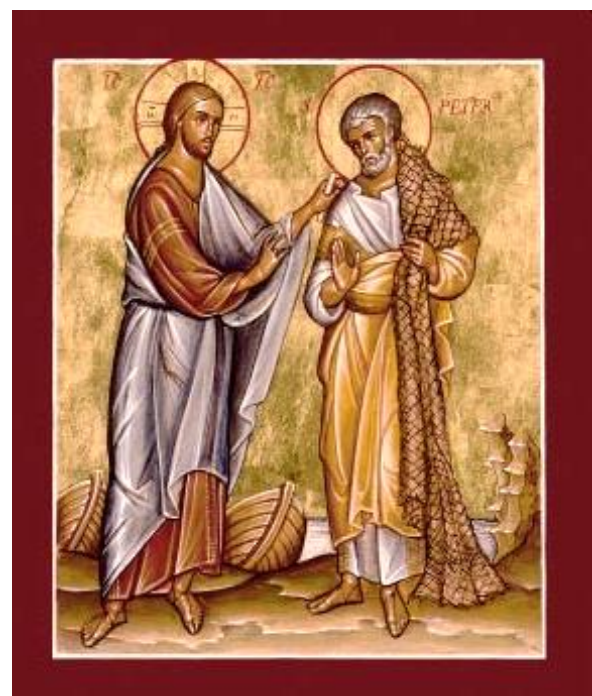




May 2023

Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church Las Vegas

5TH SUNDAY OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION Our Lady of Lebanon, Patroness of the Eparchy



"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church" Mt 16:18

This dialogue between Jesus and Peter expresses what being a Christian is all about. Jesus asks us everyday if we love Him in a special and exclusive way. Do you love Me more than these? We answer "YES!" despite our miseries, that Jesus invites us to follow Him again, out of Love, and to share with Him the responsibility of caring for the people of God. There is no better way of following Jesus than by giving up our lives for His mission. The Church continues through the centuries, and Christ does not like us to ignore His Works: What you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven. For this reason, the Church will always need a visible head, the Successor of Peter, the Pope.

Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid

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Pastor: Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid

Our Services

DAILY: Monday–Friday 8:00 AM Eng.

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:30 PM English

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM English

& 11:30 AM Arabic/Aramaic/English

1st Sunday: 4:30 PM

Rosario y la Misa en Español

2nd Sunday: 4:30 PM

Tagalog Mass

Tuesday @ 6 pm Rosary & Bible

Anointing of the Sick every 1st Tuesday

Jesus said a third time, "Simon's son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was hurt that he had asked him a third time, "Do you love Me?" Lord, he said, "You know everything, You know I love You". Jesus said, "then feed My sheep". Then He added, "Follow Me." (John 21:17, 19)

The three questions Jesus asks Peter may be thought of as the undoing of the triple denial during Jesus' Passion. Jesus didn't mean to embarrass Peter, He wanted to teach him a good lesson about leadership and how to be humble. Peter, whom Jesus named "the Rock" is the first disciple to proclaim the faith in Christ, the Son of God (Mt 16:13). Peter, too, being the most protective shepherd, is a forgiven sinner. Jesus entrusts the whole Church to him; by asking him: Do you love Me? This is the first condition to be fulfilled by a shepherd in the Church.

READINGS:

Ezekiel 34:11-16,23-25

Ephesians 2:1-10

GOSPEL:

John 21:15-19



LET US PRAY:

O Lord, help us
to renew our commitment
and to declare our love,
not by answers,
but also by actions
and dedications to Your Church
and to receive Your Divine mission
for our salvation. Amen.

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OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS' MAY PRAYER INTENTION: FOR ECCLESIAL MOVEMENTS AND GROUPS

In his intention for May 2023, Pope Francis prays that ecclesial movements and groups might daily rediscover their evangelizing mission.

Pope Francis is dedicating his May prayer intention to ecclesial movements and groups, which says are a "gift" and a "treasure" in the Church.

Dialogue at the service of mission

In his video-message, published each month by the *Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network*, Pope Francis says, "These movements renew the Church with their capacity for dialogue at the service of her evangelizing mission." He notes, too, that each group has its own unique charism, which allows them to demonstrate both the beauty and the novelty of the Gospel proclamation.

