



They devoted themselves to the teaching
of the apostles and to the communal life,
to the breaking of the bread
and to the prayers.

ACTS 2:42

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Epiphany Greetings!



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Praise and Blessings to Christ

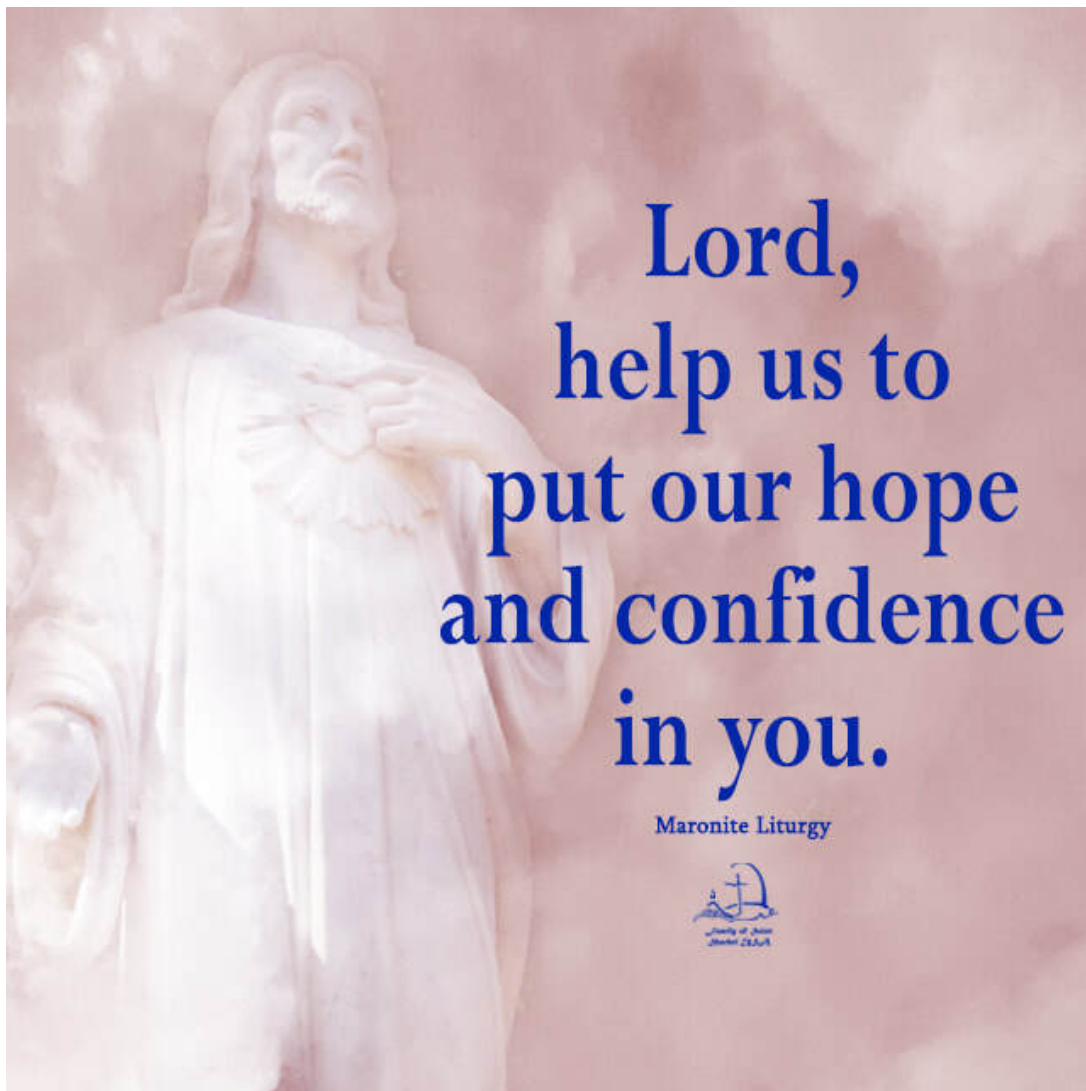
As we continue to celebrate the **Season of Epiphany**, the Family of Saint Sharbel USA is grateful to share its **30th newsletter** with you. May you and your loved ones embrace the graces Christ has made present through baptism. **Please share this newsletter and keep us in your prayers**—we are praying for you daily!

