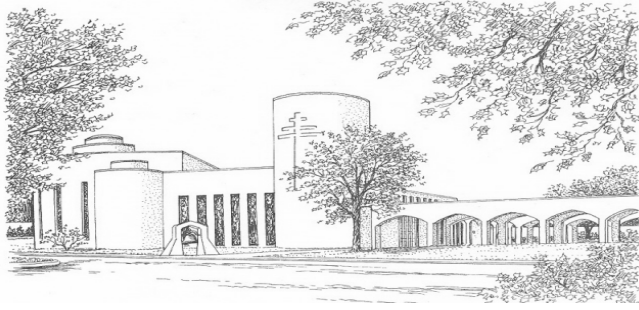


# SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CHURCH



*AN EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE  
WEST SYRIAC ANTIOCHENE TRADITION*

**Week of July 17, 2011**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

## **Religious Education & Bible Study**

Pre K - 12<sup>th</sup> grade-See bulletin for schedule

## **Ladies Altar Society (LAS)**

See bulletin for schedule

## **Maronite Youth Organization (MYO)**

See bulletin for schedule

## **Adoration**

Tuesday 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

## **Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession)**

30 minutes before Liturgy and upon request

## **Mystery of Baptism & Chrismation**

Parents and Godparents must meet with the pastor to make arrangements

## **Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)**

Notify the pastor **ONE YEAR** in advance for the necessary arrangements

## **Sick and Hospitalized**

Contact the pastor for visitation

## **Memorial Sunday and Lebanese Luncheon**

Last Sunday at 11:00 AM

## **Qurbono (Divine Liturgy) Regular Schedule:**

**Tuesday 5:30 PM,**

**Wednesday-Friday 12:00 Noon,**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

**Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM**

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Edward Karam-Church Realtor & Lector Coordinator

Sylvana Mery-Greeter Coordinator

Deborah Mery Fernandez-Altar Server Coordinator

Kathy Andera White-Archivist

Fernando Fernandez-Athletic Director Ex. 105

Sylvia Karam-MYA Spiritual Moderator

Marcel Noujeim-Parish Council President

Jamal Tawil-Stewardship Committee Chairman

Nancy Karam-LAS President

Patricia Karam-Scholarship Committee Chairman

Julie Mery, Julia Taylor, Alexis Haase, Gibran Mery-MYO Directors

Samantha Karam Naffah-MYA President

Sylvia Karam-Bereavement Tribute Committee Chairman

Michele Chebib-Religious Education Coordinator Ex.123

Julie Mery-Maronite Young at Heart Seniors Coordinator

Miriam Wells and Julie Mery-NAM Delegates

Dave Sweeney-Veterans Committee Chairman

***A Community of Prayer, Care and Friendship. Come and See!***



## Maronite Identity

### Part 3

#### A Chalcedonian Church

**B**y declaring that our Church is Chalcedonian, we mean that she perseveres in being faithful to “the mystery of the plan of salvation,” as it was professed and witnessed to by the monks of Saint Maron’s monastery, the cradle of our Church, in accordance with the Creed defined by the Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon in 451. This Creed teaches that Christ has two full distinct natures, divine and human, united in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that the distinctiveness of these two natures is maintained after that unity. This is confirmation of the humanity of Christ our Lord and of the reality of the incarnation and salvation.

The Fathers of the Council, in their definition, relied upon the letter of Pope Leo the Great, addressed in the year 449 to Flavius the Patriarch of Constantinople (446-449), in which he condemned the monk Eutyches for saying that Christ had only one nature after the Incarnation, which would lead to the dissolving of the human in the divine and would consequently empty the Incarnation event from its real salvific meaning. The Fathers considered this Papal letter to be “conformal with the great declaration of Peter as a common pillar against those with erroneous opinions.” The firm commitment of Saint Maron’s Monastery to the Chalcedonian “Creed,” in the context of Pope Leo’s letter, was undoubtedly one of the most important elements that later consolidated the full communion of the Maronite Church with the Roman Apostolic See. Our Maronite liturgy eloquently expresses the effects of the mystery of the Incarnation in the life of the people, when we repeat daily during the Divine Liturgy: *“You have united, O Lord, your divinity with our humanity, and our humanity with your divinity, Your life with our mortality and our mortality with Your life. You have assumed what is ours and you have given us what is yours, for the life and salvation of our souls. To You, O Lord, be glory for ever.”* However, from the beginning, the Chalcedonian “Creed” met with stiff opposition, for theological and non-theological reasons, to the point of rejection by most Eastern Christians in our East, who form what is now called the community of the Oriental Orthodox Churches. Their position was mainly a refusal of the distinctiveness between the two natures after the Incarnation, in order to preempt any split between the divinity and the humanity of Christ, thus safeguarding the unity in the person of Jesus Christ, as was decreed by the Fathers of the Council of Ephesus in 431.

