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Lord Jesus, Protect Us By Your Cross



**Family of Saint
Sharbel USA**

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

Peace of Christ

Blessings to you! As we approach the Season of the Holy Cross (the final season of the Maronite liturgical year!), the Family of Saint Sharbel is grateful to share with you about:

- Our upcoming **Shrine Dedication Anniversary**
- A **reported**

**miracle
in
Naples,
Italy**

- **Caminos
Lebanon
and
more!**

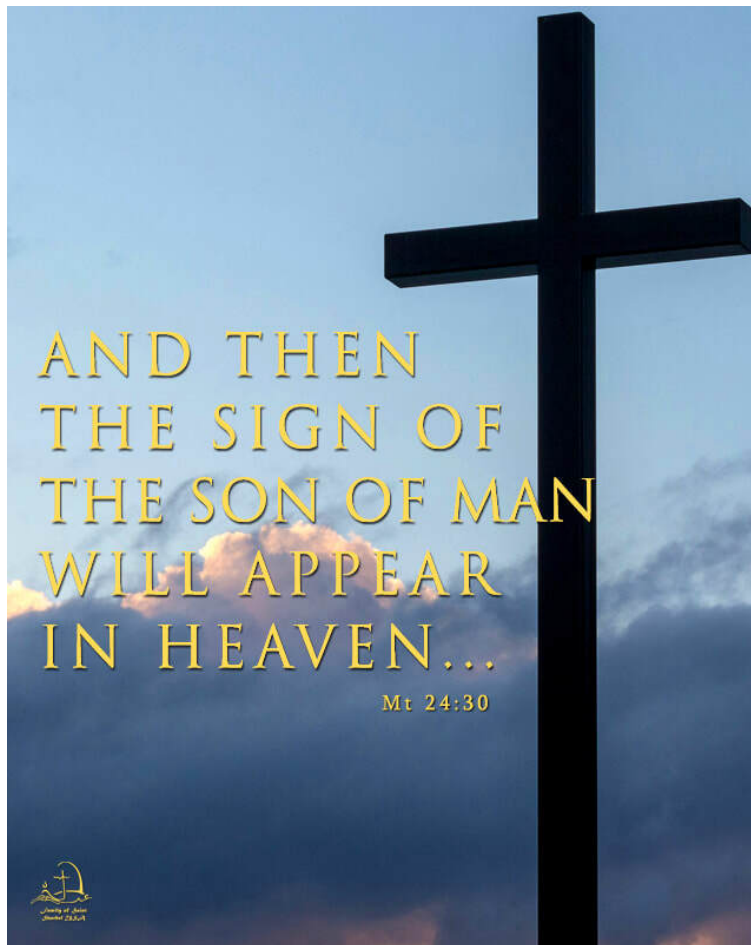
Please share this newsletter and **keep us in your prayers**—we are praying for you daily!

[NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE](#)

Contemplation Corner

The Exaltation of the Suffering Servant on the Holy Cross

by **Fr. George ElAndary** - Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church, Lewisville, TX



“The Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14th each year. It is important to point out that Christians strongly believe that Jesus Christ has been a key player in human history since the world’s creation. We also believe that the New Testament (Jesus Christ) is hidden in the Old Testament, whereas the Old Testament is revealed in the New Testament. From the beginning, God promised us salvation through his beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who was destined to suffer greatly for the sake of man’s redemption and salvation from sin and death and to achieve through suffering and sacrifice, a position of glory and honor. This idea is rooted in biblical texts, particularly in the Book of Isaiah and in the New Testament, where the 'suffering servant' is depicted as enduring pain and humiliation on the cross for the sake of humanity's redemption...”

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

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

Family Updates

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. We hope to see you there!



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](#)

Send a Prayer Request!

Please feel free to send us your prayer requests by **emailing** communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org or by **using the form at the button link below** - we will most gladly pray for you!

[Submit a Prayer Request](#)

What Does the Family of Saint Sharbel Do?

The Family of Saint Sharbel is a non-profit organization that blossomed out of Mr. Raymond Nader's mystical experiences in Annaya, Lebanon. Now working around the globe, we aim to help evangelize the world by sharing the story and spirituality of Saint Sharbel through prayer, media, and works of mercy meant to encourage prayer.