Find us online! Click this image to be directed to our website in English.

Contemplation Corner

The Enduring Faith of the Maronite Catholics

By Dc. George Geagea, St. Ephrem Maronite Church (El Cajon, CA)



<https://www.familyofsaintsharbel.org/spiritual-designs/lord-help-us-to-put-our-confidence-in-you>

“...For centuries, Maronite Catholics have stood as a beacon of faith, resilience, and cultural richness. From their origins in the Middle East to their presence around the world today, their journey has been one of unwavering devotion and

perseverance. Rooted in the teachings of St. Maron, who lived in the 4th and 5th centuries, their way of life has enabled them to preserve their faith and traditions, even in the face of immense challenges....”

[Click here](#) to read the full article!

[Click here](#) to view more of our spiritual designs.

Upcoming Events

Maronite History Zoom Series



The flyer features a grey background with a grid of dots at the top left. The title 'MARONITE HISTORY' is in large, bold, brown letters. Below it, 'SAVE THE DATES!' is in bold black letters. A circular logo in the top right corner contains a gold cross and the text 'Maronite Servants of Christ the Light'. A large circular illustration on the right shows a bearded man in a black and red robe holding a book and pointing upwards. The text on the left lists three events: Feb. 6- St. Maron & the Maronite Liturgy (Fr. Dominique Hanna), Feb. 13- Maronite Music & Melodies (Fr. Neemtallah Oneissy), and Feb. 20 - Maronites & the Holy See (Chorbishop John Faris). A brown button with 'VIA ZOOM' is below the events. At the bottom left, it says 'Hosted by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light in conjunction with the St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center.' and provides registration links: maroniteservants.org and saintsharbelcenter.org.

MARONITE HISTORY

SAVE THE DATES!

Online Workshops at 8pm:

Feb. 6- St. Maron & the Maronite Liturgy
(Fr. Dominique Hanna)

Feb. 13- Maronite Music & Melodies
(Fr. Neemtallah Oneissy)

Feb. 20 - Maronites & the Holy See
(Chorbishop John Faris)

VIA ZOOM

Hosted by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light in conjunction with the St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center.

To register and/or to learn more visit:
maroniteservants.org
saintsharbelcenter.org

The **Maronite Servants of Christ the Light** and **Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center** invite you to join them for a Zoom faith formation series on **Maronite History**! Dates, times, and speakers are listed on the flyer above. Click the

button link below to register today!

[Register Here](#)

Saint Sharbel Events in the USA

Explore the links below to find an event near you.

Please email or call the parish, mission, or center to verify the times listed below!

Masses followed by Prayer Services in Honor of St. Sharbel:

Include blessing with and/or veneration of the relic and/or oil of Saint Sharbel

St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church, Phoenix, Arizona

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Mission of Stockton, California

Our Lady of Lebanon, Miami, Florida

National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, Maryland

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church, Clinton Township, Michigan

St. Maron Maronite Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Our Lady Star of the East Maronite Catholic Church, Pleasantville, New Jersey

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Astoria, New York

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church, Norman, Oklahoma

St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

St. Sharbel Mission, El Paso, Texas

St. George Maronite Church, San Antonio, Texas

St. Sharbel Mission of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Holy Hours in Honor of St. Sharbel:

Shrine Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Brooklyn, New York

Recent News

A Call to Monthly Commitment



Donations support every aspect of the Family of Saint Sharbel's operation from routine printing of materials (prayer cards, books, novenas) and shop and media upkeep to funding special projects and a small staff. In hopes of **increasing the stability of our organization's management**, we've created a fundraising campaign titled "A Call to Monthly Commitment" to help us reach \$20,000 in recurrent monthly donations. Click the button link below to learn more or contribute - no amount is too small!

[Learn More | Donate](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

The Family of Saint Sharbel is currently seeking volunteers to help in **three areas**: researching and documenting media (articles, books, audio, videos - anything we can find!) and locations related to St. Sharbel around the globe; researching and documenting Maronite/Syriac spirituality and liturgy over time; and transcribing various video and audio files. **If you have interest in helping**

us with any of these tasks, please fill out the corresponding form linked below! Information in all languages is welcome, but we especially need help with **English** transcriptions.

Research - St. Sharbel Around the Globe

Research - Maronite/Syriac Spirituality

Transcription Volunteer

Pray the Maronite Liturgy of the Hours in Arabic!