Each charism is different, he explains, thanks to the creativity that marks the various groups and movements. Although they seem to be speaking different languages, by understanding themselves, they can make themselves understood.

At the same time, the Pope warns them to avoid the temptation of turning in on themselves, by inviting them to continue to work "at the service of the Bishops and the parishes."

Always on the move

Pope Francis encourages them to "always be on the move, responding to the impulse of the Holy Spirit to the challenges in today's world," while remaining "in harmony with the Church, since harmony is the gift of the Holy Spirit."

The Holy Father concludes his message with the prayer "that ecclesial movements and groups may daily rediscover their mission, an evangelizing mission, and that they place their own charisms at the service of the world's needs."

Many charisms, one mission

In its press release promoting this month's prayer intention, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network highlights several ecclesial movements and lay associations spreading the Gospel throughout the world, including, Shalom, Communion and Liberation, New Horizons, the Sant'Egidio Community, and Focolare: "Many different charisms, one sole mission; proclaiming the Gospel to different places and in different ways."

The press release explains that "Ecclesial movements are groups of people committed to an apostolate with their own specific charism, which the Holy Spirit grants for the common good of the Church. Composed mainly of members of the lay faithful, the search for a personal encounter with Christ unites them. At the same time, at the service of the Gospel, they dialogue with today's women and men, wherever they are."

OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS SETS EASTERN CHURCHES BISHOPS' AGE LIMIT FOR VOTING AT SYNODS

In an Apostolic Letter issued in the form of a 'Motu proprio', Pope Francis amends the Canon Law of the Oriental Churches by providing that the bishops emeritus who have reached the age of 80 will no longer be able to vote in the Episcopal Synods of which they are members, though the rule does not apply to those who are already in office.

With a new Motu Proprio published on Monday, Pope Francis has modified the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches to exclude bishops who are members of their respective Synods of Bishops from voting decisions after they have reached the age of eighty.

The Pope's decision meets a longstanding request made by "some Patriarchs, Major Archbishops and Bishops", as reads the title of the Motu proprio "I am pridem" ("For some time now", in Latin)

The Apostolic Letter, explains that the change was needed because of "the difficulties that have emerged in the Synods of Bishops of the Patriarchal Churches and Major Archiepiscopal Churches, due to the number of Bishops Emeritus who participate in them with an active voice, especially in the election of the Bishops and of the Heads and Fathers of their respective sui iuris (autonomous, ed.) Churches".

These difficulties have prompted the heads of these Churches to ask for a new regulation which Pope Francis ordered in the Motu Proprio he signed on Sunday, April 16, which modifies Canons 66, § 1, 102, 149 and 183 of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches.

The text specifies that the new legislation, which will come into force in a month's time, "will not apply" to the "Patriarchs, Major Archbishops, Eparchial Bishops and Exarchs" currently in office "despite them having reached the age of eighty" .



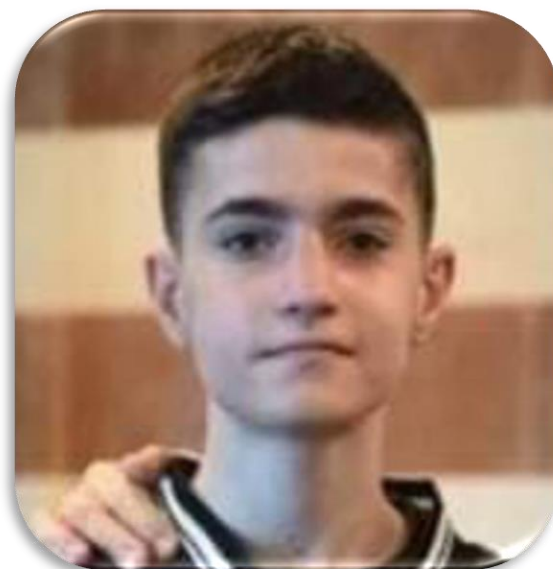
The Lebanese student Karim Al-Halabi won the first rank in the world in IQ (285/300) in a test to include candidates from 15 countries and he is a student of Abia Official School ...

Congratulations to him and his noble family, more excellence.

Marnen Laibow-Koser's highest IQ ever recorded was 268, Ainan Celeste Cawley's 263 and William James Sidis' 250+ mark.

