

# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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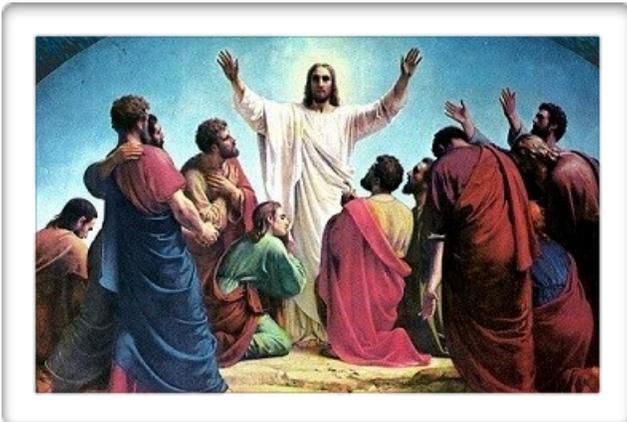
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## June 30, 2019

Jesus Rejoices in the Holy Spirit



### Next Sunday

*The Calling of the Apostles*

**Phil 3:7 -14** (Righteousness from God/Forward in Christ)

**Mt 10:1-7** (The Mission of the 12/The Commissioning of the 12)

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, June 30th 10:30 am

*Available*

Monday, July 1st

*Available*

Tuesday, July 2nd

*Available*

Wednesday, July 3rd

*Available*

Thursday, July 4th

*Available*

Friday, July 5th

*Available*

Saturday, July 6th

*Available*

Sunday, July 7th

*Available*

*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 June 16th - 22nd*

Online.....\$315.00

Collection.....\$1,051.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,366.00

YTD Total.....\$46,973.51

YTD Goal.....\$46,150.00

YTD Difference.....**\$823.51**

## Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, June 30th

*Available*

Sunday, July 7th

*Available*

# Parish / Community Events

**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



## JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 – SATURDAY MARIAN RETREAT DAY

WITH ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER SAMPLE



Hosted by the Portland Archdiocesan Division  
of The World Apostolate of Fatima

**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH  
AND SIENA HALL**

375 NE CLACKAMAS  
PORTLAND, OR 97232

**TIME: 8:00 AM – 3:15 PM**

- NO REGISTRATION FEE
- FREE WILL OFFERING
- RSVP: [brenda.wafpdx@gmail.com](mailto:brenda.wafpdx@gmail.com)
- Phone Calls:
  - Mary: 503-914-8411
  - **En Español:**
  - Norma: 503-807-9956

### Marian Retreat Day Activities

- CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – 8:00am
- MARIAN CONFERENCE #1 – 8:45am  
Father Timothy Furlow  
"Consecration to Mary"
- ROSARY & CONFESSIONS – 10:30am  
(ENGLISH & SPANISH)
- HOLY MASS with ARCHBISHOP SAMPLE – 11:00am
- LUNCHEON with ARCHBISHOP SAMPLE – 12:20pm
- MARIAN CONFERENCE #2 – 1:40pm  
Father Gabriel Mosher, O.P.  
"Our Lady of Fatima & the Vision of Hell"
- CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY – 3:00pm



## 2ND ANNUAL MONASTERY BARBECUE FUNDRAISER SATURDAY JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>

**SACRED MYSTERIES (MARONITE MASS)  
10:30 AM TO 12:00 NOON  
BARBECUE  
12:00 NOON TO 5:00 PM**



**Come support the Maronite Monks of Jesus, Mary and Joseph with the building of their new monastery in Castle Rock, Washington. Bring the whole family and enjoy great American barbecue and Mediterranean food choices. Come partake in the peace and serenity of the monks 65 acres, in the shadow of their new monastery shell that is under construction. The monks still need to raise a generous amount of funds to complete the next and final stages of the monastery building project.**

**We need your generous support!!**

**HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS, CHICKEN,  
MEDITERRANEAN STYLE ENTREE AND DESSERT**

**MONASTERY ADDRESS: 2314 DELAMETER RD. CASTLE ROCK, WASHINGTON 98611**



**TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE MONKS, GO TO THEIR WEBSITE AT:  
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## Capital Improvement Project 90% Funded

Brothers and Sisters,

**I wanted to update you on our improvement project at St Sharbels. I am so excited seeing what the Spirit has wrought among us!** As you know we started with the elevator project, and then were able to add the carpet and marble for the altar. Now we are close to being able to refresh the rest of the church. This means new paint, new carpet everywhere and if we can swing it, updated modern furniture, and of course the church bell which is already installed. I've attached a picture below of the concrete pour that is happening today for the foundation of the elevator itself.

