



# SAINT SHARBEL PARISH

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November 3, 2024

## PARISH SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM**

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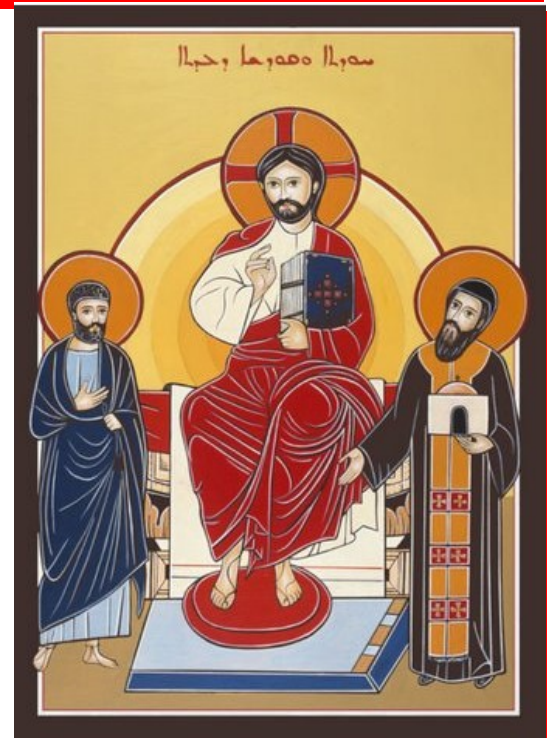
**Pastor:** Rev. Robert Youssef Farah

**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

# November 2024

<b>November 3</b>	<b>Consecration of the Church</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	Heb 9:1-12	Mt 16:13-20
<b>November 10</b>	<b>Renewal of the Church</b>	
	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
	Heb 9:11-15	Jn 10:22-42



		<b>* LITURGY INTENTIONS *</b>		<b>FROM</b>
<b>Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions</b>				
Nov. 3	11:00 AM	All Parishioners		
Nov. 10	11:00 AM	Available		
Nov. 17	11:00 AM	Available		

## HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2024

Nov. 3	Monica & Nadim Gebrael
Nov. 10	Laure & Zena Chemali
Nov. 17	Available



*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*

 <b>PARISH OFFERING</b> <b>October 27, 2024</b>	
<i>Weekly offering</i>	<b>\$1,242.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,242.00</b>
<i>Thank You for your generosity and your support</i>	

<b>Important Messages</b>
<b>Daily Readings</b>
Monday: Heb 10:11-18; Jn 17:1-8
Tuesday: Heb 10:19-25; Jn 17:9-13
Wednesday: Heb 10:26-31; Jn 17:14-19
Thursday: Heb 10:32-39; Jn 17:20-23
Friday: Rom 5:12-16; Jn 17:24-26
Saturday: Rom 5:17-22; Jn 15:15-21



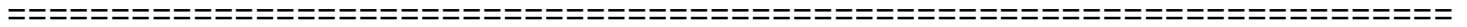
## **THE SANCTUARY LAMP**

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
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## **Upcoming Second Collection**

- November 3: Maronite Patriarchal Charities
- December 25: Pastor's Collection

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

- November 2: Volunteers Appreciation Dinner
- December 7: MYO One Day Retreat
- December 8: Ste Barbara Trunk or Treat
- December 14: Christmas Dinner
- December 22: Children Christmas Party

# Consecration of the Church

Qurbono P. 7; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. Peter p. 774

## Consecration of the Church (Matthew 16:13-20)

The Sunday of the Consecration of the Church, the opening of the New Liturgical year, reminds us of the cleansing of the Temples of Jerusalem in the year 164 B.C. and the consecration of the people by the priests, after the death of the pagan Emperor Antiochus Epiphanius . Jesus' words about the Temple, during his life, the tearing of the Temple curtain in two from top to bottom at his death, and the destruction of the Temple itself in the year 70 A.D., all these according to his prophecy, were clear signs that the time of the old Temple has passed. A New Covenant has emerged to replace the Old One and its perfect mediator is Jesus Christ and his new people—the Church who gathers all the nations of the earth, and who always testifies to the presence of God within her, because the Holy One who dwelled in her made her a community of saints.

According to Matthew, this passage is the heart of the Gospel and the main turning point in the ministry of Jesus and the life of the Apostles and the Church. Jesus is the **First** and absolute newness in the entire human history. The church who believed that he is the Son of the Living God is the **Second**. The title "Prophet" after that became very important so that the coming of Christ is rightfully distinguished. But the Apostles and Peter, who are closely connected to Jesus, saw in him "Christ the Son of God," that only and unique "Prophet," who possesses supreme wisdom and power. He is the one who is going to establish the kingdom of God in the whole earth. At the same time, they saw in him, the Holy "Son of God" in the absolute theological sense referring to his unique and filial kinship to God. This is the faith of the Church, through it, she renews and consecrates the world, by the washing of baptismal water, and by the word of life which is embedded in the faith and the sacred mysteries.

Among all who knew Jesus up to this point, Peter was the first to profess publicly who Jesus was: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!" Peter becomes the rock and the foundation of the future Christian Community which is the Church. He was not given a name but an appellation. **Kepha**, meaning **Rock** in Aramaic, or **Peter** as a name before Christianity did not exist. To build on a rock meant to establish an edifice on a solid foundation. Jesus did not use Hebrew but Aramaic and the only Aramaic word which describes strength and serves the purpose would be Kepha. The powers of death would not destroy it. The Church community has been referred to a building. The Gates of hell here are understood as the realms of death. Without a doubt, behind this lies the authority of the one who has the keys. The same authority was vested in the master of the house, the chamberlain, of the royal house in ancient Israel. The role of Peter as steward of the Kingdom is closely related to the Old Testament chamberlain who held the "key." Peter's authority in this community, to "bind" or "release" will be to carry out decisions made in heaven. His teaching, and the Church's teaching thereafter, and its disciplinary activities, will be similarly guided by the Holy Spirit to carry out Heaven's will. It is the Church carrying out heaven's decisions, communicated and guided by the Spirit, and not heaven ratifying the Church's decisions.

On this Sunday of the Consecration, let us also consecrate our time and efforts to help build each other. The Consecration of the Church means the consecration of our lives and the lives of every member of our Christian Community. Peter and the apostles, along with many generations who followed, up to our time, have adorned the Church so we may be heirs of God's Kingdom. Let us, in turn, do our part, with the same zeal, in order to preserve it to the next generation.