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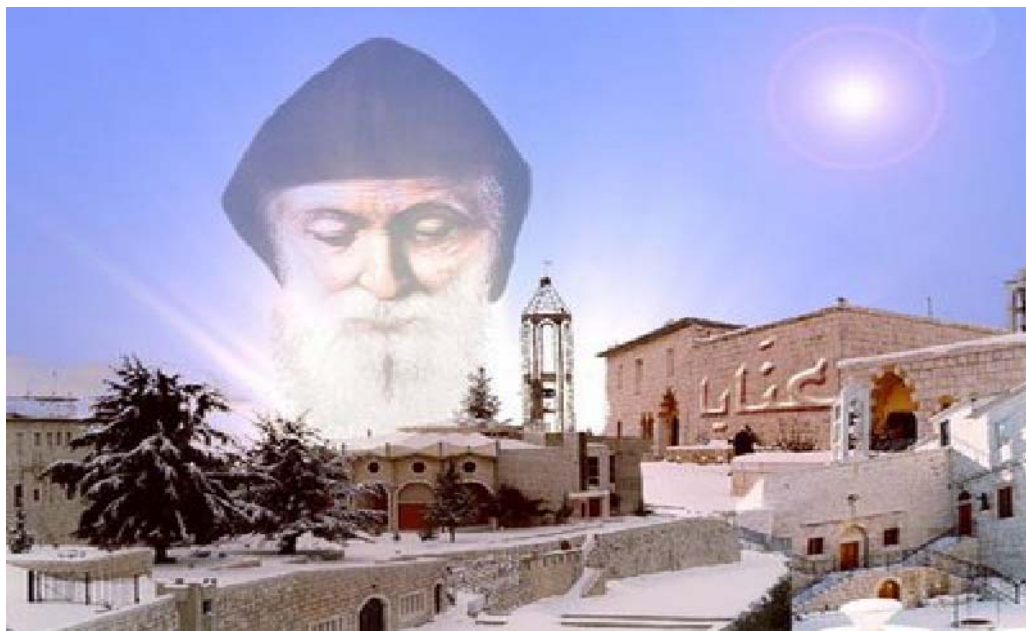
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St. Maroun Monastery where St. Sharable remains Annaya, Lebanon

HOLY MASSES

DAILY: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 AM ENG

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30 PM ENG

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM ENGLISH

11:00 AM ARABIC/ARAMAIC/ENG

5:00 PM: LA ROSARIO & LA MISA ESPAÑOL

Tuesday 5:30pm Rosary & Benediction

Bible Study, Fellowship, Praise & Worship (ENG)

Wednesday 6:00 PM: Rosary & Benediction in Arabic

Catechism 8:30 & 10:00 am before Masses

Come experience the liturgy and atmosphere of the Holy Land in our Grotto Chapel

Sign up for one hour with Our Lord Jesus In the Chapel of

Our Lady of Guadalupe. Call Eileen O'Bryan (702) 604 6316

Our Lord Jesus is waiting for you From 8AM to 8PM

For confessions, baptism, engagements, weddings, blessings of your home or business, visiting the sick and the elderly, please contact our office 702 616 6902 or stsharbel.lv@gmail.com For emergency only call Fr Nadim cel: 702 824 1444 1

PARISH MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

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Hanan Kabban		702-353-4327
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Bassam Dagher		702-340-5490
Elias Al Khoury		702-275-9697
Patrick Ziade		702-273-6688*

Catechism Classes & First Holy Communion

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Eileen Ferro O'Bryan	702-604-6316

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Dr. James Nassar	702-285-1130	
Lilian Gazali		702-283-9343
Nehme Abou Zeid	702-688-9945	
Dierdra Sanchez		702-449-4994
Marie Khalil Butts	702-338-6383	
Roula Morcos Sargi		702-321-6323
Lousin Affi		702-897-2480
Eliane El Riachy		702-606-2156

Eucharistic Adoration

Eileen Ferro O'Bryan	702-604-6316
Marion Rody	702-574-5493

Rosary, Benediction & Charismatic Prayer Group

Tuesday 5:30PM English Fr. Nadim	
Wednesday 6PM Arabic	
Sama Nadir	702-737-1465
Marlene Nadir	702-369-8325

Souvenir

Leila Guevarra	773-931-5465	Sat: 5:30PM
		Sun: 9:30AM
Eva Maalouf	702-407-1779	Sun: 11AM
Bassam Kabban	702-656-3426	Sun: 11AM