Our Church must be thankful to God for the positive results of the theological discussions, formal and informal, concerning the mystery of the Incarnation, which has taken place between the Catholic Church and the community of the Oriental Orthodox Churches. These results have proven that faith in this mystery is one in essence and yet varied in expression. This diversity is seen no longer, as was the case in the recent past, a sign of division and separation between the Churches which would weaken the Christian testimony, but rather, a rich and common heritage, where merely one expression is incapable of grasping this great mystery or enveloping it in an exclusive and definitive form. In this context, even if this diversity afflicts utterances and expressions without infringing on the essence, we can still maintain that it has contributed in crystallizing the patterns of a differing, yet integrated ecclesial life, which has affected the spirituality of our Churches and their mission in their environment. In the light of her long history, the Maronite Church realizes that her faith in the Mystery of the Incarnation, according to the Chalcedonian formula, has contributed to developing a Maronite spirituality embodied in her Lebanese and Eastern environment. This became apparent in the persistent strive of her sons and daughters, along with their partners in destiny, Muslims and Christians, to work together in the various cultural, social, economic and political domains, to elevate every human being, to reclaim, through Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word, his dignity and the image of God in him.

# Intentions and Readings of the Divine Liturgy

<b><u>Sat. July 16<sup>th</sup></u></b>	5:00 PM,	Liturgy for Carlie Estefan, req. by Waddell, Sandra & Nancy Nasif Liturgy for Anne Karam, req. by Margaret Andry Karam	
	Acts 11:19-30		Mt 110:40-11:1
<b><u>Sun. July 17<sup>th</sup></u></b>	8:00 AM	Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by Mr. & Mrs. C. Zachariades	
	11:00 AM	Liturgy for Phil Sfair, req. by Cater Joseph	
	Rom 8:28-39	<i>Feast of St. Sharbel (observed)</i>	Mt 13:36-43
<b><u>Mon. July 18<sup>th</sup></u></b>	No Liturgy		
	Acts 12:1-11		Mt 15:1-9
<b><u>Tues. July 19<sup>th</sup></u></b>	5:30 PM	Liturgy for Mary Karam, req. by Rose Ribble Liturgy for Carlie Estefan, req. by Lanie Karam	
	Acts 12:12-24		Mt 15:10-20
<b><u>Wed. July 20<sup>th</sup></u></b>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Mary Karam, by Elyse Mery Liturgy for Nick LaMonica, req. by Robert Beathe	
	Acts 12:25-13:12		Mt 15:21-28
<b><u>Thurs. July 21<sup>st</sup></u></b>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for the poor souls in Purgatory, req. by anonymous Liturgy for Zulema S. Cadena, req. by Phillip LaMonica	
	Acts 13:13-25		Mt 16:1-4
<b><u>Fri. July 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b>	12:00 Noon	Liturgy for Adell Andry Stover, req. by Ralphie J. Karam Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy, req. by the Malouff Family	
	Acts 13:26-39		Mt 16:5-12
<b><u>Sat. July 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b>	5:00 PM,	Liturgy for Mary Karam, req. by Waddell, Sandra & Nancy Nasif	
	Rom 8:28-39	<i>Feast of St. Sharbel (actual)</i>	Mt 13:36-43
<b><u>Sun. July 24<sup>th</sup></u></b>	8:00 AM	Liturgy for Vicki Mery, req. by Robert Beathe	
	11:00 AM	Liturgy for Byron O'Shaughnessy (40 day), req. by his loving family Liturgy for Carlie Estefan, req. by Gladys Chehardy	
	2Cor 3:1-6	7th Sunday of Pentecost	Lk 10:1-7

## Stewardship:



**Total: \$3014 .00**

“give and it will be given to you...”

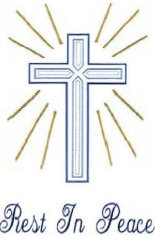
“for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Luke 6:38



Elizabeth Abdo,	Muriel Keogh George,	Autumn Khattar,	Joe Mery,	Ashley Polley,
Ellis Aboud,	Hank Grage,	Loretta La Monica,	Malake Mery,	Jo Ann Reed,
Virginia Albosta,	Betty Gudat,	Phillip La Monica,	Maria Mery,	Kaitlyn Reed,
Rocky Anawaty,	Sal Isgro,	Marie La Monica,	Paul Mery, Jr.,	Kirsten Reed,
Gloria Benson,	Vee Jowdy,	Richard La Monica,	Tony Moawad,	Billie Sahley,
Pamela Gabriel Craig,	David Karam,	Margaret Craig Loyd,	Adele Morrison,	Patricia Saliba,
Marina Curie-John,	Margaret Abdo Karam,	Charles Malouff,	Waddell Nasif,	George Sfair,
Diana Curi-Ryder,	Mary Ann Karam,	Cecilia Mery,	Thelma O'Shaughnessy,	Jeanette Van Delden,
David Emerson,	Mary Ann Trad Karam,	Elsa Mery,	David Palazzo,	Gene Viola,
Norma Emerson,	Shirley Kirkes,	Emilia Mery,	Noel Palazzo,	Joe Walker

