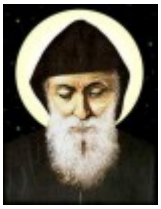
Visit of Saint Sharbel's relics - April 2nd & 3rd, 2016, Somerset, NJ 08873
St. Sharbel Maronite Church, 7 Reeve St., Somerset, NJ 08873

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The relics of St. Sharbel (Charbel) have spent the last couple of months touring Maronite churches in the west coast. In May the tour will move to the east coast and will include stops in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Washington DC, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Maine from February to May, 2016.

St. Sharbel was born in 1828 in North Lebanon. He entered the Monastery of St. Maron at Annaya at the age of 23 and took the name Sharbel in honor of a second century Antioch church martyr. He became a priest in 1859 and was very devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. He lived as a hermit but his reputation for holiness caused people to seek him out. He died on Christmas Eve, 1898 and was buried in the Monastery cemetery. “A few months later, dazzling lights were seen around the grave. From there, his corpse, which had been secreting sweat and blood, was transferred into a special coffin. Hordes of pilgrims started swarming the place to get his intercession. And through this intercession, God blessed many people with recovery and spiritual graces.” When his grave was opened in 1950 during the canonization process the number of healings multiplied. Sharbel was canonized in 1977.

St. Sharbel, pray for us! Amen.

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