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# ***Feast of St. Sharbel & Eighth Sunday of Pentecost***

## ***July 19, 2020***

Sun., July 19	Feast of St. Sharbel & 8th Sunday of Pentecost 10 am Divine Liturgy for the Intentions of the Parishioners
Mon., July 20	NO LITURGY Elias the Prophet
Tues., July 21	10 am Divine Liturgy for Louis Offitto Req. by Phyllis Simon
Wed., July 22	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Nohra & St. Mary Magdalene
Thurs., July 23	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Sharbel (Actual Feast)
Fri., July 24	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Christina of Tyre
Sat., July 25	11:30 am Funeral Divine Liturgy for Raymond Sabbagh

Sun., July 26      The Consecration of Holy Oils & 9th Sunday of Pentecost  
10 am Divine Liturgy of the Consecration of Holy Oils

### **Financial Standing June 2020**

#### **Ordinary Income**

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$10,988.18**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, ...: **\$1,130.00**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$12,118.18**

#### **Ordinary Expense**

Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance,...

**Total Ordinary Expense: \$15,742.81**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: **-\$3,624.63****

No income was brought in as extraordinary income.  
The Library did not pay the May and June rent.

**Thank you for your contribution  
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and in planning different activities**

### **Healing After Abortion!!**

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. For upcoming dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866)-575-0075 (toll free) or reach us by email at [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).

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## Dear Beloved Parishioners:

It is rare to have two consecutive Sunday Gospels mentioning the same verse. It seems clear to me that the Church wants us to focus on that verse and remember it during this Season of Pentecost. "I am sending you like sheep among wolves" appears on the 6th Sunday of this Season from Matthew 10: 16-25 and again on the 7th Sunday from Luke 10:1-7. Last week, I reflected on the same verse and said that the mission that Jesus is entrusting to us today is to go out and change wolves into sheep by being humble and wise. Nonetheless and unfortunately, in many cases, as we react to the world, we are ourselves transformed into wolves, instead of becoming more sheep-like. At first glance, we feel that Christ is setting us up for failure. How can he send us like sheep among wolves? Why not send us like lions or tigers among wolves? This way at least we will have a better chance of making a difference. Last Sunday's Gospel shed more light on this dilemma, sheep versus wolves or lions versus wolves.

Last week in Sunday's homily, I observed that Luke made this mission even more difficult. Luke quotes Christ, "I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road" (Luke 10: 3-4). We are to go out unprepared, no money, no food and no clothing. But will our work in the vineyard of the Lord succeed? I am reminded of a story of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta at the beginning of her mission in the poorest of slums of India. I might have told this story before, but I am repeating it because it fits nicely here in this context. Mother Teresa was reluctantly given permission from the superiors of the Loreto Convent, the religious order where she belonged, to begin her mission among the poor. She started going to a house where an old man was very ill. So Mother would attend to his needs by preparing food, helping him through his sickness, cleaning the place and bathing him. However, the man was never really grateful for Mother Teresa's help and he uttered no words of thanks. The people in that neighborhood noticed that the nun came every day to see him and they also knew he had a harsh attitude. One day a neighbor approached the saint and asked, "Aren't you tired of coming to this man's house and helping him through his hardships without being appreciated?" Mother looked at the neighbor and said something she repeated throughout her life, "I am not called to be successful; I am called to be faithful." Mother was faithful to her mission in helping the poor when all logic and odds were not in her favor.

My friends, the success of the mission does not matter more than faithfulness to the one who sent us. When God called Abram (later on called Abraham) to leave Haran, the plan of God and the different steps and strategies were not clear. The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. He took his wife Sarai (later on called Sarah) and his brother's son Lot, and their possessions in Haran. They all set forth to go to the land of Canaan. This story is told in Genesis 12: 1-9. Immediately, right after, in verse 10, we read, "Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt ... for the famine was severe." Did God send Abram to Canaan to starve to death? Was Abram's mission already collapsing? And if so, why did Abram stick with it and continue to walk with God? In fact, he knew that being faithful to God was far more important than the mission even when every thing was contributing to its failure.

If God is sending us like sheep among wolves, we ought to obey even when it is unreasonable and even if we deem that the mission will fail. And if it does, so what? We are still being sent by God.

## Congratulation to the New MYA Board

We would like to thank the previous MYA Board for their hard work last year. We would also like to congratulate the new board:

Tiana El Adem, President

Melissa Safi, Vice President

Dr Joseph Sidaoui, Event Planner

Peter Nehme, Secretary/ Social Media Coordinator

Isabel Hazar, Treasurer.

