

Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the third Sunday of July, the Maronite Church celebrates the Feast of St Charbel.

He was born Youssef Makhlouf on 8 May 1828 in the village of Beqaa Kafra, high in the mountains of Lebanon. His father died when he was just three years old, leaving his mother a widow with five children.

At the age of 23, Youssef entered the Lebanese Maronite Order, taking the name of Charbel, a martyr who died for the faith in ancient Syria. On 23 July 1859, Charbel was ordained a priest. After sixteen years as a monk in the Monastery of St Maroun in Annaya, he was given permission to live as a hermit at the hermitage of Saints Peter and Paul. He lived there in solitude for the next 23 years.

Each day, Father Charbel prepared his Divine Sacrifice with great care. Much of his time, and often throughout the night, was spent kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament. The service of the Eucharist was the centre of his life.

Father Charbel remained in the hermitage until his death on 24 December 1898. His funeral, which was in the middle of winter, was attended by only four monks. It was only long after his death, when many miracles were attributed to him, that St Charbel became known. He was canonized as the first Maronite Saint on 9 October 1977, by Pope Paul VI.

There is not so much to say about St Charbel's life for the simple reason that - though fulfilling his duty to the utmost - all he seemingly did was live the life of a monk and then a hermit. He wrote no books and composed no music, he was not a theologian, nor did he come from nobility. He had no name in the world.

The Maronite saints are often distinguished by this simplicity: while leading the most ordinary and unexceptional lives, they remain in the presence of the divine. It is at this point that the ordinary and the unexceptional become infused with and



Seventh Sunday of Pentecost & Feast of St Charbel Mt 13: 36-43 | Rom 8: 28-39

permeated by the extraordinary and the truly exceptional. In that respect, they are all saints for ordinary people: sanctified by doing simple things in a spirit of holiness.

St Charbel lived with his eyes gazing at the floor – as he is often seen in images – but his heart, mind and soul were certainly cast up to the Lord.

His great, simple, and contemplative silence characterised Maronite asceticism for generations and it is that kind of silence which we need now more than ever. As the world around us becomes increasingly noisy, we are at risk of becoming increasingly distracted by what we see, hear, seek and experience.

However, we can look to St Charbel as a teacher and guide, to help us detach from that which may be keeping us away from God, and instead be inspired to deepen the spiritual dimensions of our lives. In this way, we edge closer to the God-centred spirituality of St Charbel.

Happy St Charbel's Feast Day!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES OLOL Co-Cathedral, Harris

8am (Arabic) 9:30am (English) 11am (Ar/Eng) 5pm (Ar/Eng) 7pm (English) Live Streaming Through Social Media

WEEKLY HOLY LITURGIES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 7am, 9am & 6pm

Wed 7am, 9am & 5:30pm(Ar) 7pm (English Youth) Sat 7:30am & 6pm (Ar/Eng)

CONFESSIONS

Before and during Saturday 6pm and Sunday Masses or by appointment on weekdays

WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Mon - Sat 8:30am (Arabic)| 7pm(English) Divine Mercy followed by Rosary Fri 7:30pm

Adoration Hour Thur 8 pm - 9 pm 24 Hour Adoration Every first Friday of the month from 9:30 a.m - Saturday 7:30

CONTACT

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The Servants word

The fruit of good cultivation... the holiness of Charbel Makhlouf

Dear brothers and sisters,

Between prayer, silence and work, lies a story called "Charbel", a man "drunk in God" and still is! Yet the whole world is now drunk in his love and intercession! On the seventh Sunday of Pentecost, we continue our journey with the Holy Spirit who assures us, once more, that the Lord Jesus is still with his people and his Church through many signs, including his saints, as the Maronite Church celebrates today the feast of our great saint, Charbel. Furthermore, according to the Book of Saints known as the sinksar, the Universal Church celebrates Saint Charbel's Feast on 23 July, on the anniversary of his ordination to priesthood.

Charbel might be one of the most silent saints, but he is also one of the most active workers in the vineyard of the Lord! The years pass whilst his sanctity is increasing! Humanity's pains intensify whilst his halo is expanding! He left this world a long time ago, yet he is filling it with his presence! What's the secret behind this majesty?