Palace Destine Hall

Booking @ Church Office	702-616-6902
Bassam Dagher	702-340-5490

Choirs

Angelo Penuela	702-430-8664	
Sat: 5:30PM & Sun 9:30AM		
Edward Karam	702-769-2425	Sun 11AM
Michel Affi	702-279-8916	Mass Projection

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MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ROBERT SHAHEEN



Dear friends,

The year 2010 is very special to all of us who are in anyway connected to our Maronite Church. His Beatitude Patriarch Nasrallah Peter Cardinal Sfeir has declared 2010 the year of Saint Maron. How are we going to

observe the special occasion? The examinations of our roots are both spiritual and cultural. Maron had no idea that almost 2000 years after his death, he is being remembered far from the land of his birth. He was a hermit, who wanted to remain hidden in a life of prayers and meditation. He was a light shining in darkness and we know a light cannot remain hidden.

The Church that grew from his followers and his monastery became known throughout the area. He was a priest as well as a hermit. His holiness and miracles attracted many followers. For Saint Maron, everything was connected to God our Father, and God is connected to all things. Maron did not separate the physical and the spiritual world and he used the physical world to deepen his faith and spiritual experience with God. He lived his life in the open air exposed to the forces of nature such as: the sun, rain, hail and snow. He wanted to know God's presence in all things. By transcending such elements, he felt intimate with the Heavenly Father. He freed himself from the physical world and entered a mystical relationship of love with God. Our recent Maronite Synod reminded us that the Maronite Church is not an ethnic group nor is it a political party; rather, it is a church with all the same responsibilities to evangelize the world like any Catholic Church. From the beginning, the Maronites were a missionary group and this should not change with us. We must be the modern day apostles of Maron and spread the Faith wherever we are. It is laity as well as religious who must carry the message of Christ with all whom they come in contact. In our own lifetime, we realize that the hermitage of Annaya and the Holy Valley of Saints still give us witnesses to the Maronite virtues that exist today. Let us plan now to celebrate the Year of Saint Maron with a fresh spirit and vitality that was shown by the early followers of this great Saint. Bishop Gregory Mansour and the Staff of The Maronite Voice join me in wishing all a Happy and Blessed New Year.

+ Bishop Robert Shaheen, D.D.
Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon

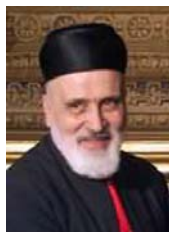
-from "The Maronite Voice" January 2010

NEWS FROM OUR CATHOLIC LEADERS



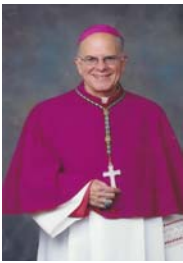
**Pontiff: Violence Is Never the Solution
Decries Attacks Against Migrants,
Christians** VATICAN CITY,
JAN. 10, 2010 (Zenit.org).-

Violence is never the answer, Benedict XVI said today in a plea to stop attacks against migrants and Christians. The Pope made the comments today after praying the Angelus together with those gathered in St Peter's Square. Without mentioning particular details, the Pontiff noted that two trends that have made him take notice: "The case of migrants, who are seeking a better life in countries that need them for various reasons, and the conflicts in various parts of the world where Christians are the object of attacks, even violent ones." "We must start again from the heart of the problem," the Holy Father urged. "We must start again from the meaning of the person! "An immigrant is a human being, different by provenance, culture and traditions, but a person to be respected with rights and duties, especially, in the sphere of work, where the temptation of exploitation is strongest, but also in the concrete conditions of life." "Violence must never be the way for anyone to solve problems," he said. "The difficulty is first of all a human one! I invite everyone to look into the face of the other and to see that he has a soul, a story and a life: He is a person and God loves him as he loves me." Regarding violence against Christians, Benedict XVI offered a similar proposal: "Violence toward Christians in some countries has aroused the disdain of many, especially because it has manifested itself in the most sacred days of the Christian tradition. "It is necessary that both political and religious institutions -- I emphasize this -- do not neglect their responsibility. There cannot be violence in the name of God, nor can we think that we honor him by offending the dignity and freedom of our equals." On Thursday, a conflict began in the Italian town of Rosario, in Calabria, between local residents and African migrants. Some of the Africans were victims of an unexplained shooting, which promoted others to take to the streets in protest. After days of increased tensions and violence, the government bussed some 1,300 African agricultural workers out of the town. In Egypt, Six Coptic Orthodox Christians and a Muslim security guard were killed in a drive-by shooting in Nag Hammadi while leaving Christmas Midnight Mass, celebrated Wednesday night by many Orthodox Churches.



