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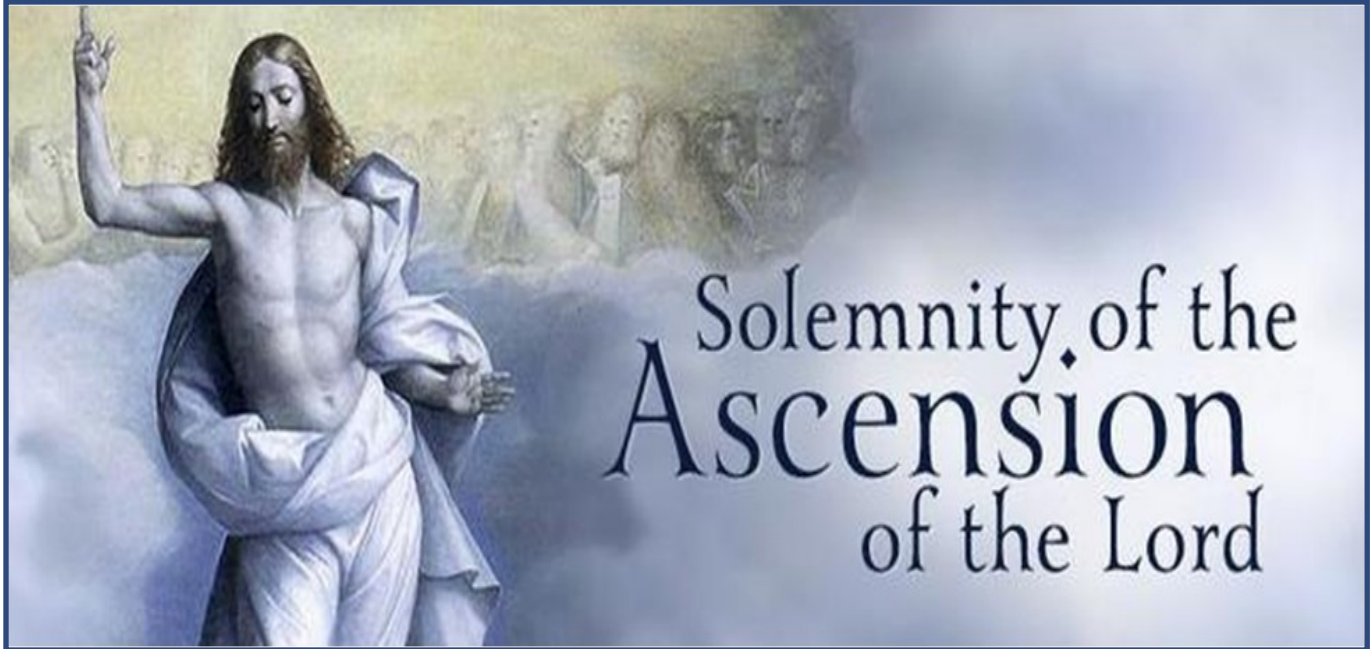
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - MAY 17, 2020

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READING Romans 10:1-13 GOSPEL Luke 24:36-48



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## DIVINE LITURGY

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

1st Friday: 9:30 AM MASS

Eucharistic Adoration following until 3 PM

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

1st Saturday: 3:30 PM

## FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL

HEALING PRAYERS

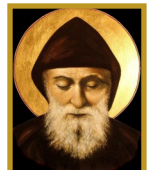
22nd Day of Every Month

Liturgy and Benediction 7:00 PM (Spring/Summer)

## SAINT SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**NO PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**ALL MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE OFFERED  
BY CHORBISHOP ALFRED BADAWI  
AT THE TELEVISED MASS  
ON SATURDAY AT 4 PM**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16TH**

- 4:00 PM— **For the Sick and Dying, all infected with the Coronavirus, for Healthcare Professionals, Essential Business Workers & Caregivers**, by St. Sharbel Knights of Columbus
- 4:00 PM— **For all suffering from fear and threatened by the pandemic**, by St. Sharbel Choir
- 4:00 PM— **Sonia Moussa Special Intentions for Healing**, by Son, Toni Moussa and Family
- 4:00 PM— **Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Owen Petrzelka (6 y/o)**, by the Badawi Family
- 4:00 PM— **Living and Deceased Members of the Akl, Fajou, and Garmo Families**, by Family
- 4:00 PM— **Marty Joseph Memorial Mass**, by Pastor
- 4:00 PM— **Emma Bochenek 1 Year Remembrance**, by Husband, Paul
- 4:00 PM— **Mark Werner Birthday Remembrance**, by Wife, Denise
- 4:00 PM— **Joseph & Shomas Francis**, by Grandchildren
- 4:00 PM— **Joseph G. Saad**, by Children
- 4:00 PM— **Emily Hakim**, by Allan and Mary Brazier and Family
- 4:00 PM— **George & Henriette Chalhoub**, by Family
- 4:00 PM— **Gerges Neiman Sleiman**, by Michel & Antoinette Moubarak and Family
- 4:00 PM— **Lamia Moussa El Khoury**, by Brother, Toni Moussa and Family

