



# SAINT SHARBEL PARISH

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April 28, 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

## April-May 2024

<b>April 28</b>	<b>5th Sunday of the Resurrection</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	Eph 2:1-10	Jn 21:15-19
<b>May 5</b>	<b>6th Sunday of the Resurrection (Our Lady of Lebanon)</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	Rom 10:1-13	Lk 24:36-48



		<b>* LITURGY INTENTIONS *</b>	<b>FROM</b>
<b>Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions</b>			

April 28	11:00 AM	Remember Me In Your Kingdom	By: The Priest
May 5	11:00 AM	All Parishioners	By: The Priest
May 9	6:30 PM	All Parishioners	By: The Priest

### HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2023

April 28	Celine & Salim Roupael
May 5	Rula & Dani Mouawad
May 12	Mother's Day Brunch: Salah & Patti Karam



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

### PARISH OFFERING

**April 21, 2024**



Weekly offering	\$1,454.00
Coffee Hour	\$52.00
Donation	\$600.00
Second Collection	\$159.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,265.00</b>

*Thank You for your generosity and  
 your support*

### Important Messages

#### Daily Readings

Monday: Phil 1:1-11; Lk 22:28-34  
 Tuesday: Phil 1:12-20; Jn 1:35-42  
 Wednesday: Phil 1:21-30; Mt 16:11-20  
 Thursday: Phil 2:1-11; Mt 16:21-28  
 Friday: Phil 2:12-18; Mt 18:18-22  
 Saturday: Phil 2:19-30; Mt 17:24-27



## 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](http://www.saintshatbelchurch.org) by clicking on Donate
- Direct Deposit to First Citizens Bank : Routing #: 053100300, Acc # 000861430571

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## Upcoming Second Collection

- May 5: National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon
- May 19: Catholic Communications Campaign

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2024

- 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

## **Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection**

**Qurbano P. 315; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. Peter p. 774**

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**CHRIST IS RISEN**

### **Jesus Hands Over the Governing Authority to Peter (John:21:15-19)**

After the resurrection Jesus appeared to Peter and the disciples on the lake of Tiberias where he told them to cast the net to the right side of the boat for the miraculous catch. The three times answer of Saint Peter to Jesus that he loves him, forgives Peter's three times denial of Jesus at the night of his passion. It also explains why Jesus himself handed to Peter the responsibility of the flock, which is actually the Church, and commanded him three times: "feed my lambs..., tend my sheep..., feed my sheep...!"

Jesus did not hand down the responsibility of the church to the Disciple he loves, but to the one who loves Jesus. He would be in place of Jesus—a dignified shepherd for the Church. This completes the picture which the Evangelist portrayed in the scenario of the miraculous catch that we learned in last Sunday's Gospel. The Church is not an organization beset by chaos, anarchy and disruption. It is rather an organized community guided by the divine authority; and thus, by a dignified human authority which represents the authority of the concealed Jesus. It is Christ himself who is the Rock and the Shepherd. He authorized Peter as the Shepherd and made him the Rock! Therefore, following in the footsteps of his Master, Peter must also offer himself for the life of the sheep, thus, for the life of the Church. This, in fact, is the whole meaning of the expression "Follow Me!" It basically means following in his footsteps including death and martyrdom. Furthermore, "Follow Me" is about accepting the Lord's teaching, handed down to us by the Church and by being his true dedicated disciples.

The Scriptural readings for the rest of the week tell us more details about the relationship between the Lord Jesus and the special role to which he called the Apostle Simon Peter: Saint Luke (22: 29-34) brings about the prayer Jesus had for Peter: "I have prayed that your own faith may not fail and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers." In Saint John (1:35-42) the first encounter between Jesus and Simon Peter was when Jesus told him "you are Simon the son of John, you will be called Kephas which means Peter." In Saint Matthew (16:21-28) Peter expresses to Jesus that he does not wish him to go through suffering and death whereby Jesus responds: "Get behind me, Satan, you are an obstacle to me, you are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." In Saint Matthew (16:11-19) the answer of Peter is the answer of the disciples and the answer of the believing Church in Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God. In Saint Matthew (18:18-22) Jesus' answer to Peter about forgiveness, not seven times, but seventy times seven times, which means forgiveness without any measures and boundaries. In Saint Matthew (17:24-27), on the issue of taxes, Jesus directs Peter to open the mouth of the first fish he catches where he will find a coin worth twice the Temple tax, which should be enough for both of them.

**Loving Lord, Grant us to recognize you, to love you and to abide by your commandments. Help us understand our mission and strengthen us so that we may be able to live our faith as true Christian Disciples, and witness to your Holy Name all throughout our lives. Amen.**