**His Beatitude and Eminence
Patriarch Nasrallah Peter Cardinal Sfeir**

His Beatitude and Eminence Nasrallah Peter Cardinal Sfeir, is Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and all the East. He is the Father and Head of the Maronite Catholic Church throughout the world, an Eastern Catholic Rite that is in communion with the Apostolic See of Rome, and is Lebanon's largest Catholic Christian community. Cardinal Sfeir was ordained a priest on May 7, 1950, and was appointed parochial vicar of the parish of Reyfoun. He was secretary of the Eparchy of Damascus from 1950 to 1956. On June 19, 1961, he was appointed Patriarchal Vicar General; later that year, he was ordained Bishop. In 1977, he was named representative of the President of the Assembly of Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops in Lebanon for Caritas-Lebanon. He was subsequently appointed Councilor of the Commission for the Revision of Canon Law in 1980. Cardinal Sfeir was elected Patriarch by the Maronite Synod of Bishops on April 19, 1986, and assumed responsibility on April 27 that year. Since then, he has participated in three General Assemblies of the Synod of Bishops between 1986 and 1994. He is also President of the Assembly of Patriarchs and Catholic Bishops in Lebanon and the Middle East. He was created Cardinal by Pope John Paul II in the Consistory of November 26, 1994. He is a member of the Congregation for Eastern Churches and also the Special Synod for Lebanon. His many achievements include numerous published works as well as Arabic translations of several documents of Pope John Paul II. He has promulgated several revised Maronite liturgical texts as well as Maronite Particular Law. He convoked and presided over the Maronite Patriarchal Assembly, which for a period of three years, gathered 500 clergy, religious and lay experts, as well as observers from all the communities in Lebanon, to study the present needs of the Maronite Church throughout the world. In addition, he has made several pastoral visits to eighteen countries since 1986 along with his many visits to the Holy See. Cardinal Sfeir is a tireless supporter of freedom and pluralism in Lebanon during that country's tragic civil war and occupation by foreign powers. By virtue of his religious leadership, he continues to be a symbol of unity in Lebanon and source of hope for all Christians in the Middle East. His role of peacemaker in this conflict-ridden area has made him a significant figure in the Church and Lebanon's great bridge builder, insisting on dialogue and peaceful coexistence for all of Lebanon's people.



OUR ROMAN CATHOLIC LEADER IN LAS VEGAS
Most Reverend Joseph A. Pepe -Bishop of Las Vegas

Joseph Anthony Pepe was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 18, 1942, one of two children born to Francis V. (deceased) and Elvira (Fazio) Pepe. The future bishop was baptized at St. Francis de Sales Church, Philadelphia. He attended St. Mary of the Assumption and later Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish elementary school. Following his graduation from Roman Catholic High School, Philadelphia, in 1960, he entered St.

Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook. Joseph A. Pepe was ordained a priest on May 16, 1970.

Father Pepe first served as Assistant Pastor at Our Lady of Loreta Parish, and as a member of faculty at Cardinal O'Hara High School, Springfield. Father Pepe received his Doctorate in Canon Law from Rome's Pontifical University of Saint Thomas in 1976.

Father Pepe was ordained Defender of the Bond, Metropolitan Tribunal, Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1976, and as Prosynodal Judge a year later. Ten years later, Father Pepe was appointed Vice Chancellor, and in 1990, he was named Chancellor of the archdiocese. During his tenure in the Chancery, Father Pepe served as Vice Promoter for the Cause of Blessed Katharine Drexel. From 1982 through 1987, Father Pepe was a member of the faculty of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, where he taught Canon law. In May, 1991, Monsignor Pepe was named Honorary Prelate of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II. Monsignor Pepe then served briefly as Pastor of St. Justin Martyr Parish in Narberth. Upon special request of the Bishop of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Monsignor Pepe went to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe in 1993 to assist as the Judicial Vicar. In April 1998, Monsignor Pepe was appointed Chancellor, Moderator of the Curia, and Vicar for Priest's for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Pope John Paul II has named Reverend Monsignor Joseph A. Pepe as the second Bishop of the diocese of Las Vegas in Nevada on April 6, 2001. Most Reverend Pepe was ordained a bishop and installed as the second bishop of the diocese of Las Vegas on May 31, 2001.