**SUNDAY, MAY 17TH**

- 9:30 AM— **Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Charbel Francis (10 month old)**, by Eli and Sandra Youssif
- 9:30 AM— **Living Members of Dr. Youssif & Mrs. Carol Rizk and daughter Hailey Rizk**, by Pastor
- 9:30 AM— **Felix & Evelyn Nagurka** by Paul Nagurka & Rose Ann Jacobs
- 9:30 AM— **Judith Deeby**, by St. Sharbel Friends of Donna Deeby
- 9:30 AM— **Louis Joseph**, by Mary Medley
- 9:30 AM— **Basil Pio**, by Anne, Linda and Joseph
  
- 11:30 AM— **For Good Health and Well Being of St. Sharbel Parishioners**, by Pastor
- 11:30 AM— **Special Intentions Good Health and Well Being of Elias & Labibae Makeri**, by Mayssoon Sweidan
- 11:30 AM— **Living and Deceased Members of the Kozhaya & Therese Sfeir Family**, by Family
- 11:30 AM— **Living and Deceased Members of the Elias & Zina Bassil Family**, by Pastor
- 11:30 AM— **Josephine Harb**, by Friends
- 11:30 AM— **Ramez Harb 10 Year Remembrance**, by Family
- 11:30 AM— **Karam Karam 31 Year Remembrance**, by Daughter and Son-In-Law, Leila & Dr. Tom Sloan and Family

**TUESDAY, MAY 19TH**

**NO LITURGY**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH**

**PRIVATE**

- 12:00 PM— **Anthony Thomas**, by Pastor
- 12:00 PM— **Emily Michael**, by Paul and Lina Kanan
- 12:00 PM— **Michael Joseph**, by Mary Medley and Family
- 12:00 PM— **Judith Deeby**, by Pastor

**THURSDAY, MAY 21ST**

**PRIVATE**

**THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

- 7:00 PM— **Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Owen Petrzelka (6 y/o)**, by Wahib Badawi
- 7:00 PM— **Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Charbel Francis (10 month old)**, by Eli and Sandra Youssif
- 7:00 PM— **Tracy Ann Thomas 24 Year Remembrance**, by Mickey & Julie Thomas

**FRIDAY, MAY 22ND**

**OUTDOOR MASS & CONFESSIONS**

**FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL HEALING MASS**

6:15 PM— **Confessions [from your car]**

- 7:00 PM— **Special Intention for Healing of the Sick, Shut Ins, Benefactors, Church Volunteers and their Families, Visitors, Medical / Healthcare Team in our Parish Community**, by Pastor
- 7:00 PM— **In Thanksgiving to Blessed Mother, St. Sharbel and St. Rita**, by Mayssoon Sweidan
- 7:00 PM— **Yazi Toma Sorro Memorial Mass**, by Daughter, Ban Mina

**MASSES CONTINUED ON PAGE 3**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Congratulations to  
**Fadi and Chantal Samia**  
on the recent birth  
of their new son,  
**Andrew Samia.**

May our Lord bless you and your family  
with good health and happiness!



**MASSES CONTINUED . . .**

**SATURDAY, MAY 23RD**

- 4:00 PM— **For the Sick and Dying, all infected with the Coronavirus, for Healthcare Professionals, Essential Business Workers & Caregivers,** by the REP Staff
- 4:00 PM— **For all suffering from fear and threatened by the pandemic,** by Pastor
- 4:00 PM— **For good health & well being of St. Sharbel Parishioners,** by Deacon Mike
- 4:00 PM— **Living & Deceased Members of the James & Rose Mary Kautz Family,** by Pastor
- 4:00 PM— **Living & Deceased Members of the Dr. Michel Al Khalil Family,** by Pastor
- 4:00 PM— **Naif Ejbeh-Agby 28 Year Remembrance,** by Joseph Ejbeh

**SUNDAY, MAY 24TH**

- 9:30 AM— **Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Charbel Francis (10 month old),** by Eli and Sandra Youssif
- 9:30 AM— **Living Members of Dr. Youssif & Mrs. Carol Rizk and daughter Hailey Rizk,** by Pastor
- 9:30 AM— **Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Owen Petrzelka (6 y/o),** by the Badawi Family
- 9:30 AM— **Living & Deceased Members of the Dr. Peggy Rahal Family,** by Pastor
- 9:30 AM— **Daniel Daniel Birthday Remembrance,** by Family
- 9:30 AM— **Thomas E. Carson 4 Year Remembrance,** by Family
- 9:30 AM— **Helen Trepanier Anniversary Remembrance,** by Family

