



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST Feast of Saints Peter & Paul

July 2023



Today we are faced with the same problems as the disciples; persecution and inhuman policies and actions. But we have to obey God and not man. A true disciple and believer stands up against all inhuman policies and structures accepted by society. He gives his life to Jesus Christ and tries to be a witness of the Good News. A true believer works towards justice, truth and liberation in line with the Gospel. He faces repression from society. It is Jesus Christ not society who recognizes and rewards His true followers.

**Rev. Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid**

### LET US PRAY:

My great Teacher  
and Master,  
make me worthy  
to be Your witness.

To be joyful at being  
persecuted

for the glory of Your kingdom.

Let the Spirit  
of Your Father

guide us to the truth,

for the salvation of all nations.

Amen.

### READINGS:

**Ezekiel 3:1-7,10-12**

**2 Corinthians**

**11:21-30**



### GOSPEL:

**Matthew 16:13-20**

**“But when you are arrested, do not worry about what you are to say for when the time comes, the words you need will be given to you; it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking in you.” (Matthew 10:19-20)**

Jesus always inspires His disciples whom He knows will be facing persecutions. The word “Martyr” is associated to the word “witness”. We apply the word “martyr” to the witnesses of Jesus who lived their lives and suffered for the faith. Witnesses of Christ whose lives are consistent with the Gospel, become real witnesses and martyrs of Jesus. When they experience death in their lives the same sentiments of Jesus in His Passion, they are true witnesses.

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**Pastor: Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid**

#### Our Services

**DAILY:** Monday–Friday 8:00 AM English

**SATURDAY VIGIL:** 4:30 PM English

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& 11:30 AM Arabic/Aramaic/English

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:** 4:30 PM

Rosario y la Misa en Español

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Tagalog Mass

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## OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS PRAYS FOR YOUNG STUDENTS KILLED IN ATTACK IN UGANDA

Pope Francis offers his prayers for young victims killed in a "brutal attack" at a school in Uganda. At least 41 are dead and the attackers are said to be fleeing to the neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo.

Encouraging everyone to "pray for peace," Pope Francis at his first Sunday Angelus since being released from Rome's Gemelli Hospital turned his thoughts to the young students who were victims of a "brutal attack" on a school in western Uganda. The Pope asked everyone to pray for peace wherever there is tension and war.

According to local authorities, the rebels of the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) provoked the attack. Among the victims were 38 young students from the secondary school in Lhubiriha. The public school is located in the Ugandan district of Kasese, in the west of the country and two kilometres from the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo. Some were slaughtered, while several female students were reportedly kidnapped. A guard and two members of the local community were also shot outside the facility. Eight people were rescued and are in critical condition in the facility. Some bodies were reportedly burnt and are now unrecognizable.



***The school in the Ugandan district of Kasese where the attack occurred***

The attackers are said to be on the run and the Ugandan army is reportedly in pursuit. The Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) are accused of launching many attacks against civilians in recent years, particularly against communities in remote areas of eastern Congo. Last week alone, a village in the republic near the border with Uganda was attacked. The militiamen are opposed to the government of Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, in power since 1986.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, the African Union, and the European Union have condemned the attack.

## OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS: CONTINUE TO INSPIRE LOVE FOR THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**Continue your efforts to contribute to a revival of faith and love for, the Holy Eucharist, Pope Francis insists as he thanks American members of the Committee preparing for the forthcoming National Eucharistic Congress in the United States.**

"I encourage you to continue your efforts to contribute to a revival of faith and love for, the Holy Eucharist, the "source and summit of the Christian life."

With these words, Pope Francis expressed his gratitude to the members of the Committee preparing for the forthcoming National Eucharistic Congress in the United States of America, for their efforts to promote love for the Eucharist.

"Indeed, the Eucharist is God's response to the deepest hunger of the human heart, the hunger for authentic life for the Eucharist, Christ Himself is truly in our midst, to nourish, console and sustain us on our journey."

"Sadly nowadays, there are those among the Catholic faithful," the Pope lamented, "who believe that the Eucharist is more a symbol than the reality of the Lord's presence and love."