The Lebanese Maronite Order (OLM) has made the Maronite Liturgy of the Hours in Arabic available in various ways! You can pray along through their **app** (click the calendar icon, then click the "خدمة الليتورجيا" button), on **YouTube** (under "videos"), or using their **website**. Click the linked text in the previous sentence to access the prayers through your preferred platform!

NEW VIDEO: A Tour of the National Shrine Grotto

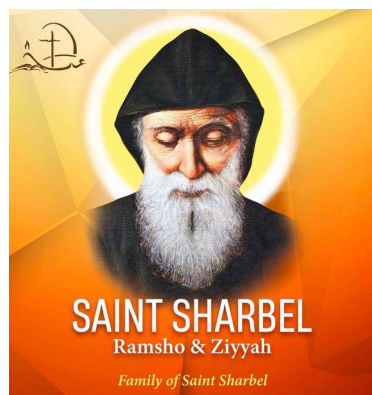


The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, MD is home to a shrine to St. Sharbel and much more! Watch the Franciscan

Missionaries of the Eternal Word's recently-created video to tour and learn about the grounds regardless of your location. The St. Sharbel Shrine is featured from timestamps **8:28 - 9:22!**

[Click to Watch!](#)

Family of Saint Sharbel on Apple Music, Spotify, and More!



Last year, the Family of Saint Sharbel published its first musical production, a sung Arabic rendition of St. Sharbel Ramsho & Ziyah hymns. This album is now available on **our podcast**, **Apple Music**, and **Spotify!** Click below or search “Family of Saint Sharbel” on your app of preference to listen.

[Listen Online](#)

Saint Spotlight

The 500 Martyrs of Tyre



Feast Day: February 19th

The 500 Martyrs of Tyre were slain during the Diocletian persecution (early 4th c. AD), and they are interesting for a few reasons. For one, there is little written about them, though Eusebius of Caesarea, a well-known 4th-century bishop and historian, claims to have witnessed their martyrdom **with his own eyes**. Second, the origin of their being numbered 500 is unknown. What is certain, however, is that these individuals were killed for their faith and later remembered by the Maronite Church, which formed years after they had passed.

Click the button link below to read Fr. Yuhanna Azize's reflection on these martyrs!

Holy Martyrs of Tyre, pray for us!

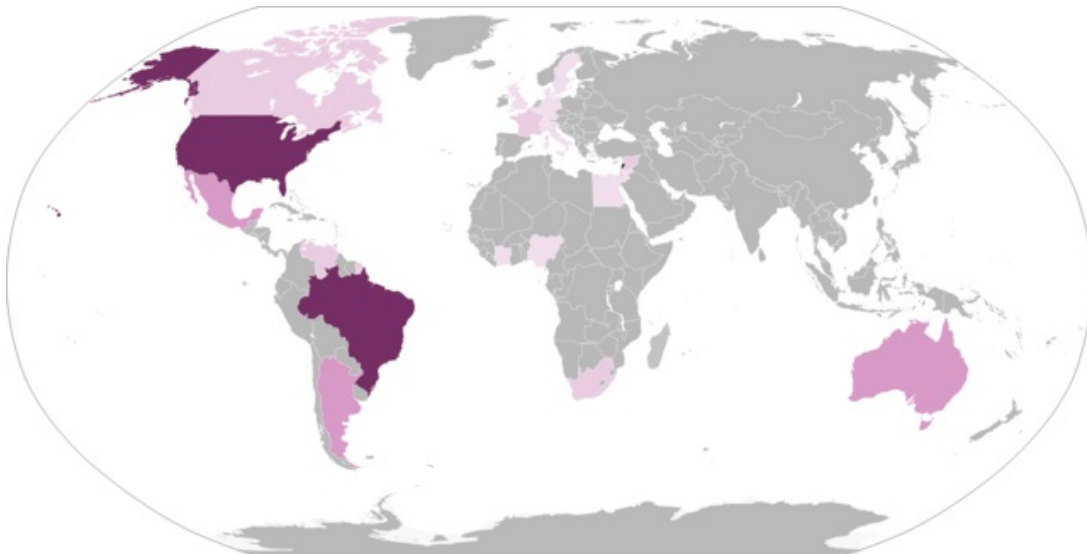
[Learn More](#)

Reading Nook

Home Away from Home: Maronites in the United States

A history of the Maronite Church and its North American faithful.