The majesty of this Saint is summarised in his three characteristics: prayer, silence and work. That is how he lived before becoming a monk, during his monastic life and afterwards, where he is now. Since childhood in his humble village of Bekaa Kafra until he died at the hermitage of Annaya, Charbel was a distinctive sign at his home, monastery and community. He lived in sanctity through the poverty of his family first and then through maintaining the monastic virtues of chastity, obedience and poverty in his convent. He renounced the world, but the Lord filled it with many graces from his intercession. He chose the better share, and the Lord chose him to be amongst his most generous intercessors. From the mount of Bekaa Kafra to the mount of hermitage in Annaya, and then to the mount of heaven, high peaks upon which Charbel landed with his humble body and giant spirit. Here he is now moving between the peaks of our passions and ailments, healing, appeasing and guiding. He never asked for money or power, never boasted in anything he did, never flexed his muscles because of anything he achieved, never asked for glory for himself or for his name to be immortalised. Yet, look where he is now! The fragrance of his holiness is filling the earth. Everyone knows who Charbel is, that "simple, poor hermit at the heights of

the mountains", he is the great Saint to whom the Lord never says no. Why is that? Because the Lord is true to his word! Wasn't it him who said that the upright would shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father?

Saint Charbel was "drunk in God" and in love with the Lord Jesus, so he shone like a sun in the Kingdom of heaven. Everyone of us, beloved brothers and sisters, can be a saint like Charbel. He was "one of us, lived in our midst and the son of our country." But we have to choose between the glory of this ephemeral world or the eternal glory in heaven. The right choice starts by living like Saint Charbel, in prayer, silence and work, for our own good and the good of our community.

On our parish news, on Tuesday 12 July, the Teens had their gathering with more than 200 of them taking part in the activities. This was a blessing and a good sign for the future of our parish. A big thank you to the Committee's Chaplain Father Charbel Dib, Deacon Ron Hassarati and all Teen Leaders. Also, By the grace of the Lord, the generosity of the parishioners and the efforts of the volunteers of the Heaven on Earth Committee with their Chaplain Deacon Robert-Pio Al Bayeh, the container of aid for our people in Lebanon was prepared and sent this week. This is the greatness of the holiness of giving. In the meantime, the preparations for the feast of our parish are continuing. All this to show the greatness of the Lord in his parish and through it. I wish you all a blessed feast.

Father Tony Sarkis

QUESTION

Is a confessor bound to secrecy >

Given the delicacy and greatness of this ministry and the respect due to people every confessor, without any exception and under very severe penalties, is bound to maintain "the sacramental seal" which means absolute secrecy about the sins revealed to him in confession.

ANSWER

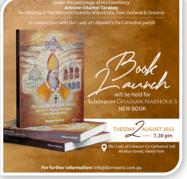


UPCOMING EVENTS















PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 17 July:

7th Sunday of Pentecost – Feast of St Charbel and St Marina

9:30am 40 Day Mass for the late Marie Elias Frangi widow of the late Tansa Mikhael Sabat from Hadchit

11:00am One Year Mass for the late Antoine Joseph Saouma from Beit Chabab

5:00pm One Year Mass for the late Marleine Antonios Azar from Wadi Qannoubine

Thursday 21 July:

6:00pm 40 Day Mass for the Late Saydeh Tansa Draybi wife of George Saab from Hadchit

Friday 22 July:

6:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Tunsay Tannous Maroon from Kfarsghab

Saturday 23 July:

6:00pm One Year Mass for the late Congette Youssef Khoury widow of the late Ghostine Moubarak from Kfarsghab

Sunday 24 July:

8th Sunday of Pentecost

11:00am Óne year Mass for the late Elias Hanna Greige from Hadchit

5:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Samir Fouad Khoury from Saghbine

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 10/7/2022

Plates: \$10,444.850 | Donations: \$2,500 | Candles: \$......
PARISH LOANS MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$3,740,247.98 **CYPC:** \$31,673 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL UNITS: \$1,218,907.97 **UNITS:** \$10,054 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL



WHAT HAPPENED IN YOUR PARISH

What's happening in your parish? Well, it only takes a few small steps into our doors (& social media pages) to find out!



the family committee
presented a talk on "parenting
for faith" led by Dr Andrew
Mullins who is a specialist in
values and character education.
We hope this talk assisted many
parents when it comes to
raising their children with our
Christian values and faith.

