

# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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## May 20, 2018

**Pentecost Sunday: Descent of the Holy Spirit**



**Next Sunday**

*Sunday of the Holy Trinity*

**Roms 11:25-36** (God's Irrevocable Call/Triumph of God's Mercy)

**Mt 28:16-20** (The Commissioning of the Disciples)

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, May 20th, 10:30 am

*+Khalil Farah*

Monday, May 21st

*Available*

Tuesday, May 22nd

*Available*

Wednesday, May 23rd

*Available*

Thursday, May 24th

*Available*

Friday, May 25th

*Available*

Saturday, May 26th

*Normita Marasigan*

Sunday, May 27th

*+Choucri Foulia*

***Adoration/Exposition every Sunday at 9:30 am before the morning Liturgy.***

***Confession every Sunday at 9:45 am before the morning Liturgy.***

***Also join us to pray the Rosary on Sundays at 10:00 am before the Liturgy begins.***

## Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for May 6th - 12th

Online.....\$1,075.00

Collection.....\$861.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,936.00

YTD Total.....\$32,651.68

YTD Goal.....\$35,074.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$2,422.32**

## Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, May 20th

Redmond Family

Sunday, May 27th

Torker Family

# Parish Events

## Altar Sponsorship

We are in need of families or individuals to sponsor the altar. Sponsorship helps with altar bread, communion wine, candles for the celebration of the Holy Offering of the Mass. Your gift will be acknowledged on the website calendar and published in the bulletin. Here are a few points:

- Contact Ann Marentette to schedule **Altar Sponsorships**. Her email is : [abmarentette@gmail.com](mailto:abmarentette@gmail.com)
- Your gift is a love offering, with the minimum gift being \$30. (Somewhere between \$50-60 is my guess about the breakeven point for us.) Again, there is no set amount, everyone has different means, so offer what you will.
- You can make your offering on the website, or you can put a check in collection plate, just note on the check or envelope what it is for (Altar Support).
- The big Sundays are Easter and Christmas, but also Mother's Day, and Feast Days (i.e., St Sharbel Feast, Epiphany, Holy Cross, Immaculate Conception, etc). Those are available on *first come first served basis*. Obviously we spend more on flowers those days, so you could bear that in mind in considering your offering for that week's sponsorship.
- If you want to actually have a florist do the flowers for a big weekend, work with Ann to coordinate that.
- Just like Mass Intentions, there might be weeks where no one signs up. I would be ideal for people to sign up for every Sunday, but we are inviting you to take the initiative to sign up.

### Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford  
(Treasurer)

Charlie Ashou

Gus Bekahi

Nick El Hajj

Agopos Ghossein

Adib Karam

+Claude Karam

Anne Marentette  
(Secretary)

Doug Raab

+Thaddeus Rask

Nadia Redmond

Mitch Siekmann

Laif Waldron

Ex Officio  
+Deacon Tony  
+Deacon Wadih

+Finance Committee

## Community Events

### Looking for a natural and affirming way of family planning?

WHEN: June 4th, 18th & July 2nd

WHERE: NW Family Services

6200 SE King Rd.

Portland, OR 97222

INSTRUCTOR: Lauren Fuller

CONTACT: [lfuller@symptopro.org](mailto:lfuller@symptopro.org)



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# **::JOB POSTING::**

**The National Apostolate of Maronites, NAM, are in the process of recruiting and retaining the services of a new Executive Director.**

## **Executive Director National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM)**

### Job Description

In accordance with the National Apostolate of Maronites By-Laws, the Executive Director is responsible for the successful leadership and management of the Organization according to the strategic direction set by the Board of Directors in consultation with the Bishops.

The Executive Director performs some or all of the following:

- Participate with the Board of Directors in developing a vision and strategic plan to guide the Organization
- Identify, assess and inform the Board of Directors of internal and external issues that affect the Organization
- Act as a professional advisor to the Board of Directors on all aspects of the Organization's activities
- In addition to the President of NAM, act as a spokesperson for the Organization
- Conduct official correspondence on behalf of the Board as appropriate and jointly with the Board when appropriate
- Represent the Organization at community activities to enhance the Organization's community profile
- Perform the day-to-day operations of the National Office, which can be located anywhere
- In conjunction with the education Chair, supervise NAM's scholarship applications and awards
- Maintain up to date, true and accurate financial records
- Report on the financial standing of the Organization on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis
- Supervise the receipt and disbursement of all funds of the Organization and shall authorize deposits and withdrawals of all monies under such conditions as shall be imposed by the Board and in accordance with an approved budget
- Maintain current records of membership and delegates/representatives
- With the Chairman of Finance, prepare and present to the Board, the National Convention Report and the annual financial statements
- Serve as the Convention Coordinator working in close collaboration with the Bishops, host Pastors and chairpersons of national and regional conventions as well as the organizing committees
- Serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee
- In cooperation with the Public Relations committee, maintain a website for the Organization
- Perform all other duties as delegated by the Board of Directors, and all other duties that customarily devolve for the Office, not specifically mentioned herein

In addition to the above, the Executive Director must work with the Bishops on a regular basis.

