



## Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

## Celebration of the Feast of St Charbel

07/18/ 2021

### Meet Your clergy

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### Epistle and Gospel Readings

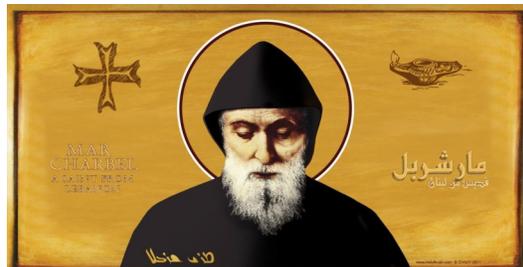
Romans 8:28-39

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers *and sisters*; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? Who will bring charges against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, but rather, was <sup>[c]</sup>raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of <sup>[c]</sup>Christ? *Will* tribulation, or trouble, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? Just as it is written:

“FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE KILLED ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE REGARDED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.”

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Matthew 13:36-43

The Parable of the Weeds Explained Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

### Sacraments

**Baptism and Confirmation:**

Please contact the Church office for an appointment.

**Reconciliation:** Before or after Liturgy or by appointment.

**Marriage:** Couples must contact the Priest six months

### Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday

8:30 am (Latin Rite)

10:30 am

## *Liturgical Intentions*

7/17 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Joseph Simon</b> requested by Anthony Solomon and his family.
7/18 8:30am 10:30am	CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF <b>ST CHARBEL</b>  7th Anniversary Liturgy for <b>Kenneth Fiyod</b> , requested by his wife and family.
7/24 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Joseph Solomon</b> , requested by Anthony Solomon and his family.
7/25 8:00am 10:30am	
7/31 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Nabih Laoulache</b> and his sister <b>Badweeya</b> , requested by Raymond Laoulache and Antoinette Accaoui.
8/1 8:30am 10:30am	
8/7 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Joseph Simon</b> , requested by Lila Melan and family.
8/8 8:30am 10:30am	One year anniversary Liturgy for <b>Nazih Bou Karim</b> , requested by his wife Odette and her family
8/14 4:00pm	40 Day memorial for <b>Hanna and Badea Koussaifi</b> , and <b>Fadia and Marie Kossaifi</b> , requested by Therese Hachem and her family
8/15 <b>Feast of the Assumption</b> 8:30am 10:30am	40 Day <b>Eveline Anne Gergora David</b> , requested by her sister Catherine Gergora
8/21 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Therese and Raymond Yazbek</b> , and <b>Mariane Zincone</b> , requested by George, Lydia, and Melissa Yazbek.
8/22 8:30am 10:30pm	One year anniversary Liturgy for <b>Mariam Bou Saleh Osko</b> , and <b>George Osko</b> , requested by their children and their families.

# Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Providence  
cordially invites you and your spouse  
to celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th or Over 50 years  
Wedding Anniversary Celebration on  
Sunday, September 26, 2021, 1:00 p.m.  
Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul  
Providence, Rhode Island

The 2021 Wedding Anniversary Celebration includes:  
Mass, renewal of wedding vows, a personalized certificate & a reception for you & your guests.  
Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist.

**PLEASE DETACH:** ♦ Give upper portion to Anniversary Couple ♦ Mail lower portion to Office of Marriage P&E



Wedding Anniversary Celebration Registration  
Sunday - SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.  
Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence

**FOR OFFICE USE**

- D-base
- Inv/Dir/Pix
- Mass Book
- Certificate

Number of years celebrating in 2021 (Please circle)    25    40    50

OVER 50 Years \* \_\_\_\_\_ (Please indicate which number anniversary OVER 50 years you are celebrating in 2021).

Wedding Date \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

► **PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY AND EXACTLY AS THEY SHOULD APPEAR ON THE CERTIFICATE.** ◀

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

♦ **PARISH SECRETARY:** Please mail this form by **AUGUST 27** to:  
Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment  
One Cathedral Square  
Providence, RI 02903

On July 24, the Catholic Church celebrates the life of St. Charbel Makhlouf, a Maronite Catholic priest, monk, and hermit who is known for working miracles both during his life and after his death.

On the occasion of his beatification in 1965, the Eastern Catholic hermit was described by Pope Paul VI as “a new, eminent member of monastic sanctity,” who “through his example and his intercession is enriching the entire Christian people.”

Born into humble circumstances in Lebanon during 1828, Yussef Antoun Makhlouf was the youngest of five children.



Yussef studied at the parish school and tended to his family's cow. Engaged in prayer and solitude from a early age, he spent a great deal of time outdoors in the fields and pastures near his village, contemplating God amid the inspiring views of Lebanon's valleys and mountains.

His uncle and guardian Taniouf wanted the boy to continue working with him, while his mother wanted him to marry a young woman. Yussef had other plans, however, and left home in 1851 without informing anyone.

Yussef would become “Brother Charbel,” after making a pilgrimage on foot to his new monastic home. In this, he followed the example of his maternal uncles, who were already living as solitary monks at the Hermitage of Saint Paul in the Qadisha Valley.

Charbel took his monastic vows in November of 1853, during a solemn ceremony which was closed to the public and off-limits even to his family. He subsequently studied for the priesthood and was ordained, returning to the Monastery of St. Maron.

The priest-monk lived and served in the monastery for 19 years, showing great devotion to the life of prayer, manual work, and contemplative silence.

Charbel's superiors observed God's “supernatural power” at work in his life, and he became known as a wonder-worker even among some Muslims. In 1875, he was granted permission to live as a solitary monk in a nearby hermitage dedicated to Saints Peter and Paul.

Rigorous asceticism, and a profound union with God, continued to characterize the monk's life for the next 23 years. Deeply devoted to God's Eucharistic presence, he suffered a stroke while celebrating the Divine Liturgy of the Maronite Catholic Church on December 16, 1898. He died on Christmas Eve of that year.

St. Charbel's tomb has been a site for pilgrimages since his death. Hundreds of miracles are believed to have occurred through his intercession with God, both in Lebanon and around the world.

He was canonized in 1977 by Pope Paul VI, who had earlier hailed the Lebanese Maronite saint as an “admirable flower of sanctity blooming on the stem of the ancient monastic traditions of the East.”

Dear Friends in Christ:

Since October 2019, **Lebanon** has been facing political turmoil, civil unrest, nationwide protests, unemployment, power outages, devaluation of national currency and **extreme poverty**. The pandemic exacerbated the financial crisis and as the nation continued to experience record unemployment and **a poverty rate over 50%**, its capital was hit with the devastating explosion in August of 2020.

For the past year, we have seen an outpouring of love and support for Lebanon. We invite all of you to participate in this outpouring of love, by making a donation to help put food on a child's table and making a difference in our brothers and sisters' lives.

If you choose to participate, please send your donation to St George Church, memo: **Lebanon Relief Fund**, 1493 Cranston St, Cranston RI 02920. Thank you in advance for your kind hearts.

Thank you for your willingness to make a difference in a needy family's life!

### **Weekly Collection**

**Sat 4:00pm**  
\$678.00

**Sun 8:30am**  
\$363.00

**Sun 10:30am**  
\$496.00

**Utility Fund:**  
\$734.00

**Thank you!**