

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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# **Peace of Christ!**

Welcome



The Family of Saint Sharbel USA is proud to bring you its Newsletter, to highlight past and future events and projects. We are happy to have you onboard! Please spread the word among your family and friends, we would love to have you all join us.

# **Contemplation Corner**



"Adding a shrine in honor of Saint Sharbel provides a prayerful and peaceful site where visitors from across the country can experience God's saving and healing power, celebrate God's loving presence, and pray to Saint Sharbel to intercede on their behalf." [familyofstsharbel.org]

Visit Saint Sharbel's Shrine Page

# What's Ahead: Liturgical Schedule and Future Events

## **!!SAVE THE DATE!!** Fifth Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Sharbel's Shrine



On September 30th, 2017, the Family of Saint Sharbel and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes dedicated a marvelous shrine to Saint Sharbel and this year we celebrate the fifth anniversary of its dedication. We invite you to join us **Saturday, October 15th, 2022**. The schedule is as follows:

#### Confessions: 10:45 am - 11:45 am Divine Liturgy: 12:00 pm

Followed by the blessing with the relic of St Sharbel and ending with the veneration of the relic.

Please join us in celebrating this awesome memory and fellowship! Address: 16330 Grotto Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727



# In Case You Missed It: Past Events



#### **Bishop Gregory Mansour EWTN Interview**

Watch Bishop Gregory Mansour, Bishop of the Maronite Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, as he discussed the history of Maronite Catholics in Lebanon, St. Sharbel, the challenges ahead for the Church and much more, in an episode of EWTN's News In Depth, Hosted by Montse Alvarado. Watch the interview **HERE** 

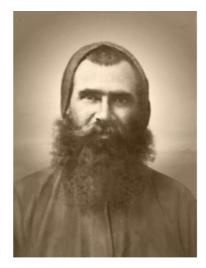


#### Feast of Saint Sharbel 2022

On the 23rd of July 2022, "The Family of Saint Sharbel" in the US celebrated the Feast of Saint Sharbel at the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Learn and see more of the celebration HERE

Click to Watch the Full Celebration Video



#### **Tuesday Zoom Meeting Prayer**

We celebrated the feast of Blessed Estephan Nehme in our weekly Zoom prayer. Brother Estephan was recognized blessed on the altar of the Lord on June 27, 2010 at the Monastery of Saints Cyprian and Justine in Kfifane, Lebanon and today his earthly body continues to lay uncorrupt. Learn more about **Blessed Estephan** 

# **Spiritual Resource Highlight**

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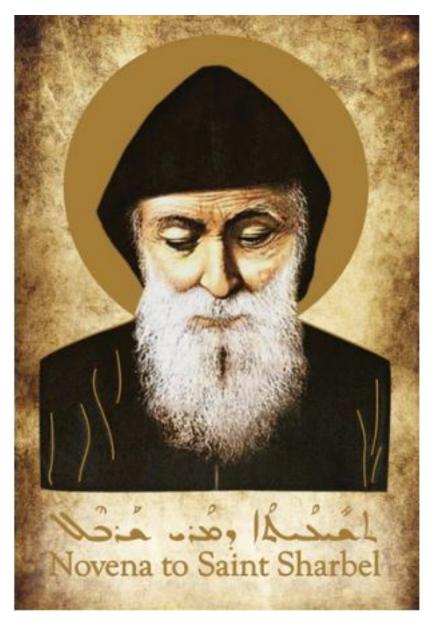
A few highlights to check out on FORMED: Conversion Stories - Movies for Adults - Movies for Children - Video Series on the Eucharist, Confession, Marriage, and many other relevant topics - 5 Minute Daily Reflections

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## **Reading Nook**

Novena to Saint Sharbel [kindle & paperback]



Title: Novena to Saint Sharbel

**Author:** The Family of Saint Sharbel & Saint Maron's Monastery **Abstract:** Published by the Family of Saint Sharbel, this booklet includes a short biography of his life in Lebanon, the novena to Saint Sharbel prayers, and high-quality pictures.

Language: English

#### Publication Year: 2018

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# **Articles and More**



#### St. Charbel, the "Miracle Monk" of Lebanon [2022]

The Family of Saint Sharbel is happy to share with you a short video about St Sharbel by Bobby Angel: St. Charbel, the "Miracle Monk of Lebanon", from Ascension Press.

Watch Full Video HERE



# Explaining the Faith - St. Charbel: The Saint with Most Miracles Ever?

The talk is part of Father Chris Alar's, MIC (Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.), series "Explaining the Faith", and is entitled "St. Charbel: The Saint with Most Miracles Ever?" In this episode, he gives an overview of St. Sharbel's life, healing miracles, incorruptibility and more.

Click **HERE** to watch the talk on the Divine Mercy website.



#### Installation and Blessing of St. Sharbel's Statue (Jamison, PA)

On Saturday, July 23, 2022, after the Holy Mass, Monsignor Robert Powell with Father Simon El Hajj from Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church (Somerset, NJ), conducted the blessing of St. Sharbel's statue at Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Catholic Church in Jamison, Pennsylvania.

Click HERE for the Full Article, photos & videos on our Website

# **Our Weekly Zoom Prayer Meetings**



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for

#### this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18)

Every Tuesday night at 8:00 PM (EST), the Family of Saint Sharbel from all over North America gets together to pray the Ramsho (evening liturgy of the hours) in Arabic. A priest will lead the celebration, cantors sing the hymns and lectors read Scripture passages. The priest then reads the Gospel of the day and gives a short homily. Following the prayers, the priest proceeds to give the scheduled teaching and engage in a Q&A session.

Come experience the serenity that prayer instills in us, and the fellowship our meeting creates among all the members of our Family.

You can join by clicking or copying and pasting this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/335616991 Passcode: 816342

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#### God Bless The Family of Saint Sharbel USA



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