The Pope also decried that the proper sense of Eucharistic adoration is becoming more and more lost, urging the faithful to combat this trend. Moreover, he urged, we need to value the elderly, often discarded, and who, instead, through their prayer and devotion, set a beautiful and powerful example of faith.

### ***Sense of awe at Lord's gift of Himself***

The Pope expressed his wish to bring the Eucharist's true meaning to the forefront.

"It is my hope, that the Eucharistic Congress will inspire Catholics throughout the country to discover anew the sense of wonder and awe at the Lord's great gift of Himself..."

He also stated his desire that the Congress inspire the faithful to "spend time with Him in the celebration of the Holy Mass and in personal prayer and adoration, before the Blessed Sacrament."

"I cannot fail to mention," the Pope said, "the need for fostering vocations to the priesthood, as Saint John Paul II said,

"There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood."

"Priests are needed," he underscored, "to celebrate the Holy Eucharist."

### ***Where we meet One Who gave everything for us***

The Pope called on the faithful to commit themselves, with ever greater zeal, to being missionary disciples of the Lord, in the world.

"In the Eucharist," the Pope said, "we encounter the One Who gave everything for us, Who sacrificed Himself in order to give us life, Who loved us to the end. We become credible witnesses to the joy and transforming beauty of the Gospel only when we recognize that the love we celebrate in this sacrament, cannot be kept to ourselves, but demands to be shared with all."

For this reason, he said, the Body of Christ, impels us to a strong and committed love of neighbor, especially those suffering, in need, or weary.

### ***Significant moment in life of the Church***

Addressing those gathered before him as friends, the Holy Father recognized, "the National Eucharistic Congress marks a significant moment in the life of the Church in the United States."

"May all that you are doing," the Pope said, "be an occasion of grace for each of you, and may it bear fruit in guiding men and women, throughout your nation, to the Lord who, by His presence among us, rekindles hope and renews our lives."

Pope Francis concluded by entrusting them to the maternal intercession of Mary Immaculate, assuring them of her prayers for them, their families, and local Churches, and imparting upon them, his blessing.



# Lebanon's Love for the Blessed Mother

The deep-rooted devotion the Lebanese have for Our Lady is evident everywhere.

In Lebanon, where Christians can freely express their faith, the deep-rooted love the Lebanese have for the Blessed Mother is evident everywhere.

Throughout the course of an ordinary day, one constantly encounters statues and images of Mary: through roadside and sidewalk shrines; in grocery stores, mini-markets and restaurants; in entrances to office and apartment buildings; on buses, taxis and cars, often with a rosary dangling from the rear-view mirror. Even in barbershops and hair salons.

The tiny Middle Eastern country, about half the size of New Jersey, has more than 300 churches bearing the name of Our Lady.

And when there is an emergency or a moment of distress, “Ya Adra” (*O Virgin!*) is typically the first petitionary plea that arises from their hearts.

“In history, the Lebanese people love the Virgin Mary,” said Maronite Father Younan Obeid, vice rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in Harissa.

Located 16 miles north of Beirut, the towering Our Lady of Lebanon statue, her arms outstretched, graces a 1,866-foot summit above the Mediterranean Sea. Painted white, the bronze statue is nearly 28 feet high and 18 feet wide.

Its stone pedestal, nearly 66 feet high, encases Our Lady of the Light Chapel.

“She stands up majestic like the cedars in Lebanon,” reads the inscription above the chapel’s entrance.

There is 24-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel. Steps away, the adjacent basilica seats more than 3,000 people. Daily, there are nine Masses, mostly celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, located beneath the frontal part of the basilica. Simultaneously, confession is available during each Mass.

The shrine’s origins trace to Maronite Catholic Patriarch Elias Boutros Howayek and Msgr. Carol Duval, the apostolic delegate, who decided in 1904 to commission a token of grateful devotion to Mary on the 50th anniversary of the dogmatic proclamation of the Immaculate Conception.

