

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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Celebrating One Year of the FSS Newsletter!



**Family of Saint
Sharbel USA**

Peace and Gratitude, Dear Friends!

The Family of Saint Sharbel USA presents its latest Newsletter, and thanks you for your support over the last year for this initiative. 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 - Review Edition

**One year of newsletters. One year of growth. One year of impact.
The Family provides their heartfelt and genuine testimonies.**

(Dawn Walsh, Director of National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes)

"Since Saint Sharbel came to our National Shrine Grotto, we have received an abundance of blessings. The Saint has drawn the Lebanese and Maronite faithful to experience our beloved Shrine. We are joyfully able to share St. Sharbel's miraculous life and example with our many pilgrims. Finally, we are richly blessed by the intercession of St. Sharbel, known as the Padre Pio of the East. We feel he has come here to assist Our Lady with healings of soul and body and **he becomes more integral to Our National Shrine with each passing year.**"

(Lea Arida, FSS Consultant)

"I've always found myself "taken care of" by Saint Sharbel... So when I moved to the Washington DC area, I didn't know many people there. Mind you, it was in the time of COVID, when no one was assembling or seeking to meet new people. But once things got better, once again, St. Sharbel "took care of me" through the Family of St Sharbel... I encourage everyone to deepen their engagement with the Family of Saint Sharbel - USA, to participate in our events and prayer meetings, and to use our website as a reference for talks, videos, articles and much more... **that they can add to their spiritual toolbox on their way to get closer to Christ.**"

(Roger Nader, FSS Consultant, Aylet Mar Sharbel)

"I have always felt grateful for my belonging to the big family of Saint Sharbel, and the Maronite Church in Lebanon, with its Syriac spiritual heritage and its rich history. As for the small Family of Saint Sharbel... the blessed effort they are doing, including the monthly newsletter, not only does it carry the fragrance of Sharbel to the various towns, neighborhoods, and homes of the different states, but it also **makes me, who resides in Lebanon, feel united in prayer as one big family.**

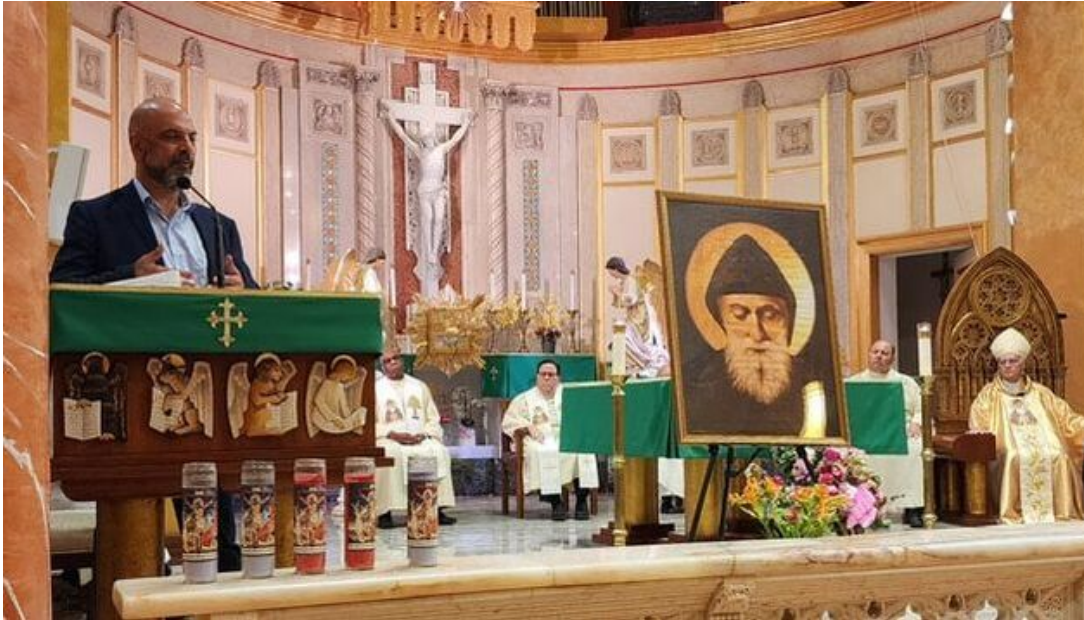
What You Missed - Saint Sharbel Celebrations



