

Nelcome to SAINT MARON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

A prayer to begin every day: **Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.**

THE FEAST OF ST. SHARBEL

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SATURDAY, JULY 19

Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 20

Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.

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GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:36-43



The Apostle Matthew writes: Then, dismissing the crowds, Jesus went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good

seed is the Son of Man, the field is

the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children 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. Just as 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 who cause others



PARABLE OF THE WEEDS AMONG THE WHEAT Isaac van Swanenburg c. 1590-1610.
The Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam. via wikimedia commons

to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, continued on page 3

The theme of this week's Gospel is: "Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." (Matthew 13/43).

We must be the good seed. We must stay rooted in Jesus Christ through faith, love, and good works. How can I shine like the sun in my daily life?

Father will pray the

ANAPHORA OF SAINT SIXTUS
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 19 at 4:30 p.m.

For strength for the Randolph family May God give you all peace Requested by Deacon Steven Marcus

Sunday, July 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Feast of St. Sharbel

In memory of Elias Noujaim Requested by Afaf and family

Saturday, July 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, July 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

Saturday, August 2 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, August 3 at 10:00 a.m.

In memory of Thomas E. Cahill Jr. and Maureen C. Rushlow Requested by The Piechocki family

Saturday, August 9 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Jemel Nejaime Requested by his sisters Dulce, Lili and Jemeli

Sunday, August 10 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the souls of Mary Peters Dreisbach and the deceased members of the Namtella and Rachel Peters Family Requested by Rae Cameron

Saturday, August 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, August 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

our living God.

A Note from Deacon Steve

We are so blessed in the Maronite church to have a monastery within our eparchy. Each year I go and visit the monks at the Most Holy Trinity Monastery (67 Dugway Road in Petersham, Massachusetts) and spend some time with them in reflection and Adoration. I strongly suggest to everyone that a ride up to

Petersham and a visit to the Monastery is time well spent. You will be greeted by joyful, holy monks and can participate in the divine liturgy and daily prayers. In addition, the monastery has a wonderful bookstore and card shop where you can purchase some great reading. If you are interested in it visit to Most Holy Trinity, please let Fr. Fadi or Deacon Steven know and they will help you with arrangements. You can find out more about the monks here maronitemonks.org/ May we all take time during these summer months for reflection and opportunities to grow closer to



Right: Deacon Steve and Abbot Patrick in front of St. Sharbel

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Weekend of July 12/13

Saturday Offering:

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Thank You!

MAASSER EL CHOUF REUNION

Please join us for the 93rd Maasser El Chouf Annual Reunion on **Sunday, August 3rd** at Maasser Park, 112 Rock Hall Road, Colebrook, CT. **Gates open at 9 am, rain or shine**.

Tickets are \$40/family membership and \$20/single membership

All are welcome!

We would love to see you as we come together for the 93rd year in celebration of our heritage and our families!









Welcome to Danna Carvajal, our newest altar server.

Dana served for the first time last Saturday evening. We welcome Danna and her family to our parish community. God bless you all.



EPISTLE

ROMANS 8:28-39

Brothers and Sisters. We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be confirmed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Sone but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? As it is written: "For your sake we are being slain all the day; we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Praise be to God always!

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where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears out to hear." This is the truth. Peace be with you.

A NOVENA TO ST. SHARBEL

Lord, infinitely Holy and Glorified in Your Saints, You have inspired Sharbel, the saint monk, to lead the perfect life of a hermit. We thank You for granting him the blessing and the strength to detach himself from the world so that the heroism of the monastic virtues of poverty, obedience, and chastity, could triumph in his hermitage.



We beseech You to grant us the grace of loving and serving You, following his example. Almighty God, Who has manifested the power of St. Sharbel's intercession through his countless miracles and favors, grant us ... [Mention your intention here] through his intercession. Amen.



My Dear Friends:

Today we come to the First Letter of St. John. His main message is **God** is **love**. To live in truth we must walk in God's light, love one another, and avoid sin.

- God is light God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5)
- God is love Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. (1 John 3:18).
- <u>Victory through faith</u> *And this is the testimony; God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.* (1 John 5:11).

Questions we must ask ourselves: Do I walk in the light? Do I show real love in my actions?

I pray that you will have a peaceful and blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

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PROVERBS CHAPTER 19:1-6

- 1 Better the poor walking in integrity than one perverse of speech who is a fool.
- Desire without knowledge is not good, and one who moves too hurriedly misses the way.
- One's own folly leads to ruin, yet the heart rages against the Lord.
- 4 Wealth brings many friends, but the poor are left friendless.
- 5 A false witness will not go unpunished, and a liar will not escape.
- 6 Many seek the favor of the generous, and everyone is a friend to a giver of gifts.

Texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Bible.

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY IS FOR ALL LAY SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH, LIVING AND DECEASED

Loving Father, we thank you for the many lay people from our parish who have faithfully served Your Church and those who have gone home to You. Bless those who continue to give their time, talents and hearts to build up Your Church. Our beloved Lord, inspire all of us to follow their example of selfless service. And through their generosity, let Your light shine in our community. Amen.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

Today's society does not pray. That is why it is falling apart. -- St Padre Pio











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