



Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

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March 10, 2024

Healing of the Paralytic

Office Hours

Mon, Weds, Thurs, and Friday, from 9am-12pm The office is closed on Tuesday

Liturgical Schedule

Wednesday 7:00pm, Thursday and Friday 10:00am

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am (Latin rite) and 10:30 am

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist Thursday 6:00pm



SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Confirmation: One month in advance with the Pastor.
Suggested Donation: Church: \$200 Priest: Free Will

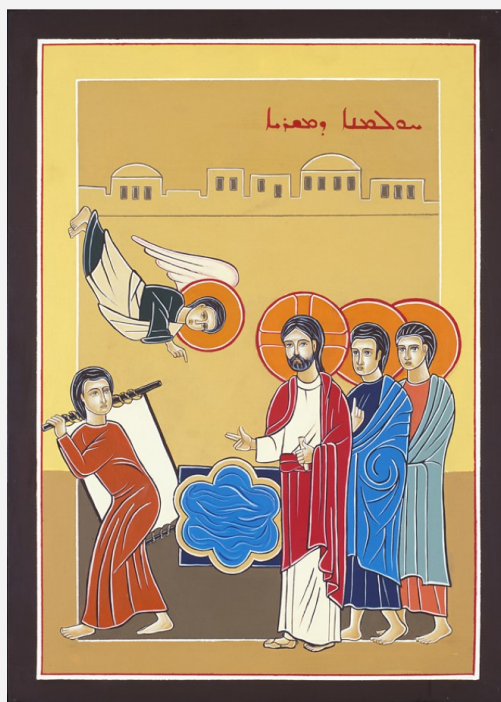
Matrimony: Arrangements should be made by couples six months prior to the wedding date.

Suggested Donation: Church \$500. Priest: Free Will

Reconciliation:

One hour before liturgies, or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is ill, or hospitalized, or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home.



Meet Your Clergy

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(Urgent calls only)

Farid Zaarour, Deacon
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Weekly collections

Making a generous donation from the hard work of your hands is your opportunity to participate in God's work and support the ministry of His Church.

الكرم في العطاء هي فرصة لك للمشاركة في عمل الله و لدعم رسالة الكنيسة

Weekend 3/2 Total Collection
\$1649,.00

Easter Flowers \$528.00

Candles \$47.00

Liturgical Intentions

3/9 4:00pm	Twenty-eight birthday remembrance of Alexandria M. Saker , requested by her loving family.
3/10 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for Youssef Howayeck , requested by his son Gaby, and his loving family.
3/16 4:00pm	
3/17 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial liturgy for Beverly Rozzero , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality. Memorial liturgy for Antoine Barkett , requested by his loving family.
3/23 4:00pm	One year anniversary for Valerie A. Thomas , requested by her son George, his wife Christine, and their loving family.
3/24 8:30am 10:30am	HOSANA SUNDAY/ PALM SUNDAY
3/30 4:00pm	GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
3/31 8:30am 10:30am	GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Schedule for Passion Week (Holy Week)

Sunday March 24: **Hosanna Sunday** Procession with Palms (At the 10:30am Liturgy)

Monday and Tuesday March 25-26 Stations and Adoration of the Cross at 7:00pm

Wednesday March 27: **Rite of the Lamp** Blessing the oil and anointing for the healing of the body and the soul at 7:00pm

Thursday March 28: **Thursday of the Mysteries** (Holy Thursday) Liturgy of the Washing of the feet at 7:00pm followed by the Exposition of the Holy Eucharist.

Friday March 29: **Great Friday of the Crucifixion** (Good Friday) Signing of the Chalice Liturgy at 11:00
Adoration of the Cross/Burial of the Lord at 7:00pm

Saturday March 30: **Great Saturday of the Light** Liturgy of the Glorious Resurrection at 4:00pm

Sunday March 31: **The Glorious Resurrection** (Easter Sunday) 8:30am and 10:30am

1 Timothy 5:24-6:5

Some people's sins are public, preceding them to judgment; but other people are followed by their sins. Similarly, good works are also public; and even those that are not cannot remain hidden. Those who are under the yoke of slavery must regard their masters as worthy of full respect, so that the name of God and our teaching may not suffer abuse. Those whose masters are believers must not take advantage of them because they are brothers but must give better service because those who will profit from their work are believers and are beloved. Whoever teaches something different and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the religious teaching is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid disposition for arguments and verbal disputes. From these come envy, rivalry, insults, evil suspicions, and mutual friction among people with corrupted minds, who are deprived of the truth, supposing religion to be a means of gain.

Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth"-- he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

As the story unfolds, we find Jesus in Capernaum, surrounded by a crowd eager to hear His teachings. Among them is a group of friends carrying a paralyzed man on a mat, seeking Jesus' help. However, the crowd is so dense that they cannot reach Him. Undeterred by this obstacle, these friends demonstrate extraordinary determination and faith by devising a plan to lower their paralyzed companion through the roof. Their actions speak volumes about the power of community and the lengths to which true friends are willing to go to help one another. Their faith in Jesus is unwavering, driving them to take bold and unconventional steps to bring their friend to Him.