On Tuesday

the teens held a sports day out!
The day was themed to wear your favourite sports gear or jersey, many of the teens from our parish attended and had a fun day together. The day got competitive with a good mix of different sports and activities to pick from.

Keep up to date with all spiritual and social initiatives of your parish by checking our social media platforms, keeping your ears peeled to the latest parish announcements and being subscribed to our newsletter.

On Wednesday O

the youth screened the state of origin game 3 in the youth centre. It was nice to catch up over the footy, pizza and drinks. It was unfortunate that the blues lost but congrats to OLD for the win!

Thursday to Saturday

our parish came together for the triduum prayers in preparation for the feast of St Charbel. It was beautiful to hold this special celebration in the presence of St Charbel's relics. Thursday, we celebrated Mass after the triduum prayers and met with Jesus in the blessed sacrament with Adoration at 8pm. Friday, we again celebrated Mass after the triduum prayers and at 8pm screened a movie on St Charbel. On Saturday we prayed the triduum prayer, celebrated Mass followed by a procession and ziyeh. St Charbel may you always pray for us and intercede for us!



Saint Charbel - @ TheCatholicKid.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

VOLUNTEERS FOR FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION 2022 CELEBRATIONS NEEDED!

Please contact Joanne on 0427 503 008 or Charbel on 0421 187 919 for further details

Or complete the form in the link below:

www.olol.org.au/volunteers

VOLUNTEERS Training Session!

Ever wanted to know what volunteering at the Parish involves?

Join US for a training session on Wednesday, 27 July 2022 at 8pm in the Seniors Room.

For more information contact Joanne on 0427 503 008



















لوحة إعلانات الرعية

الأحد ١٧ تموز

الأحد السابع من زمن العنصرة- عيد القديس شربل والقديسة مارينا

- ۱٬۳۰۰ أربعون المرحومة ماري الياس فرنجي أرملة المرحوم طنسا مخايل صابات من حدشيت
 - ···II السنة للمرحوم أنطوان جوزيف صَوما من بيت شباب
 - **٠:٠٠** السنة للمرحومة مارلين مطانيوس عازار من وادى قنوبين

الخميس ٢١ تموز

عيد القديسة مارىنا

- راهبة دير قنوبين -

٠٠٠ أُربعون المُردومة سيدة طنسا الدريبي زوجة جورج صعب من حدثيت

الجمعة ٢٢ تموز

السبت ۲۳ تموز

••، السنة للمرحومة Congette يوسف الخوري أرملة المرحوم غوسطين مبارك من كفرصغاب

الأحد ٢٤ تموز

الأحد الثامن من زمن العنصرة

••،II إلسنة للمرحوم الياس حنا جريج من حدشيت

••• أربعون المرحوم سمير فؤاد خوري من صغبين



نفهم ونعرف ونؤمن ونشارك **في القداس الإلهي**

رتبة البخور

لان رتبة البخور هي من الرتب القديمة في كنيستنا المارونية. وهي تضفي على احتفالاتنا طابعا مميزا. وتخلق في الليتورجيا حركة رمزية وشعورا عميقا بالخشوع. ولكل من المشتركين في هذه الرتبة دوره: المحتفل يضع البخور، والشعب يشارك والشماس يبخر، واحد الكهنة يتلو الفروميون والسحرو، والشعب يشارك في الصلاة والاستغفار، ولخدمة المذبح دورهم في حمل المبخرة وتقديمها للمحفل. اما اذا احتفل كاهن وحده بالقداس، فهو نفسه يضع البخور ويبخر ويتلو الفروميون. وله ان يكلف من يتلوها على ان يحتفظ لنفسه بختامها.



صلاة

أَيِّهَا الإِلهَ المُمَجَّد بقدِّيسيهِ مَجدًا لا نهايةً لهُ، يا مَن استَهوَيتَ قلبَ الأبِ شربلَ فاعتَنَقَ الحياةَ النُّسكيَّة، وَمَنَ؛تَهُ النِّعمَةَ والقُدرَةَ على النَّبَرُّدِ عنِ العالم، بالفضائل الرهبانيّة، العمَّة والطّاعة والفقر، نسألك أن تمنَّدَنا نِعمَةَ أن نحبَّكَ ونَخدُمَكَ كما أحبَّكَ هو وخدمَك.أيِّها الإِلَه القدير، يا مَن أَذَعتَ قوَّةَ شفاعةِ القدِّيس شربل بعجائبَ ونِعَمٍ شتِّى، إمنَحنا بشفاعتِهِ النِّعمَة التي نلتمسها (أذكر النعم التي تطلبها...)، أَمين