Chorbishop Seely Beggiani



Map of the Global Maronite Diaspora

The Maronite Church had humble beginnings in Syria, at first just among those who directly followed **St. Maron** (feast: Feb. 9). In the article below, Chorbishop Seely Beggiani explains this spiritual movement's history, particularly detailing its expansion into the US. **Note: this article was originally published in 1997, but much of it holds true to this day.**

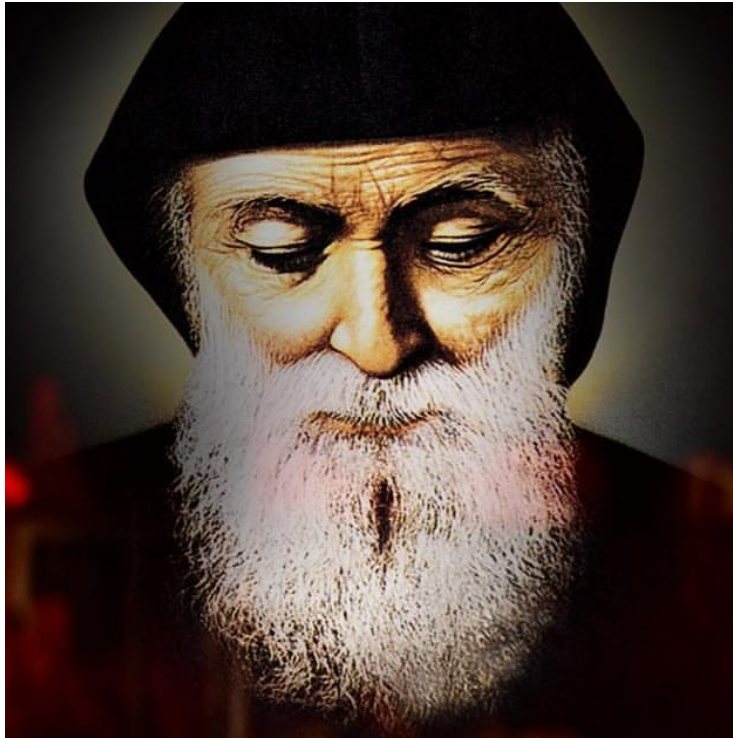
“In the last two decades of the 19th century, Maronite Catholics had already established themselves on both coasts of the United States – indeed, throughout the country. Although some had come from Syria and other parts of the Middle East, most Maronites had arrived from Lebanon.

Several factors had influenced their decision to emigrate to the New World. Lebanon in the late 19th century was ruled by pashas appointed by the Ottoman sultan. While some pashas were moderate, the repressive policies of others led to political, economic and religious tensions...”

[Read More Here](#)

Articles and More

New Testimonials



<https://www.familyofsaintsharbel.org/testimonials.html>

Periodically, we receive stories from people around the globe who have experienced the work of God through St. Sharbel's intercession. We would like to share the most recent testimonies we've received with you below! Click on a title to read the full story; all posted testimonies have been shared with the author's permission.

[Healing Testimony of Nadine Youssef Aoun](#)

[Healing Testimony of Hayat Faiz Bou Hanna](#)

[Healing Testimony for Roberto Fayyad](#)

[Healing Testimony of Edward Kouzhaya Abou Joudeh](#)

[Healing Testimony for young Hala Rami Haddad](#)

[Healing Testimony of Božena Matyasova](#)

You can read more personal testimonials on our Testimonials page **[HERE](#)**.

Disclaimer: All testimonials posted on the Family of Saint Sharbel's website are based solely on person-to-person accounts. Unlike Vatican-approved miracles, the claims within these testimonies have not been subjected to extensive scientific review.

Editor's Pick: FORMED Resource



Click the image above (copied from the FORMED online streaming platform) to be directed to Jubilee:700 Years Seeking Mercy!

The Family of Saint Sharbel offers you a FREE subscription to FORMED, an online Catholic platform that contains thousands of resources for spiritual growth!

This Month's Highlighted FORMED Resource:

Jubilee: 700 Years Seeking Forgiveness is a short documentary that recounts the history of the Catholic Church's Jubilee Year! As 2025 has been named a Jubilee Year, we recommend this video as a means to better understand the celebration in both its current and historical forms. Click below to watch!

