

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!

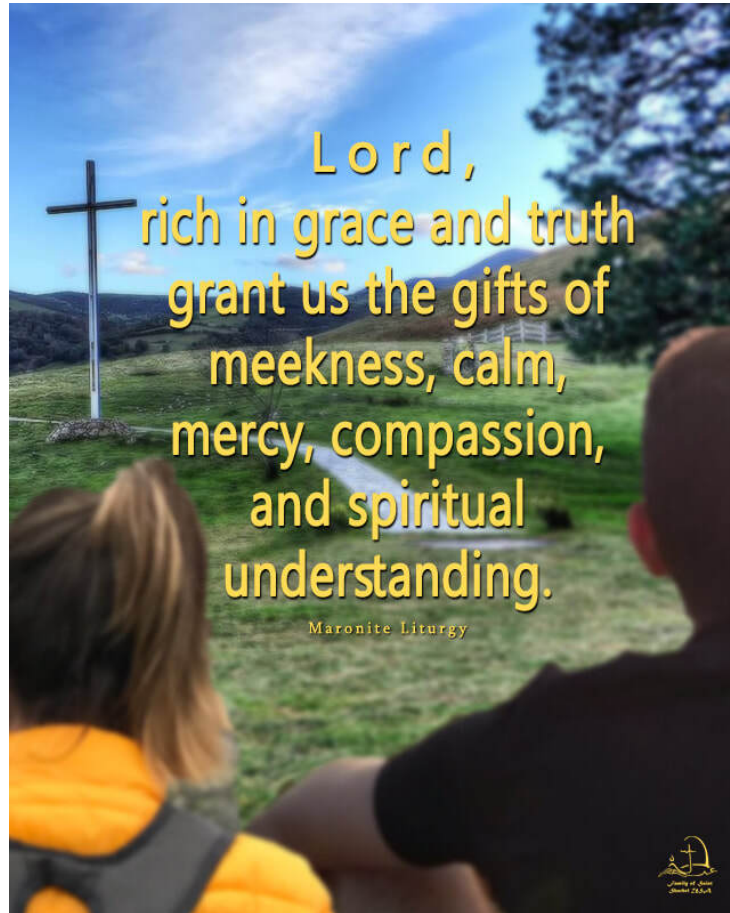


Graces & Blessings!

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

How are we Renewed?



As we move into the new liturgical year and the Sunday of the Consecration and Renewal of the Church, let us take some time to reflect on our own renewal. The Church is not the consecrated structure, it is the community of believers in Christ that builds it and gives it a firm foundation to grow and thrive.

What can you do to experience renewal in this new liturgical year?

What are you looking forward to most in the new liturgical year?

How do you view "renewal" as a person of faith?

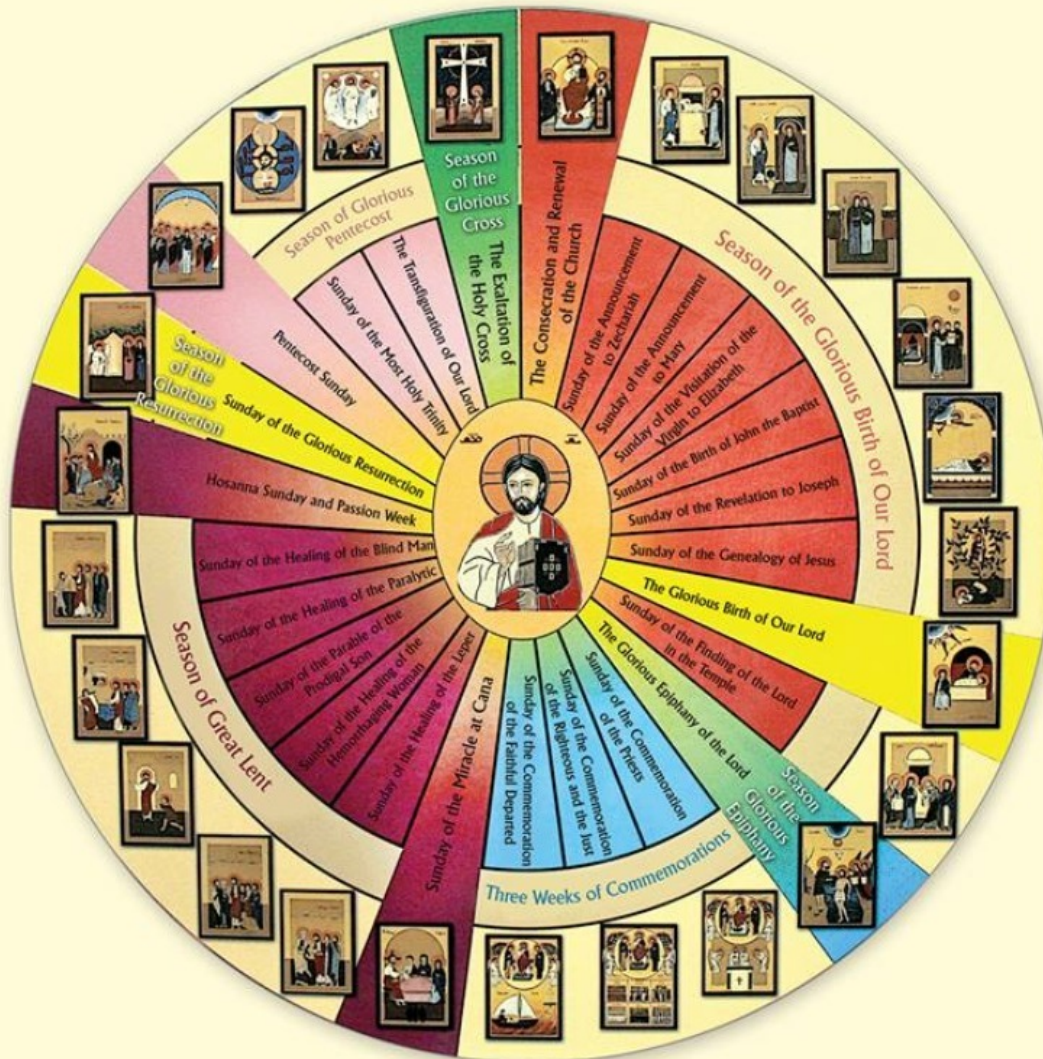
Does the Liturgical Calendar confuse you? It may be beneficial to contact a trusted spiritual resource with questions.