- 11:30 AM— **Special Intentions Good Health & Well Being of Elias & Labibae Makeri,** by Mayssoon Sweidan
- 11:30 AM— **Living & Deceased Members of the Pierre Shamas Family,** by Pastor
- 11:30 AM— **Living & Deceased Members of the George Sam Family,** by Pastor
- 11:30 AM— **Living & Deceased Members of the Dr. Sam Nasser Family,** by Pastor
- 11:30 AM— **Living & Deceased Members of the Michael & Claudia Hayek Family,** by Pastor
- 11:30 AM— **Living & Deceased Members of the Chadi & Casia Shaya Family,** by Pastor

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**FOR THE MONTH OF MAY BURNS FOR:**

In Loving Memory of  
Emily Hakim  
by Allan & Mary Brazier and Family

**CHAPEL CANDLE**

**FOR THE MONTH OF MAY BURNS FOR:**

In Loving Memory of  
Joseph G. Saad  
by Children

**INCENSE AND CHARCOAL**

**FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**

In Loving Memory of  
George & Henriette Chalhoub  
by Family

**THANK YOU!**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

May 9 & 10, 2020

Envelopes: \$3,035.00

Online: \$2,370.00

*May God bless you for your generosity  
and support of your parish  
especially during these most difficult of times!*

## COLLEGE STUDENT ARTICLE

Khalil Gibran once wrote,

“Doubt is a pain too lonely to know that faith is his twin brother.”

Isn't this such a remarkable quote? The word doubt is often painted as the absence of belief. Growing up, I was taught having faith was to have complete trust in God without question. I always struggled with this interpretation of faith because it left no room to ask questions.

In the gospel, the most famous examples of doubt are often discussed in the stories of St. Zachariah, St. Joseph, and St. Thomas. In the examples of these saints, we find that doubt played a significant role in the development of their faith. One story of doubt I feel is often overlooked is the Annunciation.

The Annunciation is one of the most beautiful examples of doubt. The life of Mariam of Nazareth was one many would deem insignificant. She was a poor young girl of Jewish faith living in Palestine under the occupation of the Roman Empire. Historically, her life was most likely one filled with constant danger and hardship. I like to imagine that despite all the struggles she faced, Mariam still prayed for hope that the promise of salvation would come.

We are introduced to Mariam in the Gospel of Luke when the angel Gabriel appears to her and announces she is to conceive and bear the promised Messiah. When Mariam hears the angel's message, her response is “How can this be?” This question amazingly signifies her doubt as a truly human moment. As Mariam was an unmarried woman, she knew how scandalous this pregnancy would be and the thought of it must have genuinely terrified her. Her hesitation is completely understandable. Yet, even with her doubt, she tells the angel, “I am the handmaiden of the Lord! Let it be done to me according to your word”. In this verse, Mariam willingly consents to become the Theotokos (“God-bearer”) and valiantly welcomes the purpose God has for her life.

The Annunciation is essentially the story of how Mariam baptizes her doubt and fear with faith. It is ultimately a reflection of what role we allow doubt to play in our relationship with God. Unlike the doubts of St. Zachariah, St. Joseph, and St. Thomas, the Blessed Virgin did not require God to provide evidence in order to elevate her faith. Her doubt only required surrendering herself to God's trust.

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Today, with the current COVID-19 pandemic, we are undergoing and adjusting to many changes in our lives. The Blessed Mother experienced a similar situation when she and St. Joseph had to seek refuge in Egypt for fear that her child would be persecuted. The Holy Family must have experienced great anxiety in this moment and wondered when they would be able to return home safely.

As the month of May is dedicated in its entirety to the veneration of Mariam Al Athara, it is important to note she understands our human experience like no other. She is no stranger to joy, celebration, hope, sorrow, loss, fear, oppression, or injustice. May the intercession of the Blessed Mother help us navigate through this tumultuous time, most especially for those who have been neglected in this current situation.

I hope through this collective experience that we will improve our understanding of patience, empathy, and solidarity. I will continue to keep you all in my prayers and cannot wait to see you again soon! Please stay happy, healthy, and safe!

Reema Sweidan

Wayne State University

Electrical Engineering

Class of 2020



**UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS**

- May 21      **Feast of Ascension of the Lord**
- May 22      **Family of Saint Sharbel Outdoor Devotion**  
**Confessions 6:15 PM / Healing Mass 7 PM**
- May 23      **Sunday Mass Live Stream 4 PM**
- May 31      **End of May Outdoor Mass/Celebration 7 PM**
- Sept. 26 / 27   **2-Year Anniversary St. Sharbel Church Dedication**
- October 3     **First Communion Mass 10:30 AM**
- December 1   **Giving Tuesday**

**MASSES RESUME**

Dear St. Sharbel Parishioners and Friends,

**LITURGIES RESUME!**

Beginning the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>, we will reinstate the weekend Liturgies (Masses) to be held inside of the Church.

