



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!



*Family of Saint
Sharbel USA*

Salutations Dear Friends!

The Family of Saint Sharbel USA presents its latest Newsletter, to highlight past and future events, our spiritual content, and noteworthy 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.**

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Contemplation Corner

The Meaning of Sacrifice...



As we enter the Lenten Season, let us take some time to reflect on *the meaning of sacrifice* and what the crucifixion of Jesus meant for humanity. Our Lord laid down his life to save us from sin and opened the doors of forgiveness and repentance. It was a selfless and monumental act of *love*.

Have you ever associated *sacrifice* with *love*? Why or why not?

What does *sacrifice* mean to you?

When have you felt truly forgiven?

How can you prepare your heart for the Lenten Season? (confession, fasting, prayer, etc.)

Reflection: Take some time to write down at least three things you can sacrifice during Lent. They can be anything from reducing screen time and making more time for prayer to spending downtime helping others.

Be assured of our prayers for you and if you enjoyed reflecting on this image, find more of our spiritual designs [HERE](#)

What's Ahead: Schedule and Events

THREE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Feb. 4 - Holy Hour and Blessing with the Relics of Saint Sharbel, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Brooklyn, NY



This Saturday, **February 4th at 10:30 AM [EST]**, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Shrine Church, Brooklyn, NY is offering a Holy Hour and blessing with the relic and holy oil of Saint Sharbel. All are welcome to join.

What: Healing Hour in honor of Saint Sharbel

When: Saturday, February 4 @ 10:30 AM [EST]

Where: Shrine Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Annunciation Parish, 275

North 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211

Contact: 718-384-0223

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**Feb. 13 - Healing Mass in Honor of Saint Sharbel, St. Joseph's
Parish in Astoria, NY**



Join Father Vincent Chirichella and his brother Deacon Michael for a Healing Mass in Honor of Saint Sharbel on **Monday, February 13 at 7:30 PM [EST]** at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Astoria, New York.

What: Healing Mass in honor of Saint Sharbel

When: Monday, February 13th @ 7:30 PM [EST]

Where: St Joseph Roman Catholic Church, 28-47 43rd St, Queens, NY 11103

Contact: 718 278-1611

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Feb. 22 - Monthly Healing Mass, St. Sharbel Mission of Milwaukee



The St. Sharbel Mission of Milwaukee is offering a monthly healing Mass in honor of Saint Sharbel on **February 22, 2023 at 7 PM [EST]**. This healing Mass is offered *every 22nd of the month*. All are welcome.

What: Healing Mass in honor of Saint Sharbel

When: Tuesday, February 22 at 7:00 PM [EST]

Where: St. Sharbel Mission of Milwaukee, 1501 172nd Ave, Paris / Union Grove, WI 53182-9431