The Lebanese student Kareem Al-Halabi won the first degree in the world in the IQ rate in a test that included candidates from 113 countries, and he is one of the students of Abei Public School... Congratulations to him and his honorable family, and to more excellence.

Note that the highest IQ ever recorded were 268 for Marnen Laibow-Koser, 263 for Ainan Celeste Cawley and a score of over 250 for William James Sidis.



The Spring Dance Fundraising on April 15

A Big Thanks to the Praise & Worship Ministry & Indonesian Catholic Community of St. Sharbel

They raised \$5,186

The event was a lot of fun and the food was great. Thanks to all the volunteers that organized this wonderful event. It was a successful evening. God Bless you all!

Our Maronite Patriarch Cardinal Bechara El Rai calls for deportation of Syrian refugees; urges international assistance

The Head of Lebanon's Maronite Church has called for the deportation of Syrian refugees, urging the international community's help in carrying it out.

In his recent Easter service message, Patriarch Bechara Boutros Al-Rai – the head of the Maronite Church in Lebanon – stated that Syrian refugees were "draining the state's resources, disturbing social security and competing with the Lebanese for their livelihood".

Claiming that many Syrian refugees continue to frequently travel to and from Syria via both legal and illegal crossings, Al-Rai accused the international community of "protecting them" and "deciding to ignore the repercussions they have on Lebanon".

Since the 2011 Syrian revolution and the brutal crackdown on protests by the regime of Bashar Al-Assad which led to the ongoing civil war, over half of the country's population became displaced and millions fled to neighboring countries such as Türkiye, Jordan and Lebanon.

They have been accused, over the years, of being a burden to those host countries' populations and governments, especially in terms of their ailing economies, often being subject to calls for deportation. "It is necessary for Lebanese representatives and officials to work with the international community to return them [refugees] to their homeland and help them there," Al-Rai said. It is not the first time the Patriarch has called on authorities to deport Syrians from the country, with the last such call being as recently as six months ago. He even called for the removal of Palestinian refugees from Lebanon, sparking condemnation from the Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, last year.

DICASTERY FOR THE EASTERN CHURCHES: MARONITE PRIEST APPOINTED AS SECRETARY

Until now Rector of Antonine University in Baabda, Lebanon, Michel Jalakh previously served as Secretary General of the Middle East Council of Churches.

Lebanese Maronite priest Father Michel Jalakh, O.A.M., until now rector of the Antonine University in Baabda, Lebanon, has been appointed by Pope Francis as the new Secretary of the Dicastery for the Oriental Churches.

Born on 27 August 1966 in Baouchrieh, Father Jalakh made his first religious profession in the Antonian Maronite Order on 15 August 1983, and was ordained a priest on 21st April 1991. From December 2000 to July 2008, he served as Secretarial Attaché at what was then the Congregation for the Oriental Churches. He received his Doctorate in Ecclesiology from the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome in 2008.