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

New Liturgical Year (2022 - 2023)

Liturgical Calendar Cycle



Feasts of the Maronite Saints :

Feast of Saint Maron - February 9
Feast of Saint John Maron - March 2
Feast of Saint Rafka - March 23
Feast of the Massabki Martyrs - July 10

Feast of Saint Sharbel - July 23
Feast of the 350 Maronite Martyrs - July 31
Feast of Saint Nemtallah - December 14

We will be celebrating the start of a new liturgical year very soon and we want to share the maronite calendar resource which you can access [HERE](#)

In Case You Missed It: Past Events

A Monthly Healing Mass in Honor of Saint Sharbel



On October 24th, Father Vincent Chirichella, pastor of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Astoria, New York, and his brother, Deacon Michael began a monthly healing Mass in honor of Saint Sharbel. Deacon Michael shared his powerful testimony again and it was followed by the blessing with holy oil and veneration of the sacred relic of Saint Sharbel. The Family of Saint Sharbel - USA was blessed enough to attend and distribute literature about Saint Sharbel. You can read more and watch the full video of the Healing Mass [HERE](#)

THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF SAINT SHARBEL'S SHRINE



On Saturday, October 15th, the Family of Saint Sharbel celebrated the fifth anniversary of the dedication of Saint Sharbel's Shrine at the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes (Emmitsburg, MD). Father Theodore Trinko (Institute of the Incarnate Word, IVE) celebrated the Divine Liturgy, and concelebrating with him was Rev. Youssef Keikati (Pastor of Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church in Easton, PA), who brought 40 parishioners with him, and Fr. Cesar (IVE), Chaplain at the Shrine. We want to extend our gratitude to everyone who attended and those who extended their prayers to make it a wonderful day. You can read more, see more pictures, and watch the full video of the Divine Liturgy [HERE](#)

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

Saint Moura, Martyr (Mart Moura)



Feast Day: November 10

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 Moura is a third-century martyr and is honored in many parts of Lebanon and the Middle East. She was a Christian from Upper Egypt who was crucified and died slowly because she refused to embrace paganism. May she intercede for us and remind us of how remarkable our resilience and strength can be when it comes from God. You can read more about her [HERE](#)

Reading Nook

The Virgin Mary in the Maronite Church



amazon.com

Title: *The Virgin Mary in the Maronite Church*

Author: Bishop Boutros Gemayel

Abstract: As His Excellency Youssef Beshara, Bishop of Antelias, Lebanon who commissioned the work wrote, "It may be fairly easy for an average Catholic to refer to Marian dogma...However, it is not easy for a Maronite to find what may quench his spiritual thirst and nourish his piety from the richness of the Maronite Church's devotion to Mary." Bishop Gemayal's text does precisely that. (Excerpt from the Forward, written by His Excellency Bishop Gregory J. Mansour)

Language: English

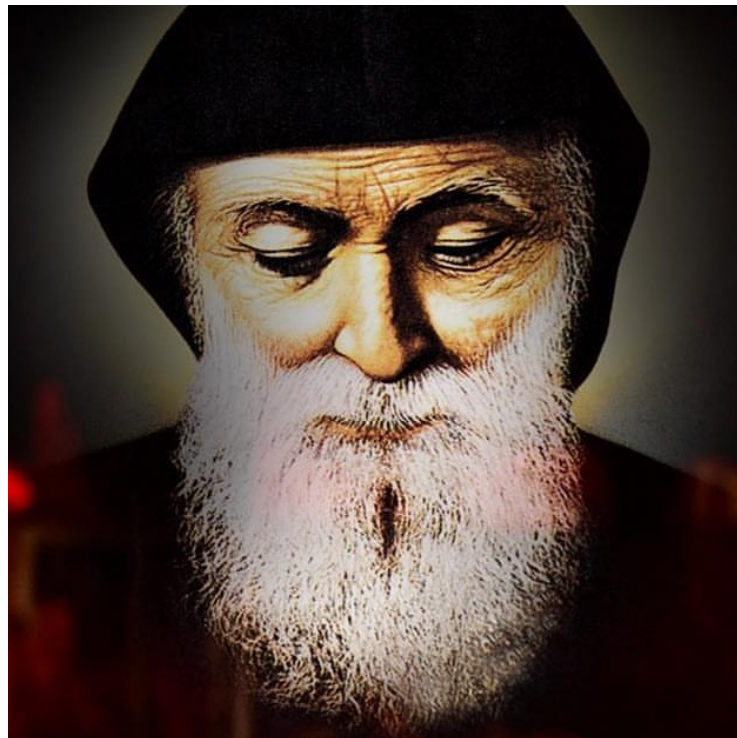
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"On the 22nd of the month, as I was still in a coma, Saint Sharbel appeared to me. I returned to life. They removed the transtracheal catheter off of me and I was able to breathe properly again; however, I did not recognize any of the people around me, nor did I know where I was." (Excerpt from the Testimony of Fadi Ibrahim Al-Kaadi)

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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