



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*

### **Blessings, Dear Friends!**

The Family of Saint Sharbel USA presents its latest Newsletter. We are happy to have you on board and ask for your prayers as our community of faith continues to grow!

**Please spread the word among your family and friends; we would love to have you all join us.**

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## Contemplation Corner

**An Excerpt from the Speech of Saint Pope Paul VI on the  
Beatification of Saint Sharbel (Sunday, December 3rd, 1965)**

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The world of God  
is the world of love;  
it is the world of truth,  
and there is no truth  
outside love.

From the Experiences of Raymond Nader  
with Saint Sharbel



<https://www.familyofsaintsharbel.org/spiritual-designs/there-is-no-truth-outside-love>

*His Holiness Saint Paul VI presided on December 5, 1965, over the beatification ceremony of Saint Sharbel in the Vatican at the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council.*

"Great today is the joy in Heaven and on earth over the beatification of Charbel Makhoul, monk and hermit of the Lebanese Maronite Order! Great is the joy of the East and West for this son of Lebanon, an admirable flower of sanctity, blooming on the stem of the ancient monastic traditions of the East and venerated today by the Church of Rome!

How could this joy not arise first in the hearts of the sons of St. Maroun? This is

what our venerable brother Cardinal Patriarch Paul Pierre Méouchi affirmed with such force in profound words for which we thank him deeply. For the Maronite Order and for Lebanese Catholics, this day is truly a great day. This is why it is also a pleasure for us to greet the members of the delegation that the Lebanese government has sent for this occasion, as well as those of the other delegations. We are very sensitive to this gesture, and the presence of these personalities reminds us of the warm welcome that all of Lebanon, without distinction of race or religion, once reserved for us during our stopover in Beirut. Thank you all with all of my heart."--

-- Read the full speech, English and French Translation [HERE](#).

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

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## Saint Sharbel Events in the USA

*Find an event near you and explore the links below:*

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**St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church, Phoenix, Arizona**

**St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Mission of Stockton, California**

**St. Agnes Catholic Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

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

**St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church, Clinton Township, Michigan**

**NEWLY ADDED! Our Lady Star of the East Maronite Catholic Church, Pleasantville, New Jersey**

**St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Astoria, New York**

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

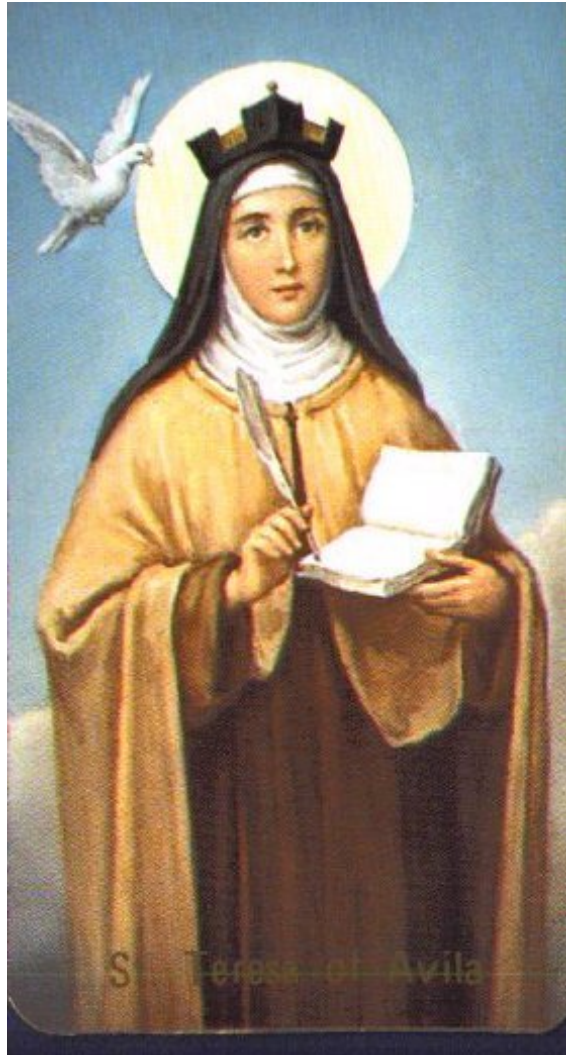
**Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral, Brooklyn, New York**

**Our Lady of Victory Maronite Catholic Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

## Saint Spotlight

### Saint Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church

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*Image adapted from catholic.org*

**Feast Day:** October 15

**Saint Teresa of Avila** entered the Carmelite Convent in 1535, around the age of 20. After her profession the following year, she became seriously ill. During her prolonged illness, she began the practice of mental prayer. She resolved to found a reformed Carmelite convent, correcting the laxity which she had found in the cloister of the Incarnation and others.

