

Reflections by Fr. Tom

Father Tom's column (but not Father Tom) is on hiatus this week. In its place, here are some interesting opportunities to peruse.

MARONITE FAITH FORMATION!

The Maronite Servants are hosting a new Faith Formation Online series starting Thursday September 26. This program is designed to teach our unique Maronite History. Sessions are on three consecutive Thursdays at 8pm. Following the presentation there will be time for Q&A.

September 26 - Maronite Patriarchs– Fr. Dominique Hanna

October 3 - Maronite History– Chorbishop Seely Beggiani

October 10 - Maronite Martyrs– Fr. Claude Franklin

Register at saintsharbelcenter.org/zoom-series/maronite-history. Registration is necessary in order to receive a Zoom link. The recordings will also be uploaded on the Saint Sharbel Youtube Channel.

For questions, please contact the sisters at sister@maroniteservants.org.

THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW.

Hearing God's call in a world where there is so much noise is never easy. Nonetheless, we know there are men in our parishes called to the priesthood. Can we help them hear this call?

Let us discern with them, to the best of our abilities, and put them on the right path. In this way we will be privileged to accompany men who show signs of a vocation to the priesthood, as well as promote the beauty of the priesthood in all that we do.

We will be holding a Discernment Weekend Friday November 1, 2024, to Sunday November 3, 2024 at the Maronite Seminary, in Washington DC. If you know of any man discerning a vocation to the priesthood, or would like to know more, please give him Fr. Dominique Hanna's phone number (718-624-7228) and he will gladly give him a call.

Those who attend will be able to experience seminarian life during the weekend. They will join for Liturgy, Adoration, meals, prayers and social life. The weekend is a great opportunity for men to come and see what a weekend in the life of a seminarian is like!



Welcome to

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MARONITE DIVINE LITURGY

SUNDAY, 9:15 A.M.
St. Agnes Chapel
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road
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WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON
Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road
Naples, Florida

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
HOLY CROSS**

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK IS OFFERED FOR
the repose of the soul of
GEORGE JAMES MANSOUR,
the father of Bishop Gregory Mansour

LAST SUNDAY'S NUMBERS

Attendance: 30
Collection: \$276.00

*When you are out of town, you can still
donate to the collection by using this link.
Thank you all for your faithfulness.
<https://naplesmaronite.org/donate>*

EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the learning of the learned I will set aside." Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish? For since in the wisdom of God the world did not come to know God through wisdom, it was the will of God through the foolishness of the proclamation to save those who have faith. For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

This year, October 13 is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. This year we have three men preparing for the priesthood for our Eparchy. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or ask Father for more information.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of George James Mansour, the father of Bishop Gregory Mansour, who passed into eternal life on Saturday, September 7. He died peacefully in Miami, Florida after having received the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Viaticum, surrounded by his family who were praying the Rosary. He was 93 years old.

His funeral will be celebrated on Saturday, September 14 at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church in Flint, MI.

Please also remember Bishop Gregory in your prayers.

GOSPEL

MARK 10:35-45



Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish (me) to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."



THE CALL OF THE SONS OF ZEBEDEE (detail)
by Marco Basaiti, c. 1510. Venice: Gallerie
dell'Accademia
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Preserve the warmth of the family, because the warmth of the whole world cannot make up for it.

-- St. Sharbel