In Memoriam….

It is with great sadness that I share with you the news of the death of His Excellency, Bishop-Emeritus Robert Shaheen. Bishop Shaheen died in St. Louis, MO, on Thursday, 8/9/17.

Bishop Shaheen was a native of Danbury, CT and recently celebrated his 80th birthday. He was the first Maronite priest to be ordained in the United States in 1964 and was assigned as pastor of St. Raymond’s in 1967. On December 5, 2000 Pope St. John Paul II named Bishop Shaheen the second Bishop of the Eparchy. He retired in 2013.

He is survived by his two brothers, William (Donna) Shaheen and John (Nancy) Shaheen and their families.

Visitation in St. Louis, MO for Bishop Shaheen will be at St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63104, on Wednesday, 8/16/17 from 12:00 noon until the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at 7:00 pm.

Visitation will also be held in Danbury, CT at St. Anthony Maronite Church in Danbury, CT (17 Granville Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810) on Sunday, 8/20/17 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Burial will be from St. Anthony’s on Monday, 8/21/17 at 10:00 am.