



SAINT SHARBEL PARISH

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March 30, 2025

PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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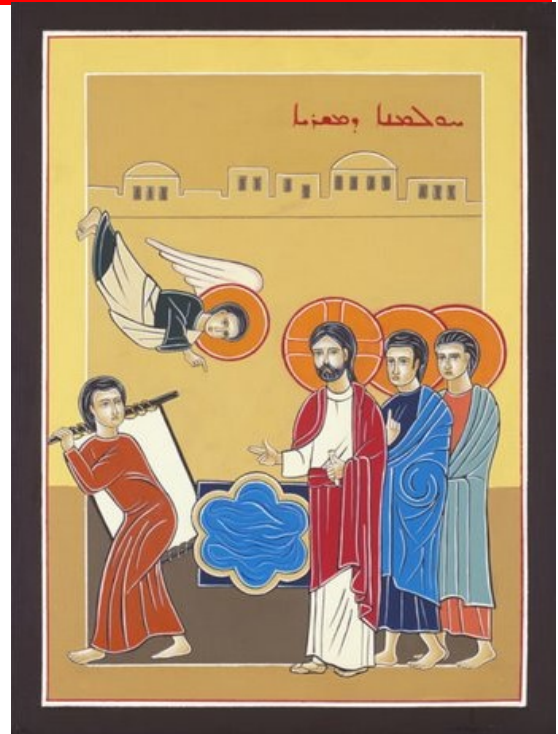
Pastor: Rev. Robert Youssef Farah

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

March - April 2025



March 30	Healing of the Paralytic	
	Epistle	Gospel
	1 Tim 5:24-6:5	Mk 2:1-12
April 6	Healing of the Blind Man	
	Epistle	Gospel
	2 Cor 10:1-7	Mk 10:46-52



* LITURGY INTENTIONS *

FROM

Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

March 30	11:00 AM	Remember Me In Your Kingdom	By: The Priest
April 6	11:00 AM	Available	
April 13	11:00 AM	All Parishioners	

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2024


March 30	SAJ (Flatbread baked on a metal griddle)
April 6	Available
April 13	Palm Sunday Luncheon



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

PARISH OFFERING

March 23, 2025

 Weekly offering	\$1,723.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$100.00
Total Income	\$1,823.00

Thank You for your generosity and your support

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: Eph 5:3-13; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 1 Tim 1:1-8; Mk 6:47-56
 Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 7:11-17
 Thursday: 2 Tim 1:6-14; Mk 4:33-41
 Friday: Phil 2:12-19; Lk 4:31-44
 Saturday: Col 3:23-4:7; Mk 7:31-37



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

March 3– April 17: Eparchial Charities Appeal

April 18: Holy Land Collection

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2024

March 30: SAJ (Flatbread baked on a metal griddle)

April 4: Falafel Friday

April 5: Maamool Baking

April 13: Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)

Healing of the Paralytic

Qurbono P. 217; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. James p. 794

Healing of the Paralytic (Mark 2:1-12)

In the healing of the Leper, the hemorrhaging woman, and in the parable of the prodigal Son, the divine authority of Jesus appeared to forgive sins. But Jesus proved it in an extraordinary way when he healed the paralytic of Capernaum. The crowds who witnessed it “glorified God for bestowing upon mankind such an authority.” Jesus in turn granted this authority to his apostles and they preserved it in the church as the sacred Mystery of repentance to reconcile all repentant sinners.

Most likely, in the house of Simon, in Capernaum, Jesus addressed the people “with the Word of God.” This house became the symbol of the Church which is the meeting place to proclaim the Good News and the birth place of the mission of Jesus. The Evangelist emphasizes the faith of the men who carried the paralytic and opened the roof. Based upon their faith, it was announced to the paralytic: “My son! Your sins are forgiven!” This statement triggered an argument between Jesus and some of the scribes who claimed: “Who can forgive sins but God alone?” They thought that Jesus was unable to heal the paralytic and that is why he was evading that issue and was talking about the forgiveness of sins, because that is a hidden matter and no one can see that a healing took place but God alone! However, for Jesus, forgiving the paralytic was much more important than healing him. In order for all to understand his authority to forgive sins, Jesus ordered the paralytic to stand up! Right there and then, the paralytic got up in front of everyone healthy and justified!

Only Jesus knew the circumstances of the paralyzed man. In relaying God’s message Jesus forgave the man’s sins and healed him. This is where the problem of the Scribes lies. Although it was the obligation of devout Jews to forgive each other, they did not accept the public statement of Jesus. *They want so much to deny the authority Jesus claimed from heaven to remit the sins of men.* The crowds were amazed not only by the forgiveness granted and the immediate healing, but also by the fact that to Jesus, authority had been given for the sake of man’s salvation. Not only did Jesus forgive the man’s sins, but also Jesus healed him from his paralysis.

The breaking of the power of sin and destruction of evil imply the dawning Kingdom. By this miracle Jesus’ question is a challenge to the Scribes to accept or reject his claim that the reign of God was visibly breaking in. In both instances, the healing and the forgiveness, even though the former is more dramatically visible, these are signs that God’s kingdom on earth is being restored. For the Old Testament community, miracles were the purpose of proclaiming to humanity the gracious will of God and the sovereignty of his rule. Faith here plays a major role. In the healing of the paralytic, it is FAITH, which causes God to respond with his saving act. Jesus declares that wholeness “salvation” has been brought to the sufferer through his faith and those who brought him. On the one hand, Jesus was conveying God’s compassion and forgiveness to mankind—something that God has already granted us. Jesus was acting on God’s behalf. God delegated his powers and privileges to Jesus. The words Jesus spoke were none other than God’s words. On the other hand, Jesus purposely performed a healing on the Sabbath to show the validity of his power and that his authority is not from mere human precepts but from Heaven. By healing, Jesus explained that the Law may be harsh and in many instances it may kill. He wants us to understand that it is MERCY He is looking for and not self-righteousness. The Law and the Letter should not be a stumbling block that interferes between God and us.

In spite of the fact that our souls are paralyzed by sin and our actions are hampered by evil, our FAITH becomes the remedy, which leads us to being healed by God’s compassion and love