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Saint Sharbel Maronite Church

3rd Sunday after Epiphany



CLERGY
 Father Simon El Hajj, Pastor
 Deacon Joe Chebli

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
 Tuesday through Thursday
 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 No office hours on Fridays.

LITURGY:
 Saturdays: 5:00 PM
 Sundays: 11:00 AM
 Web: saintsharbelnj.org
 Email: yamarsharbel@gmail.com
 Church number: (732) 828-2055
 Priest phone: (412) 973-1763

CONFESSIONS:
 Sunday: 10:15 am to 10:50 am (before mass)
 Saturday: 4:15 pm to 4:50 pm (before mass)
 Also Available by Appointment

BAPTISMS:
 Please Call The Parish Rectory (non-parishioners sponsors must provide a certificate from their Catholic church)

MARRIAGES:
 Please Notify The Pastor At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS
 October through May -Saturday
 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

MCF (Maronite Christian faith)
 September 29, 2018 to May 4, 2019

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 3,1-16.
 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'

Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 16:1-3
 كَانَ إِنْسَانٌ مِنَ الْفَرِيسِيِّينَ اسْمُهُ نِيقُودِيمُوسُ، رَئِيسٌ لِلْيَهُودِ.

هَذَا جَاءَ لَيْلًا إِلَى يَسُوعَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «رَبِّي، نَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ جِئْتَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مُعَلِّمًا، لِأَنَّهُ لَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَصْنَعَ الْآيَاتِ الَّتِي أَنْتَ تَصْنَعُهَا مَا لَمْ يَكُنِ اللَّهُ مَعَهُ.»

أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «الْحَقُّ الْخَلْقُ أَقُولُ لَكَ: لَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَرَى مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدْ مِنْ جَدِيدٍ.» قَالَ لَهُ نِيقُودِيمُوسُ: «كَيْفَ يَقْدِرُ إِنْسَانٌ أَنْ يُولَدْ وَهُوَ كَبِيرٌ فِي السِّنِّ؟ هَلْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ ثَانِيَةً حَشَا أُمِّهِ، وَيُولَدْ؟»

أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ: «الْحَقُّ الْخَلْقُ أَقُولُ لَكَ، لَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدْ مِنَ الْمَاءِ وَالرُّوحِ. مَوْلُودُ الْجَسَدِ جَسَدٌ، وَمَوْلُودُ الرُّوحِ رُوحٌ. لَا تَعْجَبُ إِنْ قُلْتُ لَكَ: عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ تُولِدُوا مِنْ جَدِيدٍ. الرِّيحُ تَهْبُ حَيْثُ تَنْشَأُ، وَأَنْتَ تَسْمَعُ صَوْتَهَا، لَكِنَّكَ لَا تَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ تَأْتِي وَلَا إِلَى أَيْنَ تَمْضِي: هَكَذَا كُلُّ مَوْلُودٍ مِنَ الرُّوحِ.»

أَجَابَ نِيقُودِيمُوسُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «كَيْفَ يُمْكِنُ أَنْ يَصِيرَ هَذَا؟» «أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «أَنْتَ مُعَلِّمٌ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَتَجْهَلُ هَذَا؟

الْحَقُّ الْخَلْقُ أَقُولُ لَكَ: نَحْنُ نَنْطِقُ بِمَا نَعْلَمُ، وَنَشْهَدُ بِمَا رَأَيْنَا، وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَقْبَلُونَ شَهَادَتَنَا.

كَلَّمْتُمْ فِي شُؤْنِ الْأَرْضِ وَلَا تُؤْمِنُونَ، فَكَيْفَ تُؤْمِنُونَ إِذَا كَلَّمْتُمْ فِي شُؤْنِ السَّمَاءِ؟

مَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ صَعِدَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، إِلَّا الَّذِي نَزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، أَيِ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ. وَكَمَا رَفَعَ مُوسَى الْحَيَّةَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ، كَذَلِكَ يَجِبُ أَنْ يُرْفَعَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ، لِكَيْ تَكُونَ لِكُلِّ مُؤْمِنٍ بِهِ حَيَاةٌ أَبَدِيَّةٌ.

هَكَذَا أَحَبَّ اللَّهُ الْعَالَمَ، حَتَّى إِنَّهُ جَادَ بِأَبْنِهِ الْوَحِيدِ، لِكَيْ لَا يَهْلِكَ أَيُّ مُؤْمِنٍ بِهِ، بَلْ تَكُونَ لَهُ حَيَاةٌ أَبَدِيَّةٌ.

*****3rd Sunday after Epiphany*****
Saturday, January 26 - 5:00 PM-
 In memory of Melhem Najm, Saada Aoun Najm, Joseph Melhem Najm, Larry Locckhart, & Mary Lockhart
 Req by Mr. & Mrs. Emil Najm
Sunday, January 27 -11:00 AM-
 In memory of Antoun Georges Daou
 Req by his parents, Mr. Georges & Mrs. Josephine Daou and his sister Aline Daou.

