



## Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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# Sixth Sunday after the Resurrection

**Luke 24:36-48**

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



### Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00 pm

Sunday

8:30 am (Latin Rite)

10:30 am

### Live Streaming on Facebook



For our loved ones who are unable to be with us in person

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### Sacraments

**Baptism and Confirmation:** Please contact the Priest ASAP after the birth of your child.

**Reconciliation:** Before or after Liturgy or by appointment.

**Marriage:** Couples must contact the Priest six months before the wedding.

**Meet Your  
Pastoral Team**

**Fr. Tony Saab**

Pastor  
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***Liturgical Intentions***

5/8 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for all <b>the living &amp; deceased Mothers of the Sodality</b> , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality
5/9 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for <b>Carol Verone</b> , requested by her family Memorial Liturgy for <b>Jeanette Campagnone</b> , requested by her family
5/15 4:00pm	Forty Day Liturgy for <b>Joseph Simon</b> requested by his family.
5/16 8:30am 10:30am	Two Year Anniversary for <b>Julian Osko</b> , requested by his wife Soha and family
5/22 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Joseph Simon</b> , requested by Stephen Constantine 8 year anniversary for <b>Norma Lasorsa</b> and 1 year anniversary for <b>William Lasorsa</b> , requested by Denise Solomon and her family.
5/23 8:30am 10:30am	Forty Day Liturgy for <b>Charles E. White</b> , requested by his wife and family. Memorial Liturgy for <b>David, James, Carmelia, and Louis Peters</b> , requested by Connie Peters and her family.
5/29 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Joseph Simon</b> , requested by Deacon Anthony, Cheffie, and Anthony Khoury, Jr of Easton PA
5/30 8:30am 10:30am	25 year anniversary for <b>Mariangela IA Covone</b> , requested by Peter Gazzili
6/5 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Najibe Aboud Saliba</b> , requested by Aafaf Achkar
6/6 8:30am 10:00am	1st anniversary Liturgy for <b>Robin Bingham</b> , requested by her family

**Weekly Collection**

Sat 4:00pm \$519.00  
Sun 8:30am \$306.00  
Sun 10:30am \$477.00

National Shrine of Our  
Lady of Lebanon, Ohio  
\$466.00  
THANK YOU!

**Second Collections**

**May 23**  
Catholic Communication  
Campaign  
**May 30**  
Utility Fund  
**June 27**  
Peter's Pence Collection

THURSDAY May 12

**Feast of the  
Ascension of our  
Lord**

Liturgy will be celebrated  
on Wednesday May 11  
at 7:00pm

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Every First Saturday of the month 2:00 – 3:30pm
- The St Joseph Hafli committee members would like to thank ALL who bought or sold raffle tickets in support of the annual parish Saint Joseph Hafli. We sold 239 raffle tickets which derived a net profit of \$18,900. The following individuals were the lucky winners of the three cash prizes awarded: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scorpio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Mr. and Mrs. William Saunders, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Mrs. Patricia Viti.
- Are you interested in participating in a Weekly **BIBLE STUDY** (through Zoom)? If interested: please contact Deacon Farid Zaarour after mass or Email ([fzaarour@yahoo.com](mailto:fzaarour@yahoo.com)). Sessions will start in May once a week. Date and Time to be announced.

***The Covid 19 Pandemic has financially crippled the Church in general and St George in particular. We have been in the red for the past year. Our inability to conduct fundraisers and dinners has proved quite challenging.***

**Please consider helping and expressing your love for your church!**

1. By mailing your weekly envelopes to the Church Office if you are unable to attend Divine Liturgy in person.
2. By setting up online recurring payments with your bank.
3. By making an online donation. Please visit our website ([www.stgeorgeri.com](http://www.stgeorgeri.com)) or by clicking on this link: [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND KIND GIVING!**

The Quint Daily



**"IF YOU EVER FEEL DISTRESSED DURING YOUR DAY, CALL UPON OUR LADY. JUST SAY THIS SIMPLE PRAYER: 'MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS, PLEASE BE A MOTHER TO ME NOW'. I MUST ADMIT: THIS PRAYER HAS NEVER FAILED ME"**

MOTHER TERESA

**HAPPY  
MOTHER'S  
DAY  
TO ALL  
OUR  
MOTHERS  
BOTH  
LIVING  
AND  
DECEASED**

**"FROM MARY WE LEARN TO SURRENDER TO GOD'S WILL IN ALL THINGS. FROM MARY WE LEARN TO TRUST EVEN WHEN ALL HOPE SEEMS GONE. FROM MARY WE LEARN TO LOVE CHRIST HER SON AND THE SON OF GOD!"**

ST. JOHN PAUL II



Aleteia



The month of May is a special time for us Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. We pay *homage* to her. Contrary to a distressing misconception found among Evangelicals and Protestants, we *honor* Mary. We do not *worship* her.

She has a unique role in salvation history as the Mother of God, conceived without Sin, who by her own free will agreed to bring the “Word made flesh”, (John 1:14) our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into the world.

Mary is prefigured as the one who would crush the head of the serpent (a figure of Satan) in Genesis 3:15 through her Divine Son. Still she in no way overshadows Him, nor would she ever wish to!

Her life in the Gospel years was one of service and great devotion to Jesus, from the cave in Bethlehem where she gave birth to Him, to Calvary in Jerusalem where she stood by His cross in His Crucifixion, from Crib to Cross, as it were.

While she has a somewhat low profile in the Gospels, her words there still resonate with us today and challenge us to follow her example of humility, obedience, and service to God.

We read when she gives her famous assent to becoming Jesus’ mother: “***Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word***” (Lk 1:38). A short time later she proclaims with joy in the Magnificat when visiting Elizabeth, her relative, that “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior” (Lk.1:46-47).

And, last but not least, what are her final words in scripture? “***Do whatever he [Jesus] tells you***” (John 2:5). (This is her request to the waiters at the Wedding Feast at Cana right before Jesus turns water into wine *with just a thought*).

The paucity of references to Mary in the Gospels has made many Evangelicals and other Protestants, as well known author Mark Shea once speculated, think of Catholic devotion to her as something somehow *pagan*, as if we were somehow *deifying* an ordinary woman, turning her into some kind of interloper hindering our worship of Christ.

Yet in creating her to be the only human being without the stain of Original Sin (outside of Jesus, of course, who had both a Human and a Divine nature), God nonetheless chose Mary *specifically* to play a vital role in our salvation.

Speaking of sorrows, Jesus, as He was dying on the Cross, gave us His mother to be *our* Mother as well when he entrusted her to St. John's care (Jn 19:26-27) Numerous theologians and Saints have confirmed this.

Mary was conceived and lived a life "full of Grace" (Lk. 1:28). And she wishes very much to share the graces given her by God on our behalf. St. Bernardine of Siena once said : "Every grace that is communicated to this world has a threefold course. For by excellent order, it is dispensed from God to Christ, from Christ to the Virgin [Mary], from the Virgin to us."

Pope Pius XII was by no means alone when he once said “Whenever we speak of Mary or speak to her, let us not forget that she is really our Mother, for through her we received divine life. She gave us Jesus himself, the source of grace. Mary is a Mediatrix and Dispenser of Graces.”