مارينوس وعرف بتقواه وزهده. أرسله الرئيس ذات مرة بمهمة إلى إحدى القرى فاضطر أن يبيت عند أحد أصدقاء الرهبان وله ابنة صبية كانت قد سقطت في الزنى وبان حبلها. أخبرت أباها زورًا أن الذي اغتصبها هو الأخ مارينوس في الليلة التي بات فيها عندهم. غضب الوالد وأخبر رئيس الدير الذي سارع إلى طرد مارينوس خارج الدير. رضخ هذا للأمر واستمر على باب الدير مصليًا باكيًا يعيش من فتاة الرهبان. ولدت الإبنة صبيًا جاء به والدها إلى مارينوس قائلاً له "ربِ إبنكا". فأخذه مارينوس وشرع يربيه ويغذيه مما يتكرم به الرهبان من حليب ماعز الدير. توفي مارينوس وكُشف سره عندما هم الرهبان بتجهيز جسده لدفنه خارج الدير. فجثا الرئيس ومعه لفيف الرهبان مستغفرين مارينا عما أساؤوا إليها. أودع ضريحها في مغارة في الوادي المقدس وأضحى ينبوع نعم وأشفية. تعيد لها الكنيسة المارونية في السابع عشر من شهر تموز.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Maronites on Mission Philippines Missionary Trip - January 2023

Maronites on Mission Australia is calling for volunteers for their next missionary trip to the Philippines which will take place from the 8th to the 22nd of January 2023. If you are interested in joining please send an email to international@maronitesonmission.com or contact George on 0450 383 522.

يوجه فريق Maronites on Mission في اوستراليا نداءً ودعوة إلى جميع الراغبين بالإنضمام إلى رحلتهم القادمة إلى الفيلبين من ٨ الى ٢٠ كانون الثاني ٢٠٢٣. لمزيدٍ من المعلومات وللتسجيل، يرجى إرسال email على البريد الالكتروني: international@maronitesonmission.com أو الاتصال بجورج على الرقم 522 383 0450





ثمار الزرع الجيد... قداست شريل مخلوف

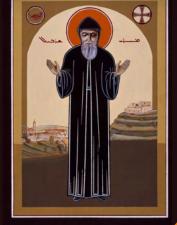
كلمة الخادم

إخوتي وأخواتي الأحبّاء،

بين الصلاة والصمت والعمل حكايةً اسمها شربل، رجلٌ سَكِر بالله ولم" يزل، وها هي المسكونة تسكر بحبه وشفاعته! في الأحد السابع من زمن العنصرة، نواصل مسيرتنا مع الروح القدس الذي يؤكد لنا، مرة أخرى، أن الرب يسوع لا يزال مع شعبه وكنيسته من خلال علامات كثيرة بينها قديسوه. فاليوم بالذات، تحتفل كنيستنا المارونية، بعيد قديسنا العظيم شربل. والكنيسة الجمعاء وبحسب كتاب سِيَر القديسين، السكنكسار، تحتفل بعيدة يوم ٢٣ تموز، وهو ذكرى رسامته الكهنوتية.

قد يكون شربل من أكثر القديسين صمتاً، لكنه أيضاً من أكثر الفعلة في كرم الرب نشاطاً! السنوات تمر وقداسته تزداد! أوجاع البشرية تشتد، وهالته تتعاظم! غادر هذه الدنيا منذ زمن بعيد، لكنه يملؤها بحضوره! ما سرُّ هذه العظمة؟

