



St. Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church

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9th Sunday of Pentecost



Saint Sharbel an Inspiration to Holiness

St Sharbel was born Youssef Makhoul on 8 May 1828 in the village of Bekaafra, high in the mountains of Lebanon. His father died when he was 3 years old, leaving his mother a widow with five children.

In 1851 at age of 23, Youssef left his family and entered the Lebanese Maronite Order at the Monastery of Our Lady of Mayfouq (the monastery where Maronite icon of Our Lady of Elige is located.) One could imagine Youssef spending many nights praying before the icon, seeking the intercession of Our Lady. Later, Youssef transferred to the Monastery of St Maron in Annaya, where he took the name Sharbel, after the Christian martyr, Saint Sharbel of Edessa.

Sharbel then began studies at the Monastery of Saints Cyprian and Justina in Kiffan. One of his professors at the seminary was Father Nehmtallah Kassab, who later became the Maronite saint, Nehmtallah Hardini.

Sharbel was ordained a priest in 1859 at 31 years of age. He was sent back to the Saint Maron Monastery, where he lived a life of asceticism. In 1875, Sharbel was given permission to live as a hermit at the hermitage of Saints Peter and Paul. He lived for the next 23 years as a solitary hermit.

On Christmas eve, 1898, while serving the liturgy, Sharbel collapsed at the altar and died from a stroke at the age of 70. His death was a quiet affair and his funeral was attended by only four monks. A few months later dazzling lights were seen around the grave. From there, his corpse, which had been secreting sweat and blood, was transferred into a special coffin. Hordes of pilgrims started swarming the place to get his intercession. Many miracles were attributed to him. **He was canonized as the first Maronite Saint on 9 October 1977, by Pope Paul VI.**

So as the Maronite Church celebrates this great feast we look to St Sharbel to inspire the world by his example of simplicity and humility to strive for holiness.

CLERGY

Fr. Paul Damien, Pastor
Deacon Chuck VanHeusen
Subdeacon Ronald Foster

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday through Friday
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LITURGY:

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 10:30 AM

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Saint Michael the Archangel
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“Their buildings rise, their morality sinks. Their worldly goods increase, their values diminish. Their speeches multiply, their prayers grow scarce . . . An edifice based on man may well rise, but it ends up crushing him.”
- St Sharbel Makhoul

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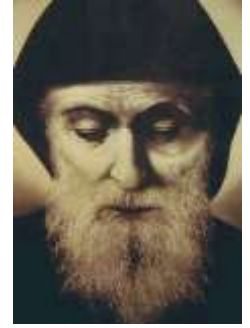
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*****9th Sunday of Pentecost*****

Celebration of Saint Sharbel

Saturday, July 17 - 5:00 PM: John Gehring (Memorial)
By the Family

Sunday, July 18 - 10: 30 AM: For Everyone on the St. Michael's Prayer Chain
By MJ Hahn



Monday	July 19	9:00 am	St. Margaret of Antioch	Intentions of Parish Youth as they begin VBS
Tuesday	July 20	9:00 am	Elias the Prophet	For Peace and Stability in Lebanon By VanHeusen Family
Wednesday	July 21	9:00 am	St. Simeon Salus & his friend St. John	AVAILABLE
Thursday	July 22	9:00 am	St. Nohra St. Mary Magdalene	AVAILABLE
Friday	July 23	9:00 am	St. Sharbel (Actual Feast)	Judy Klinck (Memorial) By Marie VanHeusen

*****10th Sunday of Pentecost*****

Saturday, July 24 - 5:00 PM: Intentions of Pilar Ayala By a Friend (Fr. Jack)

Sunday, July 25 - 10: 30 AM: AVAILABLE

MASS INTENTIONS / MASS CARDS

Call Parish Office to request Divine Liturgy (Mass) Intention.

Mass Cards are also available upon request.

READERS

7/17: Braxton Nesbitt 7/18: Maria Southern

7/24: Rick Criste 7/25: Ray Miller

7/31: Darlene Darling 8/1: Bert Andres

SCRIPTURE READINGS

9th Sunday of Pentecost
2Cor 5:20-6:10 / Lk 4:14-21

10th Sunday of Pentecost
1 Cor 12:1-11 / Mt 12:22-32

11th Sunday of Pentecost
Eph 2:17-22 / Lk 19:1-10



GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

Offer the Incense, Candles and Wine for one month in memory/honor of someone for a \$25 donation.

JULY GIFT OF THANKSGIVING
IN REMEMBRANCE OF
FRIENDS LOST IN BATTLE
by Deacon Chuck

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 5397.00
Building	\$ 70.00
Fuel	\$ 25.00
Candles	\$ 49.00
Bulletin Ad Renewals	\$ 200.00

God Bless You for your support!

ST PATRICK'S TO CELEBRATE BICENTENNIAL

2844 Village Dr Fayetteville, NC 28304

Friday August 6, 2021

6:30PM (with a reception to follow)

You are invited to attend the Mass celebrating this great milestone!

Bishop Zarama will be presiding . Bishop Ned Shlesinger of Atlanta, Bishop Robert Guglielmone of Charlotte and our own clergy will be in attendance as well.

NO ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP OR ADORATION THIS WEEK!

We are taking one week sabbatical from the Adult Discussion group and Adoration so that we can focus out time and energy on making our Vacation Bible School a huge success!

VOCATION CHALICE

7/17: Volunteer

7/18: Zach & Gabby



7/24: Volunteer

7/25: Andres Family

*The Church needs men & women eager to commit their lives to serving the Church through the priesthood & religious life. Consider taking the Vocation Chalice into your home for a week.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Maria Southern (who was missed in June)

Samuel Chapman,

Crissy Gray,

Liliana Royse,

Beau Ackley, Philomena Nesbitt,

Arielle Kuemmerlein, Bob Palmer,

Freida Fadel, William Talley,

Courtney Monsour and Darlene Darling.



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

David and Lillie Nelson

(First Anniversary)

Jeff and Kerri Palmer



LADIES GUILD NEWS



Remember to check out the Ladies Guild Gift Shop!

This December the Ladies plan to host a Christmas Children's Shopping Corner. We are taking donations of small items for kids to give as gifts to moms and dads.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRIES

St. Michael's has been asked to contribute **jams/ jellies and peanut butter (ANY SIZE)** Place donations in the basket next to the Confessional.

June Donations 48lbs.



Prayer Chain



Please contact Lucy Zahran at church or call the church office to **join the prayer chain** or with **prayer requests.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

End of Summer BBQ & Pinewood Derby
Save the Date: Saturday August 14th



The Knights are planning a **Big end of summer bash** for the whole parish!

With any questions about joining the Knights or how you can help call . . .

Grand Knight Jon Deason (737)701-7547

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS FINALLY HERE!!



Tomorrow July 19th -

Friday the 23rd

We'll be starting with Mass every morning 9am and finish at 2pm.

Don't forget our **Potluck Lunch at noon on Friday!**

All Parishioners are Welcome!!

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Matthew 25:40

Inasmuch as you did it for the least of these, you did it for me. - Jesus



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