Prayer for Our Beloved Clergy

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works great marvels; Send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Quote of the Month

A good man is not a perfect man; a good man is an honest man, faithful, and unhesitatingly responsive to the voice of God in his life.
- John Fischer



His grace Bishop Robert Shaheen and all his priests from the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon, St. Louis Missouri doing their retreat at St. Francis of Assisi Retreat Center, Phoenix, Arizona doing their annual retreat with Fr. Mitch Pacwa from EWTN. January 11 to 15, 2010.
Can you find where is Fr. Nadim?



Holy Season forthcoming Program



FOR OUR LOVED ONE

SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls)

SUNDAY, 7 February

SEASON OF GREAT LENT

CANA SUNDAY

14 Feb - Celebrating the opening of SAINT MAROUN JUBILEE 1600 YEARS (+410 - 2010)

ASH MONDAY 15 Feb.

8:00 am Mass & Blessing of Ashes

6:00 PM Mass & Blessing of Ashes

ASH WEDNESDAY 17 Feb.

8:00 am Mass & Blessing of Ashes

6:00 PM Mass & Blessing of Ashes

FRIDAY 19 Feb.

6pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

(Every Friday)

Continued...

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT: 21 Feb

Sunday of the Leper

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT: 28 Feb

Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman

4th SUNDAY OF LENT: 7 March

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

5th SUNDAY OF LENT: 14 March

Sunday of the Paralyzed Man

6th SUNDAY OF LENT: 21 March

Sunday of the Blind Man

Saturday of Rising Lazarus from the Dead: 27 Mar

Hosanna Sunday - Sha'nini (Palm Sunday): 28 Mar

MISSION HOLY WEEK RETREAT 2010

AT ST. SHARBEL CHURCH

THE THEME :

Sacrament of the Holy Priesthood

29 Monday & 30 Mar. Tuesday of the Passion Week - 6:30pm

31 Mar Wednesday .- Lenten Prayer - Anointing of the Sick @ 6:30pm

1 Apr Holy Thursday of the Mysteries - Washing of the Feet @ 6:30pm

2 Apr Good Friday of the Crucifixion: Pre-consecrated Mass - Signing of the Chalice @ 8am; Crucifixion and Adoration of the Cross @ 3pm

3 Apr Saturday of the Light - Prayer of Forgiveness & Confession @ 11am
Easter Vigil and Blessing of the Fire @ 5:30pm
Midnight Mass @ 11pm

4 Apr EASTER SUNDAY 9:30am Mass English
11am: Arabic
5pm: La Rosario & la Misa Spanish

PARISH FINANCIAL EVENTS

Well done for the team of the NEW YEAR'S PARTY and all the family members made of the party a great success.
We made \$ 8,000.

Wisdom of the Month BIBLE

B: Basic
I: Information
B: Before
L: Leaving
E: Earth



OUR FILIPINO COMMUNITY FAMILY NEWS

Filipina White House Chef Won In Iron Chef America



Cristeta Pasia-Comerford team-up with the *Early Show* resident chef Bobby Flay defeating the renowned chefs Emeril Lagasse and Mario Batali in the Iron Chef America last Sunday night in the Food Network. In the Iron Chef challenge, Flay and Pasia-Comerford used Japanese eggplant and sweet potatoes * personally recommended by Michelle Obama * for their winning dish. Flay and Pasia-Comerford defeated Lagasse and Batali by just five points.

Cristeta Pasia-Comerford was born in Sampaloc, Manila. She completed her secondary education at the Manila Science High School. She attended the University of the Philippines, Diliman in Quezon City and majored in food technology. However, she did not earn her degree as she left school to immigrate to the United States.

The 47-year old Filipina Chef has been the White House Executive Chef since 2005. Comerford was recruited by executive chef Walter Scheib III in 1995 to work in the Clinton White House. When Scheib resigned as executive chef in February 2005, Cristeta was appointed by First Lady Laura Bush on August 14, 2005 as the White House Executive Chef. On January 9, 2009, the Obama transition team announced that Comerford would be retained as the administration*s head chef. She is the first female White House Executive Chef and the first person of ethnic minority origin to hold this position.