**Zarie Aboud** - October 3, 2010  
**Salwa Kirkes** - December 7, 2010  
**Phil Sfair** - January 4, 2011  
**Mary Karam** - January 17, 2011  
**Carlle Estefan** - February 17, 2011  
**Byron O'Shaughnessy** - June 12, 2011



**SATURDAY, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**LECTOR:** Tim O'Connor (5:00pm)  
**USHERS:** Kamal Haddad & Matthew Karam  
**GREETERS:** Sandy Nasif  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Aaron Mery & Zach Karam

**SUNDAY, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**LECTOR:** Paul Karam (8:00AM)  
**LECTOR:** Brendan George (11:00AM)  
**USHERS:** Toufic Khalife, Alton Wells, Gus Van Steenberg  
**GREETERS:** Miriam Wells  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Griffin George, Tomas Cancio, Talina Bechara

**SATURDAY, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**LECTOR:** Joe Khattar (5:00pm)  
**USHERS:** Ralphie Karam & Pat Perillo  
**GREETERS:** Nancy Nasif  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Sean Salisbury & Kyle Salisbury

**SUNDAY, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

**LECTOR:** Frank Westermann (8:00AM)  
**LECTOR:** Larry Karam (11:00AM)  
**USHERS:** Mike Daly, David Saliba, Ray Dustin & Lila Dustin  
**GREETERS:** Sylvana Mery & Genina Mery  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Jeremy Daly, Joya Noujeim, Ani Saliba, Alyssa Brittain, Federico Chavez

# Community Life

## \* SUNDAY July 17<sup>th</sup>

- Qurbono (Liturgy) at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

## \* TUESDAY July 19<sup>th</sup>

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM followed by the Qurbono (Divine Liturgy) at 5:30 PM. Adoration will resume at 6:00 PM and will conclude with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

## \* SUNDAY July 24<sup>th</sup>

- Qurbono (Liturgy) at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

## \* NAM JOURNAL

The St. George community will be publishing a Commemorative Journal for the 2012 Eparchial Maronite



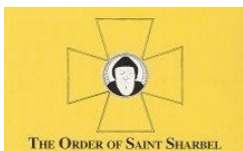
Convention sponsored by our families, friends and business associates. If interested you may purchase an ad and pay in full or take advantage of a payment plan. For more information you may contact Debbie Fernandez at 415-8260.

## \* REQUESTING MASSES

Please note that for your convenience, there are mass request envelopes in the back of the church. If you wish to have a mass said, simply fill one out completely, seal your donation inside, and drop it in the collection basket or hand to one of the priests.

## \* ORDER OF ST. SHARBEL

The Order of St. Sharbel provides support to the Maronite Seminary in the United States by granting financial assistance to the education of our seminarians and, whenever possible, retirement benefits to our clergy. You can make a difference in the life of the Maronite Church. To join, contact the church office.



## \* CONGRATULATIONS

- To **Julie Mery** who received the *Delegate of the Year Award* for the Southern Regional from the National Apostolates of Maronites (NAM) at this year's Maronites convention in Philadelphia.

- To the winners of the *NAM Vocation Contest*:

### *Poster Division*

Grades K-1 **Martha Toursarkissian** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Grades 2-3 **Jacob Miles** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

### *Essay Division*

Grades K-1 **Christina Elward** 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Grades 7-9 **Gaielle Harb** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Grades 10-12 **Crystal Harb** 1<sup>st</sup> Place



- To **Robert Beathe** who was elected national secretary of the Order of St. Sharbel and reelected secretary of the National Apostolate of Maronites at this year's Maronite convention in Philadelphia.

## \* EBLAST CENTRAL

If you are not receiving the church eblasts please contact the church office at [rbeathe@stgeorgesa.org](mailto:rbeathe@stgeorgesa.org) so as to verify your email.

## \* KINDLY REMINDER

**Help keep us up to date.** When you change addresses, emails or phone numbers you should remember to contact the church



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- Updates on the Annual Lebanese Festival will be posted in the Festival Corner.

- Festival dates: Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>

- Volunteers needed to chair the Marketing Committee.

