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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS - OCTOBER 4, 2020

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY / FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY

READING Philippians 3:17-4:1 GOSPEL Matthew 24:23-31

PASTOR

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MICHAEL MAGYAR

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

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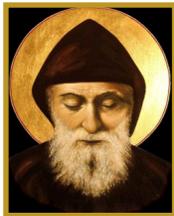
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DIVINE LITURGY

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

1st Saturday: 3:30 PM

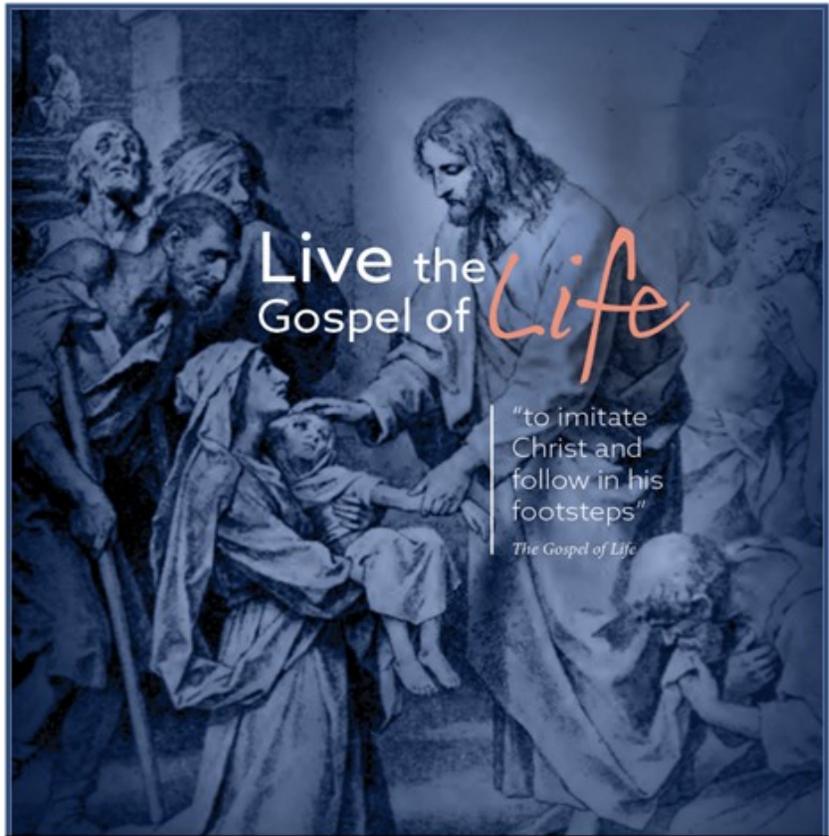
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HEALING PRAYERS

22nd Day of Every Month

Liturgy and Benediction 7:00 PM

(Spring / Summer)



RESPECT LIFE MONTH

OCTOBER 2020

SAINT SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PUBLIC MASSES HAVE RESUMED

LIVE STREAMED MASS
SUNDAY AT 11:30 AM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

11:00 AM— First Holy Communion

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY

4:00 PM— First Holy Communicants and their Families, by Pastor

4:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Ladies Altar Society, by Pastor

4:00 PM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Owen Petrzelka (6 y/o), by Joe and Terry Shaker

4:00 PM— Louis Joseph, by Mary Medley

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY

9:30 AM— First Holy Communicants and their Families, by Pastor

9:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Ladies Altar Society, by Pastor

9:30 AM— Sandra Lynn Ward, by Ladies Altar Society

9:30 AM— Edna Migala Birthday Remembrance, by Daughter, Chris Herbert

9:30 AM— Deceased Members of the Crispin, Shaker and Abraham Families, by Joe & Terry Shaker

9:30 AM— John Hejjawi, by Pastor

9:30 AM— Thomas Isaac, by his Wife

9:30 AM— John & Irene Matthews, by the Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY

11:30 AM— First Holy Communicants and their Families, by Pastor

11:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Ladies Altar Society, by Pastor

11:30 AM— St. Sharbel Choir Members, by Parishioners

11:30 AM— Semaan Kamel 1 Year Remembrance, by Wife, Carole and Children

11:30 AM— Daher Chamoun and Family, by Daughter, Therese Sfeir

11:30 AM— Julia Shehadeh, by Grandson, Fadi Yacoub and Family

11:30 AM— Angele Nazar 6 Year Remembrance, by Kamel Nazar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

1:30 PM— Baptism Gianna Marie Taormina

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

PRIVATE

6:00 PM— Louis Joseph, by Mary Medley

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

PRIVATE

6:00 PM— Dr. Paul G. Thomas, by Wife, Linda

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

PRIVATE

6:00 PM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Owen Petrzelka (6 y/o), by Anthony and Lucy Shaker

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FROM OUR BISHOP



Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

September 29, 2020

Dear Friends,

Greetings and Peace!

