

Issue 36 | July 2025

St. Sharbel, Pray for Us!



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

Peace of Christ

July has been an exceptionally full month! In this **36th newsletter**, we are excited to share with you about:

Our **President's Visit** to the US

Recent **Talks** and an **Aleteia Article**

Travels and **Upcoming Events**

The **Feast of St. Sharbel** and **More!**

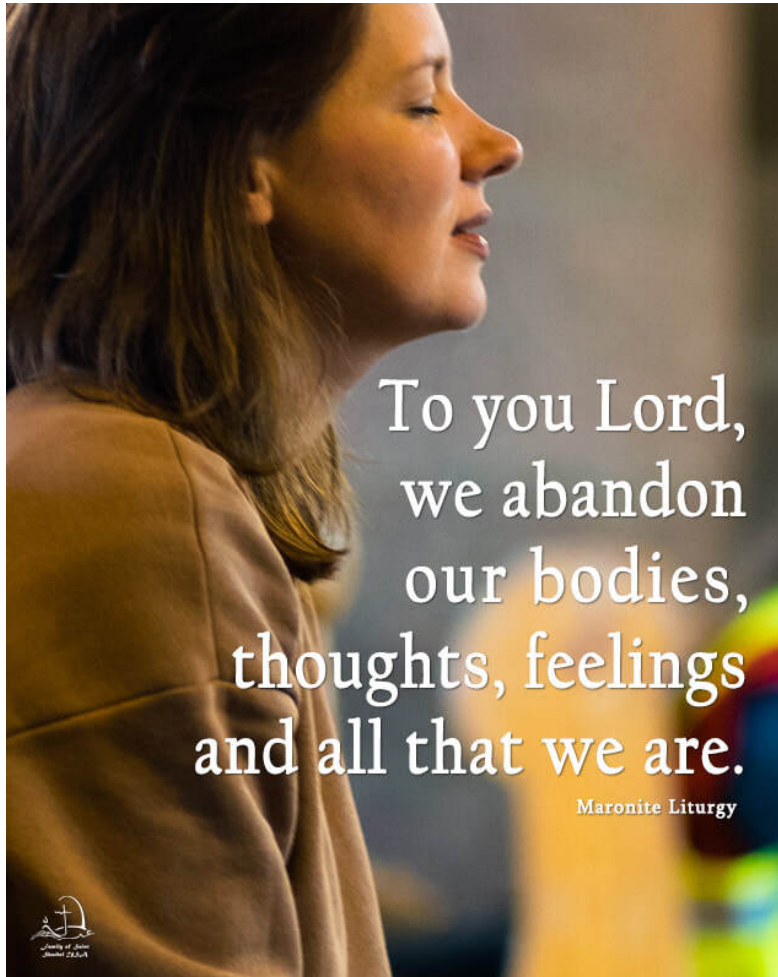
Please share this newsletter and **keep us in your prayers**—we are praying for you daily!

NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE

Contemplation Corner

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin |Blessed Brother Estephan

by **Father Kamil AlChouefati** - Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church, Easton, PA



“The glory of God is revealed in the holiness of Mary during her earthly life, crowned by her assumption into heaven, which was a continuation of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, his ascension to heavenly glories, and his sitting ‘at the right hand of God.’ His Holiness Pope Pius XII declared the dogma of the Assumption of the Virgin

Mary into Heaven in 1950, saying, 'we affirm, declare, and define the dogma revealed by God, that Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed her earthly life, was taken up, body and soul, into heavenly glory...'"

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

[Click here](#) for additional information on Brother Estephan Nehme (Feast: Aug. 30th).

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

Family Updates

Raymond Nader Visits USA!

This month, the Family of Saint Sharbel USA (FSS) was grateful to welcome its **President, Raymond Nader**, for a visit to the States! During his time here, Raymond stayed busy: he gave **talks** at our **weekly Arabic Zoom Prayer Gathering** (July 8th), **Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church in Easton, PA** (July 9th & 10th), **Our Lady of Hope Roman Catholic Church in Potomac Falls, VA** (July 13th), **Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church in Washington, DC** (July 20th), and **St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church in Alexandria, VA** (July 21st); he joined us in attending the **60th Annual NAM Convention** in Raleigh, NC and in **celebrating the feast of St. Sharbel** at the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes (July 12th); and he and two members of FSS USA traveled to La Crosse, WI (July 18-19) to **meet with Cardinal Burke** about a potential shrine to St. Sharbel on the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe's grounds. Raymond also virtually addressed attendees at **the Family of Saint Sharbel's conference in Ireland** and participated in a virtual interview with LBC in Lebanon!

Click any of the linked (brown) text in the paragraph above to be directed to more information about or **available recordings** of any given event or click the button link below to read about it all!