OUR FILIPINO COMMUNITY OF ST. SHARBEL

TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Come, join, and experience the Power of God through the Holy Spirit as we celebrate His Love through our prayer meeting on Friday, February 12, 2010. We will celebrate with Bible Preaching, Fellowship, Praise and Worship, and Healing. With Lead Preacher and Over-all Coordinator of TOGETHER IN CHRIST CALIFORNIA, Bro. Tony Cailan. For info: Sis. Angie Asuncion (702) 7694505
Sis. Leila Guevarra (773) 9315465 Angelo Penuela (702) 3409312

AMEN MINISTRY

Join us as we continue to read and evangelize the Good News of the Bible.

RADIO PROGRAM: "Sa Diyos Ay Walang Imposible" Every Wednesday KKKV 1060 AM or at www.KKKV.com 6:00pm to 8:00pm

BIBLE STUDY: Every Tuesday 5:30pm **ROSARY & BENEDICTION & PRAISE & WORSHIP**

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

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Mission Servant/Church Relation
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Dusty & Dennie Suresca
Family Ministry Head
(Kids, Youth, Singles, Handmaids, Pro-Life)
(973) 800 3017



Couples for Christ Praisefest Rally at Palace Destine Hall

last January 8, 2010

OUR MEXICAN COMMUNITY FAMILY NEWS AT ST. SHARBEL

Dear Friends it is good to always remember Where You Are Coming from so you know Who You Are and even better Where Are You Going to. This is why I would like to share with all of you this note from L'Orient L'Jour , RJLIBAN.com about my in-laws (Harb) Marcela's family in Lebanon, the relationship between Mexico and Lebanon. I hope you enjoy it!

<http://www.rjliban.com/orient20100118.pdf>

Queridos amigos es muy bueno siempre saber De D'nde Vienes y Quien Eres para saber a D'nde vas? Es por esto que me da gusto compartir con ustedes una nota que sali* en RJLIBAN.com L'Orient L'Jour sobre mi familia politica (la familia Harb, de mi esposa Marcela) y la Relacion entre Mexico y Libano, espero la disfruten.

<http://www.rjliban.com/orient20100118.pdf>

Un fuerte abrazo / Best Regards
Dios los Bendiga! God Bless You +

-Habib Chamoun



Debout de gauche droite : Marcela Farah (l'pouse de Habib Chamoun), Tere Barouqui, Habib Chamoun et Emilio Guerra. Assis de gauche droite : Josefina Guerra, Alice Guerra et Rosa Guerra de Farah.



Au premier rang, les enfants de Jos et Margarita Guerra et la belle-fille Olga Skaff de Guerra. De gauche droite : Pina, Alice, Olga, Emilio et Rosa.



Cousins et cousines Guerra Guerra.

CITA PARA EL MES

Si no dices la verdad por buen corazon, dila al menos por cordura.- Emauel Geibel

If you can*t say the truth for good heart, at leaSt. say it for good sense

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

-St. Augustine



La Rosario & la misa en Español Domingo, 5:00 PM

Grave's brightness - Miracles

The expectation that the world would be hearing more of Charbel was soon fulfilled: his grave was immediately surrounded by an "extraordinary brightness", according to a booklet produced by the Monastery about its most famous son. The light only finally faded after 45 days, unlike public interest which continued to wax brightly: pilgrims even tried to steal pieces of his remains, which gave the authorities a reason to open the grave. The body was found floating in mud but was itself completely free from signs of deterioration "as if it had been buried that same day." It was noticed that a "blood-like liquid" exuded from the body's a phenomenon which can still be seen even now. The liquid is caught in a cloth and, according to the Monastery, has over the years been responsible for many cases of healing.

In this century his grave has been opened four times, the last time being in 1955, and each time "it has been noticed that his bleeding body Still has its flexibility as if it were alive".



The First Grave of Saint Sharable

"a hermit of the Lebanese mountain is inscribed in the number of the blessed, a new eminent member of monastic sanctity is enriching, by his example and his intercession, the entire Christian people. May he make us understand, in a world largely fascinated by wealth and comfort, the paramount value of poverty, penance and asceticism, to liberate the soul in its ascent to God..."

May God be glorified in His Saints.