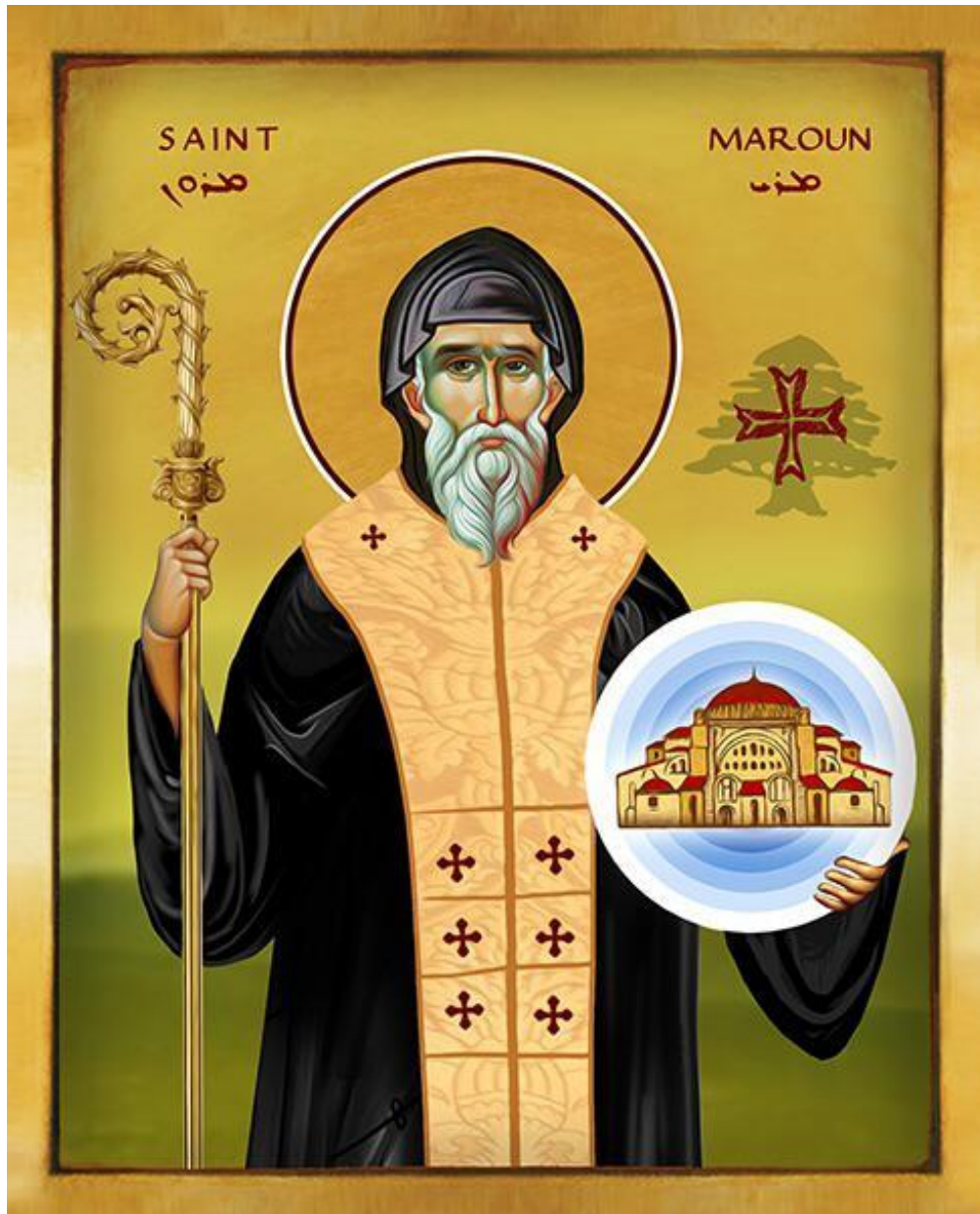
Contact: 805-402-5060

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Saint Spotlight

Welcome to the newest section of the FSS Newsletter! Here, we will spotlight saints of each month, give you helpful resources to learn more, and provide a space to get to know Eastern Saints.

Saint Maron



Feast Day: February 9th

Saint Maron, the hermit, lived in the second half of the 4th century A.D. (350-410) on "Mount Nabo" in a region called "Cyrrhus", situated between Antioch and Aleppo. He opted for life in the open air, day and night, in summer and in winter. He relinquished everything, living a life full of sacrifices, fasting, and prayer. Saint Maron became famous and his holy reputation spread all over the region... TO READ MORE visit the Eparchy of Saint-Maroun, Canada website [HERE](#)

For more reading go [HERE](#)

Editor's Pick: *FORGIVEN* For Lent

FORMED Lenten Resources



The Family of Saint Sharbel offers a FREE subscription to FORMED, a Catholic online platform with thousands of resources for spiritual growth. Their "**FORGIVEN**" series explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. Sign up **FOR FREE** by following these simple steps:

Go to: <https://formed.org/signup>, **Enter:** Family of Saint Sharbel, **Enter** your name and email address and you're in!