Msgr. Duval wrote in a letter: “She would appear at a distance as the Queen and the Protectress of Lebanon. She would be truly exalted as a cedar in Lebanon. The pious people of Lebanon, already so devoted to Mary, would love to visit Her, to invoke Her. Pilgrimages would form and draw down ... the blessings of the Queen of Heaven.”

Just as the two prelates had envisioned, Harissa indeed draws a steady stream of pilgrims every day. Particularly during the month of May, dedicated to the Blessed Mother, Lebanese make a special effort to pay homage to Our Lady of Lebanon.

Harissa’s Father Obeid estimates that 1.5 million pilgrims visit the shrine in May.

“Everyone wants to come, young and old,” he told the Register.

On a recent May weekday morning, a trio of buses filled with elementary students from a Catholic school had just departed the shrine.

Meanwhile, elderly people, many in wheelchairs or walking with canes, accompanied by an adult, were among those visiting Our Lady of Lebanon for what might just be an annual pilgrimage due to their frailty.

For Freda Kanaan, a Melkite Catholic who came to Harissa with her daughter, such advancement in age has not deterred her from frequent visits to the shrine. “I visit not just in May, but the whole year. It’s a need for me,” she told the Register.

“The Virgin is everything for me. She never abandons me,” Kanaan said with conviction.

Muslims and Christians alike come to the shrine.

“Every day you can see Muslims here, visiting the Virgin Mary. They have a special affection for her, and they pray in their own way,” Father Obeid said, noting that there are 20 verses in the Quran about Mary and two chapters devoted to her.

Nancy Yaghi, a 25-year-old Maronite Catholic who is a civil engineer, referred to Harissa as “my safe place.”

“Each time I come here; I’m moved to tears. I cry unconsciously. I know the Virgin Mary loves us and hears us. She always works out all the details in our lives,” she told the Register.

Fadel Rawass always made a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lebanon in May, walking for eight hours from his village east of Beirut.

But that “on foot” tradition all changed in January, when he had a fall and injured his knee and hip. Now, the 49-year-old supermarket worker walks laboriously with a cane, every step an obvious source of pain.

This year, Rawass made the journey by taking several buses. “I can’t walk to the top anymore,” he told the Register of the 103 spiraling steps that many pilgrims climb from the base of the shrine to pray directly beneath the gaze of Our Lady.

“She’s like my mother,” Rawass, a Maronite Catholic said, his eyes misting with emotion. He said he came with a special prayer intention for Our Lady. “I prayed for me, and I asked her to save Lebanon. At least if she can’t help me, she can help Lebanon: ‘So many people need help. Please help Lebanon.’ And I am also thanking her, because many people helped me when I got injured.”

As Lebanon faces a crippling economic, social and political crisis, Father Obeid notices that pilgrims are praying more fervently.

“They come here to pray to the Virgin Mary about their difficulties, believing that she is ready to help them” through her intercession, he said.

**More than 80% of the Lebanese have been plunged into poverty in the once-middle-income country. Since 2019, the national currency has depreciated by more than 98%, evaporating the value of incomes — for those who are still employed.**

**The World Bank has labeled Lebanon’s unraveling as a “deliberate depression” and one of the worst financial crises worldwide since the 1850s. In March, it said that Lebanon suffers the highest food price inflation globally.**

On top of ever-increasing daily hardships, Lebanon is sinking further under a presidential vacancy. Its deeply divided Parliament has continuously failed to agree on a new head of state since President Michel Aoun’s six-year term ended on Oct. 30. Under Lebanon’s sectarian power-sharing system, the post is reserved for a Maronite Catholic.

Lebanese Cardinal Bechara Rai, patriarch of Maronite Catholics, celebrating Mass in the basilica May 7 on the feast of Our Lady of Lebanon, observed on the first Sunday of May, stressed in his homily, “Despite all manifestations of the political, financial, social and daily living collapse, our confidence in our Mother, the Virgin Mary, remains great. Our Lady of Lebanon preserves this country and protects its people, its message and its role in Eastern environment.”