<https://www.familyofsaintsharbel.org/our-news/celebration-of-the-feast-of-saint-sharbel-2023>

On the 29th of July 2023, "The Family of Saint Sharbel" in the US celebrated the Feast of Saint Sharbel at the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, in Emmitsburg, Maryland. We would like to thank **Fr. Theodore Trinko (IVE)**, Chaplain at the Shrine, who celebrated the Holy Mass in St. Mary's Chapel, **Mr. Raymond Nader** (Founder & President of The Family of Saint Sharbel), the Lebanese community in the area, as well as other pilgrims of the National Shrine, all those who joined in this celebration, and all who worked to make this celebration possible.

For our website article, photos, and recording of the celebration, click **HERE**



<https://www.familyofsaintsharbel.org/our-news/celebration-of-the-feast-of-saint-sharbel-at-st-joseph-roman-catholic-church-astoria-july-24-2023>

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Astoria, New York offered their monthly Healing Mass in Honor of the feast of Saint Sharbel on Monday, July 24, 2023. The Mass was celebrated by **Bishop Raymond Chappetto**, Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Brooklyn, **Rev. Vincent Chirichella**, pastor of St. Joseph Church, local priests, visiting Maronite Catholic priests, **Deacon Michael Chirichella** who gave the homily speaking on his healing testimony, and local deacons.

Following the Mass, **Mr. Raymond Nader**, founder, and president of The Family of Saint Sharbel, spoke briefly of Saint Sharbel before the final blessing. In addition to blessing the congregation with the Holy Eucharist, holy oil and holy relic of Saint Sharbel, St. Joseph Church also consecrated statues for their new shrines to Saint Sharbel, Saint Peregrine, and Blessed Carlo Acutis. Several members of the Family of Saint Sharbel, USA, attended as well. Refreshments were offered to all after the consecration ceremony.

For more photos and video of the Celebration Mass, click [HERE](#)



<https://www.familyofsaintsharbel.org/our-news/a-talk-by-mr-raymond-nader-at-our-lady-of-lebanon-maronite-churchwashington-dc-july-23-2023>

Mr. Raymond Nader, the founder, and president of The Family of Saint Sharbel, delivered a talk about Saint Sharbel and The Family of Saint Sharbel. The talk took place at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church in Washington DC on Sunday, July 23, following the celebration of the Feast of Saint Sharbel.

For our website article, photos, and recording of the talk, click [HERE](#)

Saint Sharbel Events in the USA

Find an event near you and explore the links below:

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Astoria, New York

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church, Clinton Township, Michigan

St. Sharbel Mission of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

St. Agnes Catholic Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Our Lady of Victory Maronite Catholic Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral, Brooklyn, New York

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

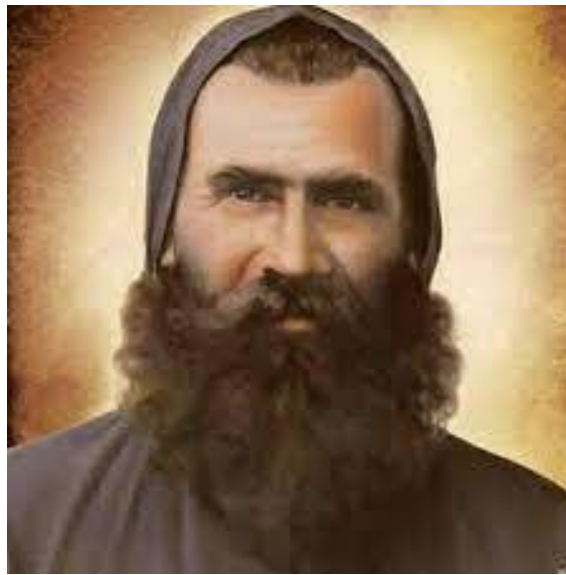
St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church, Pheonix, Arizona

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Mission of Stockton, California

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

Saint Spotlight

Blessed Estephan Nehme



<https://www.familyofsaintsharbel.org/blessed-estephan-nehme.html>

Feast Day: August 30

Bl. Brother Estephan Nehme was born, to a maronite family, in Lehfed, Lebanon, was baptized on March 15th, 1889 at Our Lady Church of Lehfed by Father Gerges Fadel and was given the name Youssef.