The Catholic Church in the United States observes October as Respect Life Month. This is a time to focus on God's gift of human life and the responsibility each of us has to care, protect, and defend the lives of others. The theme this year is "Live the Gospel of Life" in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of St. Pope John Paul II's landmark pro-life encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). As Pope John Paul articulated, the unborn, the elderly, the disabled, and the marginalized all have the right to life.

As Catholics, we value the culture of life. We define our humanity in relation with God Who created us in His likeness and image. Life is sacred as it is a precious and beautiful gift from God. Just imagine if our parents chose to abort us, we would not be here. We need to pass the gift of life to the next generation. The right to life is unalienable and we derive it from God Who is the source of our dignity as the human person.

We must also recognize that we live in a world that promotes a culture of death. The crisis of faith leads to the denial of God. In the absence of God, life becomes something man believes he owns and has a right to end. In this type of culture, the human person is evaluated in terms of function and usefulness and there is a detachment from God. Instead of life being precious and protected, it becomes a commodity threatened by abortion and euthanasia.

Despite the challenges, there are pathways to building a culture of life. Prayer is especially important because it is the foundation for promoting the culture of life. Let us keep praying for the gift of life from the womb to the tomb, that all people and all governments respect life as a gift from God. Pray and assist in any way you can. The family is also critical as it cultivates virtues, teaches the dignity of life, and promotes life. In Christ, the Gospel of life is proclaimed.

I ask you to pray, reflect, promote, and live the Gospel of Life.

With my sincere best wishes and prayers, I remain

Yours in Christ,

+A. Elias Zaidan

Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

MASSES CONTINUED ...

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

1:00 PM— **Baptism Cameron Raymond Adam**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

4:00 PM— **Agnes Judd 40 Day Remembrance,**
by Family

4:00 PM— **Mary Sahadi Birthday Remembrance,**
by Family

4:00 PM— **Zina Kanan Elias,** by Diana Mery

4:00 PM— **Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for**
Owen Petrzelka (6 y/o), by Joe and Terry Shaker

4:00 PM— **Anthony Joseph,** by Mary Medley and Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

9:30 AM— **Living and Deceased Members of the Deacon John**
and Bobbi Sfire Family, by Parishioners

9:30 AM— **Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for**
Michael Magri, by the Ladies Altar Society

9:30 AM— **Jose Farah,** by Linda Thomas

9:30 AM— **Joseph, Helen and Betty Shaker,** by Family

9:30 AM— **Judith Deeby,** by Ladies Altar Society

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

11:30 AM— **Mansour & Virginie Sfeir,** by Children

11:30 AM— **Toni Nofar,** by Friends

11:30 AM— **Josephine Harb,** by Friends

11:30 AM— **Akram Karromi,** by Pastor



SANCTUARY CANDLE

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER BURNS FOR:

In Loving Memory of
Al & Kay Latouf
by their Children

CHAPEL CANDLE

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by their Children

INCENSE AND CHARCOAL

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

In Loving Memory of
George & Henriette Chalhoub
by Family

THANK YOU!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 26 & 27, 2020

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STUDENT ARTICLE

Parishioners of Saint Sharbel,

This pandemic has affected many people in many different ways. Some people took the quarantine very well, and they were fine with staying at home. Many people were alright with not seeing their friends and family, and they liked being able to relax and not worrying about things they needed to do. However, other people, like myself, could not stand it. I am one of those people who cannot sit still for longer than 5 minutes. I like to be going and doing things all day and night with friends and family. Quarantine was really not the best thing for people who are the same as me. At first I took it very hard, and I really missed seeing people and going out to do things. But then I thought of a great way to use my time wisely, and that was getting closer to God.

