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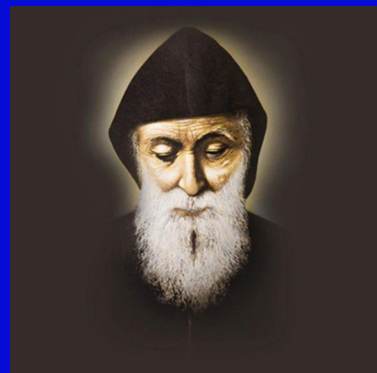
July 20, 2025

Feast of Saint Charbel and Saint Elias

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST SEASON

Num 11: 16-17 + 24-29

Then the LORD said to Moses: Assemble for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be elders and authorities among the people, and bring them to the tent of meeting. When they are in place beside you, I will come down and speak with you there. I will also take some of the spirit that is on you and will confer it on them, that they may share the burden of the people with you. You will then not have to bear it by yourself. So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. Gathering seventy elders of the people, he had them stand around the tent. The LORD then came down in the cloud and spoke to him. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, he bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied* but did not continue. Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, had remained in the camp, yet the spirit came to rest on them also. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; and so they prophesied in the camp. So, when a young man ran and reported to Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "My lord, Moses, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? If only all the people of the LORD were prophets! If only the LORD would bestow his spirit on them!"



2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you? You are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by all, shown to be a letter of Christ administered by us, written not in ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets that are hearts of flesh. Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. Not that of ourselves we are qualified to take credit for anything as coming from us; rather, our qualification comes from God, who has indeed qualified us as ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter brings death, but the Spirit gives life.

Luke 10:1-7

After this the Lord appointed seventy (-two) others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another.

Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
10:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am (Latin rite);
10:30 am

Weekly collections

\$1,938.00

*"Every person shall give as he is able,
according to the blessing of the Lord your
God that he has given you." Deut. 16:17*

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Thursday at 6:00pm

Meet Your Clergy

Fr. Tony Saab, Pastor
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Liturgical Intentions

7/19	
4:00pm	Memorial liturgy for Elias Saab , requested by his loving family.
7/20	Feast of Saint Charbel and Saint Elias
8:30am	
10:30am	Eleven-year anniversary for Kenneth Fiyod , requested by his wife Geraldine and his loving children.
7/26	
4:00pm	In Honor of St. Ann , requested by Marie Chancy
7/27	
8:30am	
10:30am	Five-year anniversary for Louis M. Khoury, JR. requested by his wife Marnie and her loving family.
8/2	
4:00pm	
8/3	
8:30am	
10:30am	Memorial liturgy for James Maron , requested by his loving family.



"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.

Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." (Malachi 3:10)

Sacraments

Baptism & Confirmation

One month in advance with the Pastor.

Matrimony:

Arrangements should be made by couples six months prior to the wedding date.

Reconciliation:

One hour before liturgies, or by appointment.

Please call the office or email
frtonysaab@gmail.com

Anointing of the Sick:

Please notify the office if a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home.

Second Collections

7/20: Order of Saint Sharbel



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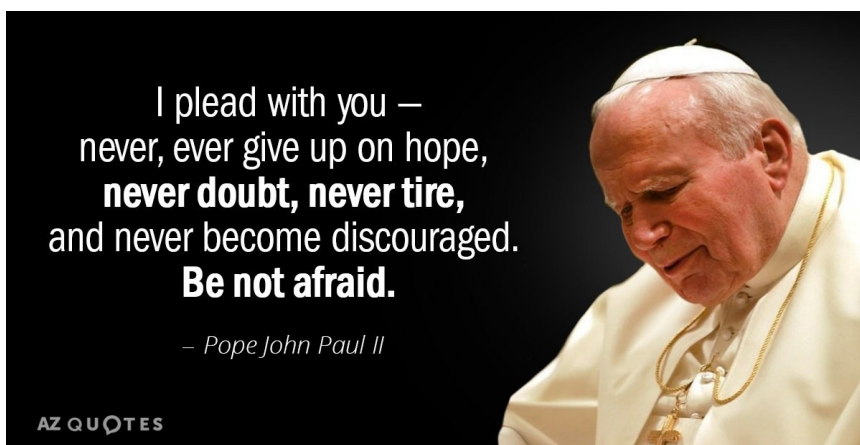
Join our Young Adults Group

A heart-felt “THANK YOU” to our young adults for their commitment to Saint George parish community. They had their first successful meeting last Sunday.

They invite all young adults to join them on their next meeting on Sunday August 17 after liturgy.