## The 2020 Eparchial Charities Appeal

The Eparchial Charities Appeal will continue to be collected until August 16. We are asked to raise \$5,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. We have collected \$2,643 so far. You may donate [here](#). Thanks for your generosity.

## Covid-19 SALAM Club Fundraising

The club decided to undertake a fundraising campaign in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. We wanted to recognize and support the healthcare workers and first responders on the front lines as well as seniors and others in need during these trying times. Any support will be highly appreciated and will be used to help our heroes and our community. You may make your donation by clicking [here](#). Thank you in advance for your contribution and together we can make a difference for our community.

## Bulletin Advertisement

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## Cathedral Cedar Remembrance Tree

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## Finance Council Recommendation

The Finance Council recommends that parishioners set their Church donation up as an automatic payment. This is the best way to keep supporting your spiritual home while on vacation or out of town. You may also make your contribution online by clicking [here](#).

## Postponement of the Greece Pilgrimage

Due to the coronavirus, the planned Greece Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul was postponed to October 10-19, 2021. It will be the same itinerary as before, but we plan to be joining another group.

*Abgana Dominique*



# The 2020 Eparchial Annual Lenten Appeal

A Second Collection for the Eparchial Charities Appeal will be taken every Sunday until August 16. We are asked to raise \$5,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. Please read the Bishop's letter.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter into the season of preparation through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, I ask you to recall all the ways in which God has blessed you. As you reflect on that, I also ask you to consider supporting the Eparchy of Saint Maron with a donation to our 2020 Lenten Appeal, to further the Eparchy's mission of service to God's faithful people.

Your generosity towards this year's Annual Eparchial Appeal will support:

- **Seminarians:** We currently have five men preparing for the priesthood. Our seminarians are our future priests, and we want them to get the best education and formation possible. We need your help to invest in their education and formation. Each seminarian costs about \$45,000 per year, in the form of tuition, books, room, board, health insurance and other costs. **40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal will go for Seminarians.**
- **Ministries:** Our ministries to young people, the elderly, families, and in defense of life from conception to natural death, help people at the most critical times in their lives. Please help ensure that the Eparchy can help those in need when they need help the most. **20% of your contribution will go to support Ministries.**
- **Retired Priests:** Collectively, the 15 retired priests of the Eparchy served the faithful for over 500 years. Now, we help them with a modest pension of \$2,000 per month. **20% of your contribution will go to support Retired Priests.**
- **Helping in Lebanon and the Middle East:** The Eparchy assists Lebanon and the Middle East in multiple ways, for example: by applying for grants to American foundations and donors, advocating for the persecuted Christians of the Middle East with the U.S. government, and channeling and providing direct financial assistance. **10% of your contribution will go to support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.**
- **Endowment:** The Eparchy's Endowment Fund provides a source of income each year for the needs of the Eparchy and ensures that the Eparchy will have resources in the future. It also provides a "rainy day fund" if needed in the future. **10% of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment.**

I pray that you will open your heart once again and consider giving a gift. Your participation in this Annual Appeal makes a positive difference in the lives of so many people, both inside the Eparchy, and outside of it in the Middle East. Any gift you make will help.

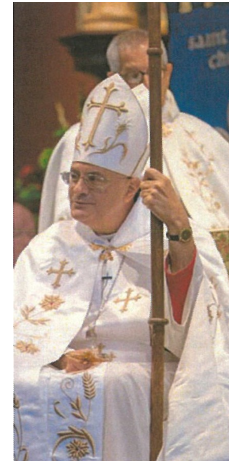
Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity. I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

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+ Gregory J. Mansour

PS: Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.