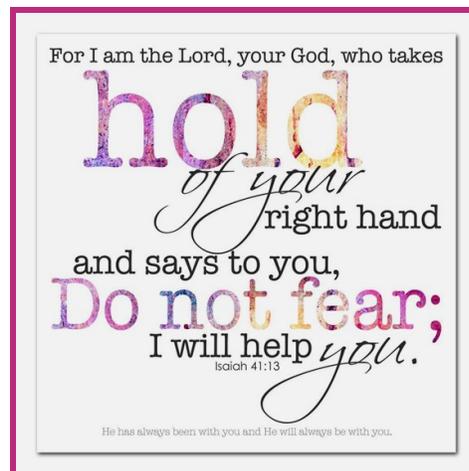
After a few weeks of being stuck inside, I nearly started to lose my mind, so I began to think of ways to grow closer to God. I spent more time praying and reading my bible verse app than I ever have before. I never realized how great the little quotes from the Bible could make you feel; they seriously changed my entire mood whenever I felt sad or anxious. One of the verses I read that really helped me through this time was from Isaiah:

“So do not fear for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10)

This quote really helped me to understand that God will get me through hard times and give me strength whenever I am struggling. There are a number of things that people of the world must fear: sickness, disaster, evil, betrayal, “chance” happenings. God’s people who truly live by faith need to fear nothing. Those things can still happen to you, but nothing can happen that a good, loving, and sovereign God, who created and sustains the universe, does not have control over. His plan is to use all of it for your good and your blessing. After this quarantine, I realized that you can get through anything if you have faith and believe in God.

Gianna Neubacher

Junior, Henry Ford II High School



UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

- October 3 **First Communion Mass 11:00 AM**
- October 4 **Sunday Mass Live Stream 11:30 AM**
- October 11 **Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday**
- October 22 **Family of Saint Sharbel Healing Mass 7 PM**
- December 1 **Giving Tuesday**

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
 With fall beginning, I welcome you back to your home parish. I invite all of you to continue to be involved in the spiritual growth and activities of our parish. I hope you all enjoyed your summer.
 I would like to take this time to thank you all for your continued sacrifices and love for this Church. For many of you who are not being able to attend because of health issues and concerns, I know this separation has been most difficult. Hopefully in the near future, this will be behind us.

I do not want to make things more difficult for you but I also want to make sure the State Health Department knows we are doing everything possible to follow the guidelines. I pray you are all doing well and that you will join us in person.

LOVE AND RESPECT DESPITE OUR DIFFERENCES
 Justice Scalia, a native of Trenton, NJ, was a devout Catholic, married with nine children. One of them is a priest in the Diocese of Arlington, VA. On February 13, 2016, Scalia died in his sleep at age 79. In his eulogy, his son, Fr. Paul Scalia said, "God blessed Dad with a deep Catholic faith: the conviction that Christ's presence and power continue in the world today through His body, the Church. He loved the clarity and coherence of the Church's teachings. He treasured the Church's ceremonies, especially the beauty of her ancient worship. He trusted the power of her sacraments as the means of salvation as Christ working within him [Scalia] for his salvation."

Recently another Justice of the Supreme Court passed away. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 87, was born in Brooklyn, NY. Although not devout, the Bader family belonged to the East Midwood Jewish Center, a Conservative synagogue, where Ruth learned the Jewish faith and gained familiarity with the Hebrew tradition. The two justices differed and disagreed on most issues and were on diametrically opposing sides in the Court. Their views on the Constitution and the role of the Supreme Court were vastly different, but they still respected each other as individuals. Not only that, but, shockingly, the two were friends. How could Ginsburg possibly be friends with Scalia? Scalia was Ginsburg's favored souvenir shopping buddy when they traveled together. They also shared New Year's Eves with their families and friends.

Upon the death of Justice Ginsburg, the older son of Justice Scalia wrote a little story on his social media account about Justice Scalia's visit with a good friend. As the friend was leaving Scalia's chambers, he noticed two dozen roses on his table. Scalia explained that he needed to take them down to Ruth for her birthday. The friend was surprised and said, "I doubt I have given a total of twenty-four roses to my wife in almost thirty years of marriage... So what good have all these roses done for you? Name one five-to-four case of any significance where you got Justice Ginsburg's vote."
 "Some things," Scalia answered, "are more important than votes."

In Christ,
 Chorbishop Alfred Badawi, Pastor

CONGRATULATIONS!

MARRIED IN CHRIST

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Tony Tayar and Sandra Tayar
 who were married on
 Saturday, September 26, 2020
 by Rev. Hanna Tayar
 at St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church.

*We pray that the Lord God may grant
 this couple happiness and joy
 in their lives together as husband and wife!*

BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION

Congratulations to
Wissam and Fadia Elias
 on the Baptism of their Daughter,
Eliana Wissam Elias
 at St. Sharbel Church
 on Sunday, September 27, 2020
 by Chorbishop Alfred Badawi.

