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**Saint Maron's Monastery website
(Saint Sharbel's Grave)**

<http://www.saintcharbel-annaya.com/>

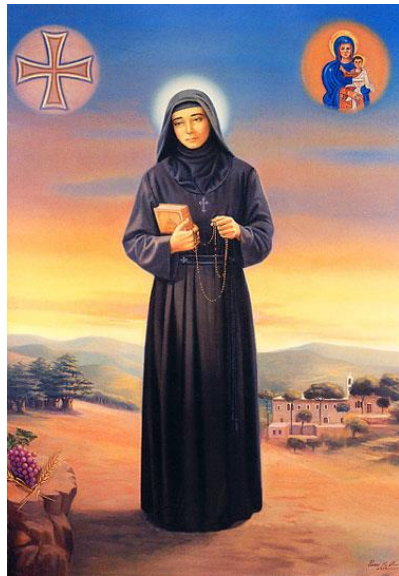
Watch the Life of St. Sharbel on YouTube

Life of Saint Sharbel (English subtitles)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5XFAaNh9ys>

Vie de Saint Charbel (French subtitles)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KbuNqQ8RWM>



St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church

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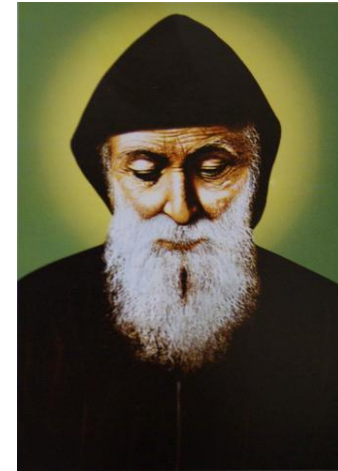
Mass Schedule: 11 a.m. Sundays

6:00 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

9:30 a.m. Wednesdays (followed by Eucharistic Adoration)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): 30 min. before
Mass

The Relics of Saint Sharbel in Denver



The Opening of the Jubilee of Mercy

with Bishop A. Elias Zaidan

Prayer for Peace and Mercy for all People of Good Will,
especially the persecuted Christians in the Middle East



Tuesday, December 8 – Thursday December 10, 2015

St. Sharbel Relics Visit

Prayer and Special Events Schedule

Tuesday, December 8, 2015	
5:30 pm	Reception of Relics at St. Rafka Church
6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy: Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy day of obligation) & opening of the Jubilee of Mercy Celebrant: Bishop Elias Zaidan
7:30 pm	Reception
overnight	Church is open for private visits & Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, December 9, 2015	
9:30 am	Healing mass
10:30 am - on	Eucharistic Adoration & private visits
11:00 am	Talk #1: Saints & the Family
5:00 pm	Talk #2: Saints & the Signs of the Times
6:00 pm	Rosary
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer
overnight	Church is open for private visits and Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, December 10, 2015	
all day till 10pm	Eucharistic Adoration & private visits
11:00 am	Talk #3: Divine Mercy & the Signs of the Times
5:00 pm	Talk #4: Divine Mercy & the Antichrist
7:00 pm	Litany of St. Sharbel & Mass
10:00 pm	End of St. Sharbel Relic's visit

St. Rafka Maronite Church will be open from December 8 (5:00 pm) until December 10 (10:00 pm) for private visit and prayers.

Church Address: 2301 Wadsworth Boulevard Lakewood, CO 80214

Talks Locations: All talks will take place in the parish hall

May God bless you through the intercession of St. Sharbel . Amen.

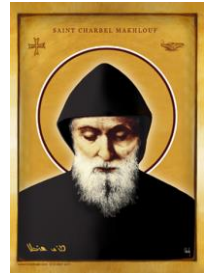


Biography of Saint Sharbel

May 8, 1828 - December 24, 1898

Life

St. Sharbel was born on May 8, 1828 in Bekaa-Kafra in north Lebanon. He was ordained a priest in Bkerke by Bishop Youssef Al-Marid on July 23, 1859. After his ordination, he lived at the Monastery of Saint Maroun in Annaya, Lebanon for 16 years. In 1875, his religious superiors gave him approval to enter the Hermitage of Saints Peter and Paul in Annaya, where he lived for 23 years until his death. On December 16, 1898, while celebrating Mass in the Hermitage, he suffered a stroke. On December 24, 1898, after 8 days of agony, he delivered his soul back to his Creator, on Christmas Eve. In 1927, the body of Father Sharbel was transferred to a special tomb inside the monastery due the continuous perspiration of blood and water from his body. At that time, the cause for his examination for sainthood, which had been requested in 1925, was accepted by Pope Pius XI, along with that of Sister Rafka El-Rayes and Father Nematallah Al-Hardini.



Beatification & Canonization

- On December 5, 1965, Father Sharbel was beatified in the first of the three closing sessions of the second Vatican Council, in the presence of over 3500 Catholic bishops along with non-Catholic Christian and non-Christian religious representatives.
- On October 9, 1977, Pope Paul VI canonized Blessed Sharbel as a Saint for the entire Universal, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Miracles of Saint Sharbel

The examined miracles supporting his beatification were: 1) the healing of *Akl Wakim* from a hip dislocation that caused an 8 cm leg length discrepancy; 2) complete restoration to health of *Sister Mary-Abel Kamary* from her chronic illness of 14 years 3) the curing of *Michel El-Sroujy* from his arthritis and heart inflammation which he had suffered for 3 years. The miracle that supported St. Sharbel's canonization was the healing of *Mariam Assaf Awad* from metastatic cancer. Later miracles of St. Sharbel occurred worldwide in Iraq, Brazil, Egypt, Syria, United States, Australia, France, Argentina, Belgium, Malta Island, Mexico, and Russia.