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Early Syriac Theology: With Special Reference to the Maronite Tradition (2014)

CHORBISHOP SEELY JOSEPH BEGGIANI



EARLY SYRIAC THEOLOGY

WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE
TO THE MARONITE TRADITION

REVISED EDITION

https://www.google.com/books/edition/Early_Syriac_Theology/q32aBAAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=0&kptab=overview

Title: *Early Syriac Theology: With Special Reference to the Maronite Tradition*

Author(s): Chorbishop Seely J. Beggiani

Abstract: St. Ephrem, who was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XV, and Jacob of Serugh were two of the earliest and most important representatives of the theological world-view of the Syriac church. Much of their work was in the form of hymns and metrical homilies, using poetry to express theology. In *Early Syriac Theology*, Chorbishop Seely Joseph Beggiani strives to present their insights in a systematic form according to headings used in western treatises, while not undermining the originality and cohesiveness of their thought.

Language: English

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You can purchase the book using the following links:

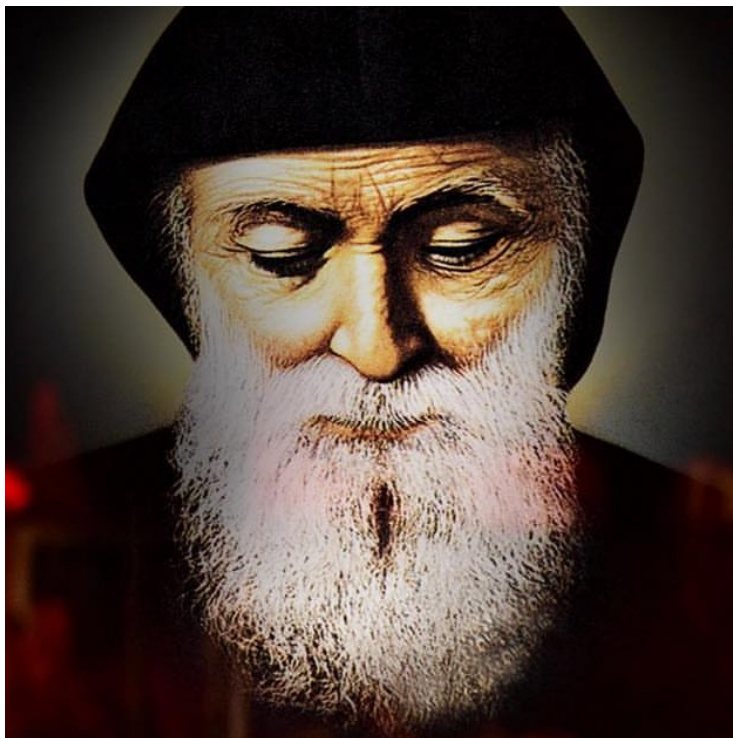
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The Testimony of Sargon Edward Odisho



You can now see personal testimonials on our Testimonials page [HERE](#)

Sargon Edward Odisho, an Assyrian, from Al Hasaka, Syria, was born in Sweden in 1995. He currently resides in Sweden, and is an employee at the Volvo Company. The mother recounts her son's health...

"... my son was hit by a car, as he was riding his motorcycle in Autori, during the month of June in 2014. He flew 50 meters up in the air. He went into a coma..." She gazed out of the window and started talking with the Lord, "Lord and Saint Sharbel, if my son is meant to be with me, have him return to me, and if he is not meant to be with me, I offer him as a gift to you. Bring him back to me and I vow to sleep with him in front of Saint Sharbel Shrine door for three days and three nights".

At that instant, Sargon started screaming and crying. The nurse rang the bell. Ten doctors entered the room, requesting the mother leave for ten minutes-
-*Read the rest of the Testimonial* [HERE](#)

Our Weekly Zoom Prayer Meetings

Join us for our Arabic Prayer Gatherings!



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.

Email office@familyofsaintsharbel.org to become a part of this awesome prayer group that has been meeting every Tuesday since 2020!

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