*Raymond Nader and
Cardinal Burke - La
Crosse, WI*



Raymond speaks to talk attendees in Easton, PA



Raymond at Our Lady of Lebanon in Washington, DC - Feast of St. Sharbel 2025

[All July News](#)

Family of Saint Sharbel Conference in Ireland

From July 11-13, 2025, the Family of Saint Sharbel Ireland hosted its first-ever St. Sharbel Catholic conference in Meigh, Co. Armagh, Ireland. With monks and sisters from Lebanon and over 200 relics of Catholic Saints present, this conference presented a unique opportunity for attendees to participate in Syriac and Maronite liturgical traditions, hear from international speakers, and seek the Saints' intercession. Click the button link below to learn more!

[Learn More](#)

Family of Saint Sharbel Featured on Aleteia!



This July, the Family of Saint Sharbel collaborated with Aleteia to write an article about our illustrated book and the Family's general work and mission. This is an exciting and important first for our organization! Click the button link below to read it.

[Read the Article Here](#)

Save the Date: 8th Annual Shrine Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendar! The Family of Saint Sharbel USA and the **National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes** invite you to join them on **Saturday, September 27th** for a **day of prayer** to commemorate the dedication of the Shrine to St. Sharbel in 2017.



St. Sharbel Shrine at the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, MD

If you are a clergyman interested in participating in the Mass, please contact the National Shrine Grotto (16330 Grotto Road Emmitsburg, MD 21727 | Phone: (301) 447-5318).

[NSG Website](#)

Celebrating the Feast of St. Sharbel

On Saturday, July 12th, the Family of Saint Sharbel USA and the **National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes** celebrated the Feast of St. Sharbel with a day of prayer! The day's events included Eucharistic Adoration, Divine Liturgy, a blessing with and veneration of a first-class relic of St. Sharbel, and more. Click the button link below to read more or **watch on YouTube!**



A few attendees pause for a picture in front of St. Sharbel's Shrine at the National Shrine Grotto in Emmitsburg, MD

[Read More 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 dates and times listed below!

Masses followed by St. Sharbel Prayer Services:

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 Maronite Catholic Church, Washington, D.C.

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church, Miami, Florida

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

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church, Clinton Township, Michigan

St. Maron Maronite Catholic 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 Catholic Church, Norman, Oklahoma

St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Mission, El Paso, Texas

St. George Maronite Catholic Church, San Antonio, Texas

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Mission of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Holy Hours in Honor of St. Sharbel:

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

Community News

60th Annual NAM Convention - Raleigh, NC

From July 3rd - 6th, 2025, the **National Apostolate of Maronites** (NAM), the official lay apostolate of the Maronite Church in the United States, hosted its 60th annual convention! This year's convention, themed "Faith Ignited - Hope Renewed," was graciously hosted by **St. Sharbel Maronite Church in Raleigh, NC** and included Divine Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Hours, talks, meals, social events, and more! This was the first NAM convention that the Family of Saint Sharbel attended; a group of volunteers and one employee sold religious books, prayer cards, novenas, and art while sharing about our organization's mission, and our President was in attendance!

Click the button link below to learn more!



NAM Convention Booth: Family of Saint Sharbel USA



Official NAM 2025 logo



Talk by Chorbishop Seely Beggiani given during the 60th annual NAM Convention.

[Learn More](#)

Saturday Morning Speaker Series



SAINT SHARBEL SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

SATURDAY MORNING Speaker Series

2025 SUMMER

<p>APR 05</p>		<p>PAULINE CALABRESE Love & Responsibility: Examining an Ancient Sacrifice and the Family in a Modern World</p>
<p>MAY 03</p>		<p>DR. PAUL KENGOR The Stigmatists: Their Gifts, Their Revelations, Their Warnings</p>
<p>JUN 14</p>		<p>BISHOP WILLIAM WALTERSHEID The Holy Eucharist: The Beating Heart of the Church</p>
<p>JUL 05</p>		<p>DR. GEORGE ISAIW Blessed Nicholas Konrad: Heroic Virtue in Modern Times</p>
<p>AUG 16</p>		<p>BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR The Beauty of the Interior Life</p>

General Format: 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy, 11:00 AM Talk by Guest Speaker, 12:00 PM Light Lunch

- No Charge
- Donations Accepted

The **St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center** in Pittsburgh, PA has planned a summer speaker series for 2025! Their **final talk**, "**The Beauty of the Interior Life**" by Bishop Gregory Mansour, has been scheduled to take place on **August 16th!**

Can't attend in person? [Click here](#) to view recorded talks online!

[Center Homepage](#)

Come and See! Maronite Servants of Christ the Light



Image from the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light's website.