Such devotion is apparent in the pilgrims.

A pilgrimage to Harissa during the month of May has been a tradition in Yaghi’s family for as long as she can remember. “It’s like, when it’s Mother’s Day or your mother’s birthday, you want to be with your mother, to talk to her.”

*When Our Lady of Lebanon was consecrated in May 1907, this prayer rose up to her: “Stretch forth your hands in blessing over this country which since the earliest centuries has ever loved and defended you, despite every vicissitude. Preserve for this country concord and peace; keep its ancient faith and age-old piety; protect it against error and false progress as you have protected it up to now. Keep what has always constituted its strength and its beauty: a tender, indestructible love for you. ... O Cedar of Lebanon, pray for us!”*

## LINEAR SIN... TRUE STORY

A priest says.. years ago, a rich and generous lady came to me in her love for the poor, and in shame she said: I have three months fighting to come to you and confess! - why? Because I fell in a petty sin, and I'm ashamed to mention it in front of you. We're all weak, even in what we think is petty sins! You know I haven't committed the sins of all the days of my life.

- Everyone knows I'm too bold, I won't lie, no matter what the circumstances.
- I lived in my youth without any experience in the wrong relationships. I never had an affair until I got married.
- God has given me a lot; I love giving more than taking; I will not extend my hand to other money.

Three sins I didn't commit: lying, adultery, and stealing!

- this is a blessing from God and not you!
- that's what I finally figured out.
- I'm ashamed to say to you:

While I was at the supermarket, I took something for one pound, that's a very insignificant sum, and I put this thing in my purse, and I went out without paying. I went out with a flaming fire in my heart. I went back and put the thing in place. And yet I still cry bitterly..... I will never forgive myself for what I've done.



Was I unconscious or not? I don't need... give too many people! Then the lady collapsed in tears... - are you crying for your plan? Or for the sake of your dignity, which is in front of yourself? Right, I'm sad about myself. I never thought I'd fall in such a crappy sin.

- this is a lesson for all of us... the sin is very wrong, and we are very weak; if we defeat it, it is because of God's richest grace!

Brothers, I present to you this reality story that no longer belongs to us, but her story does not leave my mind, it is a living lesson for me and for you, not who is great or who is pure or sacred, and whatever his past experience is. Or his abilities. It is the blessing of God alone that assigns the boy as the man or the lady, and the child as the Sheikh, to reside among the saints on the image of our Lord

Don't be afraid of sin. The one with you is greater than you! And do not underestimate the sin, the grace of God falls in what you never expect!

*This story was posted and shared by  
our brother & sister  
Gaby & Tati Khawam. Like and visit  
their Facebook page **Pray Always** :  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1426573990692192/permalink/1760723077277280/>*





THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Moses and Elijah had seen God's glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah's sufferings. Christ's Passion is the will of the Father, the Son acts as God's servant; the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit. **"The whole Trinity appeared; the Father in the voice; the Son in the man; the Spirit in the shining cloud."**

You were transfigured on the mountain, and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory, O Christ, our God, so that when they should see you crucified, they would understand that **your Passion was voluntary**, proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendor of the Father.

On the threshold of the public life; **the Baptism**; on the threshold of the Passover; **the Transfiguration**. Jesus' Baptism proclaimed, "the mystery of the first regeneration," namely our Baptism; the Transfiguration "is the sacrament of the second regeneration; "our own Resurrection. From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ.

The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when **He "will change our lowly body to be like His glorious body."** But it also recalls that "it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God." But not until after your death. Peter did not yet understand this when he wanted to remain with Christ on the mountain. It has been reserved for you, Peter, but for after death. For now, Jesus says: **"Go down to toil on earth, to serve on earth, to be scorned and crucified on earth."**

**A foretaste of the kingdom:** From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things. . . and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he.

In this context the mysterious episode of **Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain**, before three witnesses chosen by himself: **Peter, James and John**. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem".

A cloud covers Him and a voice from heaven says: **"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him!"**

For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to **"enter into His glory"**.



