

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!

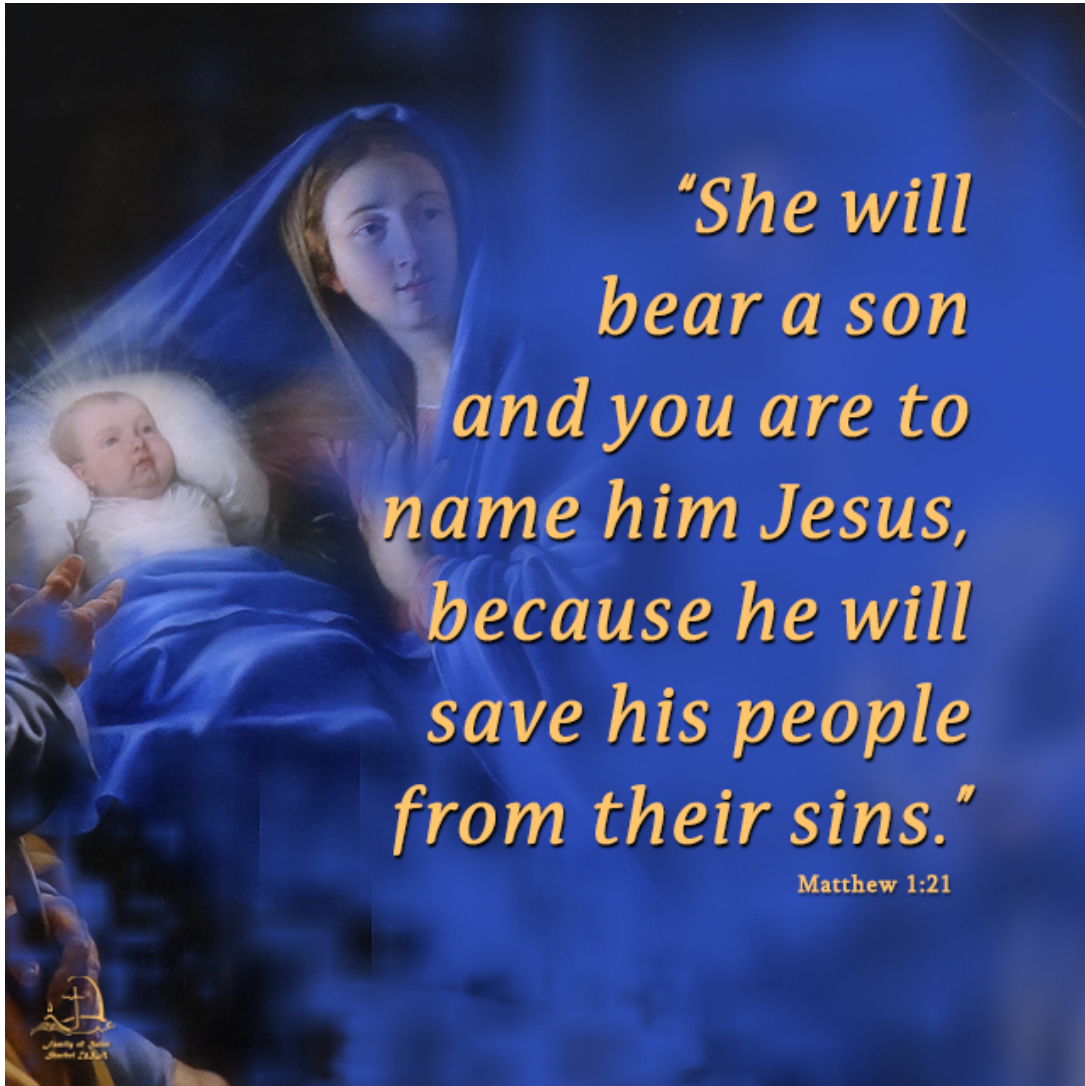


Welcome Dear Friends!

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.**

Contemplation Corner

A Season of Yes...



We are in a season of revisiting the most important instances of "yes" in our Christian history. Beginning with the "yes" of Mary for carrying the Son of God, to St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse, for his "yes" in trusting in God and protecting the Mother of God. All of these instances lead up to the Glorious Birth of the Lord. We get to see the beautiful story unfold and it can be a great opportunity for us to reflect on how much we listen to God's voice in our own lives.

Do you take time to listen to God's voice in your life?

In what ways do you think God speaks to you?

What can be holding you back from God?

How can you use the examples of Mother Mary, Saint Joseph, and others to

inspire you to say "yes" to God?