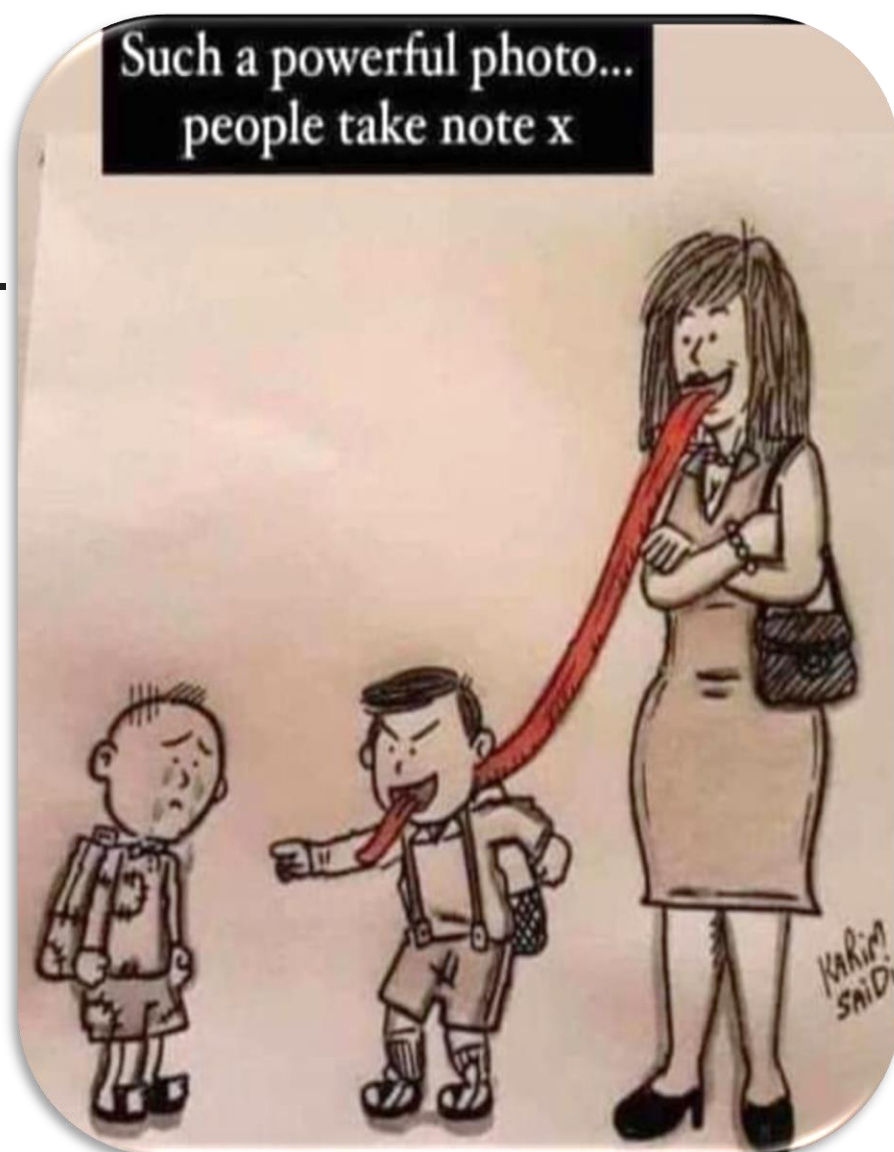
From 2013 to 2018 he was Secretary General of the Middle East Council of Churches and a member of the Commission for Ecumenical Relations of the Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops Assembly in Lebanon. A lecturer at Antonine University in Baabda, he became Rector in 2017.

Last year, on the 21st November, Pope Francis appointed the new Prefect of the Dicastery for the Oriental Churches: Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, 67, who until then served as Apostolic Nuncio in Great Britain. The prelate began his service on 16 January of this year.

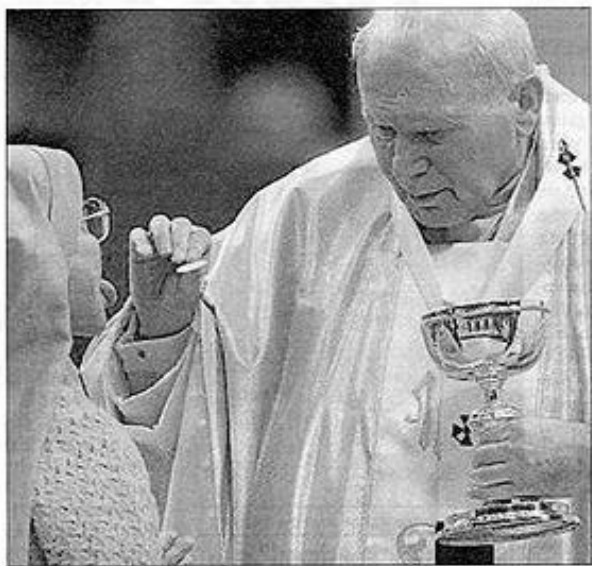


Your children learn from you.
 You're nice, they are nice.
 You're nasty, they are too.
 You're happy, they are happy.
 You're sad, they are sad.
 Your kids copy you,
 this is not
 genetic - its learned.
 They're taught by you.
 Think about it.
 Be a better person
 to create better people.....
 It starts with You.

Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid



“My Flesh is true food,
 and my Blood true drink.”
 (John 6:35)



God wants to share His life with us
 by uniting us to His Son, Jesus Christ
 — not only mentally or spiritually, but completely.