Since his childhood, he was not sociable and not interested in parties, even among family, he prays late at night repeating: "God sees me". Brother Estephan was a "Worker monk". He was responsible of the field. He learned carpentry when he was in Mayfouk and was good in construction since he was robust and sturdy.

He died on Tuesday, August 30th, 1938 at 7 PM, however, on March 10th, 1951, while the monks were burying the late Father Youssef Souraty, they found the body of Brother Estephan none decayed.

Brother Estephan was recognized blessed on the altar of the Lord on June 27th, 2010 at the Monastery of Saints Cyprian and Justine in Kfifane, by Archbishop Angelo Amato, S.D.B. Prefect of the Congregation for the causes of saints.

(Text adapted from the FSS-US website)

For more on the life of Blessed Estephan, click [HERE](#).

Bl. Brother Estephan, Pray for Us!

Editor's Pick: FORMED Resource



<https://watch.formed.org/catholic-all-year-with-kendra-tierney>

The Family of Saint Sharbel offers a FREE subscription to FORMED, a Catholic online platform with thousands of resources for spiritual growth. The series Catholic All Year with Kendra Tierney can show you meaningful ways to observe the faith with your family. Liturgical living in the home is a fun and natural way to evangelize to the people closest to us. View more of the series [HERE](#).

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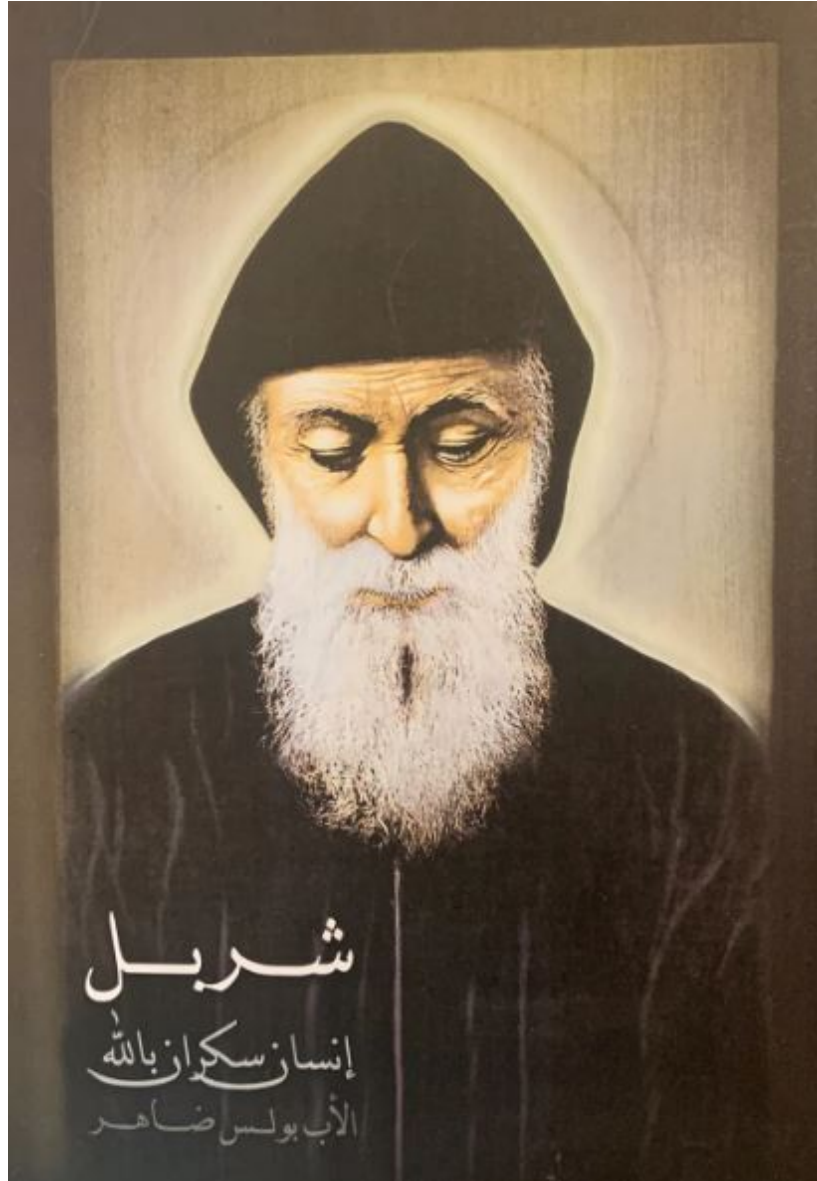
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Reading Nook