- For more information please contact Jackie Hull at 210-860-8876 or email [jjmjch@gmail.com](mailto:jjmjch@gmail.com).

# Miscellaneous

## LAS CORNER

- No meeting and no Lebanese Luncheon in July.
- LAS Prayer Hour—July 26<sup>th</sup>
- Interested in joining the LAS, contact Janice Gildersleeve at 492-7469 for more info.

# 2011

## Mark Your Calendar



- \* Transfiguration of Our Lord— Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>
- \* Feast of the Assumption— Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>
- \* Blessed Estephan Nehme— Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>
- \* Exaltation of the Holy Cross— Sep. 11<sup>th</sup>
- \* Magic is the Night— Sep. 24<sup>th</sup>



**Jeita Grotto** in Lebanon is a finalist in the new 7 wonders of the nature competition.

Vote for Lebanon and make **JEITA GROTTO** one of the wonders of our planet.

To learn more about Jeita Grotto and how to vote, please visit:

[www.vote4lebanon.com](http://www.vote4lebanon.com) or [www.n7w.com](http://www.n7w.com)



## *Saint Sharbel Quick Facts*

**May 5, 1828:** Youssef (Joseph) was born in Bekaa Kafra, North Lebanon.

**1851:** He joins the Lebanese Maronite Order of monks and takes the name of Sharbel.

**1851-1853:** Sharbel spends his two years of novitiate between the monasteries of Mayfouk and Annaya.

**November 1, 1853:** He professes his monastic vows in the monastery of Annaya.

**1853-1859:** He studies theology in the monastery of Kfifan under St. Nimatullah Al-Hardini.

**July 23, 1859:** Sharbel is ordained priest.

**1859-1875:** Fr. Sharbel was appointed in the monastery of St. Maron in Annaya, Mount Lebanon.

**February 15, 1875:** Sharbel enters the hermitage of Sts. Peter and Paul in Annaya.

**December 24, 1898:** Sharbel dies at the hermitage.

**April 15, 1899:** His body was transferred to a new tomb.

**July 24, 1927:** His body was transferred for the third time.

**February 25, 1950:** The grave was opened and the body was exposed to visitors.

**December 5, 1965:** His Beatification in Vatican by Pope Paul VI.

**October 9, 1977:** His Canonization in Vatican by Pope Paul VI.

To learn more about St. Sharbel, you may visit: [www.saintcharbel.com](http://www.saintcharbel.com)

## We're All Hoping With the South Sudanese, Says Aide Spokesman Speaks of This People's "Mysterious Vitality"



**W**ith Saturday's establishment of South Sudan as the world's newest nation, the Vatican spokesman had an exhortation for the international country: **Let us not allow this nation to fail.**

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, director of the Vatican press office, reflected on South Sudan in the most recent edition of Vatican Television's "Octava Dies."

He spoke of hopes that the nation might begin "a new history of peace."

The Jesuit recalled addresses that Pope John Paul II gave during a few-hour stop in Khartoum in 1993.

The Pontiff repeated what he had said to the Vatican diplomatic corps the month before: He spoke of his hope "that the Sudanese, with the freedom to choose, will succeed in finding a constitutional formula which will make it possible to overcome contradictions and struggles, with proper respect paid to the specific characteristics of each community."

"It is difficult at this moment not to think of all the prayers and sufferings of those affected by the continuing conflict in this land, especially in the South," the Holy Father also said, referring to the civil war that tormented Sudan for two decades.

**"The winds of change are demanding renewed structures of economic and political organization, structures which will genuinely respect human dignity and human rights,"** the Polish Pontiff added that day.

Father Lombardi noted how John Paul II "addressed, with his typical extraordinary courage in the face of rulers, the dramatic themes of justice and freedom" and was "welcomed with incredible enthusiasm by an immense crowd of Sudanese Catholics, mostly refugees from the south, who had fled from the violence of an endless civil war."

"Eighteen years have passed," the spokesman reflected. "It is estimated that 2 million have died and 4 million have been displaced, but now we hope that the war is truly over and that the new republic of South Sudan, desired by the majority of its inhabitants, might begin a new history of peace."

"Despite its resources," Father Lombardi said of the oil-rich region, South Sudan **"will at the beginning be one of the poorest countries of the world."**

It "must face very difficult problems with regard to its internal unity," he acknowledged.

"But," Father Lombardi affirmed, **"its inhabitants hope -- and all of us with them -- to be able to build a future of freedom and peace."**

"The mysterious and extraordinary vitality of the people of Sudan -- which exploded that evening in Khartoum around John Paul II -- has not been exhausted, but has need of concrete and strong international and ecclesial solidarity," the spokesman concluded. **"LET US NOT ALLOW IT TO FAIL."**

*Source: The World Seen from Rome, [www.zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org)*

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