Saint Teresa was a prominent Spanish mystic, Carmelite nun, and writer of the Counter-Reformation. She was also a theologian of the contemplative life through mental prayer. She was a reformer of the Carmelite Order and considered to be, along with St. John of the Cross, a founder of the Discalced Carmelites. She died in the year 1582.

She was canonized in 1622, forty years after her death, by Pope Gregory XV, and then in 1970 declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI.

*(Text adapted from the Maronite Synaxarion)*

*Saint Teresa of Avila, Pray for Us!*

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## Editor's Pick: FORMED Resource

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*Click on the image above (adapted from the FORMED online streaming platform) to be directed to a series about the Joyful Mysteries.*

The Family of Saint Sharbel offers a FREE subscription to FORMED, a Catholic online platform with thousands of resources for spiritual growth. As we enter this month of the Holy Rosary, we invite you to explore this multi-part "Bible Study" series commentated by Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School. They walk through each of these Biblical mysteries to help you grow in understanding and love for Christ through them. Learn about the mystery you know the least or learn about them all!

## **Bible Study:**

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**The Luminous Mysteries**

**The Sorrowful Mysteries**

**The Glorious Mysteries**

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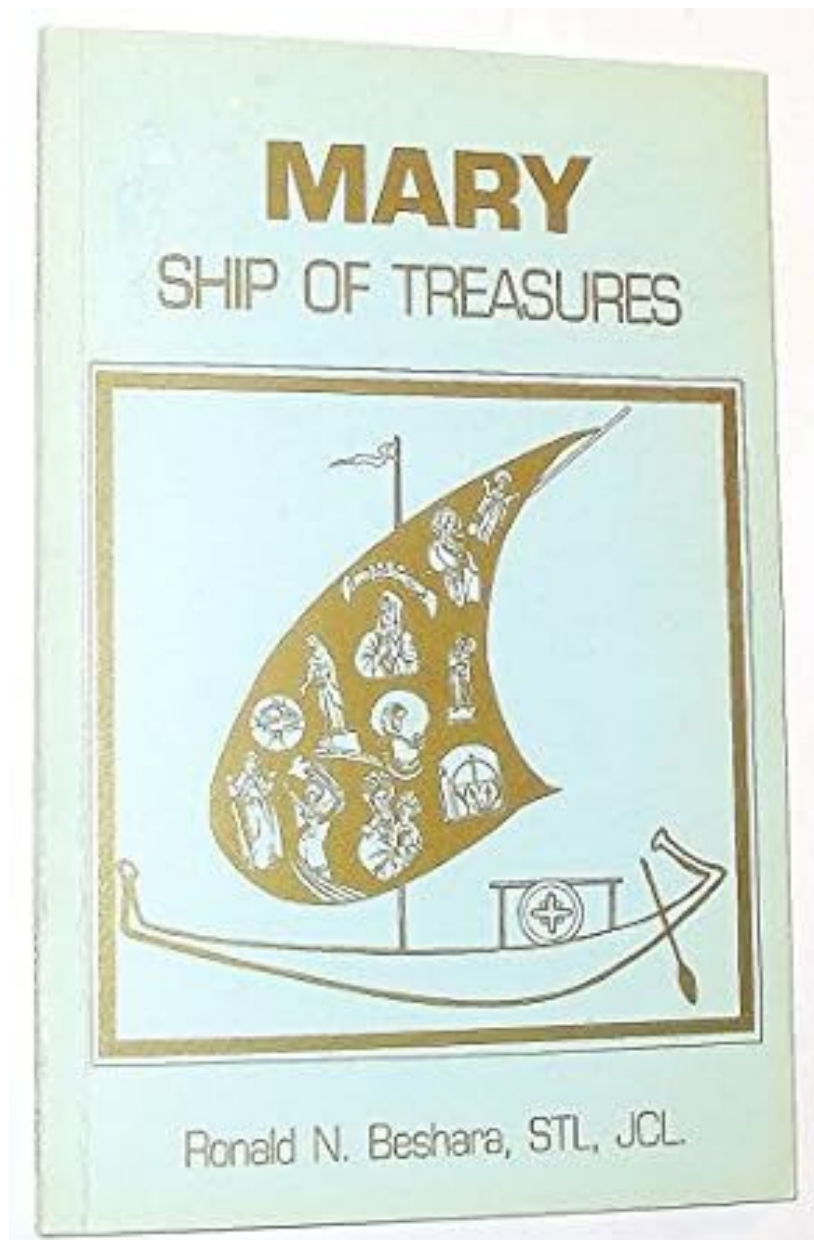
*YouTube:* [Augustine Institute](#)

