

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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May 26, 2024 Trinity Sunday



Next Sunday

3rd Sunday of Pentecost 1 Cor 2:1-10 (The Corinthian & Paul/The True Wisdom) Jn 14:21-27 (The Advocate)

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for May 12th - 18th

Online	\$483.50
Collection	\$686.00
Weekly Total	\$1,169.50

YTD Total	\$28,175.98
YTD Goal	\$46,160.00

YTD Difference......**\$17,984.02**

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, May 26th, 11:00am +Louis F. Fabre

Monday, May 27th Available

Tuesday, May 28th Available

Wednesday, May 29th Available

Thursday, May 30th Available

Friday, May 31st Available

Saturday, June 1st Available

Sunday, June 2nd Available

Adoration/Exposition every Sunday at 10:00 am before the morning Liturgy.

Confession every Sunday 10:35-10:50am before the morning Liturgy.

Also join us to pray the Rosary on Sundays at 10:30 am before the Liturgy begins.

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, May 26th Available Sunday, June 2 Available

News/Events

Parish Council

Chair: Lydia Massaad

Sara Ashou Eva Bekahi Ben El Hajj Husn Karam +Claude Karam Michael Layoun +Doug Raab +Thaddeus Rask Nadia Redmond Peter Rizk Mitch Siekmann Gibran Zogbi

+Finance Committee

Thank You Abouna Chris!!

For your years of Service to St. Sharbel. We are grateful for your leadership and may God bless you in your next



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MARONITES ON MISSION: CREATED. CALLED. SENT FORTH.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION Deadline: June 1st www.namnews.org | (914) 964-3070 | info@namnews.org HOTEL BOOKINGS (\$189+/Night, Single/Double) https://book.passkey.com/e/50700969 | (313) 568-8000



National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM) 2024-2025 Scholarships are now available for high school and college students. Scholarships range from \$1000 to \$2000 and opportunities to study abroad in Lebanon. The deadline is May 31, 2024. See website for forms and details: <u>https://namnews.org/?Scholarships1</u>

59th Annual NAM Convention will be in Detroit, Michigan, July 4-7, 2024. SEE ABOVE

Eucharistic Congress — The First National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years July 17-21, 2024 Indianapolis, Indiana MORE INFO HERE

Parish Programs

Wanted ONE Holy Hour per Week!



Contact Nadia Redmond 503-671-0440 -or-

Email: <u>n.redmond@comcast.net</u> More info at: https://sevensistersapostolate.org/

MYO GAME NIGHT Saturday, July 13 | 6:00-10:00pm

Video, Board, Games, Cards, Etc. Open to all youth Ages 13-18 to celebrate Summer! Will be at the Allam Family Home. Friends are Welcome!

Please RSVP by JUNE 28th to Gladys 503-747-8689 or fotw@frontier.com

BELIEVE+PRAY+LIVE PRAVTHE ROSARV Cedars of St. Sharbel **Youth Catechesis** Ages 12-17 EVERY SUNDAY BEFORE MASS WE PRAY THE ROSARY AT 10:30AM. To sign up, contact Gennifer Karam jmkaram3@gmail.com PLEASE JOIN US IN PERSON OR WITHIN YOUR OWN FAMILY TO PRAY THE ROSARY NG, LEARNING τοςετηες. THE FAITH SUNDAYS 10:30AM EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL ZOOM "In that little Host is the Solution to all the problems Theological Content, Testimonies & More! Maronite Young Adults (MYA) 18 of the World." St. John Paul II MYA is a local chapter of a national Maronite organization Who is Jesus? 10 for single and married men and women ages 19+ APR Am I Saved? NEXT MEETING: MAY 19 Why a Church? TBA JUN 23 God is With Us For more info on the MYA, contact Claude@trazzafoods.com The Story of the Eucharist 14 AUG Bread for the Journey 18 Select Sundays @ 7:00 PM EST



Religious Education

To ALL Families with children between Ages 6-11

For Information about family catechesis and sacrament preparation Contact Nadia Redmond, Coordinator of Religious Education, <u>n.redmond@comcast.net</u>

Please continue to pray for our parish and ministries.



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, the one true God. Amen.