Click the button link below to read our story and learn more about our work!

[Learn More](#)

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

Reported Miracle in Naples, Italy

On July 24th, 2025, the feast of St. Sharbel Makhoul, Msgr. Pasquale Silvestri celebrated a Mass in honor of St. Sharbel's feast at San Fernandino Church in Naples, Italy. Over 500 attended. During this liturgy, Msgr. Silvestri reported having **used an entire bottle of the blessed oil of St. Sharbel from Annaya, Lebanon to bless the congregation and, upon returning it for storage during the liturgy, finding it inexplicably refilled.** Church authorities have not yet commented on this report, but Msgr. Silvestri sent the details of this event to Fr. Elias Hamhoury, former postulator of Sharbel Makhoul's cause for sainthood, as is customary to do. Click the button link below for further details!

[Read More - EWTN](#)

National Shrine Grotto Celebrates 150 Years

This September, the **National Shrine Grotto of Our Lourdes** celebrates 150 years since the completion of its Grotto, the oldest replica of the **Grotto of Lourdes, France** (the site of our Blessed Mother's apparitions to St. Bernadette) in the United States! The Grotto in Emmitsburg, MD was built by Mount St. Mary's Seminarians in 1875 and has become a place of pilgrimage for many since. This anniversary will be commemorated with events on **September 20th and 21st, 2025**. Click the button link below to learn more!

[150th Anniversary Celebration](#)

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](#)

Community Highlight: Maronite Monks of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



Maronite Monks of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph at Prayer

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 **Maronite Monks of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph** located in **Castle Rock, WA!**

Origins: The Maronite Monks of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are a new monastic order that was established in 2011 in the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles! They were founded by Abouna Jonathan Decker, previous pastor of St. Sharbel Maronite Church in Portland, OR.

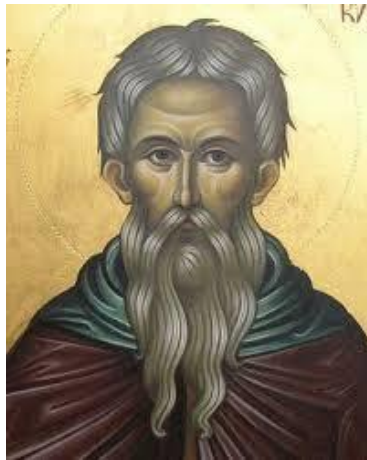
Community Charism: The Maronite Monks of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are a contemplative community of monks who have devoted their lives to serving the Church, her clergy, and the world! They remain engaged in prayer and offer the fruits of their contemplation to their fellow monks, clergy, and laity through fraternal love, hospitality, spiritual direction, and more.

[Click here to learn more](#) about their daily life or click the button link below to view their website!

[MMJMJ Website](#)

Saint Spotlight

St. Rouhana the Cantor



Icon of St. Rouhana (also called St. Cyriacus or St. Kyriakos)

Feast Day: September 29th

St. Rouhana was born in Corinth in the 440's AD. Originally named Cyriacus (Kyriakos), he is known to some by the Syriac name "Rouhana," meaning, "the spiritual one," because of his piety, contemplations, and passion for spiritual works. St. Rouhana was a monk and priest who lived a deeply contemplative, ascetic life. He became an example of devotion and wisdom to those who knew him, and miracles and the ability to cast out demons in Christ's name were both attributed to him during his lifetime, which spanned 107 years. Click the button link below to learn more!

St. Rouhana, Pray for Us!

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Reading Nook

Lebanon will soon have its own 'camino,' once [partially] traveled by Christ and the Romans

By **Marguerita Kallassy**, Catholic News Agency



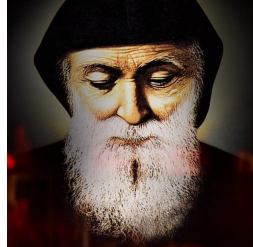
"Lebanon will soon have its own 'camino,' according to the Association of Pilgrimages in Lebanon (APL).

On March 28, the group unveiled its plans for Caminos Lebanon, an innovative project designed to revitalize Christian religious tourism through a unique pilgrimage experience inspired by the renowned Camino de Santiago in Spain.