عظمة القديس شربل تختصرها ميزاته الثلاث؛ الصلاة، الصمت والعمل. هكذا كان قبل الترهُّب، وفيه وبعده، حيث هو اليوم. منذ طفولته في تلك البلدة الوادعة، بقاعكفرا، حتى انتقاله من هذه الدنيا في محبسة عنايا، كان العلامة الفارقة في بيته وديره ومجتمعه. عاش قداسة الفقر في عائلته والفضائل الرهبانية من عفة وطاعة وفقر في ديره. زهد بالدنيا فملأها الرب بنعم كثيرة أغدقها عليها بشفاعته. اختار النصيب الأفضل، فاختاره الرب بين أسخى شفعائه. من جبل بقاعكفرا إلى جبل النفضل، فاختاره الرب بين أسخى شفعائه. من جبل بقاعكفرا إلى جبل الوديعة وروحه العملاقة، وها هو اليوم يتنقل بين قمم آلامنا وأمراضنا، شافياً، مهدّئاً وهادياً. لم يطلب مالاً ولا جاهاً. لم يتبجح بشيء قدمه ولم يستعرض عضلاته بعمل قام به. لم يطلب مجداً لنفسه ولا تخليداً لاسمه. أنظروا أين هو اليوم. عبير قداسته يملأ الأرض. الجميع يعرف من هو شربل، ذاك الراهب "المعتر الفقير الناسك براس الجرد"، هو القديس شربل، ذاك الراهب "المعتر الفقير الناسك براس الجرد"، هو القديس العظيم الذي لا يرد له الرب طلباً لماذا؟ لأن الرب أمين على كلامه! أليس والقائل بأن الأبرار يسطعون كالشمس في ملكوت أبيهم؟



الأحد السابع من عيد العنصرة وعيد مار شريل مت ٣٦،١٣ـ٣٤ | رو ٢٨،٨-٣٩

القديس شربل كان سكراناً بالله، مغرماً بالرب يسوع وعاشقاً له،

فسطع كالشمس في الملكوت. بإمكان كل شخص منا، إخوتي وأخواتي الأحبّاء، أن يكون قديساً مثل شربل، فهو "منا وفينا وابن بلدنا". لكن علينا أن نختار بين مجد هذه الدنيا الفانية ومجد السماء الخالدة. والخيار الصحيح يبدأ، على مثال ما فعل شربل، بالصلاة والصمت والعمل، لما فيه خير الشخص وخير الحماعة.

على صعيد الرعية، الثلاثاء ١٢ تموز كان يوم الطلائع. أكثر من ٢٠٠ مراهق ومراهقة اجتمعوا معاً فكان اللقاء بركة وعلامة خير لمستقبل الرعية. شكر كبير لمرشد اللجنة الخوري شربل ديب والشماس رون حصراتي وجميع المسؤولين عن الطلائع. وبنعمة الرب وسخاء وعطاء ابناء الرعية وجهود متطوعي وجنود لجنة السماء على الأرض مع مرشدهم الشماس روبير-بيو البايع، تم تجهيز حاوية مساعدات لأهلنا في لبنان وأرسالها هذا الأسبوع. إنها عظمة قداسة العطاء. كذلك، فإن التحضيرات للاحتفال بعيد رعيتنا مستمرة. كل هذا لإظهار عظمة الرب في رعيته ومن خلالها. عيد مبارك على الجميع.

الخوري طوني سركيس

IN OUR PRAYERS



Lord, may all the faithful departed whom we entrust to Your care, be held securely in Your Loving embrace for all eternity especially those we Pray for: (A) All the departed souls, All the lost souls, All the faithful departed, All the souls in Purgatory, All souls who have no one to pray for them (B) Youssef Boutros, Milia Bou Raidan (C) (D) (E) Tanos Elias Elkazzi and all his faithful departed, Matthew Essey, Azar Estephan (F) (G) Helen George, Majid George (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad & son Joseph & daughter Colleen George, Assad Jabour Haddad (I) (J) Youssef & Ghanajeh Joseph (K) Genevieve Khoury & all departed of Elzahoul & Khoury Families, Sarkis Chucri Khoudair (L) (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghsoun, Anthony Mamah Salim Moses, Yvonne Kathleen Salim Moses and all the departed of the Moses Family, Therese Melhem, Betty Merhi, Bachara Botrous Moussa, Robert Bachara Moussa, Boutros & Mountaha Moussa, Frances Moussa, Youssef Tansa Moussa & his brother & his son (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibe Roumanus, Rizk Family (S) Boutros & Therese Sassine and their son Kenny Sassine, Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Nabih Saad & his sons Kevin & Emille, Salim & Saad Families, Sleiman Salman, Saade Youssef Saade & his wife & daughter & parents, Saba Family, Assiah & Jamile Sahyoun & family (T) Kemil & his wife Ghorra Tanna & their son Jamil Tanna, Tanna Family (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z)