The **Maronite Servants of Christ the Light** are religious sisters in Dartmouth, MA. They would like to invite **young adult women aged 18-39** to explore their order! The sisters have planned a few discernment events throughout 2025, the final of which are a "Come and See" weekend from **September 5th - 7th** and Prayer & Supper at the convent on **September 7th**. Click the button link below to learn more!

[Learn More](#)

Testimony of Healing in France (Article in French)

Just recently in France, one woman has reported healing from a painful disease following a spiritual encounter with St. Sharbel. Click the button link below to read about her testimony, and if you prefer to read in English, right click within the article to translate it!

[Read Here](#)

Community Highlight: Antonine Sisters - North Jackson, OH, USA



Antonine Sisters of North Jackson, OH - Image sourced from their website.

A handful of Maronite religious communities have formed in the United States, and they play a vital role in sharing the love of Christ among us. This month, we would like to highlight the **Antonine Sisters** located in **North Jackson, OH!**

Origins: The Antonine Order is a Maronite religious order that was originally established in Lebanon. In 1959, the order sent six sisters to the United States to further their education, and they were eventually given a convent and land on the grounds of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, OH. They moved to this location in 1965, and in 1989, a new group of sisters was assigned to their location to establish a day care for the elderly, which has since expanded significantly! [Click here for further details.](#)

Community Charism: The Antonine sisters of North Jackson, OH provide compassionate assisted living, memory care, and adult day care services to many of the elderly! Aiming to “promote the independence and dignity of each individual in a home-like environment” (Antonine Village Website), their mission is to care for the whole of every person as Christ himself.

To learn more, click [here](#) to find them on Facebook or click the button link below to view their website!

[Antonine Village Website](#)

Saint Spotlight

St. Doumit



*The Church of St. Doumit -
Michmich, Jbeil, Lebanon*

Feast Day: August 7th

Excerpt from the Maronite Synaxarion by Kozhaya S. Akiki

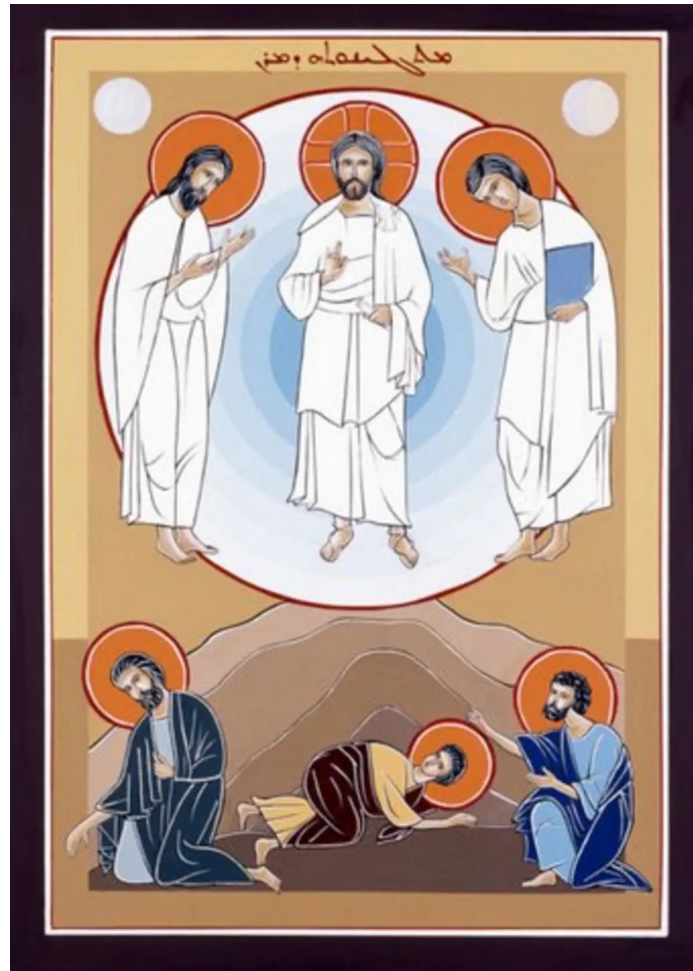
“There are numerous stories about Domit, and his devotion is widespread in Lebanon. There may have been, in fact, two saints who bore this name. One was a Persian monk who lived in Nisibus during the fourth century. He lived as a hermit on Mount Qorosh and was noted for his preaching and healing miracles. He suffered martyrdom under the pagan emperor Julian the Apostate in the year 363. Another tradition reports that Domit was a minister in the court of the Byzantine emperor Valens, who was an Arian. Domit encouraged the emperor to persecute the Orthodox Christians until he was afflicted with arthritis. As a result, he was converted from Arianism and became a hermit. **He cured many who were suffering from arthritis and is now considered as the patron of those who suffer from that disease.** He died at the beginning of the fourth century.”

