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JULY 19, 2026

NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
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The liturgy this week is offered for
ALL THOSE NAMED AFTER ST. ELIJAH

MARONITE DIVINE LITURGY

SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.
St. Agnes Chapel
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road
Naples, Florida

WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON
Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road
Naples, Florida

CONFESSION
For the month of July, Fr. Nicolas will hear confessions
30 minutes before and 30 minutes after Mass.

MASS REQUESTS
To request a Mass for someone
or some special intention,
please email your request to
Father@NaplesMaronite.org

EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-6:10

So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: "In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We cause no one to stumble in anything, in order that no fault may be found with our ministry; on the contrary, in everything we commend ourselves as ministers of God, through much endurance, in afflictions, hardships, constraints, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, vigils, fasts; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, in a holy spirit, in unfeigned love, in truthful speech, in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness at the right and at the left; through glory and dishonor, insult and praise. We are treated as deceivers and yet are truthful; as unrecognized and yet acknowledged; as dying and behold we live; as chastised and yet not put to death; as sorrowful yet always rejoicing; as poor yet enriching many; as having nothing and yet possessing all things.

FEAST OF SAINT SHARBEL JULY 23



GOSPEL

LUKE 4:14-21



Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He



unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

MORE WISDOM FROM ST. SHARBEL

What is the use of speed if the direction is wrong?

Begin nothing on earth unless it has its end in heaven; do not walk on a path that does not lead to heaven.

You exist in this world to give and to serve

The things that go on within you are more important than those that take place in your life.

LAST SUNDAY'S NUMBERS

Attendance: 38
Collection: \$434.00

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 Naples Maronite Catholic Community, Inc.

SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 19** St. Margaret of Antioch, V, M
- 20** Elias the Prophet
- 21** St. Simeon Salus and His Friend St. John, C
- 22** St. Mary Magdalene, C
- 23** St. Sharbel, C (actual feast)
- 24** St. Christina of Tyre, V, M
- 25** St. Anne, Mother of Our Lady, the Virgin Mary, C

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

A man who prays lives out the mystery of existence, and a man who does not pray scarcely exists.

Preserve the warmth of the family, because the warmth of the whole world cannot make up for it.

St. Sharbel, Feast day July 23

A REFLECTION BY FATHER NICOLAS

Around the 10th century Before Christ, the prophet Saint Elijah (Elias) appeared during the reign of King Ahab of Israel. Known as Elijah the Tishbite, he came from Tishbe in Gilead. Elijah is a Hebrew name meaning "My God is Yahweh" (or "The Lord is my God"). In Greek, it is rendered as Elias (Ἠλίας), while in Arabic, it is commonly used as Elias (إسايلا). Elijah lived a life of prayer, simplicity, and courage. Clothed in a garment of hair with a leather belt around his waist, he fearlessly confronted kings and defended the worship of the one true God against the widespread idolatry of his time.



THE PROPHET ELIJAH. *The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.* Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999. Via Maronite Heritage.com/icons

Because Israel had turned away from the Lord, Elijah prayed, and God withheld rain for three and a half years, bringing a severe famine upon the land. During this time, God sent Elijah to the widow of Zarephath near Sidon. Although she had only a handful of flour and a little oil, she generously welcomed the prophet into her home. In return, God miraculously kept her flour and oil from running out throughout the famine. Later, through Elijah's prayer, God also restored her only son to life.

On Mount Carmel, Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal. God answered his prayer by sending fire from heaven to consume his sacrifice, leading the people to proclaim, "The Lord, He is God!" Soon afterward, the long-awaited rain returned. Finally, according to the biblical tradition, Elijah was taken up into heaven in a fiery chariot, leaving his disciple Elisha to continue his prophetic mission. The Maronite Church commemorates Saint Elijah each year on July 20, honoring his unwavering faith, zeal for God, and powerful witness to the truth.

May God shower us with His blessings through the intercession of St. Elijah.



PARISHIONER SNAPSHOTS!

Mass last weekend was offered for the repose of the souls of the John Dina's dear parents, Antoun and Nazira Dina.

After Mass, John and Jasmine provided refreshments for a lovely coffee hour. Thank you all for attending and praying for Antoun and Nazira.

May God bless you all.