VIP TOURS

Vegas to Hollywood & Los Angeles

Breakfast (Pastry & Juice)

Lunch in a restaurant (Cold Water)

\*Hollywood Sign

\*Santa Monica Pier

\*Walk of Fame Hollywood Blvd.

\*Beverly Hills Celebrity Homes

\*Warner Brother Studio

\*Rodeo Drive

WEEKLY COLLECTION



June 24 & 25

*Mass Collection	\$3,824
*General	\$555
	<b>\$4,379</b>

*Weekly Expense	\$8,750
<b>Negative</b>	<b>-\$4,371</b>

*Building Fund	\$915
*Helping Hands	\$355
*Second Collection	\$1,366

# Festival Updates

15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL



2023

**Friday: October 6 @ 4 pm – 11 pm**

**Saturday: October 7 @ 2 pm – 11 pm**

**Sunday: October 8 @ 1 pm – 8 pm**

**Don't wait Reserve your Booth today deadline is September 15.**

**call the office 702-616-6902 or go to the festival website or pickup an application at the Church  
Lebaneseamericanfestival.com**

**\*\*Buy your raffle ticket to support your Church and to have a chance to win\*\***

15 <sup>th</sup> ANNUAL		LEBANESE AMERICAN Festival 2023				Name:
		<b>1<sup>st</sup> \$2,000</b>				
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	\$1,500	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	\$1,000	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	\$1,000	
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	\$500	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	\$500	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	\$500	
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	\$500	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	\$500	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	\$500	
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	\$500	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	\$250	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	\$250	
		<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	\$250	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	\$250	
<b>Donation \$100 per Ticket only 300 tickets Printed</b>						
<b>Drawing on Sunday October 8 (No need to be Present) Check To: St. Sharbel Church</b>						

**Total of \$10,000 in prizes. They are available in the gift shop and various parishioners**



***SPIRIT DAILY****From 'The Best of the Spirit of Medjugorje':*

I felt prompted to send you the following story since tomorrow is St. Charbel's feast day. This story is from The Best of "The Spirit of Medjugorje" Volume II.

**I'm Here Waiting For You Every Day**  
**By Jane Monica Spurrier.**

In 1987, on my third trip to Medjugorje, I purchased a book about Modern Saints by Ann Ball, and therein was a story about St. Charbel. I loved him instantly and discovered, lo and behold, he was canonized on my birthday, October 9th. I lived in New York City at the time and my church was Notre Dame on the upper west side by Columbia University. Daily Mass was said in the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes each day at 8 A.M. One particular Saturday I woke up late and was so hungry I ate my oatmeal....but didn't leave myself enough time to fast before Communion. I kept praying, "Oh Jesus, what miracle could allow me to receive You" since I knew I needed one hour of fast time. This kept on, and when the Consecration occurred, I did not have the required one hour to receive. During this time a rather odd-looking old man entered the side door. He was dressed like a monk but didn't look like our Franciscans, and I was rather annoyed by his appearance since I thought he was some psychotic New Yorker. After Mass ended, I stayed in the grotto to pray. I noticed to my right I could see into the Sacristy and there was the priest who just said Mass changing out of his vestments and the "odd" looking monk changing into vestments. The little monk was coming out to say Mass! We never have a second daily Mass, but this visitor was going to say one and this would give me the chance to receiving Our Lord! I was overjoyed. During the Mass the monk was praying in a language I didn't understand. It wasn't Latin, because I know Latin, but I couldn't decipher what language it was. After Mass I stayed in the grotto to praise Our Lord and thank Him some more for sending the stranger to say Mass. I was the only one there and during the Consecration the monk looked at me and his eyes said, "Do you want to receive?" I eagerly nodded back "Yes!" We both could understand each other without saying a word.



