present among them is the one who is behind this miraculous catch. They recognized him from the abundance of fish they caught and from the fact that their net was not torn! The Beloved Disciple “John” was the first to recognize him. He was the one who cried out to alert Peter “It is the Lord.” Peter put on some clothes and jumped into the water since he was stripped. The final sign in which the disciples recognized the risen Lord was when, “Jesus took the bread gave it to them,” which is a clear sign referring to the Eucharist. The bread, becoming the Eucharist, is the true and distinguished reason through which the believer comes to meet the risen and the living Lord.

The Scriptural readings for the rest of the week follow this Sunday’s theme. The gospels talk about Jesus and his disciples as they cross the lake of Tiberias from one side to the other. The text from Saint Luke (5: 1-11) is very close to this Sunday’s gospel; and Luke (8:22-25) details the raging sea and the calming of the storm. The text from Saint John (6:1-15) mentions how the crowd followed Jesus as he left Capernaum, crossing the Sea of Galilee to the place where the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves took place! John (6:16-21) discusses how the disciples went by themselves from there back to Capernaum and the sudden appearance of Jesus. And John (6:22-27) talks about how the crowd crossed from Tiberias to the same place and then to Capernaum, looking for Jesus. The text from Saint Matthew (14:22-33) tells us how the disciples cross by themselves from a deserted place to the Lake of Gennesaret and how, at the end of the night, about three in the morning, Jesus caught up with them, walking on the water, while the boat was being tossed by the waves which were raised by strong head winds. When he got into the boat the storm subsided, the sea was calm, and the disciples believed in him and said: “Beyond doubt you are the Son of God.” This is a convincing evidence for them and for the world, that He is Risen; that he is alive; that he wants them to accomplish his mission, which is to save all people and bring them back to God the Father.

Lord Jesus, you died and were buried like all mortals. By your resurrection you conquered evil and trampled upon death. You gave us life and opened for us the gates of Heaven. As we stumble along the journey of life, grant us peace and hope so that we may remain in the assembly of believers and inherit Eternal Life. Amen.