Saint Sharbel by Fr. Paul Daher - Arabic



Title: *Saint Sharbel by Fr. Paul Daher - Arabic*

Abstract: Written by Fr. Paul Daher, this book depicts the Holy Life of Lebanese Maronite Saint Charbel (1828-1898) - in Arabic.

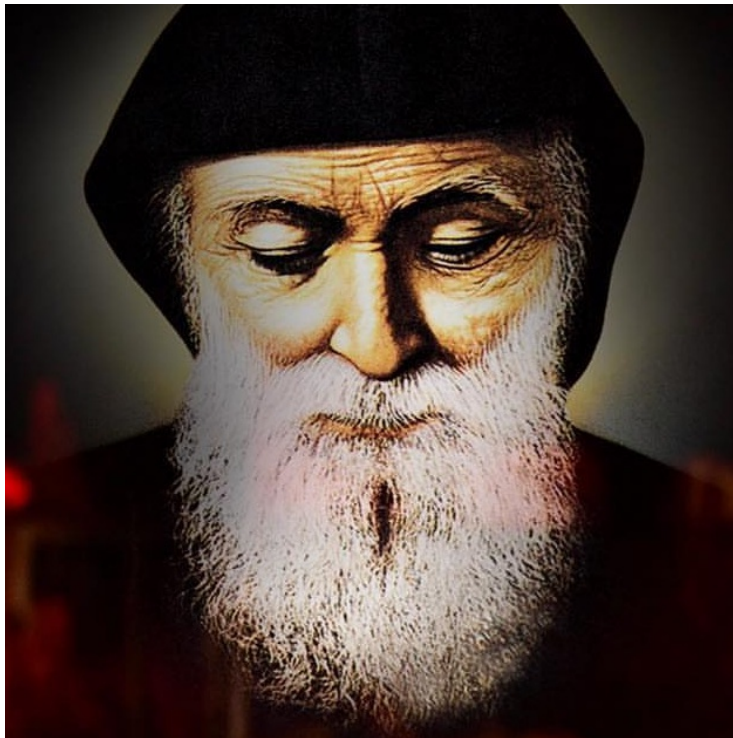
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You can purchase this book using the following link(s):

<https://family-of-saint-sharbel-usa.myshopify.com/collections/paperback-books/products/a-saint-sharbel>

Articles and More

Healing Testimony of Fouad Hanna Assaf



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

Mr. Fouad Hanna Assaf, born in Kafarhata, Koura, Lebanon, is married to Mrs. Amal Edmond Jabbour, also from Kafarhata. He follows the Orthodox faith. He recounts his health account based on medical records.

“Due to experiencing chest pain, I was admitted to Tannourine Public Hospital in Lebanon, where I received treatment from Dr. Hani Khoury. After a chest x-ray, a tumor was detected in my lungs. The doctor decided to conduct a biopsy to determine the type of tumor. During the biopsy process, I was praying to Saint Sharbel. I saw him standing by the X-ray machine.--

Read the full Testimonial [HERE](#).

The Brothers in Faith Podcast



Brothers Father Vincent and Deacon Michael Chirichella have a podcast titled "The Brothers in Faith".

"Our main goal is about our faith. We share what we received, and we talk about our transmission of faith. We try to see how we can involve parents, young people, and children in this way." They educate on the faith and other related topics.

You can explore and listen to their podcast episodes [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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