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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST - SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 GOSPEL Luke 7:36-50



**Her sins, which are many,
are forgiven - -
for she loved much.**

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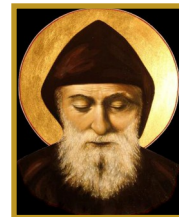
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DIVINE LITURGY

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

1st Saturday: 3:30 PM

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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PUBLIC MASSES HAVE RESUMED

LIVE STREAMED MASS
SUNDAY AT 11:30 AM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

- 4:00 PM— Donors to Caritas Lebanon, Red Cross and Beit Al-Baraka Relief, by Pastor
- 4:00 PM— Emily Michael, by Paul and Lena Kanan
- 4:00 PM— Joseph Shaker Sr., by Family
- 4:00 PM— Judith Deeby, by Linda Thomas
- 4:00 PM— Ada Florence Pich, by Son and Daughter-In-Law, Pete and Trish Pich
- 4:00 PM— Fredrick J. Francis, by His Children
- 4:00 PM— Jeanette Aesy 4 Year Remembrance, by Her Children
- 4:00 PM— Shirley Saad Birthday Remembrance, by Her Nieces

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

- 9:30 AM— Mary Saad 3 Year Remembrance, by Husband, Bill and Family
- 9:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Saad and Filiccia Families, by Bill Saad and Family
- 9:30 AM— Donors to Caritas Lebanon, Red Cross and Beit Al-Baraka Relief, by Pastor
- 9:30 AM— Cindy Davey, by Delores Eggen
- 9:30 AM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Owen Petrzelka (6 y/o), by Pastor
- 9:30 AM— Maroun Hakim, by Chris Herbert
- 9:30 AM— Louis Joseph, by Mary Medley and Family
- 9:30 AM— Cindy Santilli Davey, by Husband, Nelson Davey

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

- 11:30 AM— Donors to Caritas Lebanon, Red Cross and Beit Al-Baraka Relief, by Pastor
- 11:30 AM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Marco Youssif, by Pastor
- 11:30 AM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Blake Hamama, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Moubarak and Mary Yammine, by Elias and Khouloud Yammine
- 11:30 AM— George and Henriette Chalhoub, by Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

- PRIVATE
- 6:00 PM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Owen Petrzelka (6 y/o), by Pastor

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

- PRIVATE
- 6:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Joseph and Medley Families, by Mary Medley

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

- PRIVATE
- 6:00 PM— Donors to Caritas Lebanon Relief, Red Cross and Beit Al-Baraka Relief, by Pastor

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BANNS OF MARRIAGE II

- Maurice Farah and Renee Afram
September 13, 2020
St. Sharbel Church
- Charbel Kemaid and Sarah Petros
September 13, 2020
St. Sharbel Church

A DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING
IN SOLIDARITY FOR LEBANON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH



Pope Francis invites "everyone to join in a universal day of prayer and fasting for Lebanon this Friday, September 4th as an expression of his "spiritual closeness and solidarity" with the Lebanese people. He encouraged all to demonstrate their closeness through concrete works of charity. Let us join with Christians all over the world in prayer for our beloved Lebanon.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE I

- Hanna Tayar and Sandra Mikhael
September 26, 2020
St. Sharbel Church

MASSES CONTINUED . . .

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

- 4:00 PM— Donors to Caritas Lebanon, Red Cross and Beit Al-Baraka Relief, by Pastor
- 4:00 PM— Living and Deceased Victims of August 4th Disaster in Beirut, Lebanon, by St. Sharbel Church Community
- 4:00 PM— Zina Kanan Elias, by Tony & Jane Mattar
- 4:00 PM— Joseph, Helen and Betty Shaker, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Judith Deeby, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Jose Farah, by Linda Thomas
- 4:00 PM— Manuel (Matty) Moroun, by Pastor