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## **Reading Nook**

**Mary, Ship of Treasures by Ronald N. Beshara**

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**Title:** *Mary, Ship of Treasures*

**Author:** Ronald N. Beshara, STL, JCL

**Abstract:** A collection of hymns, prayers and writings concerning the Blessed Virgin Mary in our Maronite Antiochene Church.

**Language:** English

**Number of Pages:** 118 pages

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

[Saint Maron Publications](#)

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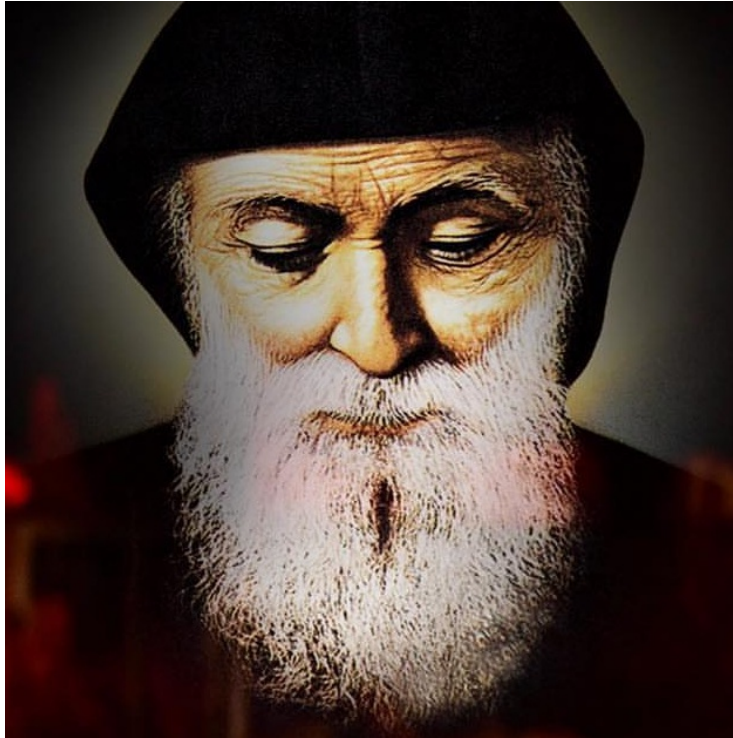
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## Healing Testimony of Rita Khalil Al-Nawar



<https://www.familyofsaintsharbel.org/testimonials.html>

Mrs. Rita Khalil Al-Nawar, born in Yahshoush, Lebanon, in 1984, married to Mr. Antoine Al-Nawar, and a mother of three children, resides with her family in Safra, Lebanon. She recounts her health based on medical records.

“In February 2010, I fainted due to a high ‘cholesterol’ attack while I was at work. I consulted Dr. Youssef Khalil, who requested various blood tests and analyses. The results revealed an extremely high cholesterol level, inherited from my father who passed away at the age of 46 due to this condition...

