

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!



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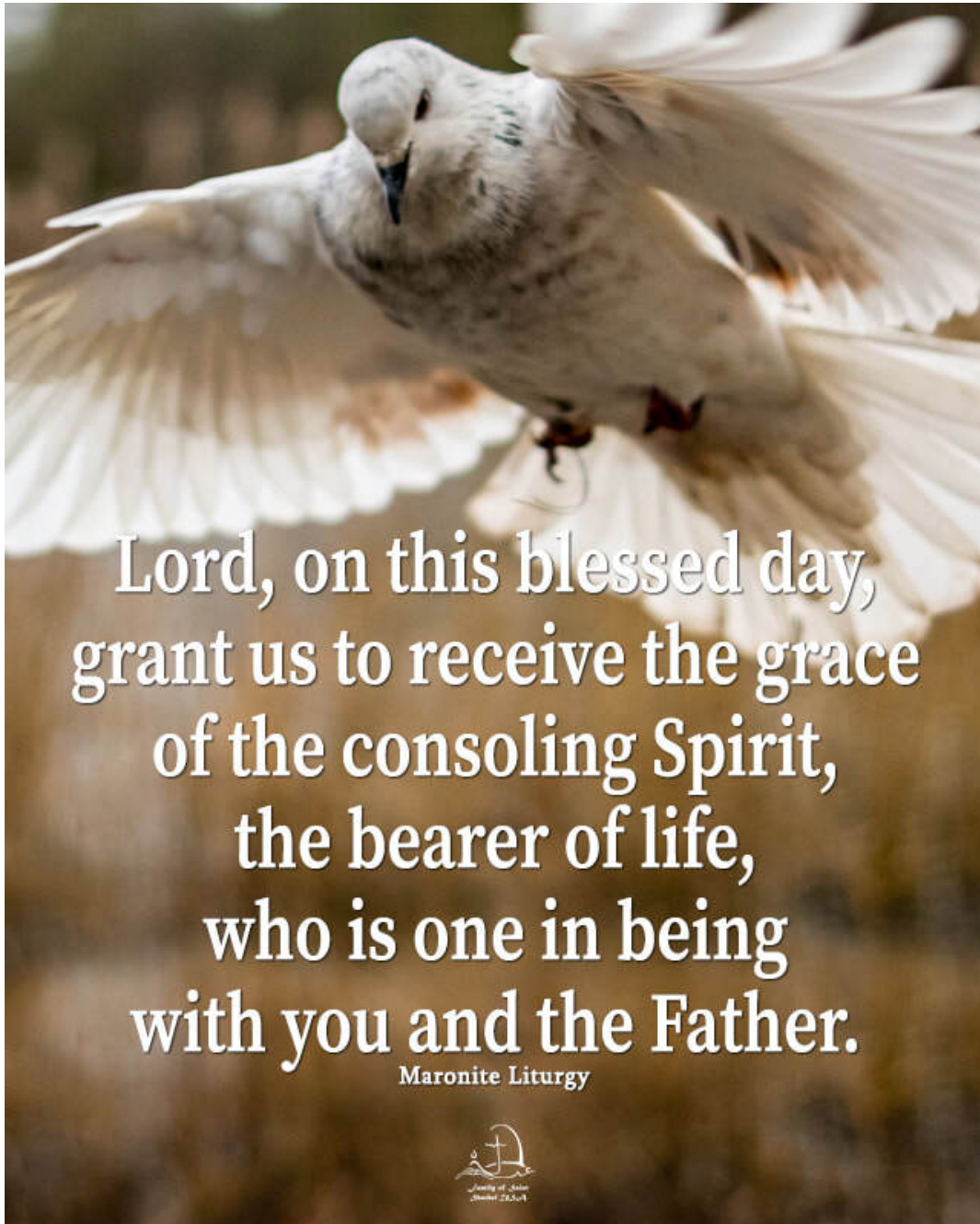
Come Holy Spirit!

The Family of Saint Sharbel USA presents its latest Newsletter, to highlight past and future events, our liturgical and spiritual content, and noteworthy projects. We are happy to have you on board! **Please spread the word among your family and friends, we would love to have you all join us.**

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Contemplation Corner

A Reflection for Pentecost | By Father George Hajj



Lord, on this blessed day,
grant us to receive the grace
of the consoling Spirit,
the bearer of life,
who is one in being
with you and the Father.

Maronite Liturgy



<https://www.familyofsaintsharbel.org/spiritual-designs/grant-us-to-receive-the-grace-of-the-consoling-spirit>

How was your Lent? Remember getting your ashes way back on February 20th? The Feast of Pentecost brings Ash Monday and the entire 90-day Lent-Resurrection cycle to its fulfillment today. And what did the Son of God accomplish by going to the cross and conquering death in His Resurrection, and finally sending the Holy Spirit upon us? He accomplished a perfect sigh of love.