**We have raised about 90% of what we need, and for this reason I am writing to ask you to consider making a gift.** I hesitate to trouble you with this request because my sense is that between other commitments, helping the monastery, and your families — asking for the church might be alot. However, if anything, this is **your** parish and I thought you might want to be part of what we are doing. I want to assure you that I have made a significant personal pledge from my own funds — not to boast, but to let you know that I am not asking anything that I am not willing to do myself.

If you are able to make a gift (to be paid by end of year), we would be so pleased to have you on board. **We will place a bronze plaque in the basement once all the work is done, and will list all the donors in the \$2500 and up categories.** That said, smaller gifts are gladly accepted.

**Would you pray about this with your family, and kindly let Kristina know by replying to this email in the next two weeks? I need to know for planning purposes.** *The only thing I ask is that whatever you pledge, that it be above and beyond to your normal tithe/giving to the church. Like your own family budget, we count on this in the background to pay the annual expenses at the parish.*

**The last thing I will say — if you cannot be involved at this time — that is TOTALLY fine.** You are all strong supporters of the parish and without you we would not be financially fit. Sometimes when we pray about something, God's answer is "not now". That said, I would be remiss if I didn't offer you each the chance to be involved in a significant way.

Pray for me and the clergy of both Eparchies as we travel to the priest conclave in Miami. Be assured you and your families are in my personal prayers.