The Benefits of Loving God

1. He Will Never Let You Down
2. He Will Be There For You During Hard Times
3. He Will Never Give Up On You (Unless you choose to completely walk away)
4. He Will Forgive You Your Sins
5. He Has Prepared a Fabulous Place For You

I NEED TO . .



I need to think long and hard—before I throw this stone.

I need to consider that Jesus once offered it to anyone in a crowd which was condemning another person.

I need to remind myself of a story about St. Francis of Assisi when, although repulsed by the sight of a leper, he embraced the leper. In the name of Jesus Christ and through His grace, Francis went away for His mercy; and the leper went away healed.



IN LOVING MEMORY

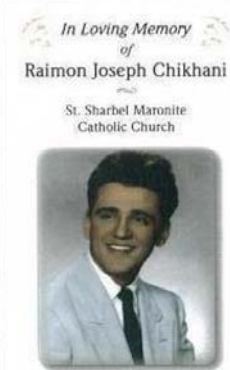
ETHIOPIAN PLANE CRASHES OFF LEBANON

Air crash at Lebanon airport



Beirut - At least 28 bodies have been recovered after an Ethiopian Airlines plane crashed off the coast of Lebanon Monday, with no apparent sign of survivors among the 90 passengers and crew. The Boeing 737-800, carrying 83 passengers and seven crew, crashed into the Mediterranean some four minutes after taking off from the Beirut International Airport in the capital.

The control tower was assisting the pilot of the plane on takeoff and suddenly lost contact for no known reason. Weather conditions were reportedly bad when the plane went down some 3.5 kilometres west of the coastal village of Na`ameh. Army and naval rescue units were searching for survivors alongside a United Nations Maritime Task Force, which included two German boats. We pray for the families that lost their love ones in the crash. May their dear souls rest in peace. Amen. January 25, 2010



BORN in Boscia, Lebanon: August 29, 1934 **DIED:** January 18, 2010
 Loving Husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. Survived by his wife Souham, daughter Mona, and son Raimon II. Las Vegas resident for 30 years and he was very devoted Maronite and proud Lebanese helped organize the Maronite community in Southern Nevada. He loved his country and countrymen. He will be missed a great deal by his family and friends. May his dear soul rest in peace. Amen.
Please Note: The family wish to invite you for the 40-day Mass in his loving memory on 28 February @ 11:00 am.

LET US PRAY HAITI VICTIMS & FAMILY

It is with a heavy heart that we come to you. Extend your hand upon the land and restore that has been lost, destroyed, and damaged to be better than it was before. As rescue teams search for casualties, give them foresight. May they be led by your wisdom, and encouraged by your strength and advised by your discernment. There are yet no people who are surviving and I pray that the rescue workers would find them in time and revive them. For the lives that will be lost, we pray for immediate comfort to come to the family and friends of the deceased. For those of us who are watching unfold from the outside, I pray that we can give out of our surplus to fill the deficit that is widening Haiti. May er all extend ourselves in any way possible to secure our brothers and sisters in Haiti. And may every prayer regarding this tragedy be heard and responded to in your good time. Amen.



The Cross still stands.

HAITI RELIEF

SAINT SHARBEL MISSION second collection made \$1,500 to be sent for our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

*SAINTE MAROUN JUBILEE 1600 YEARS OF HIS DEATH:
PATRON SAINT AND FATHER OF THE MARONITES +410 AD - 2010*



THE LIFE OF SAINT MAROUN

BACKGROUND

Saint Maroun, born in the middle of the 4th century was a priest who later became a hermit, retiring to a mountain of Taurus near Antioch. His holiness and miracles attracted many followers, and drew attention throughout the empire. St. John of Chrysostom sent him a letter around 405 AD expressing his great love and respect asking St. Maroun to pray for him.

THE MARONITE MOVEMENT

St. Maroun is considered the Father of the spiritual and monastic movement now called the Maronite Church. This movement had a profound influence on Northern Syria and Lebanon. Saint Maroun spent all of his life on a mountain in the region of Cyrrhus in Syria. It is believed that the place was called "Kefar-Nabo" on the mountain of Ol-Yambos, making it the cradle of the Maronite movement.