This is why Jesus gave us the Holy Eucharist, His own Body and Blood, to eat. Holy Communion is food for the whole believer, heart and mind, body and soul. And the food is Jesus Himself. It is Christ's real Body and Blood: not just a symbol, but the real thing.

BREAD OF LIFE

A Joyful'toon by Mike Waters



But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him.
 — 2 CORINTHIANS 2:14 NIV

ABOUNA'S MESSAGE

BIG FISH

Believers
in
God,

Faithful
In
Serving
Him



**“Because
 your
 Word,
 O Lord,
 I will
 let down
 the nets.”
 Lk 5:5**



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**

ANNUAL FESTIVAL 2023 (OCT. 6, 7 & 8)

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

Total of \$10,000 in prizes

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

With Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid

September 23- October 3



Total \$4,850 Subject to change

*Benefits :

- ✓ *Airline Ticket
- ✓ Bel Azur Beach Resort-Jounieh (Double Occupancy ★★★★★)
Addition \$750 supplement for single occupation per person
- ✓ Deluxe Bus
- ✓ Site Entries
- ✓ Breakfast & One meal
- ✓ Guide Tour

*Does not include:

- ❖ Visa of Entry
- ❖ Travel Insurance
- ❖ Tips

*Contact Church office: Juliette @ 702-616-6902

Reserve & pay deposit (\$2,000) before 5/30/2023

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraising



A Box has 60 bars @ \$1 each

Each family please take one or more boxes to sell to your family and co-workers. Some of the proceeds will be donated back to the Church.

Please contact the office for a box. *This is a good opportunity for our kids to take ownership and raise funds for their Church.*

Dr. Philip A. Salem began specialty training in cancer medicine at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York in 1968, after which he joined M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. Recently, St. Luke's announced the Philip A. Salem, M.D. Chair in Cancer Research.

During the period of 1971 to 1986, Dr. Salem directed the cancer program at the American University of Beirut while maintaining academic ties with M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and spending sabbatical years there. In January 1987, he returned to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and in 1990 was promoted to Head of Research Committee, Professor of Cancer Medicine and Research. Since September 1991, he has been Director of the Cancer Research Program at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital.

Dr. Salem is widely published for several national and international cancer medicine publications. He served on the editorial board of Anti-Cancer Drugs, an international journal on anti-cancer agents. He also served on the editorial board of Annals of Oncology, the official journal of the European Society for Medical Oncology. In addition, he is a member of many nationally and internationally recognized cancer societies, including the World Health Organization Expert Committee on Cancer, the American Association of Clinical Oncology, and the American Association for Cancer Research.

Dr. Salem was recently selected as one of **America's top doctors** in the premier edition of America's Top Doctors, a national guide to outstanding medical specialists throughout the United States. Fewer than one percent of physicians in the United States have been recognized by inclusion in this national Castle Connolly Guide.



**FAMOUS
LEBANESE:
DR.
PHILIP A.
SALEM**

He was awarded the **Ellis Island Medal of Honor** by the **National Ethnic Coalition Organization (NECO)** for "exceptional humanitarian efforts, and outstanding contributions to America".

He also received the **Medal of Freedom award** from the United States Congress, which is "the highest honor the Republican members of the U.S. Senate can bestow." This was given to him for his contributions to science and medicine.

THE MARONITES IN THE UNITED STATES

The Maronite Church was introduced to the United States in the late 19th century by a number of poor, uneducated, hard-working and faithful immigrants from the Middle East.

The majority of these immigrants were from the northern mountainous area in the country we now know as Lebanon. At that time, most of the passports of the immigrants identified their homelands as Syria or Turkey. As with many immigrants passing through Ellis Island, many surnames were abbreviated or changed upon entry. Those working at Ellis Island were not familiar with the language of these immigrants and very few immigrants spoke or understood English - the communication gap was a big factor.

The long and arduous journey never discouraged these immigrants, and many worked on board the ship they traveled on to earn the \$14 passage to come to the United States.

It was in the United States they hoped to forge a better life for themselves and/or their families. After all, a better life is what missionaries had told them about the United States. Most never planned on staying in the U.S. permanently anyway.

There are many educators, writers, priest and other scholars of the Church who have conducted much research on the Middle East, the Eastern Catholic Rites, Middle Eastern Culture, etc. We are grateful for each of them and for their work as it has all contributed to the body of work done by the National History Committee.