***St. Sharbel spent his last hours in his celebrating Mass until his death on Christmas Eve***

When Mass was over, I went in to thank the pastor (the first priest who said Mass and functioned as the altar server for the monk). I said, "Father, you don't know what a great miracle this was, that I got to receive Communion!" The monk smiled with a look of abundant joy, happiness and humor - the look of someone who laughs a lot and is very happy. The pastor didn't seem to get my point. The next day I went back again. I saw the pastor and couldn't stop telling him what a great miracle it was for me. Then I said to him, "Father, by the way, who was that priest?" "I don't know," he replied, "I never saw him before." I couldn't believe my ears! What priest would allow another one to say Mass without knowing who he was? Several months went by. I opened my book of Modern Saints again. I turned to St. Charbel and honestly, almost had a heart attack when I saw his picture. HE WAS THE MONK!!! He had appeared to say the Mass for me. Can you imagine? I later found out he has appeared numerous times since his death. I was glad I didn't know at the time who he was, or I would have had a stroke. St. Charbel had a great devotion to Mass and the Blessed Sacrament. Anyway, I haven't seen him since, but I know there is a picture of him in Charlie's store in Medjugorje. I've asked those brothers to sell me the picture, but they declined because it was a gift given to them. I thought the miracle of St. Charbel was so awesome and then today a voice inside of me said, "But I'm there waiting for you in the Eucharist everyday, to show you how much I love you. I sent St. Charbel so he could carry Me to you....that's how much I wanted to receive you too." Jesus waits for us every day in the Mass. He performed the greatest miracle on earth when He created the Eucharist. A small piece of bread, blessed, transformed into HIS presence, waiting for us. The graces we receive at Mass are incalculable. Don't miss this opportunity to meet Jesus in person... "The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His Face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!" (Numbers 6:24-26) **June Klins**

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***St. Sharbel Prayers, Novena Booklet,***

***& Healing oil***

***are available at***

***the St. Sharbel Grotto & Church Office.***

## Eucharistic Adoration

- Do you want peace & quiet?
- Do you want to have a date?
- Do you want to be loved?
- Sign up for a date with Jesus!

*Then Eucharistic Adoration is for You!*

Eucharistic Adoration is a privilege and gift to us here at St. Sharbel from 6 AM – 6 PM DAILY

- Sign up forms are available on the table in the Adoration Chapel
- Check the hours that are available on the picture frame on the table or in the white binder
- If you have already sign up, it is your responsibility to make sure you show up or call someone to cover your hour. Names and telephone numbers are in the white binder.

Questions: Contact the Parish Office or Mylynn Lim at 702 769-2382

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***Thank you to the  
Hispanic Community  
of St. Sharbel***



**The Marriage Retreat was very successful, and it introduced St. Sharbel to new parishioners. And brought married couple closer and reconcile their marriage.**



***Celebrating Birthday:  
subdeacon Mike  
& Eileen O'brien***



## NEW YORK CITY WILL PAY TRIBUTE TO LEBANESE-AMERICAN WRITER KHALIL GIBRAN WITH A MONUMENT

Numerous public monuments honoring significant writers from the 19th and 20th centuries may be seen across New York. Notable figures such as Lewis Carroll, Hans Christian Andersen, and Gertrude Stein have been honored with sculptures and statues. However, it is a rarity to find an Arab personality among these esteemed individuals. But soon, this is set to change. A new marble sculpture will be unveiled in late 2023, commemorating the late Lebanese-American writer, artist, and philosopher Kahlil Gibran, who passed away in New York in 1931. This addition comes at a fitting time, as it coincides with the 100th anniversary of Gibran's renowned literary masterpiece, "The Prophet," which continues to offer timeless wisdom to readers.

The concept for the sculpture originated from the Khalil Gibran Collective, a nonprofit online platform dedicated to all things related to Gibran. Glen Kalem-Habib, the founder of the collective, expresses his enthusiasm, stating that this will be the first monument-sculpture dedicated to Gibran in New York. He points out the irony that while monuments honoring Gibran exist in Boston and Washington DC, there has yet to be one in New York, the very city where Gibran resided and penned "The Prophet."

The chosen location for the sculpture is the garden of St. Mark's Church in-the-Bowery, which was in close proximity to Gibran's former apartment that no longer stands today. This placement holds significant meaning as it is believed to be the site of the first public reading of "The Prophet" in 1923.