*****4th Sunday after Epiphany*****
Saturday, February 2 - 5:00 PM-
 Available
Sunday, February 3 -11:00 AM-
 In memory of Raymond Abi Younes (40 Day Mass)
 Req by the family

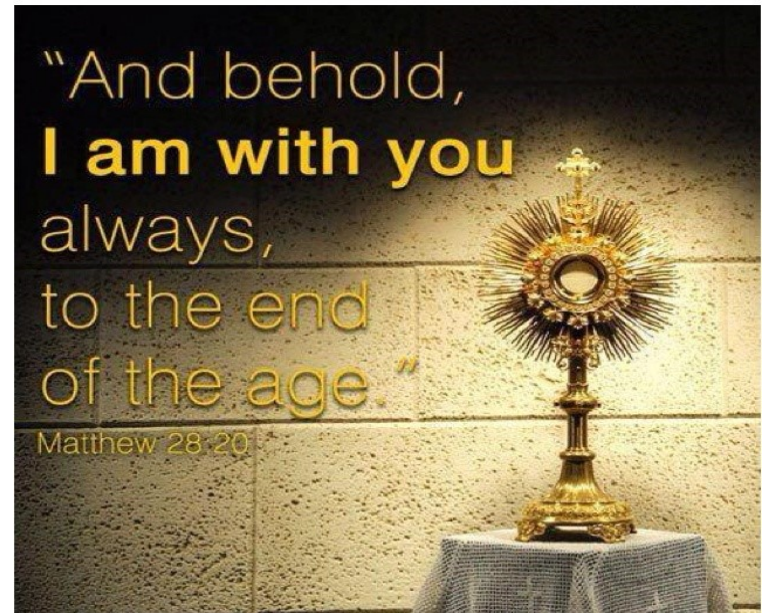
*****Sunday of the Priests*****
Saturday, February 9 - 5:00 PM-
 For all priests who served saint Sharbel Parish
 Req by Knights of Saint Sharbel
Sunday, February 10 -11:00AM
 In memory of all deceased members of Abou Sleiman
 Family req by Mr. & Mrs. Naiim Abou Sleiman

*****Sunday of the righteous and the just*****
Saturday, February 16 - 5:00 PM-
 In memory of Elias Soueid
 Req by Violette Soueid & family
Sunday, February 17 -11:00 AM-
 Available

*****Sunday of the faithful Departed*****
Saturday, February 23 - 5:00 PM-
 Available
Sunday, February 24 -11:00 AM-
 Available

Weekly Collection: Saturday & Sunday
 January 19 -20, 2019 - **2,100.00**
Total Weekly Collection and assessments of 2019
\$13,785

Donation In Memory of ...
 Candles, Hosts, and wine are donated in Memory of a Azar & Baradhi deceased for the month of February, 2019.



Eucharistic adoration takes place in the Church every First Wednesday for ONE HOUR from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Arabic Classes	Joumana/Samira
Imaculate Conception SODALITY	Gretta Attal
Accountant	Rita Guirguis
Knights of Saint Sharbel	Charbel Ojeil
PARISH ORGANIST	Roukos Jacob
MYO/PIONEERS	Joyce/ Tony/ Grace
Religious Education/MCF	Deacon Joe Chebli
Knights of Mary	Samia Sassine
Choir	Nassif Maroun
MYA	Rawad Abi Mansour

MARY'S YOUNG ADULTS PRESENT...

Mardi Gras

"Hafla Marfah"

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Featuring *Ayad Atallah*

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All are invited to a party before the Lent season starts.
All income is used to Youths activities.

Saint Maron Feast
 The church will celebrate the feast of Saint Maron on **Saturday February 9, 2019** as follows:
 1- Divine Liturgy will take place at 5:00 PM
 2- Honoring **Tony Loubnan** in the church hall after the Divine Liturgy
 3- Coffee hour and snacks during the honoring.

Knights of Mary
Motto: Think of others
 All children Grade 3 to 7 are invited to meet
When: Friday February 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM
Where: in the church hall.
 Knights of Mary organization will help your children to

- mature in human life through the interaction with others,
- develop their personalities;
- Help deepen their faith through living and sharing with others;
- Form them as disciples of Jesus Christ in their society by helping others.



MYO/Pioneers of Mary
All Grades 8-12 re invited to a meeting
When: Saturday February 10, 2019 at 2:00 PM
Where: at the Bowlero North Brunswick
 1 Carolier Lane, North Brunswick, NJ 08902

MYA Meeting
 All young adults between the ages 18 & 35 are invited to a meeting
When: Saturday February 2, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Where: in the church hall.

Immaculate Conception Meeting
 All ladies are invited to ladies sodality meeting
When: Friday February 15, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Where: in the church hall.
 All ladies are encouraged to attend to learn more about their faith and socialize.

Knights of Saint Sharbel Meeting
 All men are invited to a men's group meeting
When: Saturday February 16, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Where: in the church hall.
 All men are encouraged to attend to learn more about their faith and socialize.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Gal 3:23-29/ Jn 3:1-16

4th Sunday after Epiphany
Rom 7:1-6/ Jn 4:5-26

Sunday of the Priests
1 Tim 4:6-16/ Lk 12:42-48

Sunday of the righteous & the Just
Heb 12:18-24/ Mt 25:31-46

Sunday of the faithful departed
1 Thes 5:1-11/ Lk 16:19-31