In our tradition it is common that we begin work and prayer with the sign of the cross, invoking the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity. It is appropriate that we should begin all things in God for He created all and brings all things to completion. All that we are and have comes to us from the mercy of the Trinity alone. This is why Christ gives His apostles the command to baptize all nations "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19) for all the acts of creation and salvation involve the three Persons of the one God inseparably and with equal dignity.

The Trinity, being the very foundation of all things, is intuitively then also the foundation to our faith. But the Trinity, though our foundation, is a very difficult concept to explain – we have one God, yet He is Three Persons – a great mystery of the faith. Many of the most important Church Fathers are remembered for their writings explaining this most sacred and hidden mystery. From the Syriac tradition, St. Ephrem gives an image of the Trinity as the sun in his *Hymns on Faith*. He explains that the Father is like the star itself, something one cannot look at because of its brightness and the source, just like the Father is eternally hidden yet the Begetter of the Son and from Whom the Spirit proceeds. The star begets visible rays, which is the Son, Jesus Christ, Who became visible and near to us when He became man. Finally, from the star proceeds heat, and though unseen it certainly exists, as we know the sun is quite hot – this is the Spirit. The sun is one yet three, existing together but distinctive.

In considering the sun one aspect may be more apparent to us than others. Perhaps it is a sunny day so we focus on the piercing light or a hot day when we can think of nothing but the heat or even a dark day when we forget there the sun even exists. Nonetheless, the sun in its entirety continues to be and operates whether we know it in its entirety or not. Likewise, God continues to exist in His wholeness, whether we sometimes, in our limitedness, give more emphasis to the Father, Son or Spirit. We should seek at all moments to give equal praise to God in His Three Persons, which He revealed to us throughout revelation. Traditional Syriac hymns often end with a Trinitarian formula doing just that:

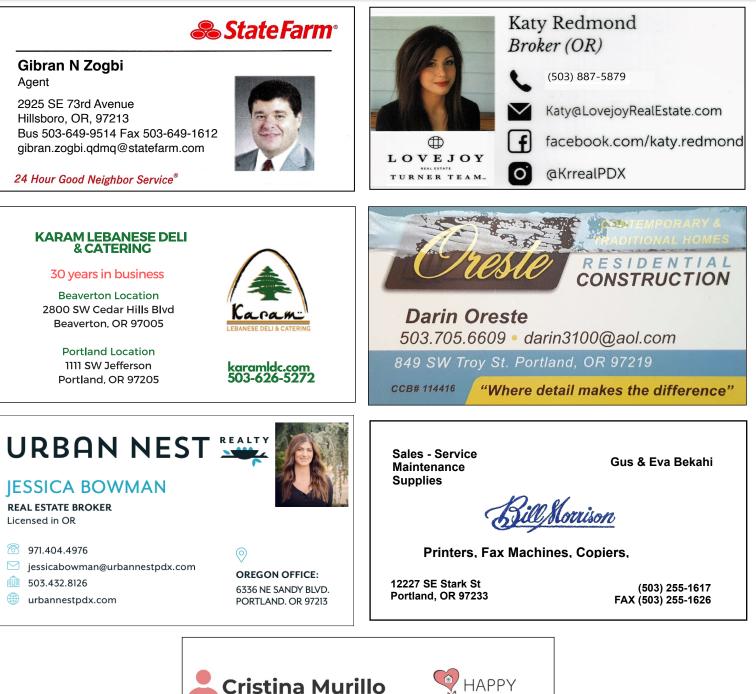
Glory be to the Father Who chose the prophets and they foreshadowed His Only-Begotten Son. Worship be tonthe Son Whose Gospel the apostles proclaimed in the world. Thanks be to the Spirit Who strengthened the martyrs and they died in His hope, and may mercy be upon us sinners through their prayers. (*Boutho* from the Syriac Maronite Third Hour of Sunday)

This specific hymn is attributed to St. Jacob of Sarug. In it, he gives glory to the Father Who began to reveal His Son Who would later come in His mercy, that we might be prepared. He then gives worship to the Son Who prepared His apostles and sent them into the world to share His saving Gospel with all, as we hear in today's reading. Finally, he thanks the Spirit Who continues the work of salvation even until today, though we do not see Him strengthening us in our good endeavors each day yet He does. The action of the Trinity is unitary and done for our salvation for our God loves us in His entirety – "three names, one will" as St. Jacob says.

Let us give thanks to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Who has made us, saved us and strengthens us each day in His mercy. To Him be glory forever.

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