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

What's Ahead: Our Schedule and Events

December 3rd, 2022 Holy Hour in Honor of Saint Sharbel



<https://mountcarmel-annunciation.com/>

Join the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel for their next holy hour in honor of Saint Sharbel on **Saturday, December 3rd at 10:30 AM [EST]**. To be followed with the blessing with the holy oil from the Shrine of Saint Sharbel and individual blessings with the Relic of Saint Sharbel

What: Holy Hour in honor of Saint Sharbel

When: Saturday, December 3rd at 10:30 AM [EST]

Where: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 275 North 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211

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December 5th, 2022 Healing Mass in Honor of Saint Sharbel



Join Father Vincent Chirichella and his brother Deacon Michael for a St Sharbel Healing Mass on **Monday, December 5th 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, December 5th at 7:30 PM [EST]

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

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In Case You Missed It: Past Events

Innu Indigenous Community in Canada, Installs a Statue of Saint Sharbel in Church. (2020)



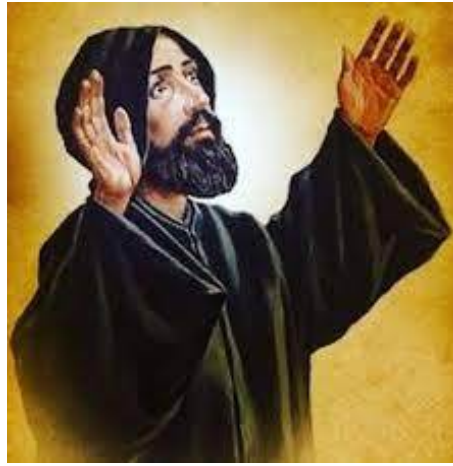
On December 24, 2020, the Innu indigenous community of Sheshatshiu, Canada, installed a statue of Saint Sharbel in Tshitshitua Shushep (Saint Joseph) Church, Our Lady of Snows Parish in the Corner Brook and Labrador Diocese.

A good question will be: How did this community hear about Saint Sharbel, a saint from the other part of the world?...

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE FULL STORY & access the video of the Mass and more photos](#)

Editor's Pick: Saint of the Month (Dec.)

Saint Nimattullah "Al-Hardini", Lebanese Monk



Feast Day: December 14

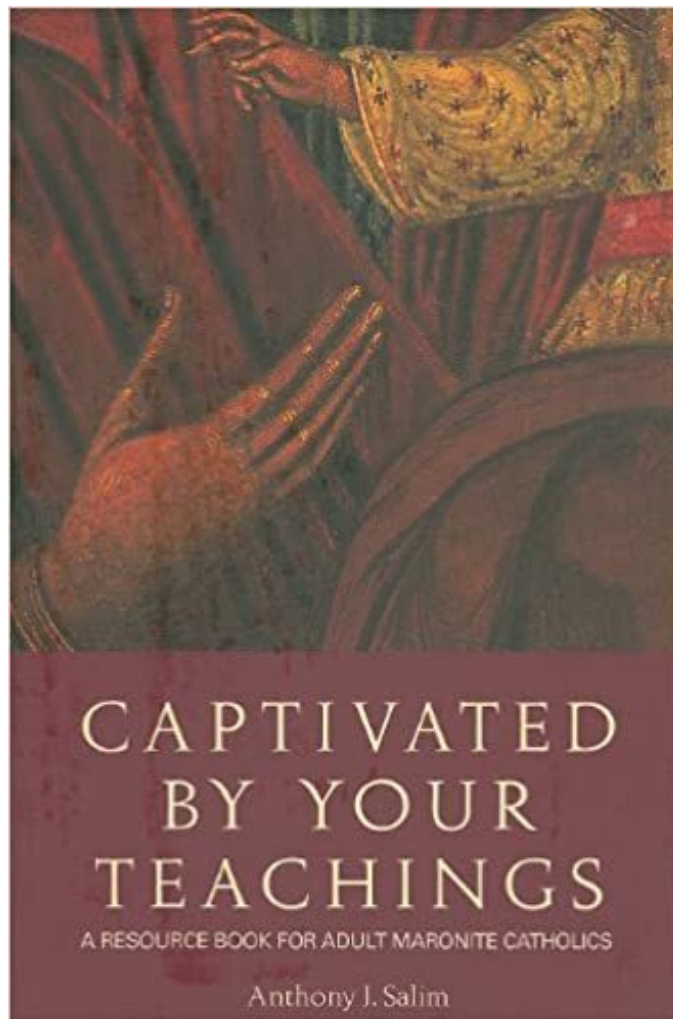
There are many saints that aren't discussed as frequently in mainstream media and we have given this space to spark curiosity and conversation about an Eastern saint you may not know about, every month.