The Maronite movement reached Lebanon when St. Maroun's first disciple Abraham of Cyrrhus who was called the Apostle of Lebanon, realised that paganism was thriving in Lebanon, so he set out to convert the pagans to Christians by introducing them to the way of St. Maroun. The followers of St. Maroun, both monks and laity, always remained faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

SPIRITUALITY

St. Maroun's way was deeply monastic with emphasis on the spiritual and ascetic aspects of living. For Saint Maroun, all was connected to God and God was connected to all. He did not separate the physical and spiritual world and actually used the physical world to deepen his faith and spiritual experience with God.

St. Maroun embraced the quiet solitude of the mountain life. He lived his life in open air exposed to the forces of nature such as sun, rain, hail and snow. His extraordinary desire to come to know God's presence in all things, allowed St. Maroun to transcend such forces and discover that intimate union with God. He was able to free himself from the physical world by his passion and fervor for prayer and enter into a mystical relationship of love with God.

MISSION

St. Maroun was a mystic who started this new ascetic-spiritual method that attracted many people in Syria and Lebanon to become his disciples. Accompanying his deeply spiritual and ascetic life, he was a zealous missionary with a passion to spread the message of Christ by preaching it to all he met. He sought not only to cure the physical ailments that people suffered, but had a great quest for nurturing and healing the "lost souls" of both pagans and Christians of his time. This missionary work came to fruition when in the mountains of Syria, St. Maroun was able to convert a pagan temple into a Christian Church. This was to be the beginning of the conversion of Paganism to Christianity in Syria which would then influence and spread to Lebanon. After his death in the year 410 AD, his spirit and teachings lived on through his disciples.

OUR COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) CATECHISM is every Sunday, 8:30am & 10:00am

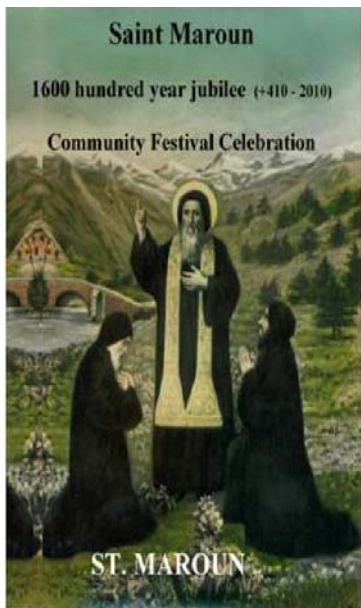
2) ARABIC SCHOOL is every Friday, 6:00pm

3) February 7, 2010 - SUPERBOWL BARBEQUE,
all day after MASSES, games for children.
- POKER NIGHT for adults at 7:00pm

4) February 14, 2010 - SAINT MAROUN JUBILEE VALENTINE BUFFET -
Sunday, after the Masses

5) Join the ST. SHARBEL ENGLISH MUSIC MINISTRY
with Masses every Saturday, 5:30pm & Sunday, 9:30 am.

6) March 7th is the day for the Blood drive at St. Sharable. Please mark your calendars and let us now if you can be there so we can add your names. Please feel free to send us names of the ones that will attend with you and donate.



St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church
Requests the Pleasure of Your Company to Join Us for A St. Valentines-
Buffet Banquet Prior to LENT
Sunday, Feb 14, 2010
From 9:30 AM until 8:30 PM
All Are Welcome
Holy Masses
9:30 AM English
11:00 AM Arabic/Aramaic/English
5:00 PM Spanish
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Come and Join Us For Super Bowl Sunday Event

Super Bowl Sunday Poker Tournament

The Knights of Columbus St. Sharable Council would like to invite you to a fundraising
Poker Tournament at
St. Sharable Mission Palace Destine Hall on
Sunday February 7th @ 7:30 PM. Tournament to start 30 minutes following the
end of the Super Bowl.

Food and Beverages available. Must be 21 years or older to enter. \$ 50 buy-in. \$25 to re-buy. (2 re-buys limit).

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Please join us on Super Bowl Sunday February 7th for a day full of activities and
fun for the entire family.

Following after mass:

Great Food and Beverages will be served throughout the afternoon.

Watch Pre-game ceremonies and the Super Bowl on our Big Screen Projector
TV. Super Bowl starts at 3:30 PM.

Backgammon Tournament, Card Games, Chess Tournament, Karachi, and
other fun activities are planned.

Jump Houses and Slides provided for younger kids.

Poker tournament following the end of the Super Bowl. Approximately 7:30 PM.

Must be 21 years or older to play.

Bring your friends, cheer your team and enjoy the day in a fun and safe
environment. Hope to see you all there.