### The Feast of St. Sharbel

#### Letter of Paul to the Romans 8:28-39

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord

#### The Gospel of Saint Matthew 13:36-43

Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

### عيد مار شربل

#### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 8: 28-39

يا إخواني، نَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْمَلُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ لِخَيْرِ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَهُ، أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ دَعَاهُمْ بِحَسَبِ قَصْدِهِ؛ لِأَنَّ الَّذِينَ سَبَقَ فَعَرَفَهُمْ، سَبَقَ أَيْضًا فَحَدَّدَهُمْ أَنْ يَكُونُوا مُشَابِهِينَ لِصُورَةِ ابْنِهِ، حَتَّى يَكُونَ ابْنُهُ بَكْرًا لِإِخْوَةٍ كَثِيرِينَ. وَالَّذِينَ سَبَقَ فَحَدَّدَهُمْ، هَؤُلَاءِ أَيْضًا دَعَاهُمْ، وَالَّذِينَ دَعَاهُمْ، هَؤُلَاءِ أَيْضًا بَرَّرَهُمْ، وَالَّذِينَ بَرَّرَهُمْ، هَؤُلَاءِ أَيْضًا مَجَّدَهُمْ. إِذَا فَمَاذَا نَقُولُ بَعْدَ؟ إِذَا كَانَ اللَّهُ مَعَنَا، فَمَنْ عَلَيْنَا؟ فَاللَّهُ الَّذِي لَمْ يَبْخُلْ بِابْنِهِ، بَلْ سَلَّمَهُ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا جَمِيعًا، كَيْفَ لَا يَهَبُ لَنَا مَعَهُ أَيْضًا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ؟ فَمَنْ يَشْكُو مَخْتَارِي اللَّهِ؟ اللَّهُ يَبْرِرُهُمْ. فَمَنْ الَّذِي يَدِينُ؟ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ يَسُوعُ الَّذِي مَاتَ، بَلْ أَقِيمَ، وَهُوَ أَيْضًا عَنْ يَمِينِ اللَّهِ، وَهُوَ أَيْضًا يَشْفَعُ لَنَا! مَنْ يَفْصِلُنَا عَنْ مَحَبَّةِ الْمَسِيحِ؟ أَصِيقٌ، أَمْ شِدَّةٌ، أَمْ أَصْطِهَادٌ، أَمْ جُوعٌ، أَمْ غُرْيٌ، أَمْ خَطَرٌ، أَمْ سَيْفٌ؟ كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: «إِنَّنَا مِنْ أَجْلِكَ نَمَاتُ النَّهَارَ كُلَّهُ، وَقَدْ حُسِبْنَا مِثْلَ غَمٍّ لِلدَّبْحِ!». «إِلَّا أَنَّنَا فِي كُلِّ ذَلِكَ نَطْلُبُ بِالَّذِي أَحَبَّنَا. فَإِنِّي لَوَاثِقٌ أَنَّهُ لَا مَوْتَ وَلَا حَيَاةَ، وَلَا مَلَايِكَةَ وَلَا رِئَاسَاتَ، وَلَا حَاضِرَ وَلَا مُسْتَقْبَلَ، وَلَا قُوَّاتَ، وَلَا غُلُوَ وَلَا غَمَقَ، وَلَا أَيَّ خَلِيقَةٍ أُخْرَى تَقْدِرُ أَنْ تَفْصِلَنَا عَنْ مَحَبَّةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبِّنَا

#### إنجيل القديس متى 13: 36-43

تَرَكَ يَسُوعُ الْجُمُوعَ وَآتَى إِلَى الْبَيْتِ، فَدَنَا مِنْهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ وَقَالُوا لَهُ: «فَسِّرْ لَنَا مِثْلَ زُرْءَانِ الْحَقْلِ» فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: «زَارِعُ الزَّرْعِ الْجَيِّدِ هُوَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ، وَالْحَقْلُ هُوَ الْعَالَمُ، وَالزَّرْعُ الْجَيِّدُ هُمُ ابْنَاءُ الْمَلَكُوتِ، وَالزُرْءَانُ هُمُ بَنُو الشَّرِّيرِ، وَالْعَدُوُّ الَّذِي زَرَعَ الزُرْءَانَ هُوَ إِبْلِيسُ، وَالْحِصَادُ هُوَ نِهَايَةُ الْعَالَمِ، وَالْحَصَادُونَ هُمُ الْمَلَايِكَةُ. فَكَمَا يُجْمَعُ الزُرْءَانُ وَيُحْرَقُ بِالنَّارِ، كَذَلِكَ يَكُونُ فِي نِهَايَةِ الْعَالَمِ. يُرْسِلُ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ مَلَايِكَتَهُ، فَيَجْمَعُونَ مِنْ مَمْلَكَتِهِ كُلَّ الشُّكُوكِ وَفَاعِلِي الْإِثْمِ، وَيُلْقَوْنَهُمْ فِي أَتُونِ النَّارِ. هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ الْبُكَاءُ وَصَرْيَفُ الْأَسْنَانِ. حِينَمَا يَسْطَعُ الْأَبْرَارُ كَالشَّمْسِ فِي مَلَكُوتِ آبَائِهِمْ. مَنْ لَهُ أُذُنَانِ فَلْيَسْمَعْ!



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