In Christ,  
Your priest and friend,  
Abouna Chris

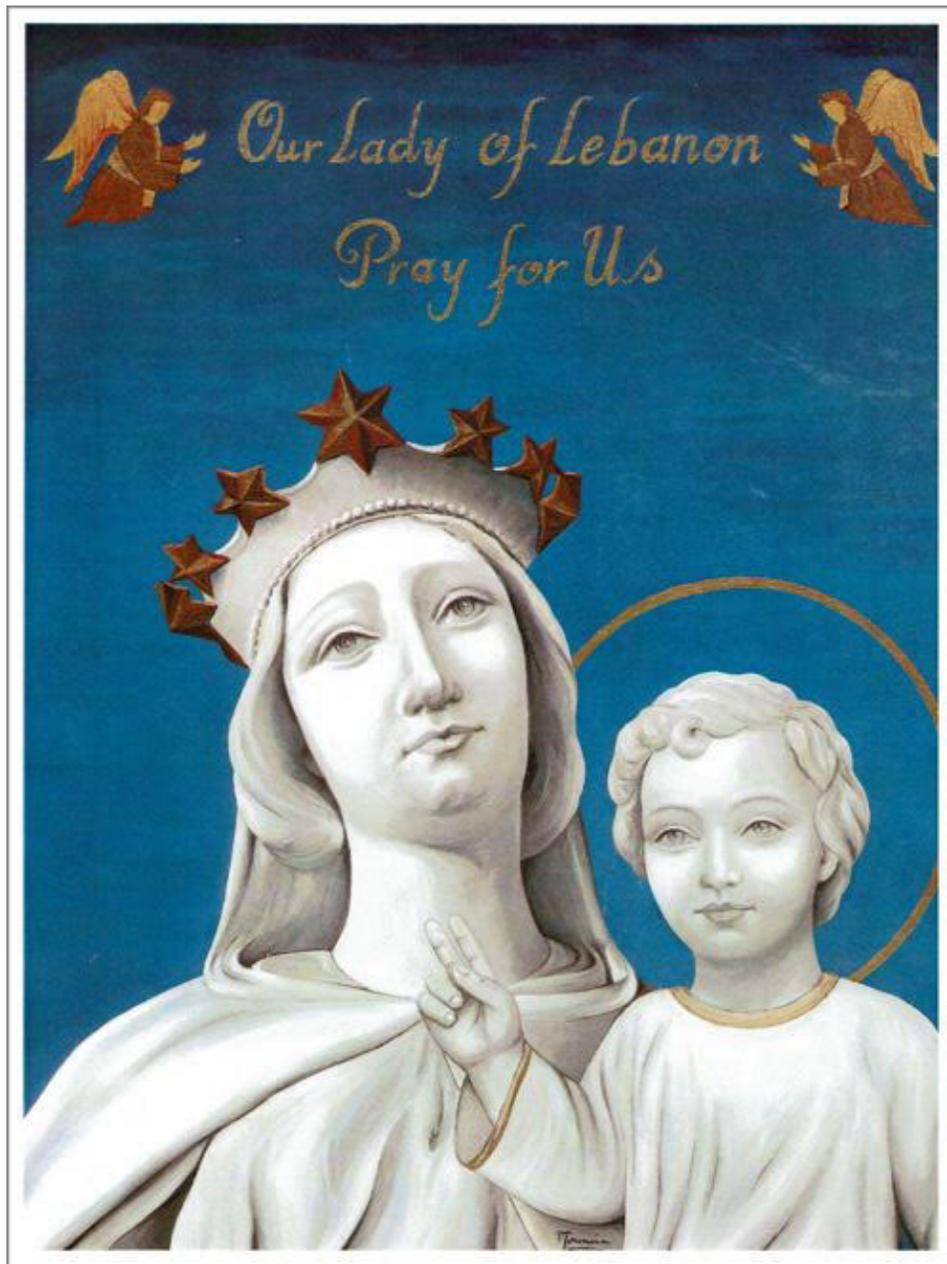


## Parishioners to Pray for the Eparchy

Pope John Paul II issued the papal bull *Omnium Catholicorum* on February 19, 1994 establishing a second Eparchy for the Maronite of the United States. The new Eparchy received the title of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles, and was carved out of the territory of the original Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn. It included some 34 States. The Eparchy has under the leadership of three capable and well loved bishops, has grown and prospered. St. Sharbel Maronite Parish is part of this great Eparchy.

At the annual clergy meeting Bishop Zaidan asked us all to pray for the Diocese in celebration of the 25th anniversary — it's Silver Jubilee. Starting this Sunday, we will pray a prayer for the Eparchy together as a parish before the final blessing. Also, starting this Sunday, each week one family in the parish will take the icon that the Bishop has provided to us, to our individual homes and then pray as a family the prayers that accompany the icon. They will return the icon the next Sunday, and then the next week a different family will take the icon. There are beautiful booklets that come with the icon, and all are welcome to take one.

<https://eparchy.org/history/>  
**Ab./Fr. Christopher Fabre**



# Reflection

## Jesus Rejoices in the Holy Spirit

God the Father, by His nature, is hidden from us because He is greater than understanding or even our senses. But because He loves us, He has revealed Himself throughout the ages because He wishes us to know Him. First, He sent the prophets to reveal their prophecies. Then the Son, our Lord and God Jesus Christ, became man Himself to unite God and man. Lastly, God the Spirit descended on Pentecost to make all Christians His dwelling place and temple, to continue to reveal what is “hidden... from the wise and learned” but “revealed... to little children” (Luke 10:21).

Our baptism was when God the Spirit descended and make us His dwelling, just as He did first at Pentecost. He remains in us as our strength and our “Paraclete” (or advocate), as Jesus Himself called Him, to lead us to know what wise men do not of God. No amount of human wisdom can lead someone to the wisdom that God imparts in baptism, because baptism itself is a spiritual womb which births the baptized anew into God Himself and God dwells in the baptized.

A question that has been long asked is how do we sin if God dwells in us, and whether or not the Holy Spirit departs from us when we sin. But our ancient Syriac tradition has also long answered the question, as Bishop Philoxenus of Mabbug did 1500 years ago. Whatever we do, God remains in us because of His love, as Christ promised when He said “Remain in me, as I also remain in you” (John 15:4). Even when we have sinned, the Spirit remains to lead us back to be reconciled with God. As God promised through Moses in ancient times and He repeats with every mercy, He will never leave or forsake us (Deut. 31:6).

In God’s love He granted us free will to choose or reject Him, as all love must be freely chosen and not forced. So though He dwells in us and remains with us, He allows us to either choose to follow Him and return when we stray, or reject Him without repentance. We are temples

of the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul told the Corinthians (1 Cor. 6:19) consecrated by baptism, but by a lack of faith, lack of repentance and lack of godly actions, we can choose to show the disdain for the honor of God dwelling within us. Though God will remain in us, we can make it clear we do not wish to dwell in Him, He Who is life itself. When we choose the death of sin over the life of God, Christ says, “If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned” (John 15:6).

Every time we attend the Divine Liturgy, we profess our faith, calling the Holy Spirit the Giver of Life. He created all life in the beginning, and gives imperishable life in baptism. He has done so not out of our own merit, but out of His love for His creation. Each day we are given the option to live for this life we have been given in God, growing in the divine life. Let us strive to seek God in all things and everywhere, remembering it is He Who gave life and gives it again daily.



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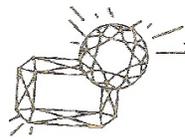
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