St. Doumit, Pray for Us!

Reading Nook

The Feast of the Glorious Transfiguration

By **Fr. Yuhanna Azize**

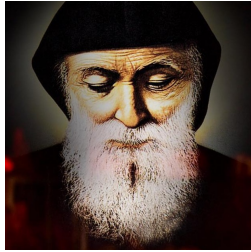


Maronite Icon of the Transfiguration by Fr. Abdo Badwe

“‘Extraordinary,’ is too weak a word for the Glorious Transfiguration. Yet, it was not that something new happened to Our Lord, although we may think of it like that. Rather, the eyes of the disciples were opened so that they could see the reality of the Lord, as He always had been, as He still was, and as He shall always be. That was the miracle: that Peter, James and John should, for the first time, be able to gaze upon the luminous Truth in its eternal splendour. Meanwhile, we are like people unable to hear heavenly music because of wax in our ears. When will we pray Him to remove the wax?”

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

New Testimonials



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 permission.

Healing Testimony of Diala Romanos Skaff

Healing Testimony of Dr. Ibrahim Abdo and his Wife

Healing Testimony of Ghiyat Mikhael Latouf

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



"Transfiguration" by Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino

The Family of Saint Sharbel offers its readers a FREE subscription to

FORMED, an online Catholic platform containing thousands of resources for spiritual growth!

This Month's Highlighted FORMED Resource:

The **Feast of the Transfiguration** falls on **August 6th**! As we prepare to celebrate, we invite you to contemplate the mystery of the Transfiguration through one of its many artistic representations, Raphael's last painting. Click the button link below to listen to a theologically rich study and analysis of Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino's "Transfiguration."

[Watch Here](#)

To access this resource and many others for free:

Go to: <https://formed.org/signup>

Enter: "Family of Saint Sharbel"

Enter your name and email address.

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YouTube: [Augustine Institute](#)

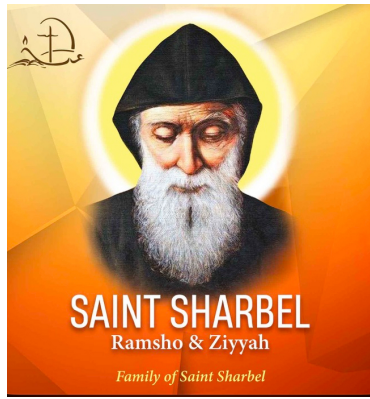
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Family of Saint Sharbel on Social Media

The Family of Saint Sharbel USA is on **TikTok**, **Facebook**, and **Instagram**! Click the linked (brown) text to view our profiles. **Please like and share to help our Catholic content reach a broader audience!**

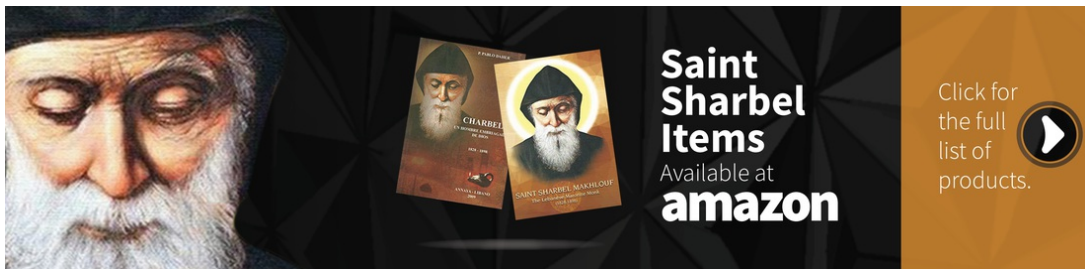
Family of Saint Sharbel on Apple Music, Spotify, and More!



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](#)

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 linked text above to explore!

Family of Saint Sharbel YouTube & Podcasts



Image from the Family of St.

*Sharbel's Miracles and Healings
channel. Click to view!*

The Family of Saint Sharbel (FSS) is on YouTube and has published podcasts in English and Arabic! For more content including talks, testimonies, and event recordings, visit any of our three YouTube channels or listen to our podcast below.

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

[Maronite Saints & Blesseds - YouTube](#)

[Family of Saint Sharbel USA - YouTube](#)

[Aylet Mar Charbel YouTube \(Arabic Channel\)](#)

[FSS Podcast](#)

Zoom Prayer Gathering - Arabic



[Click Here to Learn More!](#)

Other Useful Links

English Website

Spanish Website

Portuguese Website

Tagalog Website

St. Sharbel Shrine - Emmitsburg, MD

Sanctuary of St. Sharbel in Lebanon

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Family of Saint Sharbel USA



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