**"Life without love is like a tree without blossoms or fruit."**

- Khalil Gibran

Gibran Kahlil Gibran, usually referred to in English as Kahlil Gibran, was a Lebanese-American writer, poet and visual artist, also considered a philosopher although he himself rejected the title.

Born: January 6, 1883, Bsharri, Lebanon  
Died: April 10, 1931, Saint Vincent's Catholic Medical Center, New York, United States  
Movies: The Prophet, The Three Ants, The Broken Wings  
Parents: Kamila Gibran, Khalil Gibran

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Rather than opting for a traditional bust of the author, the monument will be inspired by a symbolist drawing created by Gibran himself titled "Hand of God," which originally adorned the cover of "The Prophet." Additionally, the sculpture will include an accessible podium for live recitals. Lebanese artist Rudy Rahme, who hails from the same village as Gibran, Bcharre, is tasked with bringing this vision to life. The structure will resemble a hand with emerging "human flames."

The organizers aim to unveil the statue on September 21, the same date "The Prophet" was published a century ago. A number of events, including a formal dinner and a seminar at the nearby Lebanese American University, will take place in conjunction with the unveiling ceremony.

Currently, the team is actively engaged in fundraising efforts and has garnered support from academia and Alfred A. Knopf, Gibran's publishing company. However, more support is needed to bring this project to fruition. Kalem-Habib expresses the importance of spreading the message and garnering further backing for the initiative.



**NUESTRO NOTICIAS DE LA COMUNIDAD ESPAÑOLA**

El Grupo Guadalupano de la Iglesia de San Charbel

Te invita a que asistas a la Misa y El Rosario que se celebran el primer domingo cada mes comenzado,

**DIA: Domingo 2 de Julio del 2023**

**HORA: Rosario 4:30 pm Misa 5 pm**

**DONDE: Iglesia Catolica de San Charbel  
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**EL MILAGRO DE SAN CHÁRBEL: JIHAD FAYYAD**

Jihad sufrió de una hemorragia cerebral. Fue hospitalizado a Bhannes. Jihad se sometió a dos operaciones para detener el sangrado en el cerebro y encontró a su memoria después de 23 días en coma. Le llevaron a la casa, pero se sentía un dolor muy fuerte de cabeza. Visitó a San Charbel con su familia el 22/05/2012. Después de celebrar la misa y participar en la marcha, vino con su mujer al tumbo de San Charbel, cuando estaba sufriendo de mala de cabeza. El incendio velas en el monasterio y su mujer tomó un algodón empapado en aceite santo de San Charbel y limpió el frente de su marido. El dolor se desapareció inmediatamente, y 6 meses después de su curación, vistió a San Charbel para inscribir la curación en el 6/11/2012.







# Filipino News



## OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS NAMES 3RD FILIPINO BISHOP IN U.S.

Pope Francis on Wednesday appointed Monsignor Anthony Celino, a Filipino immigrant, as auxiliary bishop of the U.S. diocese of El Paso.

The bishop-elect is currently the pastor of St. Raphael Parish on the east side of El Paso, Texas and the diocese's judicial vicar.

The Vatican announced the appointment at 12 noon Rome time (7:00 p.m. in the Philippines).

Celino will be El Paso's first auxiliary bishop since its establishment as a diocese in 1914.

"We thank the Holy Father for his attention and care for the Diocese of El Paso," said the diocese's Bishop Mark Seitz.

"He brings a unique experience as a Filipino immigrant serving our border community as a priest for the past 25 years, a steadfast dedication to pastoral ministry, and fidelity to the Gospel," the prelate added.

Born in Anda, Pangasinan, he finished his studies in Philosophy at the Mary Help of Christians Seminary in Dagupan City in 1993.

After college seminary, he immigrated to the El Paso area. He pursued his theology studies at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois.

After his priestly ordination in 1997, Celino was assigned as Parochial Vicar at St. Patrick Cathedral in El Paso and then at Our Lady of Peace in Alpine, Texas.