Congratulations to
Brandin and Tiffany Sharak
 on the Baptism of their Daughter,
Sofia Samira Sharak
 at St. Sharbel Church
 on Sunday, September 27, 2020
 by Chorbishop Alfred Badawi.

*May Eliana and Sofia be steadfast in their faith
 and grow constantly in the Lord!*

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to the proud parents
Toni and Tina Shamooni
 on the birth of their new daughter ,
Olivia Helen Shamooni!

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



MIRACLES OF THE ROSARY

THE MIRACLES AND POWER OF THE ROSARY IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST EVIL

In 1937, Pope Pius XI wrote that the Rosary is “a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight, to preserve the integrity of life, to acquire virtue more easily, and . . . to attain real peace among men.”

October is not only the month of the Rosary, but it’s Respect Life Month as well. So it’s only fitting that we combine the two and begin the habit of saying a pro-life Rosary, not just in October, but throughout the year, for this powerful weapon is vital in rebuilding a Culture of Life.

OUR SPIRITUAL WEAPON

Tradition teaches that Our Lady gave the Rosary to St. Dominic, though this is possibly legend. We do, however, know that St. Dominic greatly advocated the use of the Rosary. Not only does Church history witness to the spiritual power of the Rosary, so does history, as well.

REAL LIFE STORIES OF VICTORY!

There are numerous testimonies to triumphs credited to the Rosary over the centuries, but here’s one other example. In 1628 King Louis XIII, the Catholic king of France, was attempting to put down rebellions by Protestant Huguenots. Fearing the possibility that his kingdom would be torn apart, he ordered “public rosaries and processions [to be] held nightly in Catholic churches all over France during the eight-month duration of the siege. Dominican friars accompanied the king to the battlefield and preached to the armies of the French the necessity of praying the Rosary daily for victory. The priests distributed more than 15,000 rosaries among the troops, with the soldiers praying together at set times during the day.” On October 28, the Huguenots surrendered, and the French were victorious.

Another example is the Battle of Lepanto. During the 1400 and 1500s, the Muslims and Christians were locked in battle, as Christians attempted to block increasing expansion of the Ottoman Empire. The decisive turning point came in 1571, when Pope Pius V sent a fleet comprised of Catholic European states to fight off the Muslims and protect the Mediterranean. He requested all the faithful say the Rosary, asking all to invoke our Blessed Mother’s intercession.

Despite being grossly outnumbered, the Holy League, as it was termed, won decisively. Pope Pius declared the Feast of Our Lady of Victory in honor of the Holy Virgin, which was later inserted in the universal Church calendar marking the date of the battle, October 7th. Today it is known as the Feast of the Holy Rosary. According to reports, the Muslims who later wrote of the battle recorded “seeing in the sky a lady dressed in armor holding a child.” While accounts vary, it is widely maintained that in battle the Ottoman side possibly lost as many as four times the number of ships as its enemies and Christendom was preserved from the would-be Muslim conquerors.

MESSAGE FROM OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Our Blessed Mother has often implored us to pray the Rosary daily, and we know that she can and will hear our prayers if we persist. Starting now, in Respect Life Month, let us say a pro-life Rosary of the Joyful Mysteries and reflect upon the fact that every human being is sacred and valuable. With each decade, let us also pray that Mary will soften those hearts hardened by the Culture of Death.

2020 RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS!

- \$5,000 - Naji Chidiac
- \$2,000 - Denis Reilly
- \$ 100 - Adele Saxe
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- \$ 100 - Mary Ostrowski
- \$ 100 - M & M Tony Tazzi
- \$ 100 - Joan Yezback
- \$ 100 - Abdou Deban
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- \$ 100 - June Hotchkiss
- \$ 100 - Marina Kourieh

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For more information about the Order, please contact your Parish Priest or Order of Saint Sharbel President Jim Abdo at jabdo@abdobooks.com or call the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles at (314) 231-1021.

If you are interested in becoming a Priest or Religious Sister, contact Vocations Director, Msgr. Donald J. Sawyer, D. Min, at 512-458-3693 or dsawyer@grandecom.net

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020 is designated “Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday” in the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles.

The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for educating our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church.

Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at <http://www.orderstsharbel.org> .

Congratulations and Prayers on your First Communion

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
OCTOBER 3, 2020

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