As Archbishop Fulton Sheen, mentions in a commentary: *from all eternity the Father looks at the Son and the Son looks at the Father. What each sees is utter perfection and beauty. Each sighs his love for the other, and this shared breath is the Holy Spirit, love breathed back and forth between Father and Son. The Holy Spirit is a sigh of love, born of beauty.*

Pentecost draws us into the perfect love between the Father and the Son. Their sigh of love fills the world: “a driving wind” fills the house in which the apostles were. They begin to speak with this same breath, speaking only one word: “Jesus.” Jesus is my all in all, as Mother Teresa put it. “Only by the Holy Spirit,” St. Paul testifies, “can anyone say that Jesus is Lord.” Only by the Holy Spirit do we even know that we have a Savior, one who can purify our hobbled human love.

We thank Father George Hajj, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Maronite Catholic Church, for sharing this beautiful reflection with us.

Please be assured of our prayers for you and if you enjoyed the above image, find more of our spiritual designs [HERE](#).

Upcoming Healing Masses and Holy Hours

Welcome to our newest section that will give you up-to-date information on Healing Masses and Holy Hours in Honor of Saint Sharbel in the U.S.

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Healing Masses in Honor of Saint Sharbel:

[St. Agnes Catholic Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana](#)

[St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church, Pheonix, Arizona](#)

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Astoria, New York

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

St. Sharbel Mission of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Mission of Stockton, California

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church, Clinton Township, Michigan

Our Lady of Victory Maronite Catholic Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Healing Hour(s) in Honor of Saint Sharbel:

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

In Case You Missed It: Past Events

May 20 - Celebration of the Birthday of Saint Sharbel



After the Holy Mass, a first-class relic of Saint Sharbel was made available for veneration.

The Family of Saint Sharbel celebrated the Divine Liturgy in honor of Saint Sharbel on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at the Shrine of Saint Sharbel, at the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, in Emmitsburg, MD.

Find more pictures from this event, information, and video of the Mass [HERE](#).

Saint Spotlight

Saint Aquilina of Byblos, Martyr



Icon of Saint Aquilina, restored in 1950's under the patronage of Fr. Antonios Zgheib Al-Jbeili (maronite-institute.org)

Feast Day: June 13

Saint Aquilina of Byblos (Jbeil) was born at the end of the 3rd century. She received her catechism from Ethalius, Bishop of Byblos. Her heart was inflamed with the love of Jesus Christ, and she spread her faith with fervor in Byblos and its surroundings. At age twelve, St. Aquilina began an endeavor to spread Christianity through her example and teaching.

Due to her teaching, many of the pagans were baptized, especially young people. She endured endless torture under the rule of Emperor Diocletian and her presumably deceased body was thrown outside of the city walls. With the help of an angel, St. Aquilina regained her consciousness and went before the magistrate who was astonished. She was imprisoned yet again and passed the next day. Her holy relics were later transported to Constantinople.

(Text adapted from The Maronite Synaxarion)

For more on the life of Saint Aquilina of Byblos, click [HERE](#).

Saint Aquilina, Strong and Fearless Martyr, Pray for Us!

Editor's Pick: Explore FORMED

Evangelizing Through Art w/ Elizabeth Zelasko | Chris Stefanick Show



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The Family of Saint Sharbel offers a FREE subscription to FORMED, a Catholic online platform with thousands of resources for spiritual growth. The Chris Stefanick Show is the most recent addition to the Augustine Institute's robust and innovative programming, which aims to help Catholics understand, live, and share their faith. Watch Chris interview his sister, Elizabeth Zelasko, about her journey and process creating iconography and sacred objects of veneration. Watch the episode [HERE](#).