“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10-11



Life of Saint Charbel

Yousef Antoun Makhoul was born in the village of Bekaa Kafra, North Lebanon. The youngest of five children, he was baptized into the Maronite Rite of the Catholic Church. The Makhoul family lived in the highest mountain village in Lebanon and were peasant farmers. His father, who died when Yousef was only three, was a mule driver. After his father's death, his mother remarried; his stepfather later was ordained a priest where he ministered at the local parish. From a young age, Yousef lived a holy and devout life. Two of his uncles were hermits, and Yousef was inspired by their example. As a youth, he tended the cattle and often spent long periods of prayer in the wilderness while his cattle grazed. He was especially devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary and set up a shrine to her in a nearby cave. From an early age, he knew God was calling him to the priesthood and the monastic life, especially as a hermit. In 1851, at the age of twenty-three, Yousef left his family, never to return, and entered the Monastery of Our Lady in Mayfouq. His mother later wrote to him saying, "If you weren't to be a good religious, I would say to you: Come back home. But I know now that the Lord wants you in His service. And in my pain at being

separated from you, I say to him, resigned: May He bless you, my child." As a newly professed monk, Yousef took the name Sharbel, after Saint Charbel the Martyr, a second-century military officer who was martyred in Antioch during a persecution by the Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius.

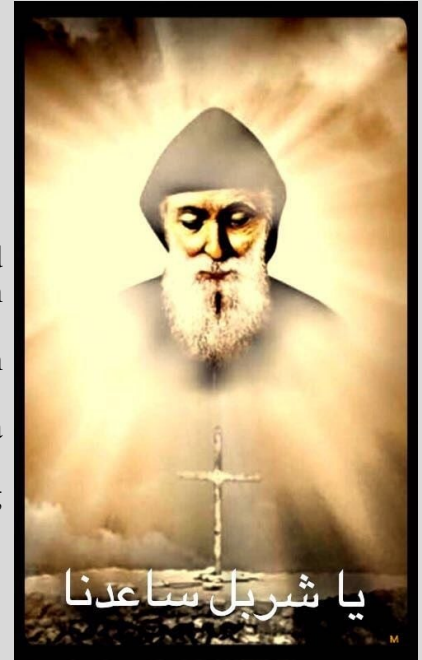
As a monk, Brother Sharbel longed to be a hermit and made the request to his superiors many times. For the first twenty-four years of his religious life, his superiors required that he live in community with the other monks. He was ordained a priest in 1859 at the age of thirty-one.

In 1875, at the age of forty-seven, Father Sharbel was given permission to enter the Hermitage of Saints Peter and Paul to live as a hermit after a miraculous event took place. Some of his fellow monks decided to play a prank on him, filling his oil lamp with water. When he returned to his cell, he took his water-filled lamp, lit it, and it burned. When the superiors heard about this, they inspected the lamp and found it filled with water. Unable to explain the miracle, the superiors saw it as a sign of his sanctity and agreed to permit him to become a hermit, according to his desire. He was sent to the Hermitage of Saints Peter and Paul where he spent the next twenty-three years in solitude, embracing a strict regime of daily prayer, manual work, and severe asceticism. In 1898, at the age of seventy, Brother Sharbel suffered a stroke while offering Mass and died eight days later on Christmas Eve. He was buried in the ground without a coffin, according to the custom of his order.

After his burial, light was seen shining forth from his grave. This phenomenon drew the attention of many villagers. After four months, permission was granted by the Church authorities to exhume his body. To the wonderment of all, his body was found to be completely incorrupt. His skin and joints were like one who was sleeping, soft and flexible. He was cleaned of the dirt and mud from his gravesite and placed in a coffin in the monastery chapel. Then something else began to happen. Blood and sweat appeared to be coming forth from his pores, soaking his habit. It was so pronounced that his clothing needed to be changed twice a week. Finally, in 1927, his body was carefully examined by two physicians from Beirut, placed in another coffin, and sealed in a tomb inside the monastery wall.

A little more than two decades later, a blood-like liquid was seen coming from the corner of the wall behind which Sharbel was buried. In the 1950's, his tomb was opened three times. One of those times was broadcast on television and attended by high-ranking state officials, religious officials, medical doctors and scientists. In 1965 his body was found, once again, to be incorrupt and exuding the same blood and sweat. Finally, in 1976, the year before his canonization, his body was found to have finally decayed, only the bones remaining. Interestingly, the decay of Sharbel's body coincided with the early days of the devastating civil war that broke out in Lebanon in 1975.

Ever since Sharbel's burial, those who have visited his grave have attributed many miracles to his intercession. This was especially the case in the 1950's when he was found incorrupt after fifty years. Within two years, they had a list of more than twelve thousand reported cures.



Life of Saint Elias

One of the greatest and most holy prophets of the Old Testament. He lived in the 9th century B.C., during the reign of the sinful King Ahab, King of Israel, who worshipped the idol of Baal.