The launch event, held in Bkerké, the episcopal see of the Maronite Catholic Patriarchate of Antioch of the Maronite Church in Lebanon, gathered prominent figures, including Maronite Patriarch Cardinal Bechara Boutros al-Rahi, Tourism Minister Laura Khazen Lahoud, and Father Khalil Alwan alongside a diverse audience of clergy, religious leaders, and stakeholders..."

[Read More 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 Inana Faria Mansour

Healing Testimony of Maher Zouzo

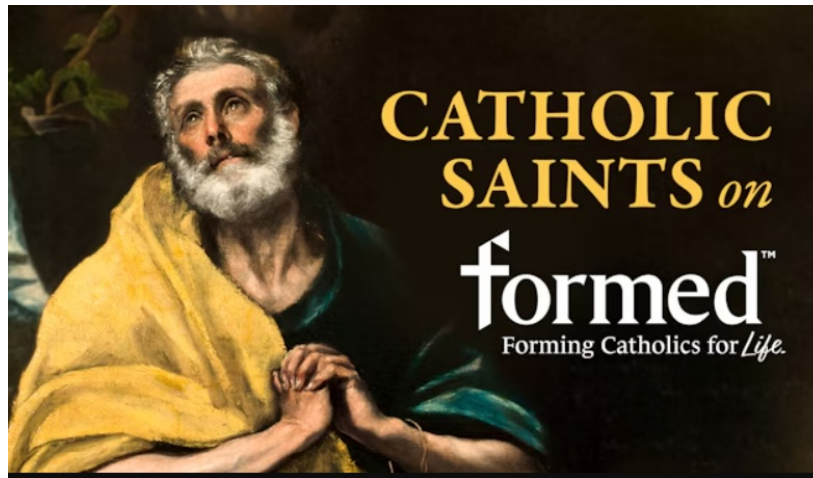
Healing Testimony of Fadia Jamil Shreiki

Healing Testimony of Kamil Shayya

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 to be directed to FORMED's Catholic Saints series!

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 lives of the Saints are as varied as we are, and there are more of them than we may ever know! This month, we would like to highlight FORMED's *Catholic Saints* series, which includes videos about canonized Saints from all times and places. Click the button link below to watch!

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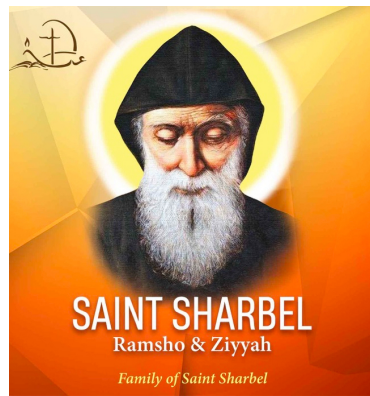
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The Family of Saint Sharbel USA is on **TikTok**, **Facebook**, and **Instagram**! Click the linked (brown) text to view our profiles. **Please like and share to help our Catholic content reach a broader audience!**

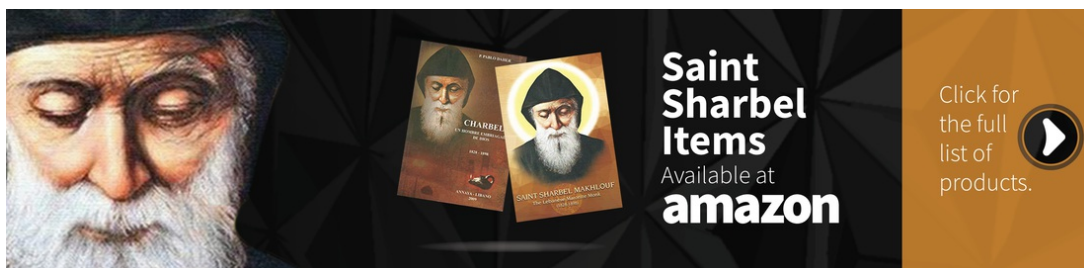
Family of Saint Sharbel on Apple Music, Spotify, and More!



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](#)

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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](#)



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[Tagalog Website](#)
[St. Sharbel Shrine - Emmitsburg, MD](#)
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