The Committee hopes that this website will be of some assistance to anyone interested in learning about the Maronite faith in the United States.

The Maronite Church is not an ethnic Church - all are welcome to attend Maronite liturgies and become a part of any Maronite parish. There is no need to understand or to be fluent in Arabic, Syriac or Aramaic to participate in liturgies. God's blessings have been abundant in the Maronite Church within the United States over the years.

One hundred years from now, if we abide by the Church's teachings and with the interest and prayers of so many others, another form of media will take the place of this website and tell of the next one hundred years in the church.

".....From one generation to another, to the end of time."



Our Maronite Patriarch Cardinal Bechara El Rai w/ Maronite Bishop Gregory Mansour. In left: Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon Elias Zaidan



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

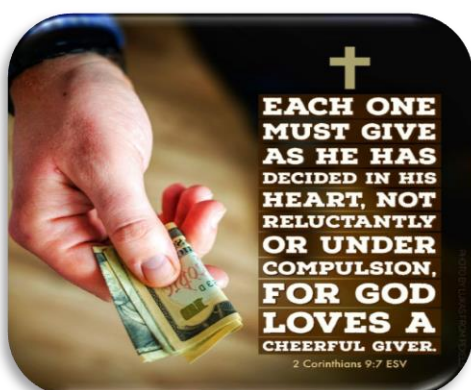
- Sign up forms are available on the table in the Adoration Chapel
- Check the hours that are available on the picture frame on the table or in the white binder
- If you have already sign up, it is your responsibility to make sure you show up or call someone to cover your hour. Names and telephone numbers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

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 29 & 30

*Mass Collection	\$4,776
*General	<u>\$8,974</u>
	\$13,750
*Weekly Expense	\$6,875
Positive	+\$6,875
*Building Fund	\$24,255
*Helping Hands	\$336
*2 nd Collection	\$1,181

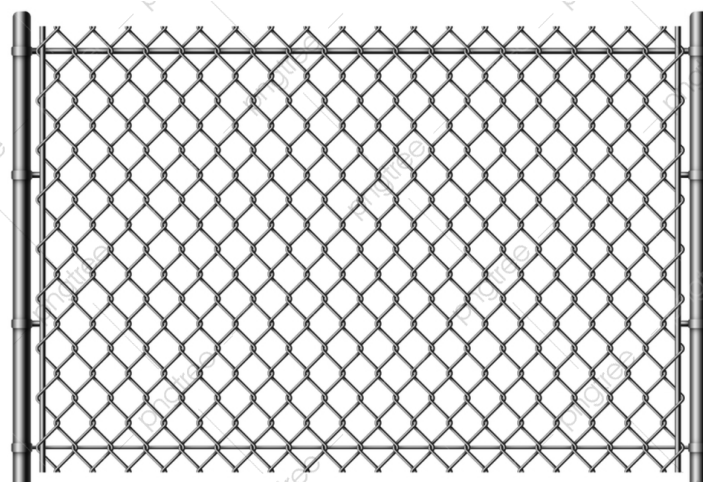


NEW PARKING

Temporary Fence

Sponsorship

\$250 / \$500 / \$1,000



SAINT SHARBEL CHURCH FROM THE ARCHIVES

Issue 37 August 14th– 20th, 2009 Noursat on the Footsteps of the Oriental Churches in the World The Message of Light A Weekly Newsletter St Sharbel Church, Las Vegas
A Message of light in the darkness of sin Las Vegas is the city of noise and nightlife.