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

- 9:30 AM— Donors to Caritas Lebanon, Red Cross and Beit Al-Baraka Relief, by Pastor
- 9:30 AM— Living and Deceased Victims of August 4th Disaster in Beirut, Lebanon, by St. Sharbel Church Community
- 9:30 AM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Owen Petrzelka (6 y/o), by Pastor
- 9:30 AM— Georges Sakr 40 Day Remembrance, by His Children and their Families
- 9:30 AM— Anna Nabra Anniversary Remembrance, by Family
- 9:30 AM— Maureen McCarthy Anniversary Remembrance, by Dianne Bartolomeo
- 9:30 AM— Maroun Hakim, by Chris Herbert
- 9:30 AM— Virgil Medley, by Mary Medley

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

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- 11:30 AM— Living and Deceased Victims of August 4th Disaster in Beirut, Lebanon, by St. Sharbel Church Community
- 11:30 AM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Marco Youssif, by Pastor
- 11:30 AM— Special Intention for Healing and Recovery for Blake Hamama, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Marie Asmar and Elias Asmar, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Najat Nasr, by Granddaughter, Tracy & Dr. Mike Saba and Family
- 11:30 AM— Bachir Pierre Gemayel 38 Year Remembrance, by the Lebanese Forces of Michigan
- 11:30 AM— All Lebanese Martyrs, by the Lebanese Forces of Michigan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

- 4:00 PM— Wedding Maurice Farah and Renee Afram

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

- 6:00 PM— Wedding Charbel Kemaïd and Sarah Petros



SANCTUARY CANDLE

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER BURNS FOR:

Special Intention

CHAPEL CANDLE

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER BURNS FOR:

In Loving Memory of
Mary Saad
by Her Husband, William

INCENSE AND CHARCOAL

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

In Loving Memory of
George & Henriette Chalhoub

THANK YOU!

WEEKLY COLLECTION
August 29 & 30, 2020
Envelopes: \$4,804.00
Online: \$250.00
Total Collection: \$5,054.00

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

CARITAS LEBANON
\$29,325.00 to date
LEBANESE RED CROSS
\$1,000.00
BEIT AL BARAKA HOUSE OF BLESSING
\$1,500.00

Thank you for your continued support and love for our brothers and sisters in Lebanon!

40 DAY MEMORIAL MASS FOR LEBANON

40 Day Memorial Masses for Living and Deceased Victims of the August 4th Disaster in Beirut, Lebanon
Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 4 PM
&
Sunday, September 13, 2020
9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Under the Patronage of Saint Sharbel,
we invite you to pray for Lebanon: its people and the vision, dream and hope that is Lebanon.

STUDENT ARTICLE

Dear friends,

As the world continues to endure every obstacle this year has thrown at us, we must remember that God offers peace through His Word. We may displace anxiety and fear with hope and healing through scripture, which is full of truth for every situation we face in life. A few of my favorites at this time are:

“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”
- Psalm 23:4

and

“For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.”
- Jeremiah 29:10-12

These verses remind me that even in the midst of all this calamity, God’s plans are good. But beside that very important point, even in the midst of all this calamity, many of us have had real blessings in this time of uncertainty during Covid-19. We have found our real priorities in life and have counted our blessings, no matter how little. We have enjoyed more meals with family, had the chance to slow down and breathe, read more books, watched more movies, learned how to cook, taken up a new hobby, enjoyed nature, felt more connected to our friends, and thanked God for our health. Maybe this was God’s plan all along. For us to realign our lives to make certain that we give the most time to what is most valuable.

Cloie Chidiac
Wayne State University Law School



PRAY DAILY WITH EACH OTHER!

“WHERE TWO OR MORE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME, THERE I WILL BE IN THEIR MIDST. ”

When Abouna suggested back in May that we pray the Rosary daily at 4:00 PM for the month of May, I became part of a small group who were interested in praying the Rosary together, over the phone. This prayer time has become so rich that three months later we are still praying together at 4:00 PM each day (except Saturday and Sunday)! Group prayer over the phone can be challenging because the voices are sometimes delayed, etc. However, we came up with a way of praying the Rosary that eliminated that problem.

With all that is going on in the world the need for prayer is great. This daily practice of praying with others on the phone is a grace filled time each day...30 minutes where **JESUS joins us as we pray**. 30 minutes to pray a Rosary, contemplating the mysteries of Christ’s life, death and resurrection as we lift up our intentions and pray for each other’s intentions. Many have stated what a difference this has made for them in their day, allowing them to stay connected to our community despite the Covid restrictions! If you are interested in being connected with others to pray the Rosary over the phone each day, please call the Church Office and we will arrange this for you!



UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

- Sept. 6 **Sunday Mass Live Stream 11:30 AM**
- Sept. 8 **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Sept. 12/13 **40 Day Remembrance Masses for Lebanon**
- Sept. 16 **REP Program Classes Begin**
- Sept. 22 **Family of Saint Sharbel Healing Mass 7 PM**
- Sept. 26 / 27 **2-Year Anniversary St. Sharbel Church Dedication**
- Sept. 26 **Raffle Ticket Drawing**
- October 3 **First Communion Mass 10:30 AM**
- December 1 **Giving Tuesday**

REP NEWS!

Religious Education Classes start **Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM**. Classes will be virtual to start the year, moving to an in-person Sunday morning session when appropriate to do so. The time and date were changed to allow for in-person participation at Sunday morning Masses while we are holding classes virtually.

At this time, we are planning to provide classes for all children ages 4 - 18. However, should we experience a shortage in teachers we may need to modify offerings. At this time, please register for all classes you wish to have your children attend.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION

Congratulations to
Jude and Amanda Soyad
 on the Baptism of their Son,
Jude Pierre Soyad
 at St. Sharbel Church
 on Saturday, August 29, 2020
 by Chorbishop Alfred Badawi.

Congratulations to
Bassam and Rozalina Mondalek
 on the Baptism of their Son,
Eli Michael Mondalek
 at St. Sharbel Church
 on Sunday, August 30, 2020
 by Chorbishop Alfred Badawi.

*May Jude and Eli
 be steadfast in their faith
 and grow constantly in the Lord!*

THANK YOU!

Special thanks are extended **Sassine Akl and Toufic Najar** for donating sanitizer and cleaning supplies to St. Sharbel Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! God bless you!

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
 On this first weekend in September, this Labor Day holiday weekend, we celebrate the 15th Sunday in the season of the Pentecost.

As you know, we were privileged to be able to consecrate our Parish to Our Blessed Mother Mary last May! Let us pray that our Parish continue growing in holiness by means of this consecration, wherein Our Blessed Mother Mary draws us into an ever deeper union with Her Divine Son Jesus!

The Church celebrates three birthdays during the year: the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas) on December 25th, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist on June 24th, and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8th. As we celebrate the Blessed Mother's birthday, the Church's prayers help us to focus and remember what a great gift we have in our Lady.

God has chosen the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the one who would bring to us Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the sun of justice. By fulfilling the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Behold, the Virgin will bear a son, who will save his people from their sins," the Blessed Mother brings to us Jesus Christ, who is the light of salvation. So let us stay close to our Lady. God had a special plan for her. She was the one whom God chose to bring to this world the Author of all life, Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Mary brings Jesus to us. The more we spend time with the Blessed Mother, the closer we will be to her Son. What a beautiful and radiant Mother we have. Let us remember to go to Mary each day, asking for her prayers. She leads us to Christ and prays for us. The Rosary is a wondrous devotion.

I suspect that we all remember, and will probably always remember, exactly where we were and what we were doing on Tuesday, September 11, 2001. Friday we observe the 19th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country. We offer our prayers for the families and friends of those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks 19 years ago. Let us never take for granted our precious freedom and all who serve to provide us with safety and protection to live in this country.

May we continue to stay close to the Blessed Mother who keeps us close to her Son!

In Our Lord and St. Sharbel, I remain
 Chorbishop Alfred Badawi, Pastor

LEONARD THOMAS SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to the following 10 students who are this year's recipients of the Leonard Thomas Scholarship. Each student has been awarded \$1,000 to assist with their 2020 tuition.

- Christa Deban**
- Ralph Mancini**
- Courtney Kautz**
- Joe Helou**
- Nour Habib**
- Amanda Abi Samra**
- Melody Deban**
- Reema Sweidan**
- Carolyn Peters**
- Danny Chanbour**

Our sincere appreciation to **Mr. Leonard Thomas** for his continued generosity to our parish community and the youth of our parish! God bless each of you with a healthy and prosperous school year!



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