Prophet Elias, also known as Elijah, was wise and faithful to the true God. God sent him to speak the truth to King Ahab and his evil wife Jezebel. But to no avail. Not only did King Ahab not listen to Saint Elias, but he threatened to kill him.

To escape, Saint Elias fled to a mountain. There he stayed and hid in a cave. Every day, God sent a crow with meat and bread to feed him. He would drink from a nearby stream. But there was a drought in the land. Saint Elias had prophesied that it would last for 3 years as a punishment for the faithlessness of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. So in time, the stream dried up.

With no water, Saint Elias had no choice but to leave his mountain hideout. On his way, he met a poor widow with her only son. The unfortunate woman accepted to give Saint Elias a place to stay, despite her poverty. She had only a little flour and oil with which to make all their food. However, Saint Elias miraculously increased the amount of flour and oil so that all three people had enough to eat for a long time. Then, when the widow's son fell ill and died, Saint Elias performed a second miracle and brought him back to life.

The drought, though, continued. For three whole years, not a drop of water fell. The people suffered and many died from hunger. God sent Saint Elias to appear before King Ahab. Upon seeing him, the sinful King Ahab said to him, "Is it you, you troubler of Israel?" Prophet Elias responded, "I have not troubled

Israel; but you and your people have because you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord." [3 Kings 18:17, 18 (LXX)] To show them that the Lord is the true God and that Baal is truly false, Saint Elias offered King Ahab a challenge. He told the King to gather his people and priests the next day. Saint Elias and the priests of Baal would each make offerings to their own God. No one would have fire. Then they would let the true God send fire from the heavens to light the wood and make the burnt offering.

King Ahab accepted the challenge. The next day they all gathered on Mt. Carmel. The priests of King Ahab made their offerings upon their altar. They danced around their altar, pleading with Baal to send fire from the heavens. But nothing happened.

Then, Saint Elias drew near to his altar and made his offering. He ordered the people to pour water abundantly on the wood. Before the crowd, he knelt and prayed to the true God, "O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, I ask you O Lord, hear my prayer and send fire upon this sacrifice that all may know that You are the Lord God of Israel" [3 Kings 18:36 (LXX)] Saint Elias had barely finished his prayer when a great fire descended from the heavens and consumed the wood and the offering.

When the gathered crowds saw the miracle, they believed in the true God. Saint Elias then prayed for rain, and a great rain fell. All the people glorified the true God.

Finally, when his earthly life was over, God decided to bring Saint Elias close to him without his tasting death. One day, when he was resting near the Jordan River with his disciple Elisha, who was to become a prophet also, a fiery chariot descended from the heavens and took up Saint Elias. As he was ascending to the heavens, he threw his cloak down to Elisha. With this cloak, Prophet Elisha performed many miracles as well.



Bishop Gregory Mansour
at the
Eparchy of Saint Maron's
16th Annual Benefit Dinner

Wednesday, October 22, 2025
The Metropolitan Club



Proceeds will support Seminarians,
Parishes and Missions, Retired Priests,
and the Church in the Middle East.



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*All are invited to come and join us
Festivities will go on come rain or shine!
Under the tents or in the open air!*

Lebanese Mahrajan Food Festival

St. Anthony of the Desert Church, 300 N. Eastern Avenue, Fall River, MA



Fri, Aug 8th ~ 5pm to 10pm
Sat, Aug 9th ~ Noon to 11pm
Sun, Aug 10th ~ 11am to 5pm



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**Mitchell Kaltsunas
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Beverages**

**Basket
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Hookah



**The Khourys
Featuring
Marlon
Sun. 1pm-3pm**



DJ, Raymond
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Sun. 11am -5pm**



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Facebook: St Anthony of the Desert Maronite Catholic Church
Website: <https://saotd-fr.org/> Phone: 508-672-7653

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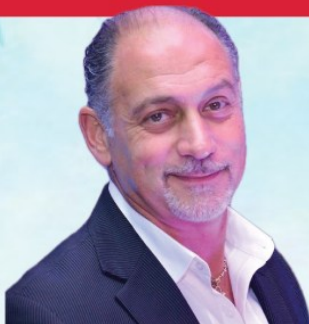
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Diamond—\$2,500

Vinyl Banner (24" X 72") (2' x 6')

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Vinyl Banner (24" X 48") (2' x 4')

Gold - \$500

Vinyl Banner (24" X 36") (2' x 3')

Silver - \$250

Vinyl Banner (18" X 24")

Festival dates: September 19, 20 and 21, 2025

Deadline: September 8, 2025

Credit Cards, Venmo and PayPal also accepted.

If you should have any questions, please contact the church office at 401-723-8444 or call Jihane Ayoub at 401-714-6200

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