[Watch Now](#)

To view this resource and many others, sign up for FORMED **FOR FREE** by following these simple steps:

- (1) **Go to:** <https://formed.org/signup>
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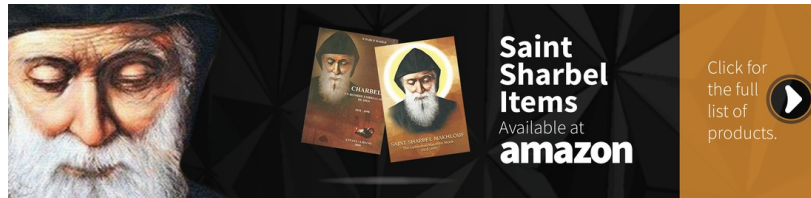
Below are the links to FORMED on social media:

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Family of Saint Sharbel Shops



Click this image to view our Amazon shop!

The Family of Saint Sharbel is on **Amazon** and **Shopify**! On these two platforms, books, novenas, prayer cards, and sacramentals related to St. Sharbel and Catholic spirituality are available for order, including works created by the Family of Saint Sharbel. Click the buttons below to explore!

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Catch us on YouTube!



Image from the Family of Saint Sharbel's Miracles & Healings channel. Click to view!

The Family of Saint Sharbel USA is on YouTube! For more content including talks, testimonies, and event recordings, visit any of our three channels below.

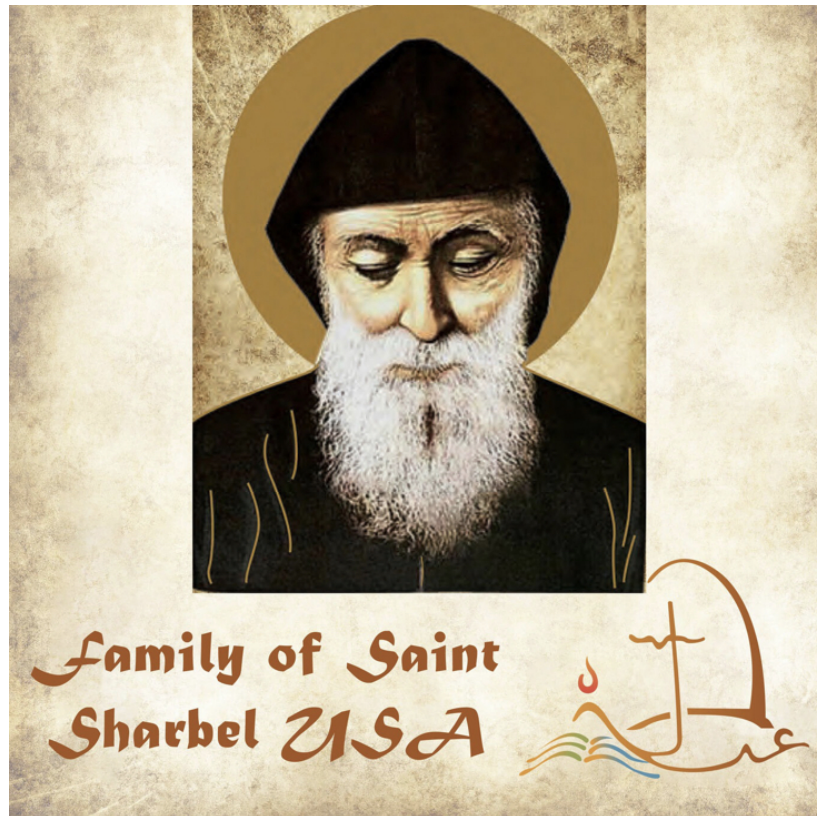
May God bless you!

[St. Sharbel's Miracles & Healings](#)

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[Family of Saint Sharbel USA](#)

Family of Saint Sharbel Podcast



<https://www.familyofsaintsharbel.org/podcast>

The Family of Saint Sharbel (FSS) Podcast is now available in English and Arabic! Episodes currently include talks on the Maronite Divine Liturgy, Syriac Spirituality, the Silence of God, and more. Listen at the link below or through your podcast app of preference, and please feel free to share!

[Listen Now](#)

Zoom Prayer Gathering - Arabic



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