Upon seeing their faith, Jesus responds with compassion and authority, declaring to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." This statement not only addresses the man's physical condition but also speaks to the deeper spiritual healing that Jesus offers to all who come to Him in faith. However, Jesus' proclamation stirs controversy among the scribes present, who question His authority to forgive sins. In response, Jesus demonstrates His divinity by performing a miraculous physical healing, commanding the paralyzed man to rise, take up his mat, and walk. In this miraculous moment, Jesus reveals His power not only to heal the body but also to reconcile humanity with God through the forgiveness of sins. The physical healing serves as a visible sign of the spiritual healing that Jesus offers to all who believe in Him.

This passage challenges us to reflect on the depth of our faith and the extent to which we trust in Jesus as the source of healing and reconciliation. Like the friends of the paralyzed man, do we demonstrate the same level of faith and determination in bringing ourselves and others to Jesus?

Moreover, are we open to the profound transformation that Jesus offers, both physically and spiritually? Are we willing to acknowledge our need for forgiveness and allow Jesus to heal the brokenness within us?

As we meditate on this passage, may we be inspired to cultivate a faith that moves mountains, trusting in Jesus as the Healer of our bodies, minds, and souls. May we, like the paralyzed man, rise up in faith and walk in the freedom and wholeness that Christ offers to all who believe in Him.

**Stations of the Cross/
Adoration of the Cross
زيح الصليب
Every Friday during Lent
7:00pm**

St. George Maronite Catholic Church

St. Joseph
75th Annual
Hafli

Superstar
Anwar El Amir

ROMEL **INAS ALAWAM**

Grand Raffle

Admission: \$100 • VIP \$150
Includes Mazza and Dinner

Envision Hotel Grand Ballroom
31 Hampshire St. Mansfield MA 02048

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CONGRATULATIONS

to **Donna Treglia** for her new appointment as **President of our 200 Club** and to **Debra Provencal** for her new appointment as **Treasurer.**

May God bless their new ministry and service in their parish!!

The Grand Opening of the **Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center** in Pittsburgh will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2024! The Center was recently acquired by and is Operated under the direction of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn.

To register online for the Open House, Dedication, or to purchase tickets for the Dinner and Concert (\$50 per person),

please visit

www.saintsharbelcenter.org

For more information please email:

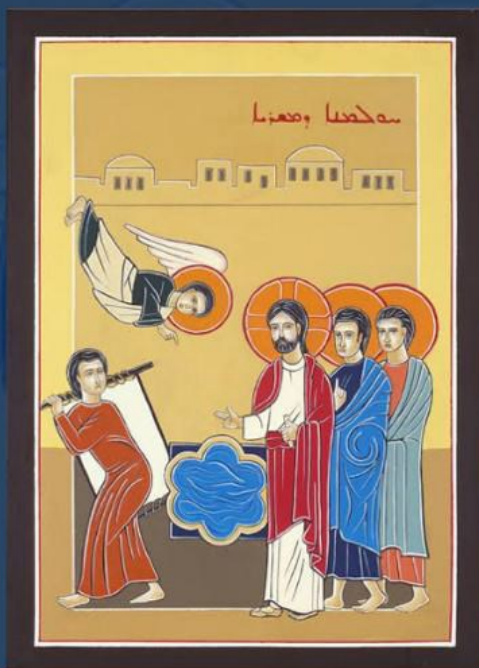
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Congratulations to **David and Sharon Silva** who celebrated **fifty years** of love and commitment on Sunday March 2nd during the 8:30am liturgy.

Surrounded by their loving family, they renewed their marriage promises on the Altar of Saint Ann's for the third time (Ten years, thirty years, and now fifty years after their marriage). May God bless their love and commitment and fill their three children, seven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren with His eternal love!

Lenten Scripture Sharing: Faith, Mercy, Healing



Dive deeper into the Maronite Gospels for the Sundays of Great Lent presented by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light and guest contributors.

We welcome you to join us live as we highlight spiritual lessons from each Gospel. Participants will also have an opportunity to share their insights as well. Thursdays at 8:00pm EST

Scan QR code below to register for series



**FEBRUARY 22: HEALING OF THE
HEMORRHAGING WOMAN**

**FEBRUARY 29: PARABLE OF THE
PRODIGAL SON**

MARCH 7: HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC

MARCH 14: HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

MARCH 21: HOSANNA SUNDAY



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SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH CRANSTON RI
WELCOMES
BISHOP MICHEL AOUN
DIOCESE OF BYBLOS- LEBANON



On his Pastoral Visit, April 20, 2024

The purpose of his visit is to strengthen the ties with the families of the Eparchy of Byblos in the diaspora, and to raise funds to help the Christian families in his diocese.

Please join us on April 20, 2024

Divine Liturgy at 4:00pm

Fundraising dinner with the bishop following the Liturgy. Lebanese Mezza and food. Cash Bar.

All donations will go to help the Needy families in the Eparchy of Byblos.

Minimum Donation \$100.00

Please make all checks payable to the **Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn**,
Memo: Help Lebanon.

Please join us for a complimentary

Sunday Lebanese Breakfast




All your generous donations will go to help our MYO members attend the National MYO retreat this Summer!

Palm Sunday March 24, 2024

Homemade Lebanese food

After the 10:30 liturgy

Church Hall



*It's time for
the Sodality*

Paint Night

**all proceeds to benefit
Mother of Life
Pregnancy Center*

*Friday April 5th @ 6:30pm
Springtime theme Butterfly
Yard/Plant stick*

*Seating is limited \$30.00 per person
Please bring donations of:
Diapers, Baby wipes, Lotions etc.*

*Ticket sales: Ginny Solomon,
Deb Thomas, Suzanne Cannon
☆ checks payable to St. George's Church*

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