Sins lurk in its streets. However, the light certainly eliminates darkness. That's how St Sharbel Church started a journey of peace, love and faith facing moral perversion. After renting homes and halls to meet and pray, the Lebanese Maronites decided to build their own church in Las Vegas. Under the auspices and with the blessing of Bishop Robert Shahine, they bought the land in 2001. Many priests contributed to the life of the mission including Fr. Youssef Mouannes and Fr. Nabil Mouannes, parish of San Diego in California. With great cooperation, the project was accomplished in 2008. The Holy See in the Vatican and the Maronite patriarch Mar Nasrallah Boutros Sfeir congratulated the Lebanese for this achievement in the current situation. In July 2008, Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid became the pastor of the church, and continues, with God's help, the mission he began, and turned the wooden building into a church, shrine and hermitage of St Sharbel. He built an altar like the Lebanese Maronite traditional church. The place became holy, and the believers visit to pray, adore the Eucharist and honor Our Lady the Virgin. It accommodate 250 persons. Outside the church, a 2-meter statue of St Sharbel coming from Lebanon was lately erected. A full- equipped huge hall for ceremonies and meetings was established, in addition to administrative offices subsidiary to the church. Today, and after being about 40, the parishioners reach 300 persons including not only Lebanese Maronite but also Chaldeans, Assyrians, Catholic, Ortho-dox and Syriac. The parish is rich by its different nationalities including Syrian, Jordanian, Palestinian, Iraqi, Egyptian, Italian, Mexican and American believers. Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid celebrates the Mass in English and Arabic and soon in Spanish. His parish organizes educational activities. There are volunteers who give lessons in Arabic each Saturday to 80 students. The Arab community including Muslims and Druze can also participate in these classes in addition to the Christian Teaching and the preparations for the 1st Communion. Entertaining activities are also organized through the American Lebanese Festival that will be revived next October. All American residents, Arab and foreign communities meet with joy and parish life which Fr. Nadim Abou Zeid is continuing his mission. Social activities are organized allowing families and youth to meet. A year after the foundation of St Sharbel in Las Vegas, Tele Lumiere visited it and filmed a documentary showing this event. Interviews with the parishioners were filmed in addition to the Divine Liturgy that will be broadcast soon on Tele Lumiere.

Edited by Rita Karam
Translated by Eliane Aoun



The church Front: The altar, the tabernacle, the stone building such as the Lebanese Maronite Churches.



St Sharbel parishioners visit:

<http://noursat.tv/newsletters/Newsletter37-English.pdf>

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 7 de Mayo del 2023

HORA: Rosario 4:30 pm Misa 5 pm

**DONDE: Iglesia Catolica de San Charbel
10325 Rancho Destino Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89183**

Despues de la Misa te invitamos a que nos acompañes a una pequeña recepcion donde compartiremos: café, postres, y bocadillos con todos los asistentes.

Si tienes alguna duda communicate con:
Oficina de la Iglesia 702-616-6902



Ruega por nosotros

EL MILAGRO DE SAN CHÁRBEL

Bendiciones para todos! siento no haber podido publicar ayer, realmente no se quien esta leyendo pero tengo la intención de publicar todos los días algo bonito, inspirador y que nos ayude un poco mas en este valle que recorremos todos los días! aportar un poquito! en especial en momentos donde los valles están sumamente oscuros y desolados, pero siempre la luz esta ahí esperándonos y los brazos del creador siempre están abiertos para acogernos.

En este día quería dejar la historia y la ayuda que nos dejo como legado un hombre ejemplar, quizás algunos lo hayan escuchado por sus milagros, me refiero a San Chárbel. En particular mi fe y devoción van siempre directas a Dios y Jesucristo pero creo que en esta tierra hay personas que logran caminar e imitar lo que Cristo hizo en la tierra y que son dignos de reconocer y siento que Dios en su infinita misericordia los acerca a nosotros para ayudarnos y regalarnos su amor.

San Chárbel es conocido como santo de las enfermedades catastróficas y su vida fue entregada a Dios en una directa comunión con él y fue bendecido.

Llegué a conocerlo buscando datos para enfrentar la enfermedad de un familiar muy querido y dentro de averiguaciones, búsqueda de internet y hablar con distintas personas llegué a este dato de este santo.

San Charbel Makhluf es un santo católico maronita libanés del siglo XIX que ha dejado atónitos a los sabios, porque de su cuerpo incorrupto salió líquido sanguinolento que era inexplicable desde todo punto de vista científico. Si su cuerpo vivo tenía cinco litros de sangre y, después de muerto, exudaba un mínimo de un litro de líquido por año, lo que darían 67 litros en 67 años, ¿de dónde salía ese líquido misterioso con el que se producían milagros maravillosos?



Después de muerto parecía un santo vivo, pues ni se le caía el pelo ni las uñas y su cuerpo mantenía su flexibilidad natural.

San Charbel vivió como un religioso de la Orden maronita (de san Marón) en el convento de Annaya durante 16 años y los últimos 23 años como ermitaño en una ermita cercana.