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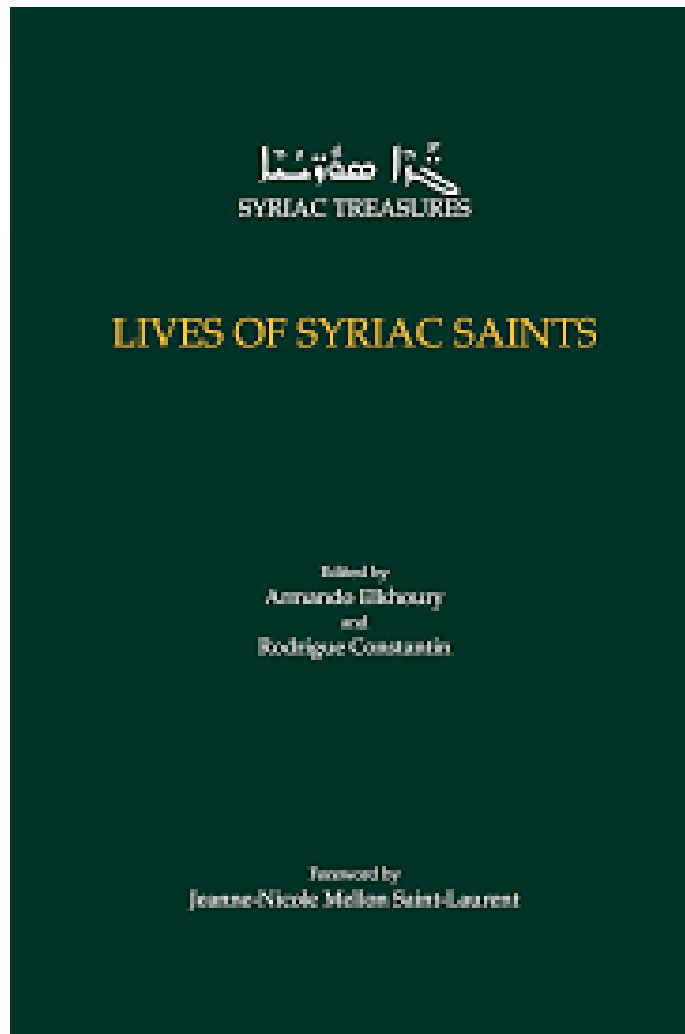
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Lives of Syriac Saints



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Author(s): *Translations* by Sebastian P. Brock, Jeanne-Nicolle Mellon Saint-Laurent, and Armando Elkhoury

Abstract: *Lives of Syriac Saints* is the second volume of Syriac Treasures includes vocalized Syriac texts, introductions, and English translations of works by (1) Jacob of Serugh, on Saint Simeon the Stylite; (2) Jacob of Serugh, on Zokhe; (3) Jacob of Serugh, on The Blessed Julian Saba Jacob of Serugh, on Shmuno and Guryo; (4) Marinus and Anatolus, Acts of Sharbel the Martyr.

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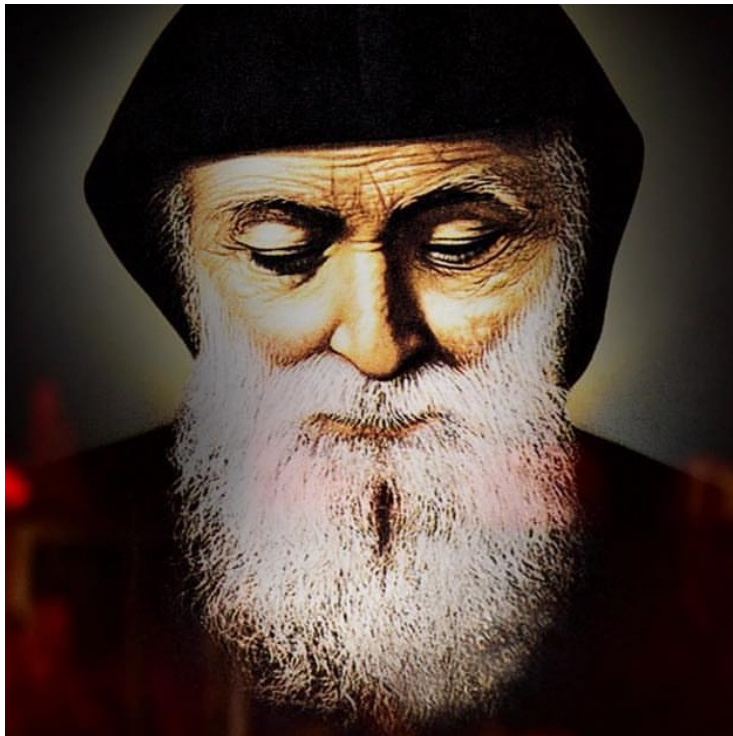
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You can purchase this book using the following link(s)*:

Articles and More

The Testimony of Victoria Schneider



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

My testimony of cancer healing through St. Charbel

“In July 2020 I was diagnosed with cancer in the colon. The doctor treating me at that time, after removing two cancerous polyps, decided to do surgery, and cut part of my colon so that the cancer would not spread.

At that time, I heard of St. Charbel and his miraculous power of intercession. I have a friend from Lebanon who “happened” to have the oil and a piece of cloth of St. Charbel. She gave them to me to pray with until my next visit to the doctor...

Sometime in the week following this meeting, [my doctor] got together with her

team to discuss my case and the procedure she intended to follow, and my opposition to the surgery. While she was presenting the case, the head of the gastroenterological department of the hospital, without any invitation to participate, entered the room and joined the meeting.--

Read the full 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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