**Auxiliary  
Bishop-elect  
Anthony Celino  
of the Diocese  
of El Paso in  
the U.S. state of  
Texas.**

He also served as the Pastor of the former Santa Lucia Parish, now St. John Paul II Parish.

In 2003, he obtained a licentiate in canon law at the Catholic University of America in Washington.

Celino has also served the Diocese of El Paso as a vicar general, moderator of the curia, and chancellor.

His episcopal ordination has been scheduled for March 31 at St. Patrick Cathedral.

Celino's nomination makes the Celina's third Filipino-American priest to be named bishop in the U.S. The two others are Bishop Oscar Solis of Salt Lake City and Auxiliary Bishop Alejandro Aclan of Los Angeles.

## New OFM Province in Visayas and Mindanao elects first minister provincial

The newly erected Franciscan Province of San Antonio de Padua – Philippines has elected Fr. Renee Dean as its first minister provincial.

His election came during the Province's first General Chapter held in Cebu City on April 22.

Born in Calbayog City in 1972, Dean studied Philosophy at the Our Lady of Angels Seminary in Novaliches Quezon City and Theology at the Inter-Congregational Theological Center in Cubao, Quezon City.

He made his first profession vows as a Franciscan in 1995, solemn vows in 1998, and was ordained a priest on October 28, 2000.

The 51-year-old priest also holds a licentiate degree from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, USA.

As priest, he was assigned in various ministries in the Visayas and Mindanao including education and interreligious dialogue.

Prior to his election as minister provincial, he served as Custos for four years before the Autonomous Custody of St. Anthony of Padua was elevated to a Province.

It was on Jan. 19, 2023 when the General Definitory of the Order of Friars Minor (OFM), acceded to the request of the Custody for its elevation to the status of a Province.

While the decree of canonical erection was on March 17, it only took effect on April 22 during a ceremony attended by OFM minister general Fr. Massimo Fusarelli himself.

Aside from Dean, also elected as vicar-provincial was Fr. Neil Badillo. Also elected as "definitors" or counselors to the minister provincial were Fr. Prisco Cajes, Fr. Arturo Daquilanea, Fr. Crisologo Dragon, and Br. Christopher Villianueva.



The Province of San Antonio de Padua currently has around 70 friars in 19 friaries across Visayas and Mindanao regions.

The friars are engaged in pastoral service in at least seven parishes, in education with five schools and a center for dialogue with Islam.

**WEEKEND*****HOLY MASS INTENTIONS*****DAILY 8AM****Saturday 4:30 pm July 1**

La Duca Family

+Ceferino Feliciano

**Sunday 9:30 am July 2**

+Rosita Ferrer

+Leomel Dumanlang (1 yr)

**Sunday 11:30 am**Our Maronite Patriarch &  
Bishops**Sunday Spanish Mass****4:30 pm**

Para Sacerdotes y Obispos

*Pray for  
Healing of the Sick***MONDAY July 3**

Healing of the Sick

**TUESDAY July 4**

Our Nation

**WEDNESDAY July 5**

Unborn Babies

**THURSDAY July 6**

Faithful Departed

**FRIDAY July 7**

Youth Today

**COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1. TUESDAY:** 5:30 P.M. Praise and worship followed by Rosary in the Chapel.
- 2. GOD OUR FATHER DEVOTION:** Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 9:30 Mass in the Chapel.
- 3. MONTHLY SPANISH MASS:** Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 PM & Rosary at 4.30 PM.
- 4. REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** will be held during the month of August on Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9AM to noon. Class will begin Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. See bulletin for further information.
- 5. SPONSOR A FOOD ITEM FOR THE FESTIVAL** – Please pick up a copy of the list of items in the main church. This will help reduce our expenses.
- 6. FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS** are available at the Gift Shop - \$100 each and only 300 printed. Grand price is \$2000 and total prizes \$10,000.
- 7. FESTIVAL BOOTH RENTAL** – Please contact the Office if you want to rent a booth for your business at our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Lebanese-American Festival which will be held on October 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup>.