Fue un hombre dado continuamente a la oración ante el Santísimo Sacramento. Vivía intensamente la misa de cada día y llevaba una vida de continua penitencia, trabajando en los campos del convento en silencio para ganarse el pan. Su vida fue: oración, penitencia y trabajo. Después de muerto, miles y miles de devotos llegan a visitar su tumba, donde Dios sigue haciendo milagros.

San Charbel es un santo popular en el Líbano, pero es un santo de todos y para todos, pues es nuestro hermano que nos espera en el cielo y cuya vida nos estimula a vivir en la tierra de cara a la eternidad.



Filipino News



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.



Fr. Renee Dean, the newly elected and first minister provincial of the Province of San Antonio de Padua-Philippines.

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.

MARBEL DIOCESE INFORMS PUBLIC ABOUT PRIEST WHO LEFT CHURCH

A southern Philippine diocese has informed the public that one of its priests is no longer a Catholic.

Bishop Cerilo Casicas of Marbel said that Fr. Alan Catigbay has already left the Catholic Church.

“He has decided to join another religion,” Bishop Casicas said in a circular released March 15. “We continue to pray for Fr. Catigday.”

The bishop enjoined the Catholics “not to participate in Masses and other Sacraments” that the former priest celebrates.

“These are not of the Catholic Church,” he said.

The circular stopped short of identifying what religion Fr. Catigbay joined in.

CP Radyo Totoo
but 2 months ago

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March 15, 2023
Prot. No. 190366

TO: TO ALL THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF MARBEL

RE: FR. ALAN G. CATIGDAY'S DEPARTURE FROM THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We regret to inform you that Fr. Alan G. Catigday has already left the Catholic Church. He has decided to join another Religion.

The Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Marbel are enjoined not to participate in masses and other Sacraments that he celebrates. These are not of the Catholic Church.

We continue to pray for Fr. Catigday. We entrust ourselves to our Lord Jesus who poured forth the Spirit as He had promised, and has called and gathered together the people of the New Covenant, who are the Church, into a unity of Faith, Hope and Charity (cf. Unitatis Redintegratio no.2).

Issued this 15th day of March, 2023 at the Chancery Office, Bishop's Residence, Koronadal City, Philippines.

Sincerely in the Lord,

 +CERILLO U. CASICAS, DD
 Bishop of Marbel

WEEKEND

Saturday 4:30 pm
May 6

All Communion &
Confirmation Recipients

Sunday 9:30 am
May 7

*Celuta Elder

Sunday 11:30 am

+Ghassan Misherfi (40 days)
+Souad & Charle Shaiya
+Joseph Ilos (40 days)

Sunday Spanish Mass
4:30 pm

+ Margarita Alvarez (40 days)

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**DAILY 8AM**

MONDAY May 8

*Elie Bonifacio
+Ella Lewis-Bona (1 yr)

TUESDAY May 9

Faithful Departed

WEDNESDAY May 10

*+Bertha Giron

THURSDAY May 11

+Daisy Neves

FRIDAY Mar May 12

Unborn Babies



*Pray for
Healing of the Sick*

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. TUESDAY: 5:30 P.M. Praise & worship followed by the Rosary @ 6:00 PM

2. GOD OUR FATHER DEVOTION: Sunday May 7th after the 9:30 Mass.

3. MONTHLY SPANISH MASS: Sunday, May 7th at 4:30 PM Rosary & Mass.

4. CHICKEN KEBAB PLATE: Sunday, May 7, after 9:30 & 11:30 AM Masses. \$10 each

5. SATURDAY, MAY 13th: We have (29) candidates who will be receiving First Holy Communion at the 4:30 PM Mass. Bishop Zaidan, Celebrant.

6. FREE CASE OF SANTIZER – One case per family or business

7. HOLY BIBLE ENTHRONMENT:

- Posters of the complete Bible are available in our Gift Shop.
- Fr. Nadim will come to your home to enthrone the Holy Bible.
- Call the Parish Office and schedule any Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

8. BLESSING OF ASHES, USE OF GARDEN AREA, BAPTISM, FUNERALS, MEMORIAL MASS & HOUSE BLESSINGS – must be scheduled with Church **OFFICE** to fill out all necessary paperwork and reserve the date.