Saint Nimattullah was born in the year 1808 in Hardin, Lebanon the son of Girgis Kessab and his mother the former Mariam Raad. He studied first at St. Anthony in Hawb, then he entered the monastery at St. Anthony - Kozhaya where he took the name Nimattullah instead of Joseph his first name. He finished theological studies at Sts. Cyprian and Justine in Kfifan. He became, several times, Administrator General of the Lebanese Maronite Order. Saint Sharbel was his student in Kfifan from 1853 to 1858. Saint Nimattullah is believed to have performed many miracles during his life due to his deep spirituality and his high virtues. The "Saint of Kfifan" was stated to have the gift of prophecy and hence became known as "a man of vision." Saint Nimattullah died on December 14, 1858.

You can read more about him [HERE](http://hardini.org) at hardini.org

Reading Nook

Captivated by your Teachings: A Resource Book for Adult Maronite Catholics



[amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

Title: *Captivated by Your Teachings: A Resource Book for Adult Maronite Catholics*

Author: Anthony J. Salim

Abstract: This book illuminates the foundations of the Maronite traditions and their sources. It explains the intricate parts of the Holy Mysteries, and terminology of the liturgy, along with pertinent prayer references as supportive examples and meditative reflection. This work underscores the fully Catholic nature of the Maronite Church and enriches the Universal Church (Western and Eastern traditions) by sharing and explaining the Maronite Way in a concise, easy-to-read, and graceful style. It's a labor of love which will give the readers an important insight of this important, rich, and old Eastern Rite of the Catholic church."

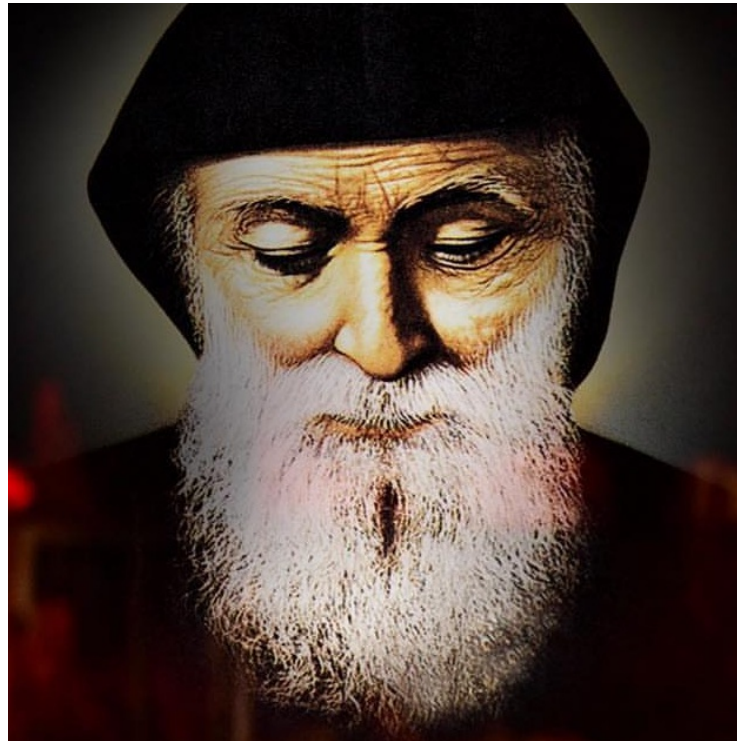
Language: English

Publisher: E T Nedder Pub

Publication Year: 2008

Articles and More

Healing Testimony of Rita Michel Hanna



You can now see testimonials and even sort by country on our new Testimonials page [HERE](#)

Rita Michel Hanna Ghosn, born in 1993 in Bikfaya, is an expat living in America. Her mother states her daughter's health case supported by medical records

"My daughter, Rita, was born healthy on March 30, 1993. Three months later, I felt as if there was something hurting her, for she was crying constantly. I took her to the doctor for a check-up. After examining her, he said that she was in good health. She, however, would not stop crying.

I started taking her from one doctor to the next. Things were becoming worse. After struggling for three months, I took her to Dr. Emil Ghossoub's Clinic. The blood test results showed that she suffered from Juvenile idiopathic arthritis. At this point, Dr. Ghossoub advised me to consult Dr. George Saliba

Dr. Saliba reviewed the test results and told me that unfortunately there was no cure. He said I should get used to it. My daughter's case, however, was getting worse....*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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