

## PARISH SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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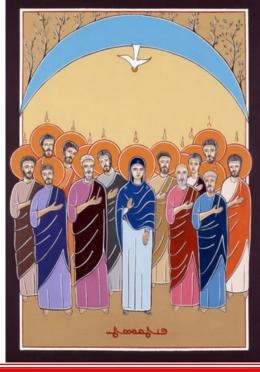
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Pastor: Rev. Robert Youssef Farah

**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	June 2024		
June 16	5th Sunday of Pentecost		0.
	Epistle	Gospel	
	Phil 3:7-14	Mt 10:1-7	î
June 23	6th Sunday of Pentecost		5
	Epistle	Gospel	,
	1 Cor 12:12-13, 27-30	Mt 10:16-25	

T		*LITURGY INTENTIO	NS* FROM	
Mass Intentions		Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions		
June 16	11:00 AM	All Fathers	By: The Priest	
June 23	11:00 AM	Remember Me In Your Kingdom	By: The Priest	
June 30	11:00 AM	Faouzi Ibrahim Kallas	By: Raymond Kallas	

# June 16 Father's Day Picnic June 23 St. Sharbel Dabke Group June 30 Raymond Kallas

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

June 9, 20	)24	
Weekly offering	\$983.00	
Donation	\$200.00	
Total Income	\$1,183.00	
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PARISH OFFERING

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### **Important Messages**

## **Daily Readings**

Monday: Acts 9:19b-30; Mt 10:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 9:31-43; Mk 13:9-13

Wednesday: Acts 10:1-10; Mt 10:21-26

Thursday: Acts 10:23-27; Mt 10:27-33

Friday: Acts 10:44-48; Mt 10:34-39

Saturday: Acts 11:19-30; Mt 10:40-11:1



#### 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.

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- Via our website www.saintshatbelchurch.org by clicking on Donate
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# **Upcoming Second Collection**

June 30: Holy Father's Collection

September 8: Catholic University of America and Maronite Seminary

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2024**

June 16: Father's Day Picnic

June 29: Sts. Peter & Paul

July 4: 4th of July Celebration

July 20: St. Elias the Prophet

July 21: St. Sharbel Celebration

July 23: Actual feast of St. Sharbel

## **Fifth Sunday of Pentecost**

Qurbono P. 425; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. Mark p. 835

## The Calling of the Apostles (Matthew 10:1-7)

This Sunday we begin the second phase in the Season of Pentecost, which is the phase of "The Mission." We draw closer to the feasts of the Saints Peter and Paul and the Twelve Apostles, June 29 and June 30 respectively. Just as eagles fly from their high towers into the open skies, so did the apostles start in Zion, the town of the Upper Room, which is the Mother of all the Churches. They proclaimed the Good News to the entire world. They converted all nations from error. They baptized people in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. This Sunday concentrates on the special calling of the Apostles.

Jesus chose the twelve apostles and bestowed upon them his own power to cure every disease and sickness, and sent them to proclaim the Good News. He instructed them as to what they have to do and informed them about what they will face. Saint Matthew combined both the Calling of the Apostles and the Commissioning as one single event. Whereas, Saint Mark (3:13-15) and Saint Luke (6:12-13) claimed that the Calling and the Commissioning are two separate events. The Church of the New Testament is established upon the twelve apostles just as the Community of the Old Testament was based upon the twelve sons of Jacob. In the synoptic gospels, the sequence for the names of the apostles varies. The one arranged by Matthew and Luke is known to be the original sequence. Peter is always mentioned as the first of the apostles and Judas the Iscariot is always the last. While Mark emphasizes the tightly knit connection between Jesus and the twelve: He called them "to be with him" (Mark 3:14); Luke stresses the vigilance and the prayer of Jesus before he chose the twelve (Luke 6:12).

Jesus called simple men who were fishermen, tax collectors and entrusted to them the salvific mission of all people. What a huge risk that was! But, in spite of their limitations, weakness and simplicity, the Holy Spirit was going to secure the success of this decisive mission in the life of humanity!

Like a king dispatches his ambassadors to carry out his orders, Jesus sent his apostles to preach his word. Jesus gave a temporary and not a permanent command to his apostles. He ordered them to avoid the roads of the Gentiles and any Samaritan city, i.e., Samaria, Syria and Phoenicia. Galilee was inhabited by Jews at the time of Jesus. It was in Galilee where Jesus first called Peter and the Apostles. It is to Galilee that they were first sent so as to "save the lost sheep in the house of Israel." in the justice of God, the Jews had to be given the first offer of the Gospel. God's plan of salvation gave them the first opportunity. But a good number of them rejected it. This is why Jesus gave the apostles this temporary command so that they start the initial preaching to the Jews in Galilee.

The twelve apostles were not limited to preach the words of Jesus. They were to do the work he had done to help suffering humanity. Jesus cleansed and cured the lepers, healed the sick, raised the dead and casted out demons. He brought health and provided healing to both body and soul. He empowered his apostles to achieve a duel task just as he did. He sent them on this tough mission worldwide and told them to announce to everyone the imminence of the Kingdom. Jesus is the only person who perfectly obeyed and fulfilled the will of God. He wished to establish on earth God's Kingdom, as perfectly as it is in heaven. Therefore, in Jesus, the Kingdom of God has come to humanity.