We will go back to the normal schedule of Mass on Saturday at 4:00 PM and Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM. In addition to these three regularly scheduled Masses, I will ADD a 6:00 PM Mass on Saturday and a 6:00 PM Mass on Sunday. This will help to limit the number of people present at each Mass for the required social distancing. Altar Servers will be limited to one per Mass.

All who attend please sit a distance of 6 feet from each other, however, you can sit together as a family that you live with.

Daily weekday morning Liturgies will resume beginning the week of Tuesday, June 2nd with our previous normal schedule at 9:30 AM

No Mass books will be used during any of the liturgies.

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

I will distribute Communion to those in attendance. At this time, it is deemed the safest protocol for everyone to receive the Eucharist in your hands to prevent the transmission of any virus from close contact with anyone's mouth.

**ENTERING THE BUILDING / MASKS**

**EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK** upon entering the Church doors and leave them on until you leave the building.

**Hand sanitizer** is available for you to use upon entering the Church doors. Please use before you enter into the main Church.

Our Church pews, doors and restrooms will be disinfected before and after each Mass to ensure the safest environment possible.

Also please abide by the Signs in the vestibule. Please follow all signs and directives for the safety of everyone.

**NO SOCIAL HOUR**

There will be no social hour after Masses. Please make sure to go back to your cars after the final blessing at the conclusion of the Mass.

**DO NOT TOUCH THE ICONS OF THE BLESSED MOTHER AND SAINT SHARBEL**

Allow the Blessed Mother and Saint Sharbel to touch your hearts. You may light candles. I ask you that you wear disposable gloves that are found on the table in the vestibule and discard them in the trash container on your way out.

I know we are asking much of you, but all of these measures are being implemented for your safety as well as mine and for everyone in attendance. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Chorbishop Alfred Badawi, Pastor

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to remind you that during the month of May we remember in a special way the Blessed Mother Mary. I encourage you to set aside a few minutes each day to pray the Rosary to honor the woman whom Jesus, while on the Cross, gave us to be our mother. She is a powerful intercessor and desires us to stay close to her Son and Lord, Jesus Christ.

**ATTENTION GRADUATES!**

Congratulations to all who are graduating! Please email us your graduates information to [stsharbelmichigan@gmail.com](mailto:stsharbelmichigan@gmail.com) by June 1st.

Please include name of student, school graduating from, degree earned, names of parents, future plans!

A Mass will be celebrated in honor of all St. Sharbel Church graduates in the near future!

Graduates, stay close to our Lord. Allow Him to renew you each day and fill you with His gifts of knowledge and wisdom.

**MASSES RESUME**

We are making preparations to resume our Masses beginning the weekend of May 30 and 31st. Please read carefully the column of instructions to the left. We are taking a lot of necessary precautions in order to assure your safety and well being while here at St. Sharbel Church in order for us to pray together once again in person as a community of faithful. It will take a lot of cooperating and working together as we move forward, but I am certain we will do this well!

As usual please be careful and know that I love you all and miss you all. We have survived these past seven weeks, and we can handle a few more. Let us pray that the quarantine be somewhat lifted within the next two weeks.

**GALA UPDATE / RAFFLE TICKET FUNDRAISER**

As I announced last week, the 2020 Gala has been canceled. I also announced that in place of the Gala, this year we will hold our Raffle Ticket Sales as our major fundraising event. As in past years, I ask everyone to please buy or sell your tickets upon receiving them as soon as possible. I am pleased to announce that we have received \$8,000 from 3 donors as sponsors for the Raffle prizes! Thank you to them for their generosity!

**HAPPY SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD!**

This coming Thursday we celebrate our Lord's Ascension into heaven, which we profess every Sunday during the Creed. On the fortieth day after Easter, Jesus ascended into Heaven. Then, during the nine days that followed, the Apostles prepared to receive the Holy Spirit. This was the first novena (traditional nine days of prayer). On the fiftieth day after Easter, after seven weeks had passed (a week of weeks), the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, uniting us to Christ and giving the Church the grace and power to continue the work of Christ so that the whole world may be one in Christ.

**I'd like to encourage all of us to pray "Come, Holy Spirit"** throughout this week, inviting the Holy Spirit into our lives, relationships, workplaces, parish, and homes:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations! Amen!

Chorbishop Alfred Badawi, Pastor



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