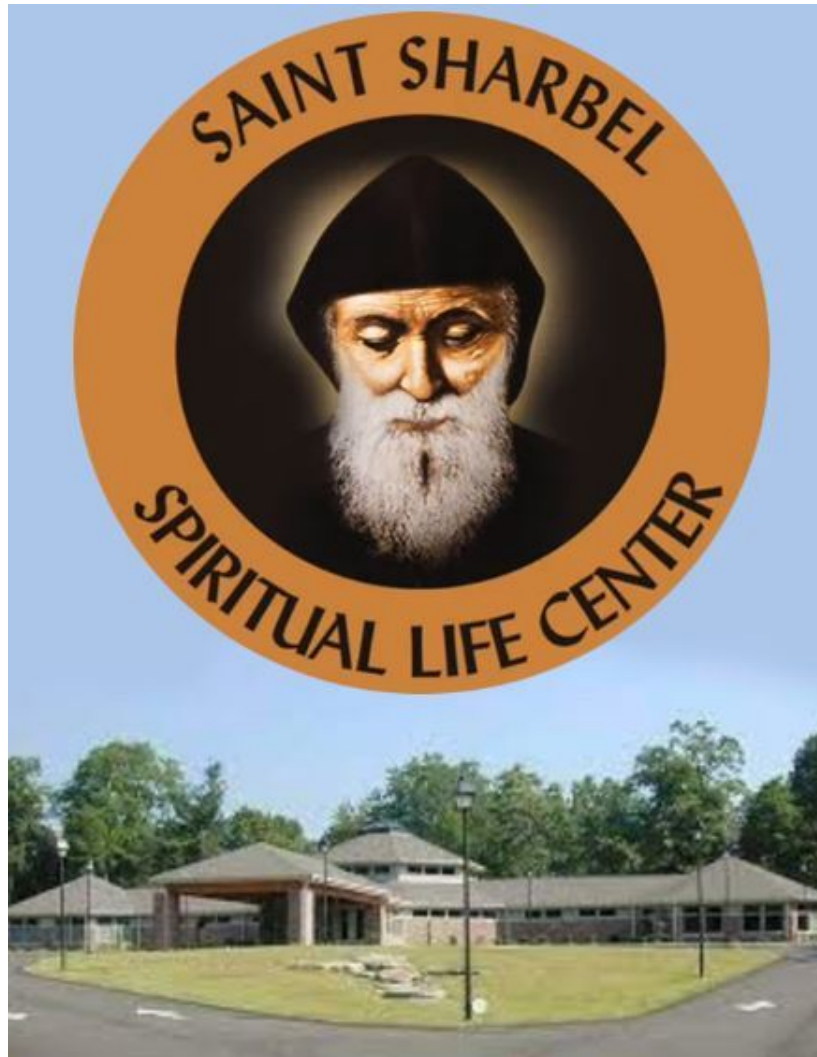
After losing hope in my recovery, I turned to the physician of heaven, Saint Sharbel. I visited the hermitage, knelt, and said: ‘This is the hermitage where you used to kneel and pray. Here I come, seeking strength from your weakness. By the tears of your mother, I ask for a drop of your blood to cleanse mine and heal me from my illness in any way. Intercede for me before our Lord Jesus Christ and heal me.’--

*Read the full Testimonial [HERE](#).*

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

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**Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center, Pittsburgh, PA, USA**



<https://www.stmaron.org/press-releases/saint-sharbel-spiritual-life-center>

The Maronite Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, NY, USA needs your help to fund the purchase of the new Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center that will focus on enhancing the spiritual lives of couples, single people, young adults, and any person of goodwill who wants to grow in their faith. They must raise the needed funds by **October 31, 2023**. This new Center will be dedicated to Saint Sharbel and his remarkable example of Eastern spirituality. A little goes a long way if we all come together as a family of faith. Learn more and donate at <https://www.stmaron.org/press-releases/saint-sharbel-spiritual-life-center>.

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**Saint Sharbel - the Priest Statue in St. Sharbel Mission,  
Milwaukee**

Through the generosity of donors like  
you...

**A Unique Statue of  
Saint Sharbel - the Priest,  
made by famous Lebanese sculptor  
Rudy Rahme,  
will be installed inside of St. John's  
church...**

And God's blessings through the  
intercession of this Great Saint will  
bestow upon you!



*Adapted from the "Sharb-El Tobo" Biweekly Newsletter of the Saint Sharbel Mission of Milwaukee. Click the link above to read their latest Newsletter.*

Our brothers and sisters at the Saint Sharbel Mission of Milwaukee are dedicating a new statue of Saint Sharbel - the Priest at their current home of Saint John the Baptist Church, located at 1501 172nd Ave, Paris / Union Grove, WI. If you wish to learn more and donate to this initiative, click the image above or visit <https://saintsharbelmission.com/>.

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## 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](mailto:office@familyofsaintsharbel.org) to become a part of this awesome prayer group that has been meeting every Tuesday since 2020!

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