### Qualifications

- Knowledge of Maronite history and heritage
- Understand and believe in NAM's Mission
- Computer skills in Microsoft programs, as well as web design
- Participate in and understand Maronite traditions and interact with the Maronite Bishops, Clergy and laity
- Perform efficiently and on-time all aspects of office operations
- Knowledge of convention planning and hotel negotiations
- Ability to travel, when needed, throughout the year
- Ability to present well to the general public as the face of the Maronite Church
- Abide by all Catholic teaching and morality and practice the Catholic Faith with sincerity
- Ability to prepare, understand and present financial reports
- Bookkeeping Ability
- Bachelor's degree preferred, but not required

For further information, or to be considered for this position, please contact  
Father Albert Constantine at (818)416-3839 or [fralbertconstantine@gmail.com](mailto:fralbertconstantine@gmail.com)

# Reflection

## *Pentecost*

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost when God fulfilled His promise when He said “I will not leave you as orphans” (Jn. 14:18). The Holy Spirit, Who has been in creation since the beginning, was confirmed in His presence in the Church today. He existed before all time with the Father and the Son, and is foreshadowed throughout all of the Old Testament. In the very beginning of the world He is recalled to be hovering over the waters (Gen. 1:2) and so we profess, “We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life...” for He perfected all creation. The various prophets, such as David (Ps. 51:11), called upon Him for His assistance. But today we come to know Him Who was simply alluded to in ages past but never seen. Today is the day the Holy Spirit, Who is always with us, has revealed Himself for the sake of our salvation and strength.

The time after Christ’s Ascension was a time of confusion for the Apostles. Though Christ promised them that He would never leave them orphans it seemed that God was most absent to them since they first encountered Jesus. They hid themselves in the Upper Room where they had celebrated the Last Supper and He had appeared to them again after His Resurrection for fear of persecution on the Feast of Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Passover. But God foretold through the prophet Joel, as He did through so many others, that “I will pour out my Spirit on all people” (Acts 2:17) and so “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them” (Acts 2:4). Just as the Holy Spirit completed creation the first time in Genesis, He completed the salvific mission of Jesus Christ by being poured out upon them. Just as the Father and Son are always present, so too has the Spirit, but just like the Son was received in a particular way at His Incarnation, the Spirit was received in a special way at His pouring out at Pentecost. For those who loved Christ and followed His commands, the Holy Spirit overshadowed the Apostles and appeared as tongues of fire, enabling to speak every language present so that they may spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Then did the Apostles realize that they had not been abandoned, but the promise of Christ had been fulfilled:

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth... On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.” (Jn. 14:16-17, 20)

In God’s love the Apostles gained their greatest Advocate, Who strengthened them in their fear and gave them all things necessary to do the work of God.

But the descent of the Holy Spirit was not something once realized at Pentecost and irrelevant to us, but He continues to indwell in us. When we are baptized we receive the Holy Spirit into ourselves, and He does not leave us no matter our actions, as long as we do not deny Him. This is why St. Paul asks, “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, Whom you have received from God?” (1 Cor 6:19). By baptism we have received the same Spirit Who empowered the Apostles two thousand years ago. Perhaps we do not manifest tongues of fire because they are not necessary for our mission, but He gives us the strength and capacity to accomplish the work of God. The same Spirit Who was at the beginning and spoke through the prophets, is poured out today, and will forever be our advocate is Whom we celebrate and remember today. Let us remember He is our strength every day as we pray,

Make us worthy, Lord God, Lover of Men, that we may sate our souls and fill our hearts with the rational drink of the new wine of the Spirit, the Paraclete, that having been made pure and holy we may sing pure praises with pure and holy tongues to Your adored and holy name, and that of Your Only-Begotten Son, and Your Holy Spirit, now and at all times, forever. Amen.



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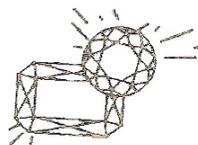
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