

## *Sixth Sunday after the Holy Cross - Saint Sharbel Devotions* *October 22, 2017*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 22</b>	<i>Sixth Sunday after Holy Cross - Saint Sharbel Devotions</i> <i>Saint John Paul II - Confessor</i> 9:00 am For Vocations 11:30 am First Anniversary of Hanne Mansour 1:00 pm Saint Sharbel Devotions	Req. by: William and Rafka Abou Chrouch and Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 23</b>	<b>NO LITURGY</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 24</b>	<i>Saint Hareth (Hares) and Companions - Martyr</i> 10:00 am Haifa Webby	Req. by: Carol Hamid
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 25</b>	10:00 am Norma Halpin	Req. by: William Halpin
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 26</b>	<i>Feast of Our Lady of Victory</i> <i>Feast of Saint Demetrius - Martyr</i> 10:00 am Special Intention	Req. by: Aboona James
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 27</b>	10:00 am Charlotte Lippmann	Req. by: Carol Hamid
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 28</b>	<b>NO LITURGY</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 29</b>	<i>Seventh Sunday after the Holy Cross - Feast of Christ the King</i> 9:00 am In Thanksgiving to Saint Jude 11:30 am For all Christians in the Middle East	Req. by: Maria Villages Req. by: Clergy

### *Weekly Offering*

Collection:	\$ 3,088.00
Candles:	\$ 143.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 150.00
Dividends:	\$ 61.01
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,442.01</u></b>

### *Yearly Budget – 2017*

<i>Annual Operating Budget:</i>	\$ 375,000.00
<b>Collections to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 116,673.00</b>
<b>Candles to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 7,022.00</b>
<b>Donations to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 9,285.00</b>
<b>Cathedral Stipends to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 8,900.00</b>
<b>Memorials to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 2,780.00</b>
<b>Dividends to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 1,234.04</b>
<b>Rentals to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 189,813.33</b>
<b>Fund Raising/Advertising:</b>	<b>\$ 285.00</b>
<b>Debt Reduction to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 3,895.00</b>
<b>Easter /Christmas Flowers:</b>	<b>\$ 2,835.00</b>
<b>Bishop's Appeal to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 5,005.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 368,561.70</b>
	(- 6,438.30)
<b>Each Quarter we must generate \$93,750.00 in revenue to</b>	

### *Readings*

<b>October 22, 2017</b>	<i>Sixth Sunday after the Holy Cross</i> Reading: Galatians 6: 1 - 10 Gospel: Matthew 25: 14 - 30 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Denise Abou Chrouch - English 11:30 am Zahia Abi Habib - Arabic
<b>October 29, 2017</b>	<i>Seventh Sunday after Holy Cross</i> <i>Feast of Christ the King</i> Reading: Romans 12: 9 - 21 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31 - 46 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Subdeacon Norbert Vogl - English 11:30 am Adonis El Asmar - Arabic
<b>November 5, 2017</b>	<i>Opening of the Liturgical Year</i> <i>Consecration of the Church Sunday</i> Reading: Hebrews 9: 1 - 12 Gospel: Matthew 16: 13 - 20 Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill 11:30 am Lydia Gordon - English 11:30 am TBA - Arabic



*Dear Parishioners and Friends:*

*Liturgy, as we know, affects or senses; smell, sound, sight, touch and taste. These things or happenings are done on purpose to help draw us in closer to the worship service as well as to entice us to have a better experience of our 'prayer'.*

*For instance if all we did is recite the Liturgy it would be mundane, plain and unattractive. Music and the various melodies help set the mood of our liturgical celebration. Sometimes the music is joyful and at other times it is somber; both befitting the liturgical celebration (i.e. a wedding or a funeral).*

*The use of incense, an integral part of our liturgical experience is also important. Incense is used in all the liturgies of the Church, both East and West. Incense, in particular for us, has various meanings. The Introduction to the Qorbono mentions three:*

*A) praise of the Lord; this meaning came from the custom in the Roman Empire of burning incense before the image of a god, or of a deified emperor;*

*B) purification, covering up the foul stench of sin, and*

*C) forgiveness. Especially these last two are seen clearly in the Hoosoyo: as we acknowledge our sinfulness, we seek to be pardoned and purified to heed the lessons of the Word of God.*

*Aboona James*

*Patriarch's Banquet*

*Today is the last day to make reservations for the Patriarch's Banquet to be held at the Brooklyn Bridge Marriott next Sunday. This is not to be confused with the reception which we are sponsoring at the Brooklyn Historic Society.*

*Pilgrimage*

*We are still accepting reservations for our trip to the Holy Land April 23, 2018 to May 2, 2018. If you have any questions please call either Tony Tannoussis, Marleine Aflak or the Rectory.*

*Maronite Christian Formation*

*No class on the 29th due to the Pastoral Visit of our Patriarch.*

*Adoration for Priests and Vocations*

*Our November Adoration will be held on November 26th due to the NAM Regional Convention in Sleepy Hollow, New York.*

*Thought for the week:*

*It is easier for the earth to exist without the sun than without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!*

*- Padre Pio*

*National Apostolate of Maronites*

*The National Apostolate of Maronites Mid Atlantic Regional Convention will be held November 17 - 19, 2017. It will be hosted by Saint John Paul II Maronite Church in Sleepy Hollow, NY. Please make your reservations as quickly as possible.*

*Maronite Christian Formation Day of Recollection*

*We will hold a one day retreat, Saturday, November 4th, for our children and their families registered in our MCF Program. The Theme is: O Come Emanuel, our hearts are ready for You.*

*The day begins with Divine Liturgy at 10:00 followed by the retreat which will include story time, Arts and Crafts and a family movie. Lunch will be served and the day is free to all children and their families. Registration forms will be sent to all the families registered in the MCF Program and on our website. We encourage the parents to attend.*

*Banns of Marriage*

*We announce the Banns of Marriage between Amir Estephan and Anastasiya Outkina.*

*We announce the Banns of Marriage between Jean Claude Aoun and Jamie Christine Cappola.*

*Capital Campaign*

*We will be calling parishioners in the next few weeks in regard to the Capital Campaign. so far we have collected \$15,250.00. A list of donors without amounts will be listed monthly.*

*Lebanese Registration*

*On Sunday, November 12th, immediately following the 11:30 am Liturgy, all Lebanese citizens will be able to vote in the Lebanese General Elections of 2018 without having to travel to Lebanon.*

*The Lebanese parliament passed a new electoral law recently, and a mechanism was established to register to vote from the USA with the deadline of November 20, 2017.*

*Tony Faddoul, along with Christiane Merhej and Norma Haddad, will be on hand to answer all your questions on Sunday, November 12th. Tony represents the Elections Central Committee at the Lebanese American Council for Democracy - LACD, and they are working on getting as many to register and practice their right to vote from the USA.*

*What you need to register is the following:*

*A copy of the Lebanese Passport OR Lebanese ID OR Civil Register as well as an American Passport or Drivers License.*

*You can register online at <https://diasporavote.mfa.gov.lb>.*

*If you need